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Beijing frees top Australian Crown casino executive from jail

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Wushu Master Challenge concludes

Julie Zhu

THE 2017 Wushu Master Challenge closed officially yesterday. A Wushu and lion dance parade took place at Senado Square, followed by a closing ceremony at the Tap Seac Multisport Pavillion.

The parade, which began with a lion dance at 5 P.M., was a sight to behold for many tourists.

After departing Senado Square, the parade passed the Ruins of St. Paul and the old Albergue of the Macau Holy House of Merc, until it eventually arrived at the Tap Seac Square.

A mainland tourist, surnamed Wang, praised the parade for being a wonderful show.

"It was quite good," she said. "It is rather astonishing to have the chance to see Wushu masters performing."

However, she admitted she would not return to Macau just for the event, saying that it could not compare with the other attractions Macau has to offer.

Another mainland tourist in



her 20s, surnamed Zhang, admitted that she was not a fan of Wushu as a martial art and sport.

A third mainland tourist, surnamed Yuan, told the Times

that the parade "was quite interesting [and] turned out to be a small surprise."

Several others, including the companions of the aforementioned interviewees, also ex-

pressed their appreciation of the parade but did not comment further.

The closing ceremony of the Challenge, which took place yesterday at the Tap Seac Mul-

tisport Pavillion, featured 20 Wushu masters showcasing their martial arts performances. The group included five masters from Macau and 15 from mainland China, including a group from the Beijing Sports University.

The budget for this year's Wushu Masters Challenge was MOP18 million, slightly less than the MOP20 million used for the first edition in 2016. The first edition of the event last year was widely criticized for the poor quality of some performances and low attendance at events.

Following the criticism, the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Alexis Tam said that the authorities would review the event and evaluate whether it should be continued.

Following the criticism of last year's edition, the ID organized a survey to assess the event. 59.4 percent of the locals surveyed, as well as 83 percent of the tourists, said they were satisfied with the event.

Chinese martial arts well-preserved in Macau

THE Macau Wushu Master Challenge attracted hundreds of Wushu masters from across the world to join in various Wushu competitions, and display Chinese martial arts and traditional lion dance.

According to a report by Xinhua news agency, behind all the hustle and bustle of shopping malls, casinos, hotels, and must-see tourist attractions, martial arts and lion dances are well-preserved in Macau. Many residents carry on their tradition of practicing martial arts, be it for physical exercise, challenging themselves or developing teamwork.

Every night, on the rooftop of a 14-floor building on the Rua Dos Pescadores Street, dozens of young people practice martial arts. They are apprentices of Loleong Sports Federation, which was established in 1938.

"Those young men have work to do during the daytime. They can only practi-

ce martial arts after work," said the director-general of Loleong Sports Federation, Pan Jingwen.

Pan's father is a master of Choy Lay Fut, a form of traditional Chinese southern-style boxing popular in the Macau and Hong Kong SARs as well as Guangdong and Fujian provinces.

"It contains a wide variety of techniques, including long and short range punches, kicks, sweeps, joint locks and grappling," Pan said, adding that Choy Lay Fut is an effective self-defense system, particularly for defense against multiple attackers.

Under the guidance of a master, a dozen primary school students were practicing "waist horse," the basis of learning any Wushu styles.

To a powerful drumbeat, another group in their 20s practised lion dances in piles as high as three meters, with others practised dragon dances on the ground floor.

"Sometimes it can be quite tiresome for young people to only practice the basic techniques of martial arts. Therefore, we combined the lion dance and dragon dance to make the practices more interesting," Pan said.

The martial arts circle in Macau cherishes the principle of helping the vulnerable, he said.

They staged free performances and helped collect donations whenever the Chinese mainland was hit by floods or earthquakes. They also aided the poor and vulnerable groups in Macau, Pan added.

Loleong Sports Federation is one of 96 members of the Wushu General Association of Macau (WGAM), which has more than 7,200 registered players, plus 20 certified world-class referees recognized by International Wushu Federation and 20 local referees.

With Macau's rapid urbanization, there is less room available for people

to practice martial arts without disturbing neighbors.

About 10 minutes' walk away from the renowned Ruins of St. Paul stands Shishan Brotherhood Palace, the oldest Wushu house in Macau. Founded in 1921, the white bungalow, covering an area of about 100 square meters, was surrounded by high residential buildings.

A trident, which belonged to one of the Shishan founders, is enshrined in the center of the bungalow. The bungalow is surrounded by wooden lion heads, champion flags, trophies, and photos to remind the younger generations of its past glory.

Lee Rihong, a senior Shishan member and an old friend of Pan Jingwen, has witnessed how the bungalow has been increasingly surrounded by high buildings.

The young martial artists nevertheless have a strong passion for the bungalow as they have been trained



here from childhood, with many of them introduced to the venue by their parents or grandparents.

In such a small and crowded room, the martial artists still enjoy their practice. The rooftop of the bungalow, fenced with steel wire, provides a small space for them to practice lion dances and dragon dances. They are fairly skilled at Three Lions Piling Up, a performance of three players piling up and using a lion head to

pick a silk ball hung about seven meters high.

"Our neighbors don't like [the] sounds of drumbeats, so we use fingers to drum paper boxes instead, to make the similar sound but less noisy," Lee said.

The older generations in Macau's martial arts circle seldom worry about passing on the tradition to the youth, as there are quite a lot of young people in the Wushu associations. **MDT/Xinhua**

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THE last of Crown Resorts Ltd. employees serving jail time in China for illegally promoting gambling was released, according to a statement from the company, closing the chapter on a saga that saw it retreat from international operations and halved its high-roller casino revenue.

Australian Jason O'Connor, Crown's head of international high-roller operations, is the last of three Australian Crown employees to be freed after serving their sentences, the company said in a statement Saturday.

"We're very pleased that our employees are being reunited with their families," John Alexander, executive chairman of Crown, said in a statement. "Crown is deeply appreciative of the support provided by our legal counsel over the last few months and thanks the Department of Foreign Affairs and the Australian Government for their professionalism and assistance," he added.

In addition to O'Connor, three Chinese nationals and a Malaysian national were sentenced to 10 months in prison, which took into account time they had already spent in detention since October. August 14 would be the 10-month mark since their detention. Eleven others had been sentenced to nine months and were released last month. They could have faced a maximum of three years under Chinese law.

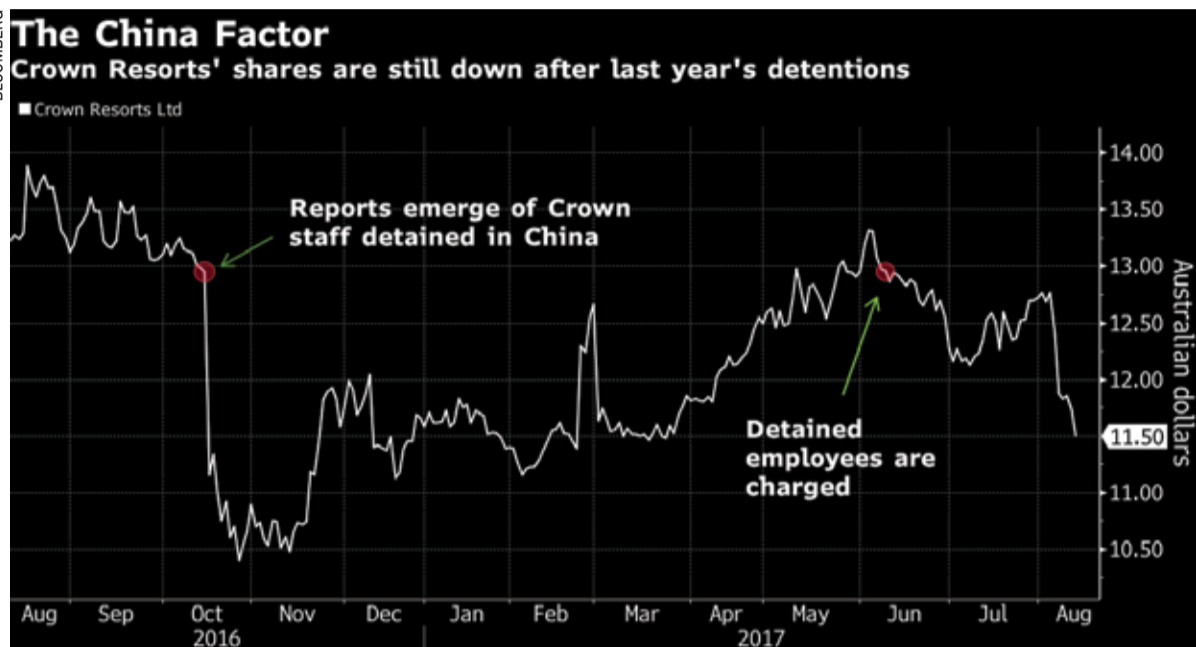
The arrests last October roiled

Crown closes China chapter as top casino executive freed

led the Melbourne-based company controlled by billionaire James Packer, and highlighted the fine line foreign casinos walk in courting customers from mainland China, where it's illegal to gamble or promote gaming. The Chinese government wants to curtail hundreds of billions of dollars worth of outflow, some of which exit the mainland via betting operations.

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"This is the end of a long and arduous journey for Crown," said Sudhir Kale, the Gold Coast, Australia-based founder of GamePlan Consultants. "The company has well and truly paid its dues by way



of fines, huge legal costs, drop in market capitalization, and the emotional trauma experienced by its employees while in prison."

The impending release of Crown staff was first reported Friday by the Australian Financial Review, which did not cite a source.

Since the crackdown, the company has sold out of its Macau venture and closed most of its offices across Asia. Its VIP program

-play turnover in the year ended June 30 slumped 49 percent to A\$33.3 billion (\$26 billion), dragging down revenue at its Melbourne and Perth resorts.

Packer, who quit as chairman in August 2015 and left the board the following December, returned this month as a director as Crown focuses on its domestic resorts, and the construction of a A\$2 billion luxury

hotel and casino in Sydney.

"Other operators have learnt from Crown's example, and their marketing efforts in China will be a lot more sedate," said Kale.

Crown's shares fell 1.9 percent on Friday. After tumbling last year on news of the detentions in China, the stock recovered all its losses by June, only to slump again. Crown is now down 11 percent since mid-October. **Bloomberg**

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CCM held dance performances for children

The Macau Cultural Center (CCM) held two performances for young children titled "Echoes of Our Childhood" and "The Little Match Girl" over the weekend. "Echoes of Our Childhood" merged dance, sound effects and art installations, introducing children to nostalgic items such as retro toys and cassette recorders from their parents' yesteryears. "The Little Match Girl" musical immersed the audience in a young girl's hopes and dreams, depicting Hans Christian Andersen's classic story through movement, singing and original music performed live on stage. Both performances are part of CCM's "ARTmusing Summer" series which began in late June.



BNU closes first half-year with USD40 million profit

Banco Nacional Ultramarino de Macau (BNU) closed its first half-year with a profit of MOP320.9 million (USD40 million), as indicated in the balance sheet published in the Official Gazette. The profit achieved in the first six months of 2017 was 15.2 percent more than in the same period last year. The published accounts indicate that BNU recorded an income of MOP879.5 million and expenses of MOP558.7 million. In 2016, BNU recorded a profit of MOP540.5 million, up 9.8 percent over 2015. BNU Macau is a subsidiary of Portuguese state-owned group Caixa Geral de Depósitos, which is based in Macau and is BNU Macau's only shareholder.

Mixed views on rental control rejection

LAST week's rejection of the rental control mechanism, which would have granted the Chief Executive the power to restrict rent hikes, is now garnering mixed reactions.

While lawmakers Gabriel Tong and Zheng Anting were among those who proposed the law, both abstained from voting this particular article of the law.

AL Chairman Ho Iat Seng said that all lawmakers are at liberty to make their own judgments and may reconsider their vote after listening to various opinions.

"I think this is normal," said Ho.

Ho said that Macau can work towards better transport between Macau and Zhuhai, in order to make it more appealing for local people to live in mainland China.

Lawmaker Chan Chak Mo said that lawmakers' rejection of the mechanism will have no negative impact. He also expressed that rent



should be allowed to increase steadily in order to create a better commercial environment.

Chan also said that some of the recent bill amendments proposed by lawmakers were impractical and could have been better researched.

One of the amendments establishes that landlords

will be banned from cancelling rental contracts within three years.

Chan believes that the law could make landlords add the rental price corresponding to the third year when signing contracts with tenants.

Lawmaker Song Pek Kei expressed her disappointment about the rejected

proposal. "Some people changed their stance at the very last second. I believe they have their [own agendas]."

While she was disappointed in the outcome, Song also expressed her surprise when most of the other proposals were passed.

Lawmaker Cheang Chi Keong nevertheless believes that it is possible for the rejected law to be established in the future, once all sectors of society reach an agreement. He said that it would be best if the control mechanism was passed after lawmakers had expended significant time and effort on it.

Regarding his opinion on the outcome, Cheang said that he found it "quite good" as many of the amendments were still passed.

The Secretary for Economy and Finance, Lionel Leong, was questioned about the rejected bill but declined to comment.

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Company sees upsurge in sales following partnership with Sands China

Lynzy Valles

A local enterprise has made its way to generate the most sought after contracts for Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) - supplying a variety of products to hotels including Sands China's properties.

From items such as hotel slippers and umbrellas to leather products and customized paper bags, Cheers Hotel Supply Trading currently has 60 hotels on its client list.

Although founded in 2011, an upsurge in the company's revenue only occurred in 2015 following the Sands China Local Supplier Open Day in August of that year.

The Open Day was held in a bid to strengthen Sands China's commitment to local procurement. Partnering with the Macao Chamber of Commerce to create the first program of its kind in Macau, Sands China struck several agreements with Cheers Hotel Supply Trading.

Anthea Wai, general manager of the local firm, recalled that they were given an overview of the larger company's procurement systems with its employees coaching them in processes such as purchasing and supplier registration. Currently, the SME enterprise offers a number of products including slippers, hangers, and stationery sets to several properties in Sands China's portfolio.

The firm also supplies products to Las Vegas' Marina Bay Sands.

The local enterprise currently has a manufacturing firm, which adds to its strength as it can now produce products in batches to accommodate small order quantities.

Recalling that the company has been in business expansion mode since 2015, Wai shared that staff numbers have nearly doubled and the company has moved to a larger office.

"The business has now been in the market for six years. There is growth in the business sales volume. We've seen a lot of progress in these past few years."

Although Wai faced difficulties in common with other SMEs in this region's competitive market such as staff salaries, human resources and cash flow, the general manager is grateful for the Sands China's SME program, and related projects.

The gaming operator is continually expanding its support of local enterprises in Macau through its Local Supplier Support Program, and the local entrepreneur noted that such programs allow an ease in the firm's cash flow as a deposit is paid even before the items are produced.



Anthea Wai, general manager



Leather products the company supplies



Products the company supplies

"Cash flow is not a very big problem because the SME program is in place. Companies are willing to pay a deposit so cash flow is better than before," she said.

With such assistance easing such common growing pains, Wai has maintained competitive salaries to her nine local employees whilst she maintains a "family-friendly spirit" in her firm.

Meanwhile, as a result Sands China's F.I.T. program, which is comprised of three pillars: Financial Support, Invitational Matching, and Training and Development, Cheers Hotel Supply Trading is now providing their bags to Sands China Ltd. in Macau, to Marina Bay Sands in Singapore, and to Las Vegas Sands Corp. in the United States.

The local supplier's merchandise is to be used for LVS' global charity project, the Clean the World Hygiene Kit Build, in August and September of this year.

The F.I.T. program has successfully assisted the local supplier to branch out to an overseas market - and with the three buyers having the same standards, the enterprise is able to take advantage of their global synergy to be the

single supplier for the three different markets.

Wai noted that her company is developing into a reliable local company, as most of its trade is with Macau and South-east Asia.

Our sales volume [with Sands China] grew from below MOP10,000 to MOP800,000 in less than a year.

ANTHEA WAI
GENERAL MANAGER

"I am particularly grateful to Sands China for its timely help to provide a rare opportunity to collaborate with Marina Bay Sands and Las Vegas Sands Corp," the entrepreneur expressed.

"With this collaboration, my

company not only gets the credibility in the local market, but also gets more and more experiences in export trading," Wai continued.

Participating in the F.I.T. program became an opportunity for Cheers' development. As a local company, the program provided practical plans and timely support to increase the enterprise's competitiveness on local market.

"With the help of Sands China, Cheers had a chance to cooperate with the other two gaming operators and got the first order from USA and Singapore," Wai reiterated.

The local supplier is included in Sands China's pioneering long-term initiative that focuses on local businesses including small and micro companies, "Made in Macao" companies and Macau young entrepreneurs.

It aims to develop these local companies to grow along with them, and also aims to transform micro suppliers in the territory into local SMEs.

dition for its reputation and credibility, hence contributing to its overall revenue growth.

"Sands China contributed to the company's growth, especially market share. It has enhanced our reputation and credibility and the products can then serve as a future reference [to] other clients," said the entrepreneur.

The client categories have varied from hotels to outlets and restaurants.

With Sands China's ongoing procurement relationship efforts, Wai noted that they, in return, have paid attention to the follow up and have communicated closely on the small details, sparing little effort on each quotation.

With the Local Supplier Support Program, Wai revealed that the enterprise has received a significant number of product requests leading to staggering growth in sales volume - all in under a year.

"Our sales volume [with Sands China] grew from below MOP10,000 to MOP800,000 in less than a year," Wai affirmed.

Sharing tales of the enterprise's setbacks when it started in 2011, the general manager started as a "one-man-band" as the plan was only to retail cleaning products.

Yet through the process and seeing the opportunities in the market, Wai began to hire people despite setbacks in both quality and cost control.

"Especially [with] manufacturers in China, there are cultural and quality differences. Sometimes when there are damaged products, we have to produce it again and supplement [with] a new one no matter the cost," said the entrepreneur.

Currently, the enterprise is also focused on designing new products to put present to its clients.

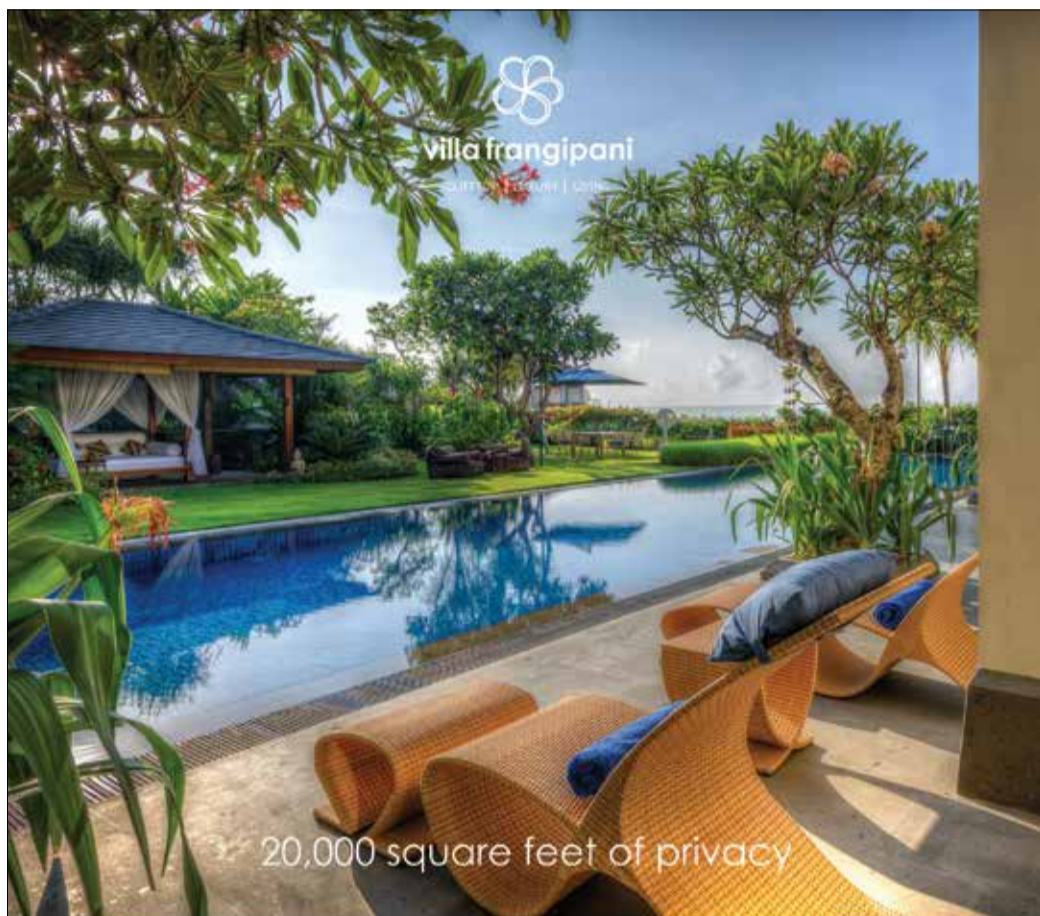
In accordance with Sands China's eco-friendly schemes such as Sands ECO360, which is designed to utilize measures including resource recycling, conservation and community engagement, Wai noted that her company also has plans to produce eco-friendly materials.

Wai said that they will be negotiating with manufacturers in China in order to be ready when her clients request eco-friendly products.

Moreover, the entrepreneur hoped that the enterprise will also receive recognition at the Sands Supplier Excellence Awards.

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SPENDING by overseas Chinese tourists is forecast to rise again in 2017, in line with a trend of double-digit growth in tourism expenditure every year since 2004.

However, according to an annual report compiled by accommodation booking website Hotels.com and market research firm Ipsos, spending of Chinese tourists will no longer revolve around the traditional retail shopping. Instead, the increasingly more sophisticated mainland consumer is opting to spend their money on dining, culture and entertainment experiences.

“For the first time in the survey’s history, shopping is no longer the prime reason for international travel,” noted the authors of the Chinese International Travel Monitor (CITM) 2017 report. “Leisure, culture and eco-tourism are the new flavors.”

Surveying some 3,000 Chinese residents who had traveled overseas in the past 12 months, the May 2017 report found that overseas visitors were spending on average around 8 percent more per day than in the previous 12-month period. The average amount spent per day rose from USD414 (about MOP3,300) to USD446 in 2017.

“Chinese travelers are spending a higher share of their income on international travel and intend to spend even more in the next year despite a slowing down of the Chinese economy,” the CITM report reads. “On average, Chinese travelers spent USD3,623 [nearly MOP30,000] in the last 12 months – more than a quarter of their income, and up from 24 percent compared to the previous year.”

While the spending of overseas Chinese tourists is expected to increase in line with the past 13 years, the proportion of survey respondents indicating a preference for retail shopping sharply declined this year.

Just one-third of those surveyed said that they had an interest in retail shopping during their overseas travel,

less than half of the 68 percent recorded in the previous 12-month period.

Instead, half of the survey respondents said that they intend to spend more on dining and entertainment, with an additional interest in eco-tours and the natural environment also making an appearance on the agendas of overseas visitors.

“Shopping no longer holds the attraction it once held for Chinese travelers; leisure is the key motivation,” wrote Abhiram Chowdhry, Asia-Pacific vice-president for Hotels.com in the report’s foreword. “As air pollution problems in China continue to escalate, air quality and pristine natural environments are [becoming] important factors in destination choice.”

According to the China National Tourism Administration, some 30 percent of Chinese outbound visitors opted for island destinations or eco tours in 2016. Most of these destinations continue to be located in the Asia-Pacific region. Indeed, 82 percent of the survey respondents – all of whom had traveled abroad in the previous 12 months – said that they had visited destinations in the Asia-Pacific region.

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This figure however is on the decline as mainstream Chinese tourists find the confidence and funds to go further afield. Some 35 percent said that they had visited the EMEA (Europe, Middle East and Africa) region in the past 12 months, while 19 percent had visited the



U.S., up by 25 percent and 11 percent year-on-year respectively.

The World Tourism Organization (UNWTO), a subsidiary agency of the United Nations, calculates that outbound Chinese tourists spent on aggregate 12 percent more in 2016 than in the previous year, rising to USD261 billion (MOP2.1 trillion). This has consolidated China’s position as world leader when it comes to overseas spending, followed by the U.S., Germany, the U.K. and France.

At the same time, the number of Chinese outbound travelers rose by 6 percent in 2016 to a total of 135 million, the UN agency claims.

This runs contrary to the data published in the CITM report, which holds that the number of outbound Chinese tourists last year was considerably lower, at 122 million. Moreover, it calculates that this number had grown by just 4.3 percent compared with the previous year.

It is not clear whether the tourism authorities regard residents of the greater China area – namely Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macau – as Chinese travelers, nor whether they consider these territories to constitute “overseas.”

Retail sales precarious in Macau, HK

Retail sales in Macau and Hong Kong have posted poor performance in the last few years, though recent data suggests a recovery may be underway, at least in Macau.

In the final quarter of 2016, retail sales in Macau ended a nine-quarter slump to register modest growth of 1.1 percent year-on-year. Amounting to MOP15.89 billion, that quarter represented the first year-on-year growth since the second quarter of 2014, which coincided with the gaming retrenchment in the city.

In the first quarter of 2017, retail sales were up a significant 12 percent year-on-year to MOP16.59 billion, on the back of the gaming recovery and an increase in the number of visitors to the territory.

Meanwhile, Hong Kong has fared considerably worse, with declining retail sales and a diminished number of monthly visitors.

In 2016, the retail sector posted the poor-

rest annual sales in nearly two decades, which the government attributed directly to the declining number of mainland tourists.

A brighter outlook for the sector was briefly offered in December last year, when the number of mainland visitors increased by 9 percent, outperforming Macau’s growth of 7.8 percent that month.

However, retail sales in Hong Kong still dipped 0.6 percent in the first half of 2017, compared with the same period in the previous year. June 2017 sales stood virtually unchanged from that one year ago.

Partly due to a growing antagonism toward mainland visitors which has resulted in street clashes in the past few years, Hong Kong is still struggling to attract mainland tourists. In June, there were 3.4 percent fewer arrivals from the mainland than in June 2016, far outstripping the year-on-year decline of 1.9 percent for all tourists.

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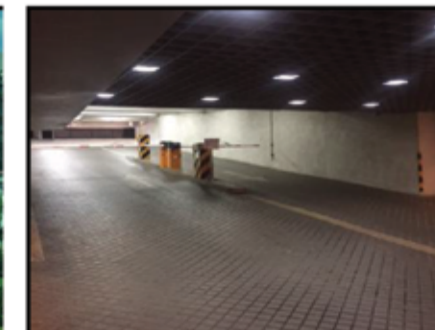


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Q&A PAUL DERGARABEDIAN
SENIOR MEDIA ANALYST FOR COMSCORE

Scary forecasts at the box office



Paul Dergarabedian

Marley Jay

IT'S been a rough summer at the box office, and movie theater chains are feeling the pain. It got worse last week when AMC Entertainment said U.S. box office grosses are sinking. Paul Dergarabedian, a senior media analyst for comScore who has followed the industry for more than 20 years, says movie theaters are always vulnerable if people aren't excited about what's playing, but things can change quickly.

- Are Americans just not excited about this summer's movies?

Paul Dergarabedian (PD) - Currently the summer box office is down about 11 percent compared to the summer of 2016. This is despite the fact that there have been some really terrific movies. Every year has these down trends. The reason this has gotten so much attention is because it's the summer movie

season, which generally accounts for about 40 percent of the total-year box office. I think people want more original content. It doesn't have to be an original piece of intellectual property. It can be something like "Spider-Man: Homecoming," that felt original because it had a different take on the Spider-Man character. "Baby Driver" was not a sequel. It was a brand new film from an innovative director [Edgar Wright].

- Is this a down year, or do you think things will even out?

PD - The first quarter was huge, with "Logan," "Get Out" and "Split." The second and third quarters have been kind of tough. But one or two movies can make all the difference. It is a true roller coaster ride. I think the industry is changing in the sense that the seasons are going away. You can have big movies any time of year, not just May through Labor Day. Even though the summer is down, and the

year is down 3 percent as well, but at the end of the year, with some big titles like "Thor: Ragnarok," "Justice League" and "Star Wars: The Last Jedi," all of this could turn around. We could wind up with yet another \$11 billion-plus year, which I think we will.

- What are movie theater operators doing to compete with at-home streaming services and all the options available on people's smartphones?

PD - What they're doing with these smaller capacity theaters that are super high end and offer all these amenities, I think that's the way of the future. The moviegoing experience has never been better, but at the end of the day people are going to see a movie, not have a beer.

- Doesn't more amenities lead to higher costs for theaters?

PD - You have to have a strong stomach in that business. It's a business that requires a huge physical footprint and constant upgrading. The theaters that are feeling the pinch now will more than make up for that once "Justice League," "Thor" and particularly "The Last Jedi" are released. **AP**

HEALTH

Pfizer alum's China startup is said to select banks for IPO

ZAI Lab Ltd., a Chinese drug developer working on cancer treatments, has picked banks to arrange a planned U.S. initial public offering that could raise about USD150 million, people with knowledge of the matter said.

The Shanghai-based biopharmaceutical company, started by former Pfizer Inc. senior scientist Samantha Du, is working with Citigroup Inc. and JPMorgan Chase & Co., according to the people. It is targeting a market capitalization of about \$1 billion, one of the people said, asking not to be identified because the information is private. Zai Lab plans to start taking investor orders as soon as September, the people said.

China's pharmaceutical market has been

given a boost by entrepreneurs like Du, known as "hai gui" or "sea turtles," who returned to the country after stints working or studying overseas. Since starting Zai Lab in 2014, Du has attracted investors including Kleiner Perkins Caufield & Byers, Sequoia Capital China and Qiming Ventures.

Details of the Zai Lab offering haven't been finalized, and it's possible the timeline could change, the people said. Representatives for Zai Lab and Citigroup declined to comment, while a representative for JPMorgan didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.

Zai Lab has established its own early-stage drug discovery team focused on immuno-oncology. The company has also licensed experimental medicines from

big pharmaceutical companies to populate its immediate pipeline, including a potential treatment for lung cancer from France's Sanofi and a liver drug candidate from Bristol-Myers Squibb Co.

China is speeding up the regulatory process for new medicines to enter the world's second-largest pharmaceutical market. The reforms have put many innovative drugs from domestic developers and multinationals on the fast track for approvals, boosting the prospects of startups like Zai Lab.

The company said in June that it raised \$30 million in Series C funding, following a \$100-million Series B last January from a group of backers including Advantech Capital and OrbiMed Asia.

First-time share sales from Chinese

health-care companies have raised \$6.2 billion in the past 12 months, data compiled by Bloomberg show. BeiGene Ltd., a Chinese developer of immuno-oncology drugs, has more than tripled since it began trading in the U.S. last year and announced Thursday it plans to raise \$125 million in a follow-on share sale.

BGI Genomics Co., a unit of the world's biggest DNA-sequencing group, has surged more than sevenfold since its Shenzhen debut last month. Wuxi Biologics Cayman Inc. has risen 53 percent from the offer price in its June IPO, making it the best performer this year among Hong Kong new listings that raised more than \$500 million, according to the Bloomberg-complied data. **Bloomberg**

PHILIPPINES

Central Bank head seeks calm as Peso hits 11-year low

Ditas Lopez, Clarissa Batino

BANGKO Sentral ng Pilipinas Governor Nestor Espenilla called for calm yesterday after the peso fell to an almost 11-year low against the dollar last week, saying the currency isn't expected to free fall given the nation's strong economic fundamentals.

"The peso is market-determined. It's natural for it to show volatility as it adjusts to market conditions and all the short-term uncertainties such as increased tension in North Korea," Espenilla said in a phone message to reporters. "We don't expect it to do a free fall because our economic fundamentals now, unlike before, are solid and very strong."

The peso has lost 2.5 percent this year, making it the worst performer among 12 Asian currencies tracked by Bloomberg. It weakened to 50.98 to the greenback on Friday, the lowest since August 29, 2006. The currency has been dropping as the nation heads to its first current account deficit in 15 years. Geopolitical concerns have also spurred a flight to assets of advanced economies.

Still, the nation enjoys strong domestic demand and is one of the fastest-growing economies



Nestor Espenilla

in the world.

"The peso is capable of correcting itself as the market calms down and digests the relevant information," Espenilla said. He added that the central bank can act "strategically" if there's excess volatility, noting a "huge pile of fx reserves."

Espenilla, who took over as central bank chief last month, also said that the the Philippines, as an emerging market economy seeking to grow, is bound to run moderate current account deficits as it catches up on investments, particularly on infrastructure.

"Lets calm down. We're on the right track," Espenilla said, rejecting what he termed as "fear-based hand wringing in some of the coverage." **Bloomberg**

Trump is said ready to turn up China heat over IP transfers

Andrew Mayeda, Billy House

PRESIDENT Donald Trump is stepping up pressure on China over what the U.S. perceives to be the theft of intellectual property, opening a new front of trade friction even as the world's largest economies try to work together to contain North Korea's nuclear threat.

Trump will sign an executive memorandum today directing U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer to consider investigating China over its IP policies, especially the practice of forcing U.S. companies operating in China to transfer technological know-how, administration officials said Saturday on a conference call with reporters.

If China is found to be flouting the rules on U.S. intellectual property, the administration has a range of options, including imposing import tariffs, said the administration officials, who weren't authorized to speak publicly about the matter. If USTR moves forward, the investigation could take as long as a year.

The move comes amid growing tension over the threat of North Korea using nuclear weapons, and a week after the U.S. received China's help in the United Nations Security Council to impose tougher economic sanctions on Pyongyang. Nikki Haley, the U.S. ambassador to the UN, said at the time that she wanted to "personally thank" the Chinese delegation.

Chinese President Xi Jinping moved to calm nerves on Friday, telling the U.S. president during a phone call that all sides should maintain restraint and



Robert Lighthizer, U.S. trade representative

avoid inflammatory comments. While the White House said the leaders reaffirmed their commitment to rid the Korean peninsula of nuclear weapons, Trump has previously criticized China for not reining in North Korea, and threatened trade measures if Xi fails to act.

The announcement expected today comes amid sharply escalating tensions, with Trump warning that U.S. military options are "locked and loaded" if North Korean President Kim Jong-Un acts unwisely.

It further complicates the already taut U.S.-China relationship, which took a frosty turn last month when officials from both nations couldn't agree on a joint statement over economic issues after high-level talks in Washington.

"This action would represent a sharp escalation of pressure on China on two fronts - the China

-U.S. bilateral trade relationship, and China's role in managing the volatile situation on the Korean peninsula," said Eswar Prasad, a professor in the Dyson School at Cornell University, and a senior fellow at the Brookings Institution.

Still, Trump's actions stop short of what some analysts had been expecting him to do on intellectual property. Rather than launching straight into a probe, USTR will merely consider whether to begin an investigation under Section 301 of the 1974 Trade Act.

Administration officials declined to say how long it will take before a decision is made whether to start a probe.

U.S. officials also sought to downplay any link between the North Korea issue and the IP action, which they called a response to the long-standing irritant of China's lack of respect for American intellectual property.

Section 301 allows the president to impose tariffs on foreign products in response to unfair or discriminatory restrictions on American commerce. The provision has fallen into disuse since the mid-1990s after the creation of the World Trade Organization.

The U.S. could file a trade complaint on IP with the WTO or take action outside the WTO process, one administration official said.

"A joint action at the WTO with allies would be the strongest position for the U.S.," said Robert Holleyman, who was a deputy U.S. trade representative under former President Barack Obama. "A unilateral action by the U.S. will be challenged in the WTO by China."

In a report to lawmakers released in July, the USTR accused China of engaging in "widespread infringing activity, including trade secret theft, rampant online piracy and counterfeiting,

and high levels of physical pirated and counterfeit exports to markets around the globe."

Earlier this year, an independent commission on U.S. intellectual property estimated that the annual cost to the U.S. economy in counterfeit goods, pirated software, and theft of trade secrets from all sources exceeds \$225 billion and could be as high as \$600 billion. China is the world's principal IP infringer, the commission said.

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USTR argues Beijing uses a range of practices to force U.S. companies to transfer IP, such as by granting regulatory approvals to drug makers that shift production to China or requiring that the designs of foreign products be replicable in China.

Trump is expected to be in Washington on Monday, breaking into what he's termed a working vacation at his Bedminster, New Jersey, golf club. The Chinese trade announcement is expected to be part of his agenda.

Speaking to reporters on Thursday, Trump twinned the issues of China's help with North Korea and the U.S.-China trade imbalance. "We lose hundreds of billions of dollars a year on trade with China. They know how I feel. It's not going to continue like that," he said. "But if China helps us, I feel a lot differently toward trade." **Bloomberg**

Regulator starts probe into Tencent, Weibo and Baidu

CHINA'S online watchdog has launched an investigation into reports of multiple violations at news services run by Tencent Holdings Ltd., Baidu Inc. and Weibo Corp., as the government continues to tighten scrutiny over internet content.

The Cyberspace Administration of China said Friday it's instructed its Beijing and Guangdong branches to look into reports that some of the country's largest online services are carrying user-generated content laden with "violence, porn, rumors" disruptive to social order. It didn't specify

what actions may be taken. Tencent, Baidu and Weibo said in separate statements they will cooperate with the government on removing questionable content and rectifying any issues.

China has applied increasing pressure over internet media in the run-up to an important Communist Party congress later this year that is expected to consolidate President Xi Jinping's authority. Intent on muzzling potential sources of disruptive information, the government has shut livestreaming services and websites, tightened regulations governing internet

access, and issued repeated warnings about the need to clean up content through various agencies. Observers say the enhanced scrutiny is also characteristic of Xi's administration.

The latest probe centers on three of the country's largest repositories of online musings, all with hundreds of millions of users: Tencent's WeChat messaging service, Weibo's Twitter-like blog and Baidu's "Tieba" forums. Last month, Beijing scrubbed memorial photos of Liu Xiaobo from WeChat and Weibo, following the long-imprisoned Nobel Pea-

ce Prize-winning writer's death in mid-July. Liu was an author of Charter 08, a document calling for democracy in China, and Beijing aimed to smother that intellectual legacy.

Tencent's shares fell almost 5 percent, their biggest drop in a year and a half. But that stemmed in part from a continuation of an overnight tech-stock selloff in the U.S., and investors taking money off the table ahead of Tencent's earnings report on Wednesday.

"The government will conduct such checks every year and I don't see this having any impact



People walk and cycle past Tencent Holdings Ltd.'s new under construction headquarters in Shenzhen

on the long-term development of the company," said Yujie Li, an analyst with RHB Research Institute. "People use We-

Chat and Weibo not for such illegal information, so I don't think this probe will affect the companies." **Bloomberg**

Hong Kong activist says security agents tortured him

Kelvin Chan, Hong Kong

A Hong Kong pro-democracy activist said Friday he was briefly abducted and tortured by suspected mainland Chinese security agents who stapled his legs as a warning against sending a signed photo of soccer star Lionel Messi to a dissident's widow.

The strange case follows a string of other incidents that have stoked fears among Hong Kong residents that Beijing is encroaching on the former British colony's wide autonomy and civil liberties that are unknown on the mainland.

Howard Lam recounted his ordeal to reporters and showed them the staples still stuck in his legs, which he wanted documented before reporting to police and getting hospital treatment.

He said his captors warned him against sending the photo to Liu Xia, the widow of Nobel Peace Prize laureate Liu Xiaobo, who died last month while in custody. Liu was reputed to be a football fan and Messi follower.

Before Liu's death of cancer

on July 13, Lam had written to FC Barcelona to ask for a signed photo of the Argentine player that he could forward to Liu because he thought it would cheer him up.

The photo arrived too late, so Lam said he would then try to get it to Liu Xia, and had posted about it on Facebook. Her whereabouts since her husband's death are unclear and her Beijing home is surrounded by security agents.

Earlier this week, Lam said he had received a call from an acquaintance on the mainland who warned him not to send the photo to Liu Xia.

Then, on Thursday afternoon, unidentified men grabbed him on a busy shopping street, saying, "Mr. Lam, we would like a chat with you." They forced him into a car and made him smell something that caused him to lose consciousness.

When he awoke after being hit on the legs, he was tied up, blindfolded and stripped to his underwear. His captors spoke Mandarin, not the Cantonese that predominates in Hong Kong. They interrogated him



Democracy party member Howard Lam displays his wounds on his thigh after stapled with crosses during a press conference in Hong Kong

about the photo and Liu Xia.

"Do you know Liu Xia?" they said. "Why are you causing trouble?"

He said they hit him in the stomach repeatedly and said, "You're a Christian, aren't you? So here's a cross for you." Then they used a stapler on his thighs to make Xs.

"They warned me not to send it to Liu Xia," he said.

Lam said he was drugged again and woke up on a beach early Friday.

Hong Kong Police Commissioner Stephen Lo promised to "fully investigate" the case. He said it was illegal for outside law enforcement agencies to operate in Hong Kong.

The incident has rekindled fears that Beijing is tightening its grip on Chinese-ruled Hong

Kong. Many residents fear that China's communist rulers are backtracking on a promise to let the city have considerable autonomy following its 1997 handover from Britain.

The strange case follows a string of other incidents that have stoked fears among Hong Kong residents

Other recent cases include the secret detentions of a group of Hong Kong booksellers and the disappearance of a Chinese-Canadian tycoon from his downtown hotel suite. They're believed to have been carried out by mainland Chinese agents, who are not authorized to operate in Hong Kong.

Also adding to worries is a controversial plan by the government last month to station mainland immigration agents at a high-speed cross-border rail terminal under construction. Opposition lawmakers say it violates the city's Basic Law constitution prohibiting Chinese law enforcement from operating on Hong Kong soil. **AP**

Facebook anonymously launched an app in China

Alexandra Olson, New York

FACEBOOK anonymously launched a new photo-sharing app in China in a new effort to make inroads in the world's most populous country.

China's ruling Communist Party controls internet traffic across the country's borders and tries to keep the public from seeing thousands of websites including Facebook.

The app, called Colorful Balloons, was launched in China earlier this year and does not carry Facebook's name. Facebook confirmed Saturday that it launched the app.

The social media company's connection to the app was first reported Friday by The New York Times, which said it was released in China through a separate local company called Youge Internet Technology.

The launch of the app comes as China is cracking down on technology that allows web surfers to eva-



de Beijing's online censorship.

Last month, users of Facebook's WhatsApp messaging service, which normally operates freely in China, were no longer able to send images without using a virtual private network. That came amid official efforts to suppress mention of the death of Liu Xiaobo, the imprisoned Nobel Peace laureate.

China's biggest internet service provider, China Telecom Ltd., sent a letter to corporate customers last month saying that VPNs, which create

encrypted links between computers and can be used to see sites blocked by Beijing's web filters, would be permitted only to connect to a company's headquarters abroad. The move could block access to news, social media or business services that are obscured by China's "Great Firewall."

Chinese authorities have long blocked Facebook, Twitter, Facebook and YouTube, arguing that foreign social media services operating beyond their control pose a threat to national security. **AP**



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Raising the stakes: Why North Korea is talking up Guam

Eric Talmadge, Seoul

NORTH Korea's announcement that it is finalizing a plan to launch four ballistic missiles over Japan toward the island of Guam has touched off a series of fiery threats from President Donald Trump and upped tensions between Pyongyang and Washington to a whole new level.

So are we all headed toward war? If past precedent is any guide, the answer is no. Though it has been mostly lost as the current round of tough talk keeps escalating, North Korea just a few months ago conducted a similar rehearsal strike on a U.S. military base in Japan. And that missile test led to nary a tweet from Trump.

For sure, if Pyongyang were to go through with its planned launch of missiles toward Guam, it would be an extremely provocative move. But it is also one that the U.S. military has been watching develop for years, with fairly well-defined steps that have led to an ever more complicated and potentially dangerous situation — but not the outbreak of a nuclear war.

A look at what Pyongyang is up to, and how we got here:

SETTING THE STAGE

In March, at around the time of the biggest annual maneuvers between the U.S. and South Korea, the North fired four extended-range Scud missiles into waters off the Japanese coast in what was intended to be a mock attack on Marine Corps Air Station, Iwakuni.

Iwakuni is one of the main U.S. bases in Japan and was the staging point for F-35 stealth fighters believed to be training for precision strikes on North Korea against Kim Jong Un and his top lieutenants.

The March missile launch was not as bold as the plan for Guam — the North didn't tell the world beforehand and



Kim Jung Un (center) applauding after the launch of a Hwasong-14 intercontinental ballistic missile

deliberately sent the missiles much farther north than the base itself, an easy tweak. But the move sent a strong message that such an attack would be possible.

The public response from Trump then was muted. Nearly two weeks after the launch, he tweeted, without mentioning the missile test: "North Korea is behaving very badly. They have been 'playing' the United States for years. China has done little to help!"

Pyongyang, possibly emboldened by that and its two successful intercontinental ballistic missile tests in July, appears to be hoping to send an even stronger message for Trump to back off with its Guam plan, or maybe consider direct talks rather than military action.

GIVING NOTICE

The biggest departure from North Korea's established pa-

tern this time around was its decision to announce the details of the Guam plan.

Despite some frightened misinterpretations otherwise, it is not threatening to actually attack Guam. But if it does launch Hwasong-12 missiles to within 30-40 kilometers of the U.S. territory's shores, its stated goal, it would by any measure be an exceptionally provocative move.

That helps explain why it would decide to give prior notice. To keep the situation from getting too much out of control, it needed to explain itself on the record to defuse complaints from China and make sure Washington knew it wasn't the opening volley of a Korean War 2.0.

The concern over China's reaction is important. China is the North's key trading partner and, although neither trusts the other very much, its biggest

political buffer against pressure from Washington and its allies. Beijing, which is concerned about the implications for its own security that a nuclear North Korea poses, is almost certainly letting Pyongyang know of its concerns. Pointing to U.S. threats on Guam serves to rebut Chinese complaints, at least a bit.

But it could also use another familiar rationale. North Korea sees annual U.S.-South Korea military exercises as a prelude for an invasion. The next big ones are set to start, on schedule, on Aug. 21. North Korean state media reports suggest Kim Jong Un could potentially sign off on the plan at about that same time.

PULLING THE TRIGGER?

Pyongyang has explicitly and repeatedly stated its anger over U.S. B-1B bombers based in Guam conducting flyovers

of the Korean Peninsula.

It could use the next one to justify sending its missiles toward Guam as something of a counter-display.

The B-1B bomber flights, though largely symbolic, are especially sensitive to Pyongyang because they represent a serious threat that North Korea's air defenses can't confidently protect against. Trump played that up on Friday by retweeting a U.S. Pacific Command tweet saying the bombers on Guam are ready to fulfill their "Fight Tonight" mission if called upon.

■ **The biggest departure from North Korea's established pattern this time around was its decision to announce the details of the Guam plan**

But there is also a lot of history here. The U.S. devastated most of North Korea's cities and infrastructure with a massive bombing campaign during the 1950-53 Korean War.

Joshua Pollack, a senior research associate at the Middlebury Institute of International Studies at Monterey, in California, noted the link but cautioned that the North might want to conduct the launch with or without a B-1B flight to justify it.

"If we do stop flying bombers at them for a while, they can declare victory and go home, and then decide whether to do it at some later date in response to whatever," he said. "Whether they feel genuinely annoyed and threatened or simply see this as a way to justify more missile tests to the Chinese is a fair question."

"It certainly does make a statement," Pollack added. "Two can play at this game now." AP

INDONESIA

Strong quake shakes Sumatra; no major damage

A strong earthquake struck yesterday off the coast of southern Sumatra in Indonesia, causing panicked residents to run from their homes but no major damage.

The U.S. Geological Survey said the quake yesterday morning had a magni-

tude of 6.4 and occurred at a depth of 35 kilometers.

It was centered 74 kilometers west of the coastal city of Bengkulu and also felt in Singapore, about 590 kilometers from the epicenter. It did not generate a tsunami.

National Disaster Mitigation Agency spokesman Sutopo Purwo Nugroho said the quake was felt for about 10 seconds in coastal cities and was strong enough to shake belongings from shelves and topple furniture.

Residents ran from their

homes and there were power outages in some areas but no reports of casualties or structural damage to buildings, Nugroho said.

"The intensity of the earthquake felt mild to moderate," he said.

Singapore broadcaster

Channel NewsAsia said it received calls from residents in the city state who felt tremors.

Indonesia, the world's largest archipelago, is prone to the seismic upheaval and tsunamis due to its location on major geological faults known as the

Pacific "Ring of Fire."

In 2004, an extremely powerful Indian Ocean quake set off a tsunami that killed more than 230,000 people in a dozen countries, most of them in Indonesia's Aceh province in northern Sumatra. AP

New hope for endangered eels, Japanese summer delicacy

Sherry Zheng, Fujisawa

THE Japanese summer delicacy of roasted eel, braised with a tangy sauce and sprinkled with prickly mountain pepper, is in question as the creatures with their mysterious migrations become increasingly endangered.

Soaring demand for Japanese eel, or *Anguilla japonica*, helped put the creatures on the International Union of Conservation of Nature's "Red List" of endangered species in 2014. It's spurring poaching of similar species off the U.S. east coast.

But Katsumi Tsukamoto, "Dr. Eel" of the only "Eel Science Laboratory" at Nihon University in Japan, thinks he's unlocked the secrets to eventually farming the eels, known as unagi, sustainably and profitably. Tsukamoto found out where the eels are spawning, and that helped researchers study conditions needed to raise them from the egg stage to adulthood.

The possibility of extinction, and soaring prices for grilled eel believed to help build stamina for enduring sweltering summer days, have dismayed many Japanese gourmards and the restaurants that specialize in the dish.

Despite their important role in Japanese food culture, until recently very little was known about the life cycles of eels, such as where they spawned and how tiny, nearly transparent glass eels manage to travel back to their freshwater habitats in Asia and elsewhere.

Supplies depend on wild-catching the juveniles and farm raising them until adulthood, a practice that has spread from Japan to Taiwan and mainland China as demand has surged.

Tsukamoto says his discovery of Japanese eel larvae and



Unajyu is served at Hashimoto, a Michelin one-star unagi restaurant in Tokyo

spawning adults west of the Mariana Ridge, near Guam, in 2009 has enabled him and other researchers to figure out the right diet and environmental conditions for spawning eels and their offspring.

Despite skepticism about the potential for such farming to work, Tsukamoto says three Japanese state-owned laboratories already are able to raise the eels from the larval stage and get them to spawn, completing their life cycle. But for now each lab can raise only about 3,000 to 4,000 a year. A lack of funds is hindering construction of the infrastructure needed to make such operations commercially viable by producing tens of thousands of eels a year.

The complete farming of eels and some other endangered species as a way to help them

survive by relieving the pressure from soaring demand.

Fisherman Masataka Uchida, who sells wild caught "blue eel," or ao-unagi, shrugs off any potential competition from farming.

Depending on the environment, some eels have a tough texture and pungent, muddy taste that even unagi aficionados may find off-putting. Uchida's eels, with their pale blue-gray skin and soft pink bellies, have a highly sought-after, light and clean flavor that fetches premium prices even in the pricey unagi market.

Depending on the restaurant, Yuta Maruyama, an intermediate wholesaler who handles wild blue eel at Tokyo's famous Tsukiji Fish market, says a multi-course menu including grilled blue eel can cost up to 30,000

yen (USD270) per person at exclusive restaurants, mainly in the flashy Ginza shopping and dining district.

The choice eels are often served in different styles to the traditional "kabayaki" eels which are grilled in a coating of dark soy sauce marinade. Restaurants that specialize in kabayaki, often handed down generation to generation, may offer both wild and farmed eels — with supply depending on what is available that day at the market.

At Hashimoto, a Michelin one-star kabayaki restaurant in Tokyo that first opened in 1835, the eels are all farm-raised the conventional way on the southern island of Kyushu, after being caught as glass eels.

Like farmed salmon, the farmed eels raised from wild-caught glass eels tend to be fattier.

"They have a flavor that is preferred by most customers," says Shinji Hashimoto, the sixth-generation owner.

Hashimoto says his kabayaki sauce is "light," to allow the eel's flavor to come through.

"The Tokyo palette has traditionally disliked sweet flavors," he says.

To manage with fewer catches and higher prices, Hashimoto tries to get two servings out of larger eels.

Despite their important role in Japanese food culture, until recently very little was known about the life cycles of eels

After cleaning and slicing them open, the cooks skewer them to ensure they will stay together while cooking. They are grilled directly over hot charcoal, then steamed to soften the flesh. Afterwards they are coated in a sauce of soy sauce boiled with sweet rice wine, or mirin and then returned to the grill and basted three times before being served as "unajyu," steaming hot over rice in a neat lacquer box.

The busiest days tend to be the Day of the Ox in the lunar calendar, the first of which in 2017 was Tuesday, July 25th. Hashimoto served about 150 customers that day.

"Even if the price rose to 10,000 yen (about USD90) for one box of unajyu, Japanese people would still eat it once a year," Tsukamoto said. "Why do Japanese people like unagi? Because we like soy sauce. The salty-sweet sauce, made from a mixture of soy sauce and mirin, is brushed on, is singed and grilled on the eel over charcoal - and that smell makes it irresistible." AP

Dalai Lama cancels Botswana visit because of 'exhaustion'

THE Dalai Lama says he is canceling his planned visit to Botswana "due to exhaustion."

A statement on the website of the Tibetan spiritual leader says he has written to the president of the southern African nation expressing "profound regret." The 82-year-old had been expected to visit tomorrow.

China's government,

which has been known to pressure countries against hosting the Dalai Lama, had warned against the Botswana visit. The Dalai Lama's statement says he thanked Botswana's president and government "for their unwavering principled stand to welcome him to their country, despite overwhelming pressure not to do so."

Neighboring South Afri-

ca in the past has denied the Dalai Lama a visa to visit.

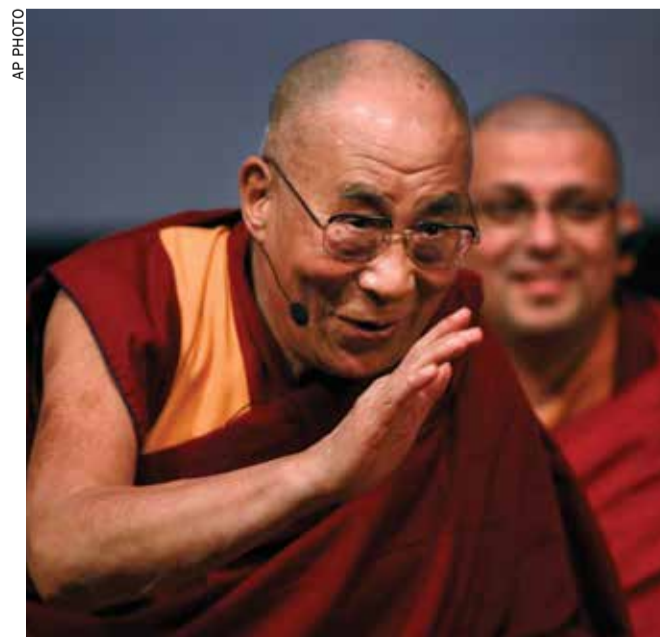
Beijing accuses the Dalai Lama of seeking to separate Tibet from China, which he denies. He fled from Tibet after a failed 1959 uprising against Chinese rule.

China doesn't recognize the Tibetan government-in-exile and hasn't held any dialogue with the re-

presentatives of the Dalai Lama since 2010.

The Tibetan leader's statement also says that "during the past few weeks, His Holiness has found that carrying out his activities has left him unusually tired." It says doctors have warned against long journeys.

The Dalai Lama has made similar statements in recent years. AP



UNITED STATES

Three dead, dozens injured, amid violent white nationalist rally

Sarah Rankin, Charlottesville

A car rammed into a crowd of protesters and a state police helicopter crashed into the woods Saturday as tension boiled over at a white supremacist rally. The violent day left three dead, dozens injured and this usually quiet college town a bloodied symbol of the nation's roiling racial and political divisions.

The chaos erupted around what is believed to be the largest group of white nationalists to come together in a decade — including neo-Nazis, skinheads, members of the Ku Klux Klan — who descended on the city to “take America back” by rallying against plans to remove a Confederate statue. Hundreds came to protest against the racism. There were street brawls and violent clashes; the governor declared a state of emergency, police in riot gear ordered people out and helicopters circled overhead.

Peaceful protesters were marching downtown, carrying signs that read “black lives matter” and “love.” A silver Dodge Challenger suddenly came barreling through “a sea of people” and smashed into another car, said Matt Korbon, a 22-year-old University of Virginia student.

The impact hurled people into the air and blew off their shoes. A 32-year-old woman was killed as she crossed the street.

“It was a wave of people flying at me,” said Sam Becker, 24, sitting in the emergency room to be treated for leg and hand injuries.

Those left standing scattered, screaming and running for safety. Video caught the car reversing, hitting more people, its windshield splintered from the collision and bumper dragging on the pavement. Medics carried the injured, bloodied and crying, away as a police tank rolled down the street.

The driver, James Alex Fields Jr., a 20-year-old who recently moved to Ohio from where he grew up in Kentucky, was charged with second-degree murder and other counts. Field's mother, Samantha Bloom, told The Associated Press on Saturday night that she knew her son was attending a rally in Virginia but didn't know it was a white supremacist rally.

“I thought it had something to do with Trump. Trump's not a white supremacist,” said Bloom, who became visibly upset as she learned of the injuries and deaths at the rally.

“He had an African-American friend so ...,” she said before her voice trailed off. She added that she'd be surprised if her son's



People fly into the air as a vehicle drives into a group of protesters demonstrating against a white nationalist rally in Charlottesville

views were that far right.

His arrest capped off hours of unrest. Hundreds of people threw punches, hurled water bottles and unleashed chemical sprays. Some came prepared for a fight, with body armor and helmets. Videos that ricocheted around the world on social media showed people beating each other with sticks and shields.

Today's events in Virginia remind us that we must bring our country together by condemning violence, white supremacists and Nazi hate groups.

MAYOR JIM GRAY

Virginia Gov. Terry McAuliffe and Charlottesville Mayor Michael Signer, both Democrats, lumped the blame squarely on the rancor that has seeped into American politics and the white supremacists who came from out of town into their city, nestled in the foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains, home to Monticello,

Thomas Jefferson's plantation.

“There is a very sad and regrettable coarseness in our politics that we've all seen too much of today,” Signer said at a press conference. “Our opponents have become our enemies, debate has become intimidation.”

Some of the white nationalists at Saturday's rally cited President Donald Trump's victory after a campaign of racially-charged rhetoric as validation for their beliefs.

Trump criticized the violence in a tweet Saturday, followed by a press conference and a call for “a swift restoration of law and order.”

“We condemn in the strongest possible terms this egregious display of hatred, bigotry and violence on many sides,” he said.

The “on many sides” ending of his statement drew the ire of his critics, who said he failed to specifically denounce white supremacy and equated those who came to protest racism with the white supremacists. The Rev. Jesse Jackson noted that Trump for years questioned President Barack Obama's citizenship and his legitimacy as the first black president, and has fanned the flames of white resentment.

“We are in a very dangerous place right now,” Jackson said. McAuliffe said at Saturday's press conference that he spoke to Trump on the phone, and insisted that the president must work to combat hate.

Trump said he agreed with McAuliffe “that the hate and the

division must stop and must stop right now.”

Attorney General Jeff Sessions announced late Saturday that federal authorities will pursue a civil rights investigation into the circumstances surrounding the crash.

The violence and deaths in Charlottesville strike at the heart of American law and justice,” Sessions wrote. “When such actions arise from racial bigotry and hatred, they betray our core values and cannot be tolerated.”

President Donald Trump on Saturday blamed “many sides” for the violent clashes

Oren Segal, who directs the Anti-Defamation League's Center on Extremism, said multiple white power groups gathered in Charlottesville, including members of neo-Nazi organizations, racist skinheads and KKK factions. The white nationalist organizations Vanguard America and Identity Evropa; the Southern nationalist League of the South; the National Socialist Movement; the Traditionalist Workers Party; and the Fraternal Order of Alt Knights also were on hand, he said.

“We anticipated this event being the largest white supremacist ga-

thering in over a decade,” Segal said. “Unfortunately, it appears to have become the most violent as well.”

On the other side, anti-fascist demonstrators also gathered, but they generally aren't organized like white nationalist factions, said Heidi Beirich of the Southern Poverty Law Center.

In addition to Fields, at least three more men were arrested in connection to the protests

The Virginia State Police announced late Saturday that Troy Dunigan, a 21-year-old from Chattanooga, Tennessee, was charged with disorderly conduct; Jacob L. Smith, a 21-year-old from Louisa, Virginia, was charged with assault and battery; and James M. O'Brien, 44, of Gainesville, Florida, was charged with carrying a concealed handgun.

Just as the city seemed like to be quieting down, black smoke billowed out from the tree tops just outside of town as a Virginia State Police helicopter crashed into the woods.

Robby E. Noll, who lives in the county just outside Charlottesville, heard the helicopter sputtering.

“I turned my head to the sky. You could tell he was struggling to try to get control of it,” he said.

He said pieces of the helicopter started to break off as it fell from the sky.

Both troopers onboard, Lieutenant H. Jay Cullen, 48, and Berke M.M. Bates, one day shy of his 41st birthday, were killed. Police said the helicopter had been deployed to the violent protests in the city, which has been caught in the middle of the nation's culture wars since it decided earlier this year to remove a statue of Confederate Gen. Robert E. Lee, enshrined in bronze on horseback in the city's Emancipation Park.

In May, a torch-wielding group that included prominent white nationalist Richard Spencer gathered around the statue for a nighttime protest, and in July, about 50 members of a North Carolina-based KKK group traveled there for a rally. Spencer returned for Saturday's protest, and denied all responsibility for the violence. He blamed the police.

Signer said the white supremacist groups who came into his city to spread hate “are on the losing side of history.”

“Tomorrow will come and we will emerge,” he said, “I can promise you, stronger than ever.”

Four-hundred miles away, the mayor of Lexington, Kentucky, hinted that the white supremacists might get the opposite of what they'd hoped for.

Mayor Jim Gray announced on Twitter that he would work to remove the confederate monument at his county's courthouse.

“Today's events in Virginia remind us that we must bring our country together by condemning violence, white supremacists and Nazi hate groups,” he wrote. “We cannot let them define our future.” AP

Lorne Cook

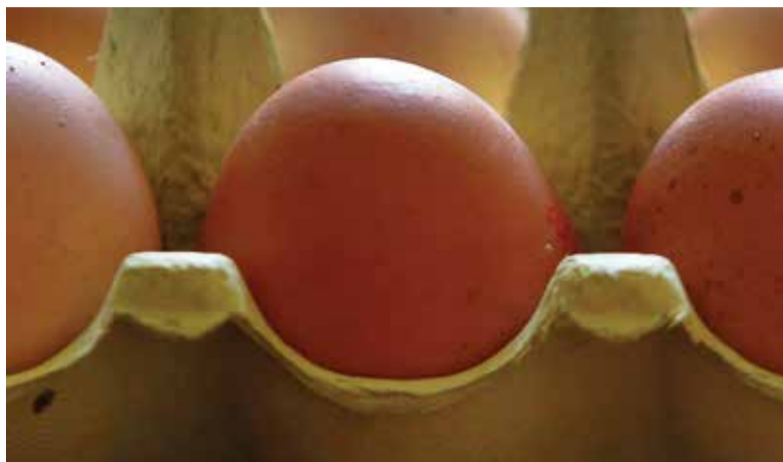
Widening egg scandal hits 17 countries in Europe

THE European Union said Friday that it plans to hold an extraordinary meeting late next month over a growing tainted egg scandal as it revealed that products contaminated with an insecticide have now spread to 17 countries.

Millions of eggs have been destroyed or pulled from supermarket shelves since July 20, when it was made public that the pesticide Fipronil, which is dangerous to human health, was found mixed with another treatment sprayed on chickens for ticks, fleas and lice, known as Dega 16.

Almost all lab tests show that only very low levels of Fipronil — seven to 10 times lower than the maximum permitted — have been detected in eggs from the treated chickens, although one test in Belgium was above the European limit. Poisoning by small doses has few effects and requires little treatment. Heavy and prolonged exposure can damage the kidneys and liver or cause seizures.

The scandal has caused major political fallout, with neighbors Belgium, the Netherlands and Germany squabbling over who is to blame, and who knew what and when. Poultry farmers have been hardest hit, and are blaming the chemical industry for compromising their business and exposing consumers to danger.



The EU's executive Commission said Friday that contaminated eggs have been found at producers in four countries; Belgium, France, Germany and the Netherlands. Eggs or egg products from those producers have reached Austria, Britain, Denmark, Ireland, Italy, Luxembourg, Poland, Romania, Slovenia, Slovakia and Sweden, as well as Switzerland and Hong Kong outside the EU.

The Commission announced that it is aiming to hold talks between EU ministers and food safety agencies concerned on Sept. 26.

"The aim is to draw the relevant lessons and discuss the ways to continuously improve the effectiveness of the EU system to deal with food fraud," Commission spokeswoman Mina Andreeva said.

She said the EU's "priority remains to manage the situation, to continue to coordinate and to reassure our citizens."

In France, Agriculture Minister Stephane Travert said that tests on imported eggs contaminated with pesticide show no risk to public health.

Travert said on RMC radio Friday that some 244,000 eggs imported from the Netherlands and Belgium and sold in France were affected.

He said test results received overnight from the French food safety agency on affected eggs and egg products showed "the level of contamination does not present a risk for the consumer."

France has also confirmed one farm in the Nord-Pas de Calais region was found to have used Fipronil, and is now blocked from selling eggs.

The Agriculture Ministry says the French farm reported on July 28, as the scandal was coming to light, that Dega 16 had been used on the farm by a Belgian subcontractor, and the ministry claims no eggs concerned have been sold.

Danish food safety authorities say 20 tons of boiled and peeled eggs linked to the pesticide scandal were sold in recent months to a distributor in Denmark, which in turn sold them to canteens, cafes and catering companies in the country.

The agency said Thursday the Danish distributor, Danaeg Products, has been ordered to recall the eggs because "the content is illegal" but "not dangerous."

German Agriculture Ministry spokeswoman Jennifer Reinhard said Friday "the facts need to be swiftly and fully investigated."

She noted that there are rapid alert systems that should be used if consumers are at risk.

"There must be no compromises when it comes to food safety," Reinhard said. "Information needs to be shared between (EU) member states without delay."

In Poland, Jan Bondar, a spokesman for the Chief Sanitary Inspectorate, said that an estimated 40,000 potentially contaminated eggs have been imported but were not sold to consumers. He said the eggs came from the Netherlands and were delivered by a German company. Contamination hasn't been confirmed but they came from farms where contaminated eggs were found. He said the eggs would either be destroyed or returned to the producer. AP

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 TIME: 10am-9pm
 UNTIL: October 8, 2017
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 ENQUIRIES: (853) 2836 6866

EXHIBITION BY FANNY LAM
 TIME: 10am to 7pm (Closed on Sundays and public holidays)
 UNTIL: August 24, 2017
 VENUE: Rui Cunha Foundation Gallery, No. 749, Av. da Praia Grande
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KISS AFRICA - MACAU + LUSOFONIA: RECENT WORKS BY EUGÉNIO NOVIKOFF SALES
 TIME: 3pm to 8pm
 UNTIL: September 3, 2017
 VENUE: Albergue SCM
 ADMISSION: Free
 ENQUIRIES: (853) 2852 2550

OX WAREHOUSE CHILDREN'S ARTLAND 2017
 TIME: 12pm-7pm
 UNTIL: September 27, 2017
 VENUE: Ox Warehouse and Cultural Affairs Bureau
 ADMISSION: Free
 ENQUIRIES: (853) 2853 0026

Offbeat

VAL KILMER VISITS TOMBSTONE FOR OLD WEST-THEMED EVENT

Val Kilmer rode through the streets of Tombstone in a horse-drawn wagon to the chants of "We love you Val!" on Saturday as the actor returned to the Old West town that was the setting of one of his most famous roles.

Kilmer came to Tombstone for the "Doc Holli-Days" event to celebrate the life of gunslinger Doc Holliday, whom Kilmer played in the 1993 movie "Tombstone." He also met with fans and was to attend a party to mark Holliday's birthday on Aug. 14.

Kilmer wore a cowboy hat, sunglasses and bright green shoes as he was led through town in the 1880s coach.

"Ladies and gentlemen might I please introduce one of the stars - if not the star, period - of our favorite movie and the object of our inaugural Doc Holli-Days, Val Kilmer," the public address announcer said as fans cheered and snapped up pictures.

Tombstone was once a bustling mining town that became synonymous with the Wild West following the shoot-out at the O.K. Corral involving Holliday and Wyatt Earp. The mines shut down years ago, but the town near the U.S.-Mexico border remains a popular tourist destination.

The town saw a surge in popularity after the hit 1993 movie "Tombstone," starring Kilmer, Kurt Russell and Sam Elliot. The movie was filmed at various locations in Arizona, but not in Tombstone.

Kilmer visited the town during the making of the movie but hadn't been back since.

Gunfight re-enactments are the event's big draw, but Kilmer will not participate in them, said Bruce Nielsen, president of the local Lions Club, which is organized the parade.

Many of the Doc Holli-Days events were sold out, generating concerns about crowd sizes. "I am concerned that the town is going to be overwhelmed," Nielsen said.

Doc Holli-Days is one of several weekend celebrations that Tombstone holds throughout the year, including Wyatt Earp Days and Helldorado Days.

It was during the 2015 Helldorado when an actor used real bullets instead of blanks during the re-enactment of a duel, wounding a participant and causing minor injuries to a bystander.

That prompted the town to write new regulations for its gunfights.

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13:00	TDM News (Repeated)
13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
14:50	RTPi Live
18:50	Now Generation (Repeated)
19:40	Soap Opera
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:00	Miscellaneous
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10 Aug - 16 Aug

DORAEMON THE MOVIE 2017

ROOM 1

2:30, 4:30PM

Director: Atsushi Takahashi

Starring: Wasabi Mizuta, Megumi Ohara, Yumi Kakazu

Language: Cantonese (Chinese)

Duration: 101min

THE BATTLESHIP ISLAND

ROOM 1

7:00, 9:30pm

Director: Ryoo Seung-Wan

Starring: Hwang Jung-Min, So Ji-Sub, Song Joong-Ki

Language: Korean & Japanese (Chinese & English)

Duration: 132min



THE EMOJI MOVIE

ROOM 2

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

Director: Tony Leondis

Starring: T.J. Miller, James Corden, Anna Faris

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 86min

DESPICABLE ME 3

ROOM 2

4:00pm

Director: Eric Guillon, Kyle Balda, Pierre Coffin

Starring: Steve Carell, Kristen Wiig, Trey Parker

Language: Cantonese

Duration: 90min

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ROOM 2

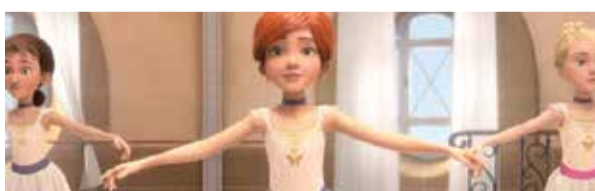
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Director: Matt Reeves

Starring: Woody Herrelson, Sara Canning, Judy Greer

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 140min



BALLERINA

ROOM 3

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

Director: Eric Summer, Erin Warin

Starring: Elle Fanning, Dane DeHaan, Carly Rae Jepsen

Language: Cantonese

Duration: 89min

47 METERS DOWN

ROOM 3

2:15, 6:00, 9:45pm

Director: Johannes Roberts

Starring: Mandy Moore, Claire Holt, Mathew Modine

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 89min

this day in history



2000 RESCUERS RACE TO SAVE STRICKEN KURSK

A rescue operation is underway to save the lives of more than 100 sailors on board a Russian submarine grounded at the bottom of the Barents Sea.

The vessel is believed to have been involved in an accident during a naval exercise in the Arctic Circle, which caused it to sink.

Details of the accident - which happened on Sunday - have only just been revealed by the Russians. Time is running out for the crew - some of whom are already feared dead - as oxygen supplies are running low.

Ten Russian ships are reported to be at the scene and rescuers are said to have lowered a diving bell to the stricken submarine.

Admiral Vladimir Kuroyedov, commander of Russia's navy, said: "Despite all efforts being made, the probability of a successful outcome is not very high."

After initially saying there was still radio contact with the submarine, the Russian Navy later admitted there was only "acoustic contact" or the sound of crewmen pounding on the hull.

The five-year-old Oscar II class nuclear craft, one of Russia's most advanced submarines, is lying powerless 500ft (152m) down on the floor of the Barents Sea.

It is still not clear what caused the sub to sink. It seems unlikely it collided with another submarine and Britain and the United States have denied any of their vessels were involved.

The Russian Navy has dismissed suggestions of a nuclear accident. It said the Kursk was not carrying any nuclear weapons and there was no evidence of any radiation leak.

Britain and the United States have offered to help with the rescue operation but there has so far been no request from Moscow.

Experts say temperature inside the sub will be a big problem. With the power turned off, it will get very cold inside and there will be little room to move about.

The Kursk, built in 1994, carries a minimum of 107 personnel. It is a nuclear strategic vessel that can carry up to 24 nuclear cruise missiles, used mainly in combat with ships.

Since its first nuclear submarine was launched 40 years ago, the Russian navy has had an appalling safety record. At least 507 submariners are said to have died in a series of disasters.

Spending on defense has been dramatically cut in recent years. Former Russian naval officers have told of poor maintenance, shortages of safety equipment and a slapdash approach to safeguarding reactors.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

Reports from US spy submarines claimed two onboard torpedo explosions caused the Kursk to sink.

According to sonar tapes and other recordings analyzed at the US National Maritime Intelligence Centre, a rocket-propelled torpedo misfired during loading or launch causing an explosion.

As the captain struggled to bring the sub to the surface, a second torpedo warhead exploded, tearing a hole in the bow and killing most of the crew.

An official Russian inquiry concluded no-one was to blame for the disaster, which it said was caused by a faulty torpedo. But relatives claimed the result was a whitewash.

All 118 people on board died. The Russians later confirmed a final "SOS, water" had been heard on the 14 August but after that there was no contact from the submarine.

In October 2001 a Dutch salvage team used a giant barge to pull the Kursk off the seabed and take it back to shore.

Russian President Vladimir Putin was severely criticized for his handling of the crisis. He was on holiday at the time of the disaster and did not return to Moscow.

He later promised the bodies of the sailors would be recovered and returned to their families whatever the cost. According to the Russian press, 23 million roubles was paid in compensation to the families who lost loved ones on the Kursk.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19

It won't be tough at all to talk yourself into spending a few extra dollars on a dear one to make this a very special Valentine's Day.

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21

You're definitely going to feel torn - in at least two directions. First off, you'll want to keep those wonderful, special reservations you've made - which may be tough to do, even though they weren't easy to get.

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22

Don't worry about losing your sanity. This phase you're going through is only temporary. You simply want to do everything you possibly can to make your sweetheart's Valentine's Day special.

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22

It may have been a long time coming - at least in the eyes and in the heart of the person who's been waiting for the verdict - but you're ready to make a decision.

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Ready to raise some eyebrows? Well, when aren't you? Your freedom-seeking nature makes it all too easy to try something new, no matter who might have refused before you.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Money matters will be tricky to manage now. It's not that you'll be having problems with your checkbook, exactly, or that you won't be able to come up with what you need to make the day special.

Taurus April 20-May 20

If there was ever a time - no, absolutely destined - for the beginning of a romance, this, for you, is definitely it.

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22

Romance is in the air, without a doubt. Whether or not it's the kind of romance you can talk about is an entirely different story.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22

After days of dashing about, doing at least three things at once, you're suddenly in the mood to snuggle - and you know exactly who to invite to help satisfy that wish.

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

This will be a Valentine's Day you won't soon forget - for all the right reasons. You'll be especially emotional - but then, so will the person you've directed your loving, affectionate attention toward.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19

You were probably downright ecstatic when you woke up this morning. It's Valentine's Day, and finally, officially time to make your grand entrance at the home of your beloved.

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20

You never, ever miss a chance to spoil someone you love on a daily basis. So when a certain someone remembers to return the favor, don't you dare argue about it.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



SUDOKU

Sudoku puzzles categorized as Easy, Easy+, Medium, and Hard. Each puzzle is a 9x9 grid with some numbers pre-filled.

WEATHER

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

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ATHLETICS

Bolt takes a tumble and can't complete final race

Eddie Pells, London

USAIN Bolt was ramping into warp speed when suddenly, stunningly, the sprint turned into a somersault.

Fifteen steps into the final homestretch of his final race, something gave in his left hamstring. The World's Fastest Man skittered to a stop — hopping, skipping, jumping, then finally dropping to the ground and tumbling forward before coming to a rest.

While the winning team from Britain crossed the finish line, Bolt was writhing on the track, where he eventually wound up chest down with his face pressed into Lane 5. He was certainly every bit as stunned as any of the 60,000-plus who packed the stadium Saturday, or the millions watching one of the world's most entertaining showmen make his final curtain call in the 4x100-meter relay at world championships.

There was no celebration. No gold, no silver, not even a consolation bronze, the likes of which Bolt received a week earlier in his final 100-meter race.

Jamaica closed the night with "DNF" by its name: Did Not Finish. Dead last. Bolt was helped into a wheelchair, but eventually got to his feet and, assisted by his teammates, limped gingerly across the finish line. He gave a few waves to the crowd, then left for the trainer's room, and with that, presumably left track and field forever.

"Injuries are part of our sport and, always, of course, it's sad to see," said Wallace Spearmon, the American sprinter who has been close with Bolt for years and was on hand helping the U.S. team. "So, yeah, it's tragic."

The Jamaican team doctor, Kevin Jones, diagnosed the injury that brought a strange end to Bolt's career as, simply, a cramp in the champion's left hamstring.

"But a lot of pain is from disappointment from losing the race," Jones said. "The last three weeks have been hard for him, you know. We hope for the best for him."

■ Watching track's No. 1 sprinter and celebrity dropping to the ground was nothing short of jaw-dropping

Watching track's No. 1 sprinter and celebrity dropping to the ground was nothing short of jaw-dropping — so much so that the fact that Britain won the race, outrunning a United States team that, somewhat amazingly, didn't drop the baton, almost seemed like an afterthought.

Nethaneel Mitchell-Blake

held off U.S. anchorman Christian Coleman down the stretch and the Brits won their first-ever world title in the 4x100 in 37.47 seconds.

When Bolt took the baton from Yohan Blake for his final homestretch, he was in third place, but that was no cause for concern. In virtually each of the seven relay golds he's won at the Olympics and world championships, Bolt has reeled in the competition down the stretch and won going away, much the same as all his 100 victories have played out.

Five years and one day earlier, on the very same track, Bolt helped Jamaica set the world record. That run of 36.84 seconds earned Bolt the sixth of nine Olympic victories.

But last week in the 100, Bolt's extra gear was not enough either to catch Coleman, who finished second, or to hold off Justin Gatlin, the oft-boomed American who came from behind to finish first.

Could he have caught his relay competition in this one? Nobody will ever know. Bolt was gaining no ground at the 30-meter mark, which is when he felt the pain in his leg and went tumbling.

Afterward, there was plenty of second-guessing to be done. Most of it came at the expense of the IAAF, which made the sprinters wait about 40 minutes from the time they were summoned from the warm-up room to the time the starting gun went off.

"I think this is crazy," Blake said. "Forty minutes. Waiting. Warming up. Waiting. Warming up. It just should not ha-

ppen. To have your champion go out like that. It's crazy."

Said Gatlin, who remains insistent that Bolt will be back someday: "We lost all of our heat, all of our sweat, and we went out there cold."

Part of the wait was for the U.S. women's relay team to finish its victory celebration. Tori Bowie anchored the win and, with one day left in the meet, is the only athlete to win two gold medals in London. Also, a medal ceremony was held for Russian high jump champion Mariya Lasitskene, who is competing as a neutral athlete because of the doping crisis in her country and got to listen not to her own anthem, but to the IAAF's theme song, as she stood on the podium.

Other winners included Kevin Mayer of France in the decathlon and Johannes Vetter, whose victory in the javelin throw gave Germany its first gold of the championships.

In the undercard to the relays, Muktar Edris held off Mo Farah of Britain in the 5,000. With help of his Ethiopian teammates, Edris won a tactical cat-and-mouse race and denied Farah his fifth straight long-distance double, counting world championships and Olympics.

It was a fun race to watch.

But nobody steals the show the way Bolt does.

As if to prove that point one last time, he did it again — this time without even finishing the race. **AP**

Edris put an end to Mo Farah's dominance

IT was the familiar "Mobot" celebration on an unfamiliar face. Muktar Edris put an end to Mo Farah's dominance in the distance races at the world championships on Saturday, and he crossed the line doing the move that Farah made famous at the Olympics five years ago.

Edris out-kicked Farah down the stretch, beating the British runner at his own game in the final seconds of the 5,000-meter race.

"Mo has many victories but now I have one. I am the new champion for Ethiopia," Edris said. "That's why I did the 'Mobot.' I am the next champion."

Farah won the long-distance double at the 2012 London Olympics. As he crossed the finish line in those races, he raised his arms and put his hands on the top of his head, creating a sort of "M" shape. He's been using that pose ever since as he continued to rule the track by again winning the 5,000 and 10,000 at last year's Olympics in Rio de Janeiro.

He didn't have enough in his legs to get his arms up over his head this time, settling for silver and falling down on the track in exhaustion after crossing the line.

"I gave it all," said Farah, who was running on the track at a major championship for the last time. "I didn't have a single bit left at the end."

Farah, now 34 years old and a six-time world champion, knew the opposition would be gunning for him. And they did.

They boxed Farah in. They changed the pace of the race. They made him work hard knowing that his 10,000-meter victory on the opening day of the championships would take something out of his punishing finish.

"Tactically, I was trying to cover every move," Fa-



rah said. "They had the game plan. One of them was going to sacrifice themselves. That's what they did tonight, and the better man won."

Edris won in 13 minutes, 33.79 seconds, finishing .43 seconds ahead of Farah. Paul Chelimo of the United States took bronze.

"I was highly prepared for this race and I knew I was going to beat Mo Farah," Edris said. "After the 10km, he was maybe tired so he did not have enough for the last kick. I was stronger."

It wasn't the medal Farah was after, but there will likely be more chances for gold. Unlike Usain Bolt, who is retiring from the sport following this year's worlds, Farah is just switching disciplines and will soon start competing in marathons.

That means Farah could still be taking his familiar spot at the top of the podium at the Olympics or the worlds sometime in the near future, and maybe even employing the "Mobot" once again.

Until then, though, he'll have some fond memories of the track.

"It's been amazing," Farah said. "It's been a long journey but it's been incredible."

opinion

Rear Window
Severo Portela



IGNORE THE CONTENT

Almost nobody in good faith would doubt the diligence and seriousness with which the Electoral Affairs Commission for the Legislative Assembly Election - aka CAEAL - took the mission to update the rules which frame the 6th selection of the MSAR legislative council. Unfortunately, the outcome of almost each and every CAEAL ruling on campaign matters looks likely to become a gross violation of the Basic Law. Viewed from another perspective, the very drafting of the regulation seems to be an involuntary exercise in political satire.

Candidate Agnes Lam, herself a former journalist and now the deputy Dean of UM's Faculty of Social Sciences, says the campaign rules are "suppressing" the campaign itself. Indeed, the haze of permitted civic matters (as per CAEAL lingo) and forbidden political and electoral stuff, followed by a decisive (we do have to pinch ourselves) requirement to delete from online platforms "information that aims to draw public attention to candidates"...is not only funny, but calls for an accommodation of a cloud patrol. Better to choose as a bedside book happy Huxley than gloomy Orwell.

Apparently, the leader of the pro-democracy camp, Sulu Sou, was alarmed enough to hide his pages and delete forbidden information and messages. Until the second of September, rooky candidates are not allowed to promote their opinions; on the other hand, the current legislators can give voice to their sentences on the Nam Van Lakes floor. Speaking of asymmetry or plain unfairness...even given the apparent CAEAL standards! It is not at all comforting that the chairman of the Electoral Affairs Commission is a judge by trade, Tong Hio Fong.

In the coming campaign fortnight, will all 192 candidates go full throttle to make the most for the four-yearly electoral season? Yes and no. CAEAL has in place guidelines for everything from the notice boards to propaganda material, subject to a lucky draw, to the venues where the candidates are allowed to conduct promotional activities, subject to another lucky draw. Even the roads to traverse and the designated campaign venues will be subject to a lucky draw.

As mentioned above, we admit that the Tong Hio Tong committee does not lack diligence or rationale to address the CAEAL mission, despite the ensemble looking like a mix of double-talkers and paternalism. But we think CAEAL went too far in the process of hyper-regulating a simple electoral process; a pimple political process happening every four years. It is true the tightening happens when refreshing the Legislative Assembly; but there is no advantage in handling the electoral process to such an extent that subordination of political credibility is at stake. Ignore the content and vote.

Departing veteran legislator, Chan Meng Kam, saw the trap of irrelevance and left a serious warning about the sluggish democratization in the Macau Special Administrative Region where the directly-elected lawmakers are in a rude minority. Macau is going to vote in the sixth chamber: 19 appointed members (7) and representing functional constituencies (12); and only 14 directly-elected members. Just do the math!

THE BUZZ TOURIST GIVES NAZI SALUTE IN GERMANY, IS BEATEN UP

Police say a drunken American man was punched by a passer-by as he gave the stiff-armed Nazi salute multiple times in downtown Dresden. Dresden police said yesterday the 41-year-old, whose name and hometown weren't given for privacy reasons, suffered minor injuries in the 8:15 a.m. Saturday assault. Police say the American, who is under investigation for violating Germany's laws against the display

of Nazi symbols or slogans, had an extremely high blood alcohol level. His assailant fled the scene, and is being sought for causing bodily harm. It's the second time this month that tourists have gotten themselves into legal trouble for giving the Nazi salute. On August 5 two Chinese tourists were caught taking photos of themselves making the gesture in front of Berlin's Reichstag building.

Leaked email shows HBO negotiating with hackers

HACKERS last week released an email from HBO in which the company expressed willingness to pay them USD250,000 as part of a negotiation over data swiped from HBO's servers.

The July 27 email was sent by John Beyler, an HBO executive who thanked the hackers for "making us aware" of previously unknown security vulnerabilities. The executive asked for a 1-week delay and said HBO was willing to make a "good faith" payment of \$250,000, calling it a "bug bounty" reward for IT professionals rather than a ransom.

HBO declined to comment. A person close to the investigation confirmed the authenticity of the email, but said it was an attempt to buy time and assess the situation. The same hackers have subsequently released two dumps of HBO material and demanded a multi-million dollar ransom. Whether or not HBO ever intended to follow through with its \$250,000 offer, the email raised questions Friday among security professionals about the importance of the data and whether HBO's reaction might encourage future attacks.

"It's interesting that they're spinning it as a bug bounty program," said Pablo Garcia, CEO of FFRI North America, based in Aliso Viejo, California. "They're being extorted. If it was a bug bounty, it'd be on the up and up."

Beyler's email to the hackers said the company was working "very hard" to review



Nikolaj Coster-Waldau as Jaime Lannister in an episode of "Game of Thrones"

all the material they provided, and also trying to figure out a way to make a large transaction in bitcoin, the hackers' preferred payment method.

"You have the advantage of having surprised us," Beyler wrote. "In the spirit of professional cooperation, we are asking you to extend your deadline for one week."

The first HBO hack became publicly known on July 31. Beyler's email, sent several days earlier, might have been an attempt to make the problem go away without too much bad publicity for HBO, said Sanjay Goel, a professor at the University at Albany and chairman of its information technology management department.

"Hackers are not in this game for \$250,000; this probably took them a lot of time and effort," Goel said. "That's a very, very small amount in these kinds of negotiations."

Then, on Monday, hackers using the name "Mr. Smith" posted a fresh cache of stolen HBO files online, and demanded that the network pay a ransom of several million dollars to prevent further such

releases.

The leaks included scripts from "Game of Thrones" episodes and a month's worth of email from the account of HBO's vice president for film programming. There were also internal documents, including a report of legal claims against the network and job offer letters to top executives.

HBO has said that it is working with law enforcement and cybersecurity firms to investigate the attack, which is the latest to hit a Hollywood business. In April, a hacker claimed to have released episodes of Netflix's "Orange is the New Black" ahead of their official launch date.

The leaks so far have fallen well short of the chaos inflicted on Sony in 2014.

But paying ransoms to hackers can be dangerous because it shows that being a bad-guy hacker is a good business, said cybersecurity expert Oren Falkowitz, CEO of Redwood City, California-based Area 1 Security. Companies would be better off investing in preventing email spear-fishing attempts and other hacking techniques, he said. AP

Station	Air quality	
Roadside	15-35 Good	😊
High Density Residential Area	20-40 Good	😊
Ambient	20-40 Good	😊

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WORLD BRIEFS



NEPAL Landslides and flooding triggered by heavy rain have killed at least 47 people in southern Nepal and left thousands homeless, police said yesterday. The death toll was expected to go up, with around two dozen other people missing and feared dead after three days of heavy downpours.

INDIA Soldiers and rescue workers in northern India pulled out 13 bodies from two buses buried in mud from a landslide that was triggered yesterday by heavy monsoon rains. Police said more victims may still be found in the debris.

ISRAEL The world's oldest man who lived through both World Wars and survived the Auschwitz concentration camp has passed away just a month short of his 114th birthday, his family said Saturday. Israel Kristal was born to an Orthodox Jewish family near the town of Zarnow in Poland in 1903.



KENYAN opposition leader Raila Odinga urged his supporters to skip work today to protest what he charged were rigged elections that gave victory to President Uhuru Kenyatta. The government denounced violent demonstrations as unlawful and urged Kenyans to return to their jobs. More on FT

EGYPT's prosecution ordered yesterday the detention of four people including two train drivers for 15 days over a deadly train crash near the coastal city of Alexandria that killed 43 people and injured scores, judicial officials said.

THE DECISIVE MOMENT

AP Photo/Petros Giannakouris



A full moon rises above the 5th Century B.C. Temple of Poseidon at Cape Sounio, south of Athens.