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KOREAS U.S. and South Korean troops kick off their annual drills that come after President Donald Trump and North Korea exchanged warlike rhetoric in the wake of the North's two intercontinental ballistic missile tests last month. South Korean President Moon Jae-in (pictured, center) said the drills are "defensive in nature."

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Gaming secrets may be unveiled in lawsuit against LVS

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Two PSP officers arrested for smuggling

Two police officers have been arrested for assisting persons banned from entering Macau with entry into the territory. The implicated officers were working for the Public Security Police Force's immigration department at Cotai's border checkpoints. The main culprit and mastermind is allegedly a 29-year-old officer who began serving the city's police force in 2009, while the second officer has served the PSP since 2011. The case was first reported to the Judiciary Police (PJ) at the beginning of June, when the PJ discovered smuggling groups entering and leaving Macau from Cotai's border checkpoints. The operations lasted a minimum of eight months, with the officers smuggling at least ten people in and out of Macau. The two officers received between HKD10,000 and HKD30,000 each time a smuggling operation was successfully undertaken.

Suspected arson burnt seven motorbikes

Early Sunday morning, a suspected arson attack occurred at Iao Han district, resulting in seven burnt motorbikes. Parts of a van parked near to the motorbikes, the outdoor unit of an air conditioner, and a nearby shop's gate were also burnt, along with two bunk beds and some belongings in a flat on the second floor of a nearby building. The Fire Service is treating the fire as suspicious and has forwarded the case to the Judiciary Police, stating that they suspect someone was responsible for the incident. Rates of arson dramatically increased last year, with the number of cases in the 12-month period ending May 2017 150 percent higher than in the previous period ending May 2016.

Renato Marques

THE police arrested a 20-year-old man from mainland China after a series of tourist robberies in the surrounding area of the city's most emblematic tourist landmark, the Ruins of Saint Paul's, the Public Security Police Force (PSP) informed yesterday at a press conference.

The man was initially spotted by officers on patrol in the area on Saturday, when they noticed his suspicious behavior. The officers recall the suspect carefully observing tourists as they moved in and out of local shops.

The PSP officers then decided to follow him from a distance and eventually caught him red-handed stealing a wallet from a tourist who was shopping in one of the stores.

When he noticed that the officers were following him, the man tried to escape, disposing of a bag that he was carrying in the attempt. He then resisted the arrest - and consequently injured one of the officers - before he was finally detained.

The police found in the suspect's wallet, among other possessions, the equivalent of MOP6,848, denominated in three different currencies (TWD, HKD and RMB).

Upon searching the bag that the suspect had hastily disposed of, the police discovered a mobile phone that the man later admitted to have stolen from another, unidentified victim.

A third victim of the same man was then confirmed via a complaint presented at a police station. The man presenting the complaint, who came from Hong Kong, recalled a similar account to that the officers had observed with the suspect.

Taken into custody, the suspected admitted to all the three thefts and was present yesterday at the Public Prosecutions Office (MP), where he was charged for the crimes of theft and resisting arrest.

In an unrelated case also reported

Thief caught at tourist site after injuring officer



yesterday, a woman was the victim of a violent attempted robbery.

The incident occurred about midnight on Sunday at the pedestrian bridge that leads to the entrance of The Venetian Macao resort. The woman recalled sitting on the stairs speaking to a friend on her mobile phone when a man passed by and threw a soft drink can at her.

The victim said she thought the man was drunk and did nothing besides looking at him. However, the act was merely a distraction to avert her attention while a second suspect attacked her from behind and attempted to steal her handbag.

Her resistance was met with a physical assault from the two men, with one kicking her in the neck while the other punched her in the face.

The assailants eventually ran off - without her bag in their possession - after the victim started to call for help. She required and received treatment at the hospital for her injuries.

The PJ is still investigating the case.

Currency exchange scams see more victims

THE Judiciary Police (PJ) has informed that currency exchange scams continue to have a high incidence rate in Macau, with several cases reported over the weekend.

In one of the highlighted cases presented at the press conference yesterday, a man from mainland China claimed to have lost a total of HKD750,000 when on August 17 he was approached by another man offering to convert the funds into RMB.

The 30-year-old suspect, also from mainland China, called the victim and arranged a meeting in a hotel room he was renting.

The victim, accompanied by some of his friends, went to the venue to meet the suspect. While they were waiting for the exchange, the suspect suddenly put the cash in the room's safe box and left.

Suspecting a scam, the victim

called the police and stayed inside the hotel room.

Before the police arrived, the suspect called the victim and asked to meet him at the hotel lobby. The victim sent his friend who intercepted the suspect and held him until the arrival of the police.

In a separate case on August 16, a gambler from the mainland offered to exchange another mainlander's RMB52,500 into HKD60,000. The victim then transferred the money to the suspect's bank account electronically using his mobile phone.

The suspect said that he did not have in his possession the device needed to transfer the HKD and asked the victim to wait for him while he retrieved it.

Upon the suspect's disappearance, the victim filed a complaint with the PJ. The next day the suspect was intercepted while trying to leave the territory.

HK tourists contract food poisoning at Galaxy

THE Centre for Health Protection (CHP) of the Department of Health of Hong Kong reported six cases of food poisoning in Hong Kong residents, thought to be linked to Festiva restaurant at Galaxy Macau.

A statement released by CHP says that the bureau is "investigating a suspected outbreak of food poisoning in a tour group and hence urged the public to maintain good personal, food and environmental hygiene

to prevent food-borne diseases."

"The outbreak affected six members of the tour group, comprising two men and four women aged from 44 to 80, who developed abdominal pain, diarrhea and vomit-

ing 14 to 40 hours after their lunch buffet in a restaurant in a hotel in Macau on August 13."

The alleged food poisoning symptoms were detected after the group of people dined at Festiva, at Galaxy Macau.

The stool specimen of one patient tested positive for vibrio phraehemolyticus, a type of bacteria that causes gastrointestinal illness.

Three of the afflicted

sought medical attention in Hong Kong and required no hospitalization. All are in a stable condition.

"Investigations are ongoing. We are maintaining close liaisons with the travel agent concerned and have informed the health authority of Macau for follow-up," stated CHP.

According to a report by HKO1, there were between 160 and 170 people in the tour group.

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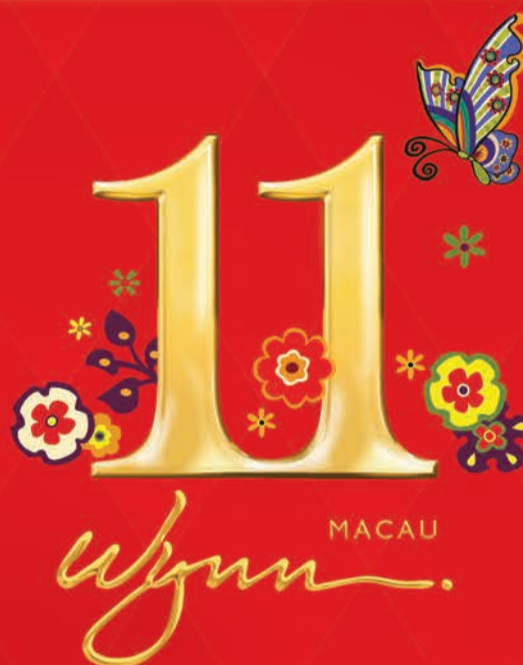
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Sulu Sou denies bribery accusations against New Macau Association



Sulu Sou



New Macau board members, including president Scott Chiang (center, back), during an internal election last year

NEW Macau Association (ANM) member Caruso Fong reported to the Public Prosecution Office (MP) that several members of the association, including its current leaders, were bribed by the chairman of ANM's supervisory board, Andrew Cheong.

Cheong was also a witness who testified during cases brought against the defendants in the corruption case

of Ho Chio Meng, the city's former top prosecutor.

Fong called for the MP to investigate Cheong regarding allegations that he was illegally awarded a MOP30 million project from the Transport Bureau (DSAT).

Fong suspects that Cheong used his illegally obtained money to bribe New Macau's leaders and control the association's leadership.

In particular, Fong claimed that Cheong had bribed ANM's current leaders, including one surnamed Sou, one surnamed Chiang, and another surnamed Chao.

The bribery accusation asserts that Cheong paid for flights to Taiwan for Sou and Chiang, as well as for their accommodation there, and that Cheong had provided Chao with a full-time job, in addition to flights and

accommodation when Chao traveled abroad. The allegations suggest that none of the expenses were recorded for transparency purposes.

Fong said that he had asked ANM to declare all the funds it received. However, he did not get any response from the New Macau leaders.

According to a report by Macao Post Daily, New Macau president Sulu Sou denied Fong's accusations.

According to Sou, ANM has also filed a complaint to the MP against Fong for defamation. He added that Fong is no longer a member of the association.

Cheong confirmed that Jason Chao, a former New Macau president and vice-president, has been working for him since 2006.

■ The bribery accusation asserts that Cheong paid for flights and accommodation for New Macau leaders

Current vice-president of ANM, Sulu Sou, is running in the Legislative Assembly elections next month, top-listed on the New Macau ticket. He is expected to take over from current association president, Scott Chiang, once the latter steps down after the election.

Paul Chan, a former legislator who served a term in office after the 2009 Legislative Assembly (AL) election, is placed second on the New Macau ticket.

Construction on new water treatment plant to begin soon

AFTER three years of preparation, Macao Water is slated to commence construction of the Seac Pai Van Water Treatment Plant in Coloane soon.

Covering an area of 17,000 square meters next to Seac Pai Van Reservoir on Estrada do Altimho de Ká Hó, Seac Pai Van Water Treatment Plant will be built with an investment of around MOP1 billion from the city's water company.

The new water treatment plant is a high-standard water treatment facility that uses energy-efficient, emission-reducing intelligent technology

to facilitate the city's water recycling.

At the sidelines of the launch ceremony yesterday, Director of the Marine and Water Bureau Susana Wong estimated that construction of the fourth water supply pipeline will be complete by the end of 2019.

"The mainland water supply company is trying to complete the project by the end of [2019]. Any project progress will be reported to the SAR government, [Macao Water] will stay in close contact with them," Wong said.

Wong also noted that Macau's water usage has continuously increased in

recent years, and that efforts to save water should be implemented gradually.

"Macau's population and economy activities are increasing, so it is normal for Cotai [operators'] water usage volume to surge in a short time. The bureau hopes to build Macau into a 'Saving Water' city gradually," Wong added.

Meanwhile, executive director of Macao Water Nacky Kwan announced a 4.2 percent increase in water consumption from January to July this year, and expects a 2 percent rise during the summer holidays.

Real estate transactions rise to MOP30 billion

INFORMATION from the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC) indicated that a total of 4,589 building units and parking spaces were purchased and sold in the second quarter of 2017 as per the Stamp Duty record.

The total value of transactions for the building units and parking spaces was MOP30.1 billion, with the two components up by 37.5 percent and 67.9 percent quarter-to-quarter respectively.

The sale of residential units totalled 3,562, an increase of 1,249 units; the total value amounted to MOP25.64 billion,

up by 88.3 percent. Among them, the number of pre-sale residential units sold increased by 123.2 percent to 683, while the total value climbed by 145.3 percent to MOP7.54 billion.

Meanwhile, the purchase and sale of existing residential units totalled 2,879, amounting to MOP18.1 billion, up by 43.4 percent and 71.7 percent respectively.

The average price of pre-sale residential units increased by 7.3 percent quarter-to-quarter to MOP138,840 per square metre. Most of the residential units purchased and sold

were located in Baixa da Taipa (394), followed by Coloane (100) and Novos Aterros da Areia Preta (48). The respective average prices per square metre were MOP144,898, MOP136,178 and MOP127,991.

In the second quarter of 2017, a total of 4,102 real estate purchase and sale contracts were signed, and the number of properties sold rose by 1 percent quarter-to-quarter to 4,118. Meanwhile, 3,737 mortgage contracts were signed and the number of properties involved (5,383) increased by 26.8 percent.

Daniel Beitler

GAMING

LVS must go to trial to fight compensation battle, courts rule

LAS Vegas Sands (LVS) will be forced to go to trial in Macau to defend its 2002 decision to drop joint venture partner Asian American Entertainment Corporation (AAEC) Limited from its Macau gaming concession bid, the Macau Daily Times has learned.

After a series of applications, appeals and counter-appeals in Macau's Court of First Instance and Court of Second Instance, it was decided that the proceedings will carry forward in the Court of First Instance, which in practical terms means that the U.S. company must undergo trial.

Las Vegas Sands, the parent company of local subsidiary Sands China, had partnered with AAEC, led by Taiwanese businessman Marshall Hao, to submit the joint bid during the gaming liberalization years. During the tender process, LVS abandoned AAEC to instead join up with Hong Kong's Galaxy Entertainment Group, and ultimately secured one of the city's concessions.

The case that will shortly unfold in Macau courts concerns a commercial relationship that AAEC claims was unjustly breached and LVS says had expired by the time LVS decided to merge with Galaxy.

The joint venture agreement had an expiry date set for shortly after the January 2002 concessionaire tender was due to be settled. However, the tender application process was eventually concluded only after the agreement's expiry date.

The crux of the dispute is whether that joint venture agreement was renewed by the two parties or was otherwise in force when LVS merged with Galaxy.

"There is no doubt the agreement was breached; the question is whether it was still in force [at the time that LVS joined with Galaxy]," a legal source with knowledge on the matter told the Times. This latest decision means "it is now unquestionable that [LVS] will undergo trial," the source added.

"[LVS] did all they could to avoid a trial, but they lost this battle," the source continued. "Losing the battle does not mean that they are losing the war. Not at all. That has not yet even been discussed. But they have spent millions [of U.S. dollars] to no avail in trying to avoid a trial."

The source requested to remain anonymous due to the sensitivity of the case.

The Times requested a comment from LVS, but did not receive a reply by press time.

Marshall Hao is claiming compensation for the breach of contract, seeking to recover the 70 percent stake in the

concessionaire company originally contracted with a once cash-strapped LVS.

"Asian American had over 70 percent of a joint venture with [LVS], which we invited to bid in Macau. However, [LVS] got a whole gaming sub-concession, while we got nothing," Hao told the Times.

"This decision from the Court of Appeal confirms that Asian American will have a trial and will see its claim adjudicated by an independent court for the first time in over 15 years," he added.

"We believe we have the strongest claim ever filed against [LVS] over their gaming sub-concession. It is only fair for Asian American to be compensated."

But it is not just Hao's compensation at stake.

The case threatens to unearth secrets from the 2001 and 2002 negotiations involving the other gaming concessionaires, the local government under former chief executive Edmund Ho, and possibly even Beijing.

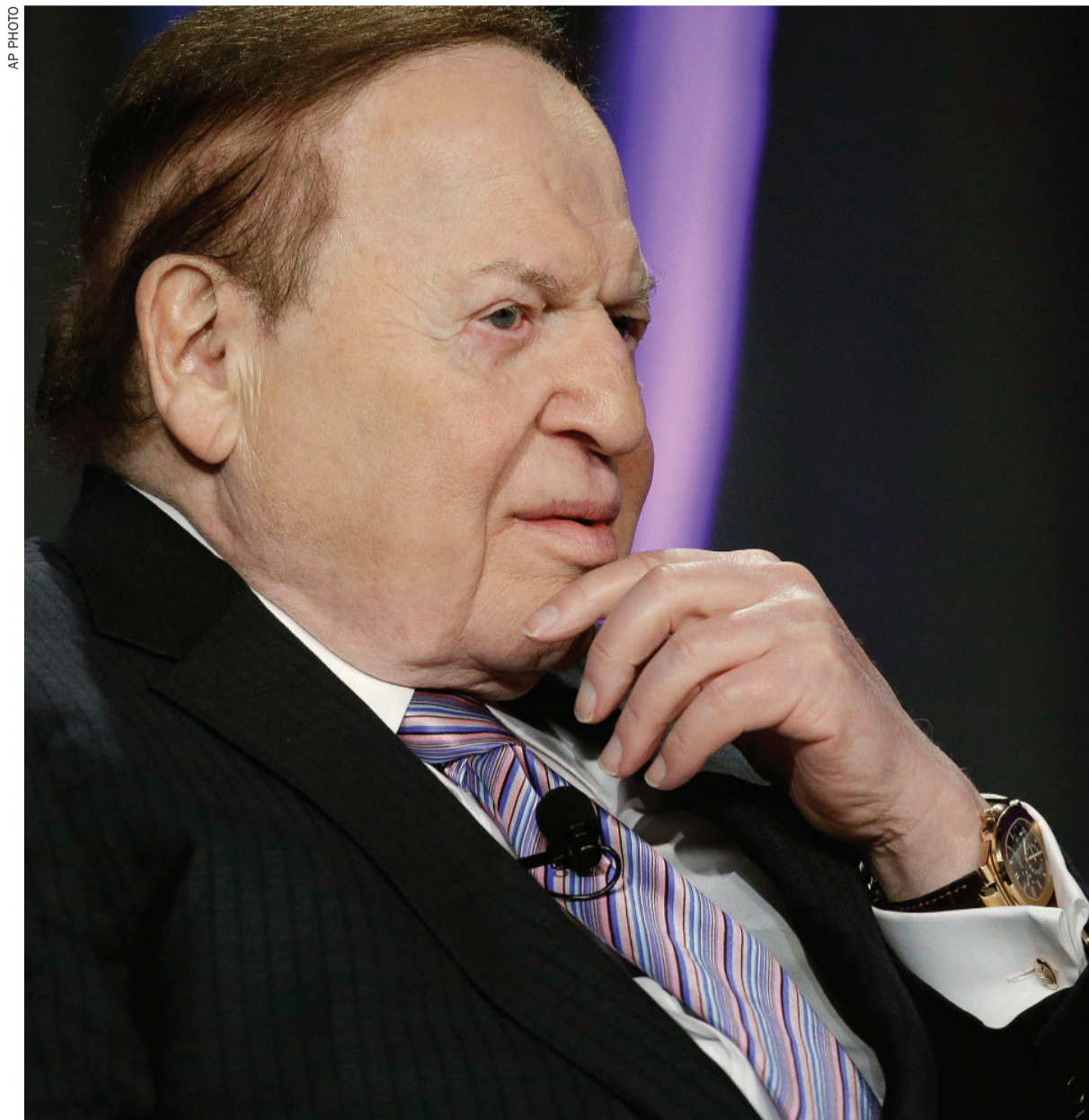
The case threatens to unearth secrets from the 2001 and 2002 gaming concession talks

As the legal source told the Times, "Under trial all sorts of secrets come out. When witnesses are under pressure, sometimes they say things that they had not intended."

Edmund Ho had been earlier requested as a witness by the prosecution, asked to testify in writing rather than in person. However, current chief executive Chui Sai On, acting in the 'interest of the region', decided to bar his predecessor from reporting to the trial.

With the appeals and counter-appeals postponed until after the verdict, the trial is expected to start most likely in 2019, though it could be as early as next year.

This means that the 2002 arrangements discussed in the trial may run parallel to the concessionaire renewal talk ahead of the casino license expiry dates between 2020 and 2022.



Sheldon Adelson, CEO of Las Vegas Sands

Appeal and counter-appeal: the story so far

LAS Vegas Sands has made several concerted efforts in the last few years to prevent a trial from taking place, in both Macau and the U.S.

In 2007, Asian American (AAEC) filed a lawsuit in the U.S. District Court in Nevada, but it was dismissed following a U.S. Court of Appeals ruling, due in part to Nevada's three-year statute of limitations for such claims. Asian American chose to file a lawsuit in Macau in January 2012.

In April 2012, LVS filed an anti-suit injunction in the District Court of Nevada to enjoin Asian American and its representatives from initiating and litigating a suit in Macau. In June, the Nevada court rejected the anti-suit injunction, saying "federal courts are generally reluctant to inject themselves in the proceedings of the courts of other sovereign nations." The court also agreed that Asian American's claims had "never been actually litigated."

Later, in the context of the Macau litigation, LVS, based on grounds similar to those used in the Nevada anti-suit injunction, requested that Macau courts follow the U.S. decision – especially since the dismissal was recognized by the Macau Court of Second Instance (TSI) – however the Court of First Instance (TJB) ruled that the case could not be dismissed purely because of a precedent set in another country.

The gaming operator then lodged another appeal in the TSI against the TJB's decision,

pushing for two crucial conditions: Firstly that the appeal would be delivered immediately to the TSI for consideration, and secondly that the appeal would temporarily suspend the trial. In the event of a successful appeal, this would prevent a trial from taking place at all.

This was ultimately rejected following a counter-appeal launched by AAEC who, having won the initial appeal in the TJB, had nothing to gain by risking the matter being discussed in the TSI.

The Court of First Instance ruled on the matter and determined that the proceedings would not be halted but that the appeal would be delivered immediately to the TSI. In consequence, both the trial of the case and its appeal would be conducted simultaneously, with the latter considered to have a high probability of being settled first, thereby potentially preventing the trial from reaching its natural conclusion.

A final counter-appeal launched by AAEC argued that the TJB had erred in ordering the appeal to be immediately delivered to the TSI, and that, pursuant to the rules of the Civil Procedure Code, the appeal should only be delivered after the verdict of the trial.

The conclusion is that the trial will now proceed as normal in the TJB and any further appeals will have no impact on the pace of the proceedings, rather they will be considered after the trial's conclusion. **DB**

Poor regulation, security hinder Philippine gaming growth

Poor regulation and security in the Philippine casino market are preventing the country from becoming one of Asia's top gambling destinations.

A report issued by Newswires remarked that a series of troubling events in the past several months has marred the Philippines' ambitions, meaning that the country has failed to attract big-name Western investors.

Several incidents, including an arson attack at a gaming resort following lax security which claimed 38 lives, and the abduction of a Singaporean woman from a casino by members of an alleged Chinese-run gambling syndicate, have placed Philippine casino regulations under scrutiny.

Another disconcerting incident involved Japan's Kazuo Okada, the chairman and billionaire figurehead of the new waterfront resort. He was ousted from his job amid an investigation into alleged improper payments.

Okada, the only high-profile foreigner investing in



Smoke billowing from the Resorts World complex in Pasay City where the arson attack in June took place

the region's gaming industry, was scheduled to formally open Okada Manila in July in Entertainment City. However, he was removed as chairman following an internal investigation.

Experts have determined that such events are hindering the growth of Manila's gaming sector.

"The credibility, the transparency, is just not there to satisfy the requirements of most international investor operators," said Ben Lee, managing partner of Ma-

cau-based IGamiX Management & Consulting.

Meanwhile, a U.S. State Department report in March described the Philippine casino sector as a "weak link" in anti-money laundering and terrorist financing and noted that criminal groups had "infiltrated casino operations" for organized crime.

The report also noted that drug traffickers "use the Philippine banking system, commercial enterprises, and particularly casinos, to transfer drug and other illi-

cit proceeds from the Philippines to offshore accounts."

The incidents have prompted the Philippine government, led by president Rodrigo Duterte, to propose action to clean up the casino industry and strengthen regulation.

Last month, the president signed a law to include casinos in anti-money laundering regulations, and has ordered law enforcement "to intensify the fight" against unlicensed gambling.

The government is considering ordering the country's state-owned casino operator, Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp (Pagcor), to start privatizing its casino assets by the end of the year. However, Pagcor has yet to begin any such process.

Newswires concluded that industry analysts said Pagcor has long provided a lucrative source of revenue for the government, contributing to a lack of political will to make changes at the regulatory level.

Flights to commence between northern Philippines and Macau

FLIGHTS between the Cagayan North International Airport in Lallo, a town in the northern Philippines, and Macau, are expected to commence by the fourth quarter of the year.

According to the Cagayan Economic Zone Authority (CEZA), the airport will start offering regular flights to Macau and other destinations in China.

It will offer two international flights every day to and from Macau. The flights will be hosted by International Pacific Airways, which will be operating an Airbus 320 and a Boeing 737 to transport tourists and gambling enthusiasts.

In a report by the Manila Times, CEZA

Administrator and Chief Executive Officer, Raul Lambino, said that the regular flights would add to the domestic flights the airport has been servicing since 2014, and help establish it as a regional hub.

"We are now talking with big firms in Hong Kong and Taipei for making use of the Cagayan North International Airport as the parking hub for their airplanes and helicopters," added Lambino.

The airport was completed three years ago and has been granted a limited aerodrome certificate, renewable every six months, and subject to the conditions set by the Civil Aviation Authority of the Philippines (CAAP).

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STEVE Wynn's recent winning streak in court is not only positioning the casino mogul to consolidate control of his empire - it could help him expand into Japan.

Courts in Macau and Nevada last month handed Wynn key victories, dismissing a USD1 billion lawsuit by his former business partner Kazuo Okada and, according to Wynn's lawyer, "beheading" the Japanese billionaire's claims in Las Vegas. The two have been feuding since Wynn pushed him out of Wynn Resorts Ltd., alleging he bribed Philippine gaming officials.

Wynn has also gained the upper hand against his ex-wife, Elaine Wynn, who claims he orchestrated her ouster from the company's board in 2015 in retaliation for her challenging the "tone at the top" and his "reckless mismanagement" of the casino operator.

Victories against both would make it harder for anyone to pursue an unsolicited offer for the business - a real concern for Wynn after he was forced to sell Mirage Resorts 17 years ago. And they could help persuade gaming regulators to grant him a license to open a casino in Japan.

"Steve Wynn is an incredible operator and for Japan he will be an asset," Alan Silver, an industry veteran who teaches at Ohio University, said by phone. "But regulators will look at everything, and if there are any skeletons, you got to get them out of the closet."

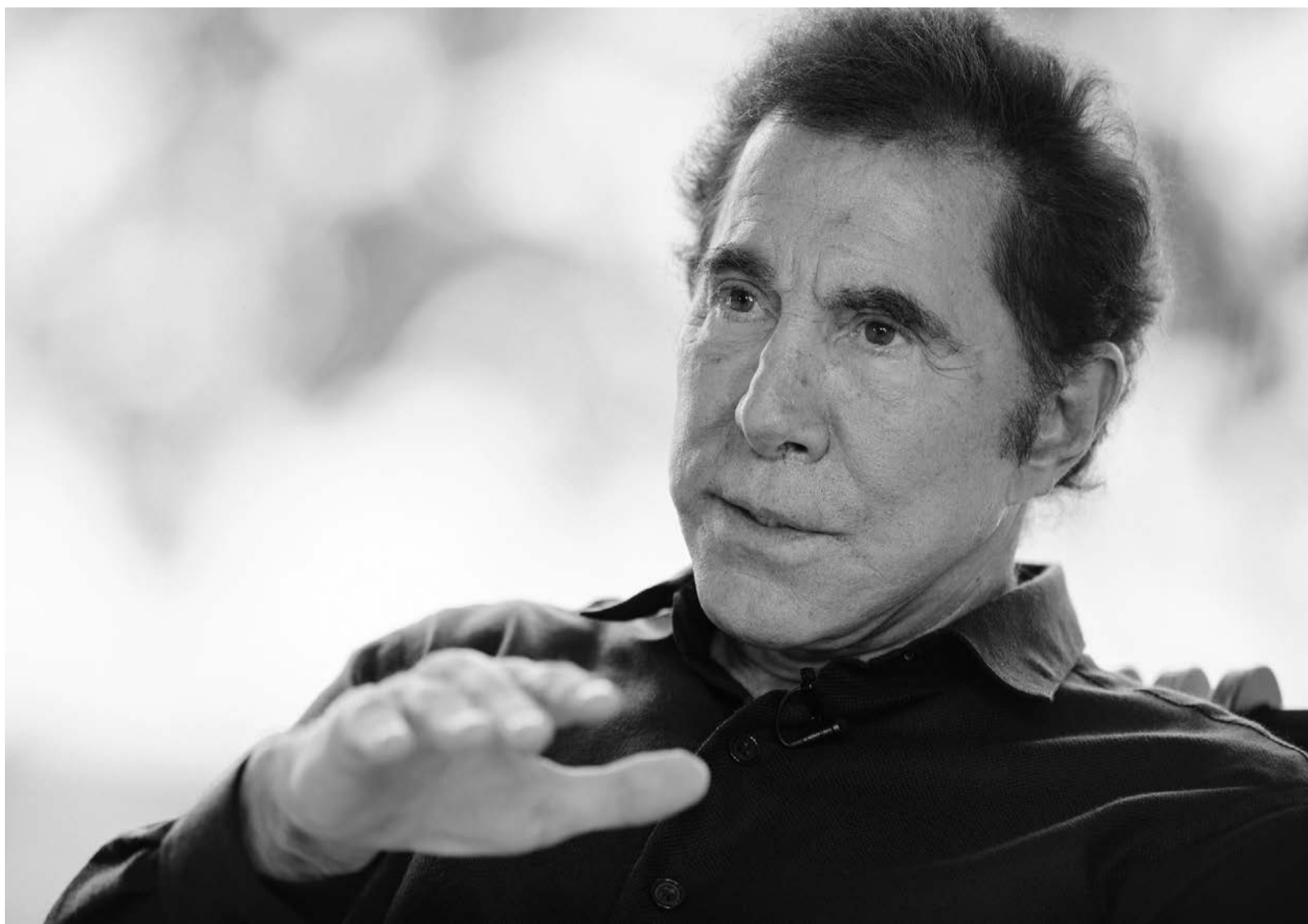
Wynn's streak started in June, when Okada's own company ousted him for misusing funds. Tokyo-based Universal Entertainment Corp. said it was investigating an unapproved HKD135 million (\$17.3 million) loan Okada made from a subsidiary that largely wound up at Okada's family holding company. He was also removed from the board of the casino he built in the Philippines.

The two men once called each other best friends, but according to Okada, things have been strained since 2010, when Wynn's divorce cut his stake in the company in half and made Okada the largest shareholder. That resulted in Wynn ousting Okada as "unsuitable" and Okada in turn questioning the purpose of Wynn's \$135 million donation to the University of Macau Development Fund in 2011.

Wynn's lawyers have seized on the Universal Entertainment news, saying it proves Wynn was right all along about Okada being an unsuitable shareholder of a gaming company and a potential threat to its gambling licenses.

"That was definitely a gift to the Wynn side," said Matthew Close, a lawyer with O'Melveny

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GAMING

Wynn on winning streak in 5-year feud with former partners

& Myers LLP in Los Angeles who isn't involved in the litigation. "If Okada's side is not on the ropes yet, they are getting close to being on the ropes."

The next victory came in July when a Macau judge dismissed a \$1 billion lawsuit by Okada and his company, claiming Wynn Macau engaged in "contractual transactions contrary to the public order, common decency and the law."

In that lawsuit, Okada had claimed Wynn Macau should be dissolved because it used illegal means to obtain permission to build a casino on Macau's Cotai Strip. The judge dismissed the case and fined Okada for vexatious litigation because he'd brought a claim that wasn't available under the law, according to testimony from Wynn Macau's general counsel in Las Vegas last month.

That same month back in Nevada, Wynn scored another victory with a state supreme court ruling that limited the information Wynn Resorts' board has to disclose to Okada about how it reached its decision to redeem his shares. That ruling makes it harder for Okada to argue the bribery allegations were a pretext to get rid of him. Okada continues to contest the forced redemption, saying

he was shortchanged by \$830 million when he was given a \$1.9 billion promissory note that he can't collect until 2022.

J. Stephen Peek, a lawyer for Okada in the Las Vegas lawsuit, declined to comment on the litigation. David Krakoff, a lawyer for Universal Entertainment, didn't respond to requests for comment.

Winning the litigation in Nevada can't hurt Wynn's prospects in Japan

Winning the litigation in Nevada can't hurt Wynn's prospects in Japan. Wynn Resorts already has people on the ground there, doing conferences and media outreach to increase awareness and improve the image of casinos. Wynn Resorts President Matt Maddox spoke at a casino conference in Japan in May.

Open hearings began last week in Japan over recommended guidelines to govern major resorts in the country that will

feature everything from blackjack tables to entertainment. The government is currently weighing regulations that could impose curbs on the gaming industry as more than half of the country's residents oppose casinos.

Like other countries such as Singapore that have opened their doors in recent years to international casino businesses, Japan will look at Nevada as a model for how to regulate the industry and keep out organized crime, Silver said.

"It would certainly seem that if Wynn were successful in proving his allegations in Nevada, Japanese gaming regulators will pay attention to that," said David Dalke, a lawyer with Winston & Strawn LLP in Los Angeles, who isn't involved in the lawsuit.

A spokesman for Wynn Resorts said the company doesn't think the Okada matter will have any bearing on the permitting process in Japan.

Elaine Wynn's claims against her ex-husband may also falter if Okada's allegations don't hold up. Both have a similar narrative about how they were moved aside for posing a threat to Wynn's control of his company and a jury might be persuaded more easily if they hear the

same story from two otherwise adversarial parties.

Like Okada, Elaine Wynn contends she's a victim of Steve Wynn's autocratic ways. She portrays him as obsessed with keeping control of his empire because of his experience in 2000, when Kirk Kerkorian took over Mirage.

Her goal is to get out from under a shareholders' agreement that gives her ex-husband control over the almost 10 percent stake in Wynn Resorts she was awarded in their divorce, currently worth about \$1.3 billion. She's not allowed to vote or sell her shares, except in small amounts.

She already was dealt a setback when a second set of lawyers was kicked off the case by the judge this year after it was revealed they were given improper access to the company's proprietary information. She has also abandoned her whistle-blower claims against Wynn.

"A lot of the battle is framing the dispute in the way most favorable to your side," Close of O'Melveny & Myers said. "Wynn has taken control of the narrative and Okada and Elaine Wynn have been restricted to fighting defensive battles." **Bloomberg**

AUTOMAKERS

Great Wall considers bid for Fiat Chrysler Jeep unit

Joe McDonald, Beijing

CHINESE SUV maker Great Wall Motors is considering making a bid to buy Fiat Chrysler's Jeep unit, spokespeople for the company said yesterday, in a possible ambitious new step onto the global stage for China's fast-growing auto brands.

Great Wall has yet to formally declare its interest in Jeep, but a possible acquisition would be in line with chairman Wang Jianjun's goal, announced in February, of becoming the top specialty SUV producer by 2020.

Great Wall "has this intention," said the public relations director for its Haval SUV brand, Zhao Lijia, when asked about a report by Automotive News that the Chinese automaker wants to buy Jeep. An employee of the press office for the company headquarters, who would give only his surname, Zhang, said, "Yes, we are interested in Jeep."

Zhao and Zhang said they had no other details when asked about a possible price. Zhao



said it may take some time to assemble a formal bid.

Fiat Chrysler CEO Sergio Marchionne has said the company is for sale and cannot compete globally without a tie-up to a bigger partner due to the high costs of developing and marketing vehicles.

In a statement, Fiat Chrysler Automobiles NV said it had not been approached by Great Wall.

Marchionne said in April that Jeep and Chrysler's Ram truck brand are strong enough to stand alone. The company spun off its Ferrari brand in 2015 into a separate business.

Chinese companies in industries from autos to robots are spending billions of dollars to acquire brands and technology to strengthen their competitive position at home and speed

their development.

Great Wall Motors Ltd., headquartered in Baoding, southwest of Beijing, is one of a series of independent Chinese automakers that have grown up alongside state-owned giants such as Shanghai Automotive Industries.

If it goes ahead with a Jeep bid, Great Wall could become the second Chinese automaker,

after Geely Holding Group, to expand onto the global stage by acquiring an established foreign brand.

Geely bought Sweden's Volvo Cars from Ford Motor Co. in 2010 and has launched a third brand, Lynk & Co., as a partnership between Volvo and Geely's Chinese brand.

In June, Geely bought a 49.9 percent stake in Malaysian automaker Proton and a controlling interest in British sports car maker Lotus.

In 2011, a state-owned Chinese automaker, Dongfeng Motor Group, bought 14 percent of France's PSA Peugeot Citroen, Europe's second-largest automaker.

Great Wall sold just under 1.1 million SUVs last year, behind Jeep's 1.4 million. Its revenue of 98.6 billion yuan (USD14.4 billion) was a fraction of FCA's global total of \$118 billion (111 billion euros), but its \$1.5 billion profit was almost equal to the Italian-U.S. automaker's \$1.8 billion.

Great Wall also can draw on strong demand in China, the biggest auto market by units sold. Total SUV sales rose 16.8 percent over a year earlier to 4.5 million in the six months ending in June.

Great Wall emerged from a collective founded in the 1980s to repair and customize vehicles. AP

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General Motors learning the rental business

Dee-Ann Durbin, Detroit

GENERAL Motors Co. started its car-sharing service, Maven, just over a year ago, placing Chevrolets and Cadillacs in New York apartment buildings for occupants to rent. Since then, the service has grown exponentially. Maven is still working with apartment dwellers, but it is also offering hourly and daily rental cars in 17 North American cities. It also offers Maven Gig, a service

that lets people rent cars to do odd jobs, like ride-hailing for Lyft or delivering food for Grub Hub. Maven Gig expanded into Los Angeles earlier this month; it's coming to Boston, Phoenix, Washington, Baltimore and Detroit this fall.

Maven is now moving onto college campuses. This week, it became the exclusive car-share provider to the University of Southern California. Students will be able to rent vehicles for USD5 per hour, a lower rate than Maven's usual starting

price of \$8. College administrators will have their own dedicated vehicle to reserve.

Maven now has 7,000 total vehicles in its fleet, including hundreds of all-electric Chevrolet Bolts and big SUVs like the Chevrolet Equinox and Cadillac Escalade. That's good exposure for GM, which says the typical Maven user is 30 years old. The company is just starting to track whether users are more likely to purchase a GM car after driving them through Maven.

"We're not running after shiny objects. We're building a service capability and a platform," says Julia Steyn, GM's vice president for Urban Mobility and Maven.

Steyn recently talked to The Associated Press about Maven. Answers have been edited and condensed.

It's very important for automakers... to become a service provider and interact with the customer in a different way

- Why is it important for an automaker to offer this kind of service? Why not just build cars and let others rent them?

Julia Steyn - It comes from where the customer preferences are. You look at the changing environment and you clearly see a very growing part of the population who wants to interact with cars in a different way, and it's not ownership. I'm a big believer that the preference for ownership will continue, and it will be determined by what you do, where you live and how you deploy the vehicle. But the growth part of this population... wants the fractional ownership of it.

So it's very important for automakers... to become a service provider and interact with the customer in a different way. And being a service provider is very different. You have different customer habit formation, different marketing, you need to have a platform that you can integrate the offerings and differentiate the offerings. It's not just the vehicle and an app. It's

the whole ecosystem around this that you have to develop as a service to make sure you're successful. It's understanding how all of your assets interact together.

- Are customers in different cities using Maven differently?

JS - What is different city by city is the commuter patterns and ultimately the end use of what people are using the vehicle for. In New York, there's great public transportation, so the vehicles are used for traveling on the weekends. They're also used to run errands, whether on an hourly basis or longer term. People just want to get out of the city. In Chicago, we find a lot of work time usage. We see in the financial district that people are using this for work and going places. And in L.A., it's very regional. People don't go from one part of L.A. to another very often. But all in all, we see very strong growth in every market. It's natural, because I think people are getting more familiar with who we are.

- Is Maven profitable?

JS - Some parts of what we're developing are, obviously, an investment, whether you look at infrastructure development, the technology development and growth. We always have to, especially being a year-and-a-half old, invest in the growth and the platform. However, and we do look at it this way, what does Maven as an investment bring to the rest of the corporation? GM is better off with Maven, so we're clearing more than 100 percent return on the investment.

We're looking at it holistically: Developing the capability for transportation as a service, the technology, the infrastructure, the data, fleet management, the ability to interact with the customers. All of this adds to what we do and doesn't cannibalize the core business, so on the enterprise-wide view, we're doing very well. **AP**

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GALAXY MACAU'S "2017 CHINA ESPORTS CARNIVAL" AT BROADWAY THEATRE



Galaxy Entertainment Group (GEG) announced yesterday its title sponsorship of the city's first large-scale e-sports event, "Ga-

laxy Macau's China eSports Carnival 2017".

China's General Administration of Sports and the Macau Electronic Compe-

tition Association will host the event at the Broadway Theatre between August 25 to 27 this year. The event will feature booths demonstrating virtual reality and robotics technology, as well as educational booths. A number of cosplayers will participate at the event.

According to a press release from Galaxy, the event will hold tournaments in two popular eSports games, "Wang Zhe Rong Yao" and "Hearthstone". Organizations such as the Macau Government Tourism Office, Shanghai Xiaocong Network Limited, SeerTV and the Macau University of Science and Technology have been heavily involved in supporting the local eSports tournament.

HINS CHEUNG AND IVANA WONG TO PERFORM AT VENETIAN MACAO



Hong Kong artists Hins Cheung and Ivana Wong, will perform their concert, "The Magical Teeter Toter Hins & Ivana in Concert 2017 Macau", at The Venetian Macao on October 7.

Cheung first established himself as a singer and songwriter upon the release

of his solo debut album in 2001. Singer and songwriter Ivana Wong's unique voice made her an instant sensation when she entered the music scene in 2005. Her talent led to the nickname "Queen Singer-Songwriter", as she continued to surprise fans and innovate in her

performances.

According to a press release from the Venetian, the concept of the concert is inspired by the variety of people in the world. Audiences will witness the natural chemistry and profound friendship between the duo firsthand at the concert.



Railway workers pose for photos with the Fuxing, China's latest high speed train capable of reaching 400kph during its maiden service from Beijing in June

China to again have one of the world's fastest bullet trains

AFTER cutting back the speed of the Beijing to Shanghai bullet train following a deadly crash, China is set to again make it one

of the world's fastest.

New generation trains will service the route starting next month, making the 1,250 kilometer journey from the capi-

tal to Shanghai in just 4 hours, 30 minutes. The latest trains were unveiled in June and have a top speed of 400 kilometers per hour, according

to the official Xinhua News Agency.

China first ran trains at 350 kilometers per hour in August 2008, but cut speeds back to

250-300 kilometers per hour in 2011 following a two-train collision near the city of Wenzhou that killed 40 people and injured 191.

China has laid more than 20,000 kilometers of high-speed rail, with a target of adding another 10,000 kilometers by 2020.

China has spent an estimated USD360 billion on high-speed rail, building by far the largest network in the world. **AP**

Ministry of Commerce expresses 'strong dissatisfaction' with US trade probe

CHINA expressed "strong dissatisfaction" with the U.S. decision to probe its intellectual-property practices and pledged to respond if needed.

The U.S. is irresponsible because it's conducting the review under domestic laws and disregarding World Trade Organization rules, the Ministry of Commerce said in a statement yesterday.

The accusations against China aren't objective and the probe sends the wrong signal as the countries are already making progress on separate negotiations, the minis-

try said, adding that the international community and U.S. industries will oppose the investigation.

The response follows U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer announcing the official start of the investigation Friday in Washington. The U.S. will investigate China's practices on intellectual property, technology transfer, and innovation to determine if the behavior is "unreasonable or discriminatory" or restricts U.S. commerce, he said in a statement. President Donald Trump earlier this month asked



Robert Lighthizer, U.S. Trade Representative

him to consider such a move.

The Commerce Ministry said the U.S. should work with China to press ahead on the one-year economic cooperation plan and keep bilateral economic ties on a heal-

thy and stable track. It urged the U.S. to respect multilateral trade rules and act prudently, adding that the country will monitor the probe's progress and take appropriate measures to defend China's rights. **Bloomberg**

China accuses luxury e-retailer of smuggling

THE founder of a Chinese luxury online retailer has been extradited from Indonesia to face charges his company smuggled goods into China by having travelers pretend they were personal belongings, news reports said yesterday.

Ji Wenhong of Xiu.com joins a growing number of Chinese fugitives who are being returned from abroad to face charges of corruption or financial misconduct.

Ji faces charges of smuggling goods worth a total of 438 million yuan (USD65.5 million) into China while failing to report their true value, the news reports said, citing government officials.

The reports said Ji was accused of arranging for his company to buy designer clothing from Europe and the United States and have it shipped to Hong Kong. They said the company arranged for travelers to carry it to the mainland in their baggage, avoiding import duties.

Ji left China in May 2016 after being charged with smuggling, according to the China Daily newspaper. He was returned Saturday by Indonesian authorities.

In a statement, Xiu.com said some individuals at the company were under investigation but didn't mention Ji. It said the company was operating normally. **AP**

CHINA QUARTERLY

Scholars refuse to bow down to Beijing censorship pressure

Louise Watt, Beijing

SCHOLARS are petitioning Cambridge University Press to restore more than 300 politically sensitive articles removed from its website in China after a request from authorities, underscoring concerns about freedom of speech and the Chinese government's increasing leverage over academic organizations.

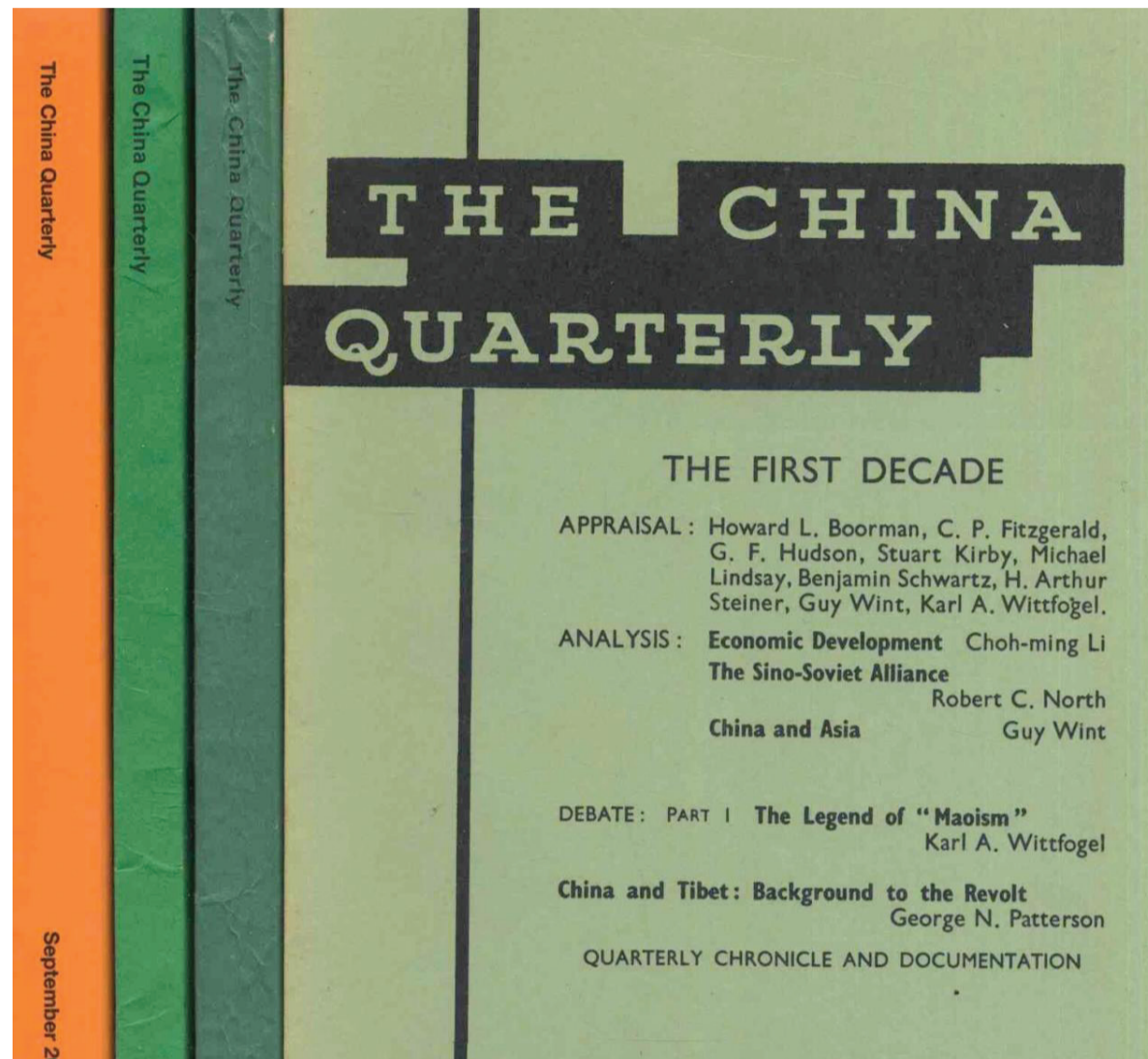
Cambridge University Press said last week that it had complied with a request to block certain articles from "The China Quarterly" within China. They touch on politically sensitive subjects including the 1989 Tiananmen Square crackdown, the 1966-76 Cultural Revolution and the status of Tibet.

The furor comes against a tightening of controls by President Xi Jinping's government over a wide range of society that could feed opposition to the ruling Communist Party, including lawyers who take on sensitive cases, non-governmental organizations and churches.

Academics say that in that time, universities, which have long endured some degree of political interference, have also come under increased supervision, including regular monitoring in classrooms and ideological audits.

Christopher Balding, an associate professor in economics at Peking University HSBC Business School in Shenzhen, said he started the petition to bring pressure on not just CUP, but also universities and academics who interact with China as well as Chinese universities and academics "to stand up to" censorship by the Chinese government.

With Chinese universities increasingly hiring internationally, Beijing is concerned "that these universities are not going to



have the ideological adherence to what Beijing wants them to say," Balding said.

The petition circulating among academics calls on CUP to turn down censorship requests from the Chinese government. It says that academics and universities reserve the right to boycott CUP and related journals if it gives into the Chinese government's demands.

The petition says the academics believe in the free and open exchange of ideas and information and that it is "disturbing [...] that China is attempting to export its

censorship on topics that do not fit its preferred narrative."

"The fundamental driver of this [...] is simply to exercise control, to try to impose what they think is the correct way of thinking," said Balding. He said that scholars in China who really want to read the papers will still be able to access the articles through their networks of colleagues or by skirting the Great Firewall.

However, "the signal is being sent: 'we don't want Chinese scholars publishing on this,'" said Balding. "You will mostly likely see a decline in basically

any scholarly work on these particular issues."

By yesterday, more than 200 people had signed the 3-day-old petition on change.org.

The Global Times newspaper, published by the ruling Communist Party, said in an editorial yesterday that China blocks some information on foreign websites that it deems "harmful" to Chinese society, and that CUP has to abide by Chinese law if it sets up a server within China.

If Western institutions "think China's internet market is so important that they can't miss out,

they need to respect Chinese law and adapt to the Chinese way," the editorial read.

Chen Daoyin, a political scientist at Shanghai University of Political Science and Law, said that scholars in China self-censor anyway and don't work on politically sensitive topics, such as the June 4, 1989 Tiananmen Square crackdown.

Universities have come under increased supervision, including regular monitoring in classrooms and ideological audits

"Most of the young generations in China don't know about June 4," Chen said. "And this is what Chinese authorities are doing now, working for the future."

Other topics addressed in the excised papers include ethnic, religious and political issues in Tibet, political governance in Hong Kong, human rights in China, unrest among the Turkic Muslim Uighur ethnic group in the Xinjiang region and papers on leaders, including communist China's founder, Mao Zedong.

Cambridge University Press, which is part of the famed British university, said in its Friday statement that it had complied with a request from a Chinese import agency to block individual articles within China to ensure that other materials it publishes would remain available in China.

It added that it was "troubled by the recent increase in requests of this nature" and intended to discuss the issue with Chinese authorities at the Beijing International Book Fair, which takes place this week. **AP**

US health chief lauds China for help with opioid control

CHINA has been an "incredible partner" in cracking down on synthetic opioids seen as fueling fast-rising overdose deaths in the United States, U.S. Health and Human Services Secretary Tom Price said yesterday during a visit to the country considered the source of many of the deadly substances sought by addicts.

Price said China has

been quick to respond when regulators identify a threat from a dangerous drug such as fentanyl, the powerful opioid blamed for thousands of fatal overdoses, including the death of entertainer Prince.

"When a particular drug is identified as being a problem, China has been an incredible partner in helping to stop the production of drugs like fen-

tanyl in China," Price told The Associated Press.

A bigger challenge comes from the "rapidly changing ability of individuals to formulate new chemical makeups that are a different drug and that aren't in the controlled arena," Price said. "The challenge is to get those taken care of much more rapidly. And so that's the conversations that we need to be having."

Last month, China banned a designer drug called U-47700 and three others following U.S. pressure to do more to control synthetic opioids.

In China, U-47700 had been a legal alternative to fentanyl and potent derivatives like carfentanil. Its usage has been growing among U.S. opioid addicts.

The U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency has long said

that China is the top source country for synthetic opioids like fentanyl and its precursors, assertions Beijing has said lack firm evidence. Still, the two countries have deepened cooperation as the U.S. opioid epidemic intensifies.

Price also expressed support for continued funding of the World Health Organization amid questions about President

Donald Trump's commitment to the United Nations. The U.S. is currently the largest contributor to the WHO's budget.

Those in Congress responsible for drawing up budget plans "appreciate the importance of WHO, appreciate the incredible importance of the United States' support of WHO, not just rhetorically, but financially as well," Price said. **AP**



Australia's Deputy Prime Minister Barnaby Joyce takes the oath of office as he is sworn in at Government House in Canberra (July 2016)

MDT EXPLAINS

How ban on dual-citizen lawmakers vexes Aussies

AUSTRALIA'S 116-year-old constitutional ban on dual citizens sitting in Parliament is a problem the country didn't know it had until recently, but now it may struggle to fix it.

Seven lawmakers have revealed since July that they might have been citizens of another country when they stood for election last year. They include three ministers in a minor coalition party, The Nationals. The

opposition has now dubbed the party "The Multinationals."

Before the current crisis, only two dual-citizen lawmakers had ever been caught out by the prohibition. Critics say the ban no longer suits modern multicultural Australia, where almost half the population was born overseas or has at least one overseas-born parent.

Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull says he is confident that

the High Court won't disqualify any government lawmaker. Two of the three ministers under a cloud remain in the Cabinet.

But constitutional lawyers are less certain and warn that any unpopular government decision could be challenged in the courts if made by a minister who is later disqualified.

So how did the problem arise, what does it mean for Australian politics and how can it be fixed?

A LAW LONG IGNORED

The problem of lawmakers with foreign allegiances has long been almost invisible because for a long time Australians rarely looked for it.

A founding father, King O'Malley, is widely regarded as an American who lied about being Canadian to escape the ban and was never challenged. Canadians in those days were British subjects like Australians and therefore not considered foreigners.

Sydney lawmaker Gordon Anderson was challenged in 1950 on the grounds that as a Catholic he had an allegiance to the Vatican. The High Court dismissed that challenge because the constitution also ruled that there could be no religious test for a government office.

But the problem came into sharp focus after the election in July last year when lawyer John Cameron started investigating whether two New Zealand-born senators were dual nationals. One of them, Scott Ludlam, revealed on July 14 he was still a Kiwi and had been unlawfully elected for the minor Greens party three times since 2007.

LATER CHANGES TIGHTENED BAN

While the words of the constitution's ban on dual citizens have never changed, their meaning over the years has.

Section 44(i) disqualifies from Parliament anyone who is "under any acknowledgment of allegiance, obedience, or adherence to a foreign power, or is a subject or a citizen or entitled to the rights or privileges of a subject or a citizen of a foreign power."

In 1901 when the constitution came into effect, Australians were British subjects. Australian citizenship was created by Australian law in 1949 and the old colonial master, Britain, offi-

cially became a "foreign power" in 1986.

The seven lawmakers under a cloud have been dual citizens of Britain, New Zealand, Canada and Italy. When the constitution was drafted, all but the Italian would have been British subjects welcome to stand for Parliament.

ONE PIVOTAL SEAT AT STAKE

Six senators and one House member — Deputy Prime Minister Barnaby Joyce — are under court scrutiny, and it is Joyce's fate that is intertwined with that of Turnbull's government. Parties need a majority in the House of Representatives to govern, and the ruling coalition holds that majority by a single seat.

If disqualified, Joyce would stand for re-election, having renounced the New Zealand citizenship he inherited from his father within days of becoming aware of it. But with opinion polls showing the government is unpopular, voters could use a by-election to throw both Joyce and his government out of office.

A SOLUTION WITH ITS OWN PROBLEM

A parliamentary committee recommended 20 years ago that the constitution drop the dual national ban so that candidates would need only Australian citizenship to qualify. But no government ever followed through with a referendum. Australians are notoriously reluctant to change their constitution and many voters might agree with its stated purpose to "protect the parliament system" against lawmakers with conflicted loyalties. Of the 44 referendums Australia has held since 1901, only 8 have been carried and none since 1977. **MDT/AP**

BANGLADESH

Court sentences ten to death for 2000 plot to kill PM

ABangladesh court has sentenced to death 10 leaders and activists from a banned Islamist group for a plot in 2000 to kill Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina by planting bombs at one of her rallies.

Judge Mamtaz Begum sentenced the suspects in Dhaka, the capital, and ordered them to be shot to death, which is unusual in Bangladesh, where most executions take place by hanging.

Prosecutors said two bombs were found a day before Hasina was scheduled to address a rally at a college campus in the southern town of Kotalipara.

Those convicted belong to the Harkatul Jihad-al-

Islami group. Defense attorneys said they would appeal the verdict.

The group's former chief, Mufti Abdul Hannan, was involved in the plot along with his associates, prosecutors told the court. Hannan was hanged in April for his involvement in a 2004 grenade attack on a British envoy in Bangladesh.

The court acquitted 10 of the suspects for lack of evidence, said prosecutor Khondaker Abdul Mannan.

Harkatul Jihad-al-Islami has been blamed for many attacks in Bangladesh in recent years. Though weakened, the group is struggling to fight the go-

vernment's nationwide crackdown against hardliners who want to establish strict Islamic law in the Muslim-majority country.

Hannan studied in India and Pakistan, and fought against Soviet soldiers in Afghanistan in the 1980s before returning to Bangladesh.

Bangladesh has experienced a rise of Islamic militancy in recent years. Scores of attacks have taken place against members of minority groups, foreigners and atheist bloggers.

The Islamic State group has claimed responsibility for many of the attacks, but Prime Minister Hasi-



Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina

na's government has rejected the claims. Authorities say the IS doesn't exist in Bangladesh and blame

the attacks on a domestic group, Jumatul Mujahedin Bangladesh.

Hasina, who is in her

second stint as Bangladesh's leader, was also prime minister from 1996 to 2001. **AP**

SOUTH CHINA SEA

Nations search for ten missing after US destroyer collision with tanker

Annabelle Liang
& Stephen Wright, Singapore

VESSELS from several nations are searching Southeast Asian waters for 10 missing U.S. sailors after an early morning collision yesterday between the USS John S. McCain and an oil tanker ripped a gaping hole in the destroyer's hull.

The collision east of Singapore between the guided missile destroyer and the 183-meter Alnic MC was the second involving a ship from the U.S. Navy's 7th Fleet in the Pacific in two months.

Vessels and aircraft from the U.S., Indonesia, Singapore and Malaysia are searching for the missing sailors. Four other sailors were evacuated by a Singaporean navy helicopter to a hospital in the city-state for treatment of non-life threatening injuries, the Navy said. A fifth injured sailor did not require further medical attention.

The McCain had been heading to Singapore on a routine port visit after conducting a sensitive freedom-of-navigation operation last week by sailing near one of China's man-made islands in the South China Sea.

The Navy's 7th Fleet said "significant damage" to the McCain's hull resulted in the flooding of adjacent compartments including crew berths, machinery and communications rooms. A damage control response prevented further flooding, it said.

The destroyer was damaged on its port side aft, or left rear, in the 5:24 a.m. collision about 4.5 nautical miles (8.3 kilometers) from Malaysia's coast but sailed on to Singapore's naval base under its own power. Malaysia's Maritime Enforcement Agency said the area is at the start of a designated sea lane for ships sailing into the Singapore Strait, one of the world's busiest shipping lanes.

A photo tweeted by Malaysian navy chief Ahmad Kamarulzaman Ahmad Badaruddin showed a large rupture in the McCain's



Damage to the portside is visible as the destroyer USS John S. McCain steers towards Changi naval base in Singapore following a collision with Greek merchant vessel Alnic MC

side near the waterline. Janes, a defense industry publication, estimated the hull breach was 3 meters wide.

One of the injured sailors, Operations Specialist 2nd Class Navin Ramdhun, posted a Facebook message telling family and friends he was OK and awaiting surgery for an arm injury.

There was no immediate explanation for the collision

He told The Associated Press in a message that he couldn't say what happened. "I was actually sleeping at that time. Not entirely sure."

The Singapore government said no crew were injured on the Liberian-flagged Alnic, which sustained damage to a compartment at the front of the ship some 7 meters above its waterline. There were no reports of a chemical or oil spill.

Several safety violations were recorded for the tanker at its last port inspection in July.

Singapore sent tugboats and naval and coast guard vessels to search for the missing sailors and Indonesia said it sent two warships. Malaysia said three ships and five bo-

ats as well as aircraft from its navy and air force were helping with the search, and the USS America deployed Osprey aircraft and Seahawk helicopters.

There was no immediate explanation for the collision, and the Navy said an investigation would be conducted. Singapore, at the southernmost tip of the Malay Peninsula, is one of the world's busiest ports and a U.S. ally, with its naval base regularly visited by American warships.

The collision was the second involving a ship from the Navy's 7th Fleet in the Pacific in two months. Seven sailors died in June when the USS Fitzgerald and a container ship collided in waters off Japan.

The Fitzgerald's captain was relieved of his command and other sailors were being punished after the Navy found poor seamanship and flaws in keeping watch contributed to the collision, the Navy announced last week. An investigation into how and why the Fitzgerald collided with the other ship was not finished, but enough details were known to take those actions, the Navy said.

The Greek owner of the tanker, Stealth Maritime Corp. S.A., replaced its website with a notice that says it is cooperating with the Maritime Port Authority of Singapore's investigation and with "other responding agencies."

It says "thoughts and prayers are with the families of the missing U.S.

Navy sailors."

An official database for ports in Asia shows the Alnic was last inspected in the Chinese port of Dongying on July 29 and had one document deficiency, one fire safety deficiency and two safety of navigation problems.

The database doesn't go into details and the problems were apparently not serious enough for the Liberian-flagged vessel to be detained by the port authority.

U.S. President Donald Trump expressed concern for the McCain's crew.

Trump returned to Washington on Sunday night from his New Jersey golf club. When reporters shouted questions to him about the McCain, he responded, "That's too bad."

About two hours later, Trump tweeted that "thoughts and prayers" are with the McCain's sailors as search and rescue efforts continue.

The 154-meter destroyer is named after U.S. Sen. John McCain's father and grandfather, who were both U.S. admirals. It's based at the 7th Fleet's homeport of Yokosuka, Japan. It was commissioned in 1994 and has a crew of 23 officers, 24 chief petty officers and 291 enlisted sailors, according to the Navy's website.

McCain said on Twitter that he and his wife, Cindy, are "keeping America's sailors aboard the USS John S McCain in our prayers tonight — appreciate the work of search & rescue crews." AP

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RUSSIA

US Embassy suspends issuing non-immigrant visas

IN a step that could affect hundreds of thousands of Russian tourists, the U.S. Embassy in Russia said yesterday it would suspend issuing nonimmigrant visas in Moscow for eight days from tomorrow and would stop issuing visas at its consulates elsewhere in Russia in response to the Russian decision to cap embassy staff.

The embassy made the decision after the Russian Foreign Ministry ordered a cap on the number of U.S. diplomatic personnel in Russia, it said in a statement, adding that it would resume issuing visas in Moscow on Sept. 1, but maintain the suspension at consulates in St. Petersburg, Yekaterinburg and Vladivostok.

Nearly a quarter of a million Russian tourists visited the U.S. last year,



according to Russian tourism officials.

Earlier this month, Russia ordered the U.S. to cut its embassy and consulate staff in Russia by 755, or by two-thirds, heightening tensions between Washington and Moscow after the U.S. Congress approved sanctions against Russia for meddling in the 2016 U.S. election and for its aggression in Ukraine

and Syria.

President Putin said that Moscow felt forced to reciprocate to the new package of sanctions against what he dismissed as "unfounded accusations," but that it would hold off on further steps against the U.S.

The vast majority of the more than 1,000 employees at the various US diplomatic missions in

Russia, including the embassy in Moscow and the three consulates are local employees.

The U.S. embassy said yesterday that Russia's decision to cut its staff "calls into question Russia's seriousness about pursuing better relations." It insisted however that it will be able to maintain adequate staffing "to carry out essential elements of our mission."

Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov told a news conference the decision to cut visa operations aims to make Russians feel discontent with their own government.

Asked about a possible Russian reaction, Lavrov said Russia will "study" the embassy's announcement, adding that unlike the U.S. government Russia "is not going to take it out on U.S. citizens." AP

EGYPT

Lawmaker steps back from call to extend president's term

THE Egyptian lawmaker behind a call to amend the constitution to extend the president's term by two years said in comments published yesterday [Macau time] that the change won't apply to President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi's current four-year term, a partial turnaround in the face of growing opposition to the idea.

El-Sissi has 10 months left in his first term in office. He is barred by the constitution from serving more than two four-year terms. Any amendment to the relevant clause in the 2014 charter must be approved in a nationwide referendum.

Lawmaker Ismail Nasr-eldin said in comments published in the independent daily Al-Shorouk that the proposed amendment would



President Abdel Fattah Al-Sisi

apply to the next president. El-Sissi is widely expected to run in 2018.

His proposal, first made several months ago, suspended and then renewed this month, has been embraced by parliament's largest pro-government bloc. It has been met with vociferous opposition from political commentators, even those who write for the pro-government local media, who fear that amending the constitution is a prelude to dictatorship.

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SPAIN | TERRORISM

Authorities hunting just one suspect in Las Ramblas attacks

Joseph Wilson, Barcelona

SPANISH authorities yesterday said they were looking for just one person after the deadly vehicle attacks last week in Barcelona and a seaside town south of the city by a 12-man jihadi cell.

Moroccan suspect Younes Abouyaaqoub, 22, is the final target of a manhunt that has been ongoing since the attacks, Catalan interior minister Joaquim Forn told Catalunya Radio. Forn said that "everything indicates" that Abouyaaqoub was the driver of the van that plowed down Barcelona's emblematic Las Ramblas promenade on Thursday, killing 13 pedestrians and injuring more than 120 others.

Another attack hours later by other members of the cell killed one person and injured several more in the coastal town of Cambrils.

Regional authorities said 50 people were still hospitalized from both attacks, nine in criti-



In this watermarked frame grab from CCTV released by El Pais, a suspect, believed to be Abouyaaqoub, is captured by a security camera walking through La Boqueria market seconds after the attack

cal condition.

Abouyaaqoub was believed to be the lone attacker on the run by Sunday, but authorities hadn't confirmed his identity because they were having difficulty identifying the remains of at least one extremist who died in an explosion Wednesday at a house where explosives were being prepared.

"It's evident that the person who committed the van attack

can't be dead because the explosion happened before the attack in Las Ramblas," Forn said.

Police killed five suspected extremists in the Cambrils attack in a shootout. Four others have been arrested.

Spanish newspaper El Pais published images yesterday of what it says is Abouyaaqoub supposedly making a getaway on foot after the Barcelona van attack. The three images show

a slim man wearing sunglasses seemingly walking through what El Pais says is traditional La Boqueria market just off Las Ramblas.

Catalonia's regional president, meanwhile, said that regional and local authorities rejected the Spanish government's suggestion to place traffic barriers to protect the Las Ramblas promenade because they deemed them "inefficient."

Carles Puigdemont told La Sexta television that regional and municipal authorities discarded the suggestion because the barriers wouldn't have prevented vehicles from entering the promenade at other points. Besides that, Puigdemont said closing off Las Ramblas was impractical because emergency vehicles still would need to be able to access the area.

Reports say the suggestion was made after other big vehicle attacks in Europe, but the precise timing wasn't clear.

Yesterday, mourners could be seen weeping and hugging each other as they visited the main memorial site of the Barcelona attack as the city tried to get back to normal with the beginning of a new working week. Crowds of people continued to lay flowers, candles and heart-shaped balloons at the top of Las Ramblas and other, smaller tributes located at different points where the van drove.

Meanwhile, the promenade regained some of its normal appearance, with throngs of people walking up and down, tourists arriving and people going about their daily business.

"We have to stand strong in front of these betrayers, assassins, terrorists," said resident Monserrat Mora. "Because Barcelona is strong and they will not be able to prevail with us." AP



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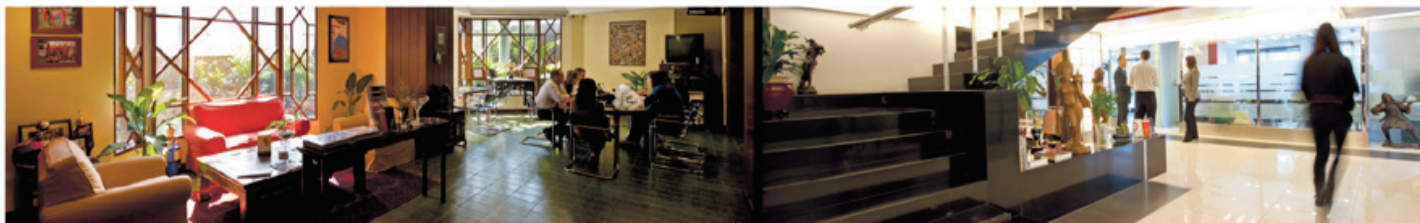
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Offbeat

OVERTIME. PENN JILLETTE APOLOGIZES TO NEWFOUNDLAND FOR INSULT COMEDY

AP PHOTO



Penn Jillette, right, appears on Bill Maher's "Real Time," in Los Angeles

Penn Jillette is apologizing profusely for his wisecracks insulting Newfoundland.
 The talkative half of the Penn & Teller magic and comedy act called Newfoundland "a euphemism for stupid" during last Friday's "Overtime with Bill Maher."
 Jillette also said that residents of the frozen North, in his words, "club seals" and are his people. Jillette has said he has family roots in Newfoundland, which is part of the Canadian province including Labrador.
 A social media backlash was followed by an explanation and succession of apologies Saturday from Jillette on Twitter.
 He said that he messed up a comedy bit on "Overtime," an on-line follow-up to Maher's weekly "Real Time" talk show on HBO.
 Jillette said he was "wrong," repeating the word five more times in one tweet alone.

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 Starring: Hwang Jung-Min, So Ji-Sub, Song Joong-Ki
 Language: Korean & Japanese (Chinese & English)
 Duration: 132min

this day in history



The International Olympic Committee President Avery Brundage

1972 RHODESIA OUT OF OLYMPICS

Rhodesia has been thrown out of the Olympic Games with just four days to go before the opening ceremony in Munich, Germany.
 The International Olympic Committee (IOC) voted by 36 to 31 with three abstentions to recommend Rhodesia's expulsion in the face of mounting international pressure.
 Two days ago the National Olympic Committees of Africa threatened to pull out of the games unless Rhodesia was barred from competing.
 The African nations were demanding Rhodesia's expulsion on the grounds the country was an illegal regime and members of its team were not therefore British subjects.
 Seven years ago Ian Smith declared Rhodesia's independence from Britain and then in March 1970 he announced the country was a republic - breaking its last link with the crown and ending any hopes of black majority rule.
 The IOC issued Rhodesia's invitation to the West German games on certain conditions, which included appearing under their old colonial flag.
 In a bid to appease the IOC, the Rhodesian team did arrive in West Germany with the Southern Rhodesian flag - made up of a Union Jack and a coat of arms on a blue background - and stood to attention when the national anthem, God Save the Queen, was played.
 But comments by the Rhodesian team manager, Ossie Plaskitt, when the team arrived in Munich did little to smooth over the disagreement.
 He was quoted as saying: "We are ready to participate under any flag, be it the flag of the boy scouts or the Moscow flag. But everyone knows very well that we are Rhodesians and will always remain Rhodesians."
 The decision is a blow for the retiring IOC president, Avery Brundage, who had argued for Rhodesia's inclusion in the games.
 He told reporters he was "shocked and surprised" by the decision. He continued: "The political pressures in sport are becoming intolerable."
 Many of the Rhodesian athletes were in tears when they heard the news.
 The 44-strong team of black and white Rhodesians will, however, be allowed to stay in Munich to watch the games.
 In the Rhodesian capital, Salisbury, sports officials said the decision was a disgrace. A spokesman for the prime minister said there was "no doubt that the Olympics are in the hands of the politicians".

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

Rhodesia last took part in the Olympics at Tokyo in 1964, before its unilateral declaration of independence. It did not go to the Mexico games because the Mexican government put a harder interpretation on the United Nations resolution concerning passports than West Germany.
 In the end, Rhodesia was excluded from Munich on a technicality. The athletes could not prove they had travelled on the correct documents after they had superficially, at least, complied with all the others terms imposed by the IOC.
 Rhodesia was allowed back into the games in 1980 by which time it was known as Zimbabwe under Robert Mugabe's rule. The games were overshadowed by a terrorist attack on the Israeli team, which left 11 athletes, five terrorists and one policeman dead. The Israeli team returned home but the games continued.
 American swimmer Mark Spitz made most of the sporting headlines - taking four gold medals for individual events as well as three golds for relays.
 The diminutive Soviet gymnast Olga Korbut became an overnight sensation - taking three golds and a silver.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 Right around dinner time, the urge to connect with someone on a very deep level will cross your mind -- and your heart.

Taurus April 20-May 20 You've done nothing but work, worry and take care of business for days. So why not give yourself a night off?

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 It doesn't take much to talk you into a change of scenery. So if someone suggests a trip to you, you'll have your planner out and your boss on the phone in record time.

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 Still thinking about traveling? Well, the moment has come to stop thinking and start planning. If you have vacation time coming, there's no better time to take it, especially since things have loosened up a bit at work.

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 Your friends often feel like extended family to you. So when someone calls you and sounds rather plaintive, don't hesitate to use all your intellectual wiles to get the story out of them.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 You want to socialize, but you probably don't have the energy to get dressed and go out. Find a happy medium. Order up a pizza, see if there are any games on and have an impromptu party.

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 After days of intrigue, secrecy, and craving nothing more than total privacy, you've suddenly got a serious case of boredom -- and you know just what to do about it.

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 Everyone's all about socializing now. What a coincidence! You just so happen to be in the mood to socialize too! The good news is you'll blend right in, thanks to your current frame of mind and heart.

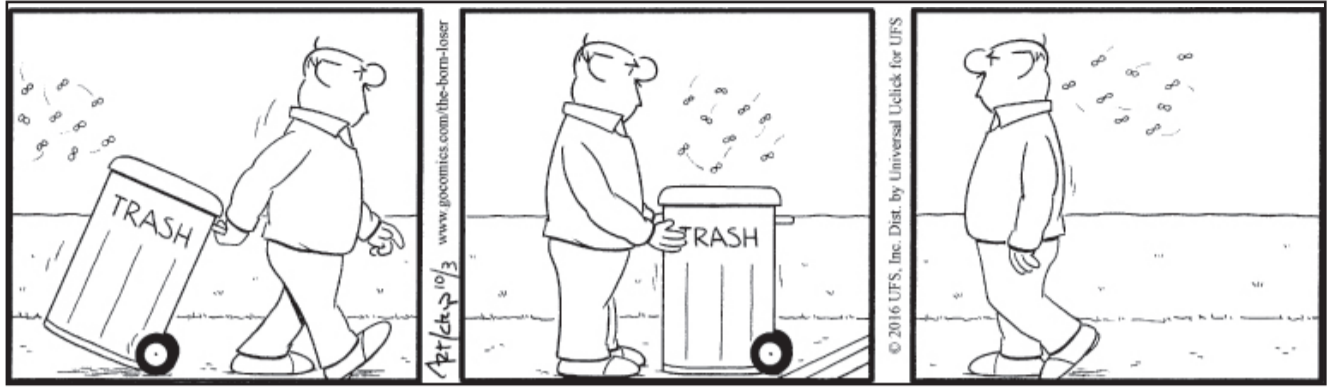
Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 You might want to pay some very special attention to your partner for the next couple of days. In particular, be sure to pay more attention to your sweetie than you do to anyone they're less than confident around.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Just when you thought you'd like nothing better than to gather your friends together and hit the town, you've suddenly decided it might be even more fun to lure them all over to your place for the evening.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Exactly how long have you been trying to help a dear one curtail their bad habits? Keep in mind you've been working so diligently on that project that it's also been a while since you've allowed yourself to have any fun.

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 You're definitely hard working -- that's for sure. So no matter what you're asked to do, you'll find the energy and time to get it done. Don't let anyone's jealousy stop you from accomplishing what you've set out to do.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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FOOTBALL

Neymar unstoppable on home debut as PSG beats Toulouse 6-2

NEYMAR was in unstoppable form on his home debut for Paris Saint-Germain, with the Brazil star scoring twice and playing a role in the other four goals as PSG routed Toulouse 6-2 to move top of the French league yesterday [Macau time].

Neymar saved the best to last, bringing the Parc des Princes crowd to its feet with an astonishing solo goal in injury time. He dribbled through a forest of bewildered defenders, changing direction and rolling the ball off his foot left and right in an almost balletic display of skill and balance, before calmly stroking the ball home as if at a training session.

Neymar milked the applause with even Toulouse's players lining up to shake his hand.

"The crowd was fantastic and it was a great atmosphere," Neymar said on Canal Plus television through a translator after the game.

PSG leads defending champion Monaco and Saint-Etienne on goal difference, with all on nine points after three games.

Neymar, who joined from Barcelona for a world record 222 million euros (USD262 million), netted on his debut last weekend in a 3-0 win at Guingamp.

He equalized for PSG and set up the second for midfielder Adrien Rabiot, and then won a penalty that striker Edinson Cavani struck home in the 75th to make it 3-1. PSG was already down to 10 men by this point, after Marco Verratti's sending off.

Center half Christopher Jullien exposed some poor



marking to give Toulouse a lifeline three minutes later, scoring

■ Neymar [brought] the Parc des Princes crowd to its feet with an astonishing solo goal in injury time

with a thumping header for 3-2.

But substitute Javier Pastore curled in a sublime, curling shot from 25 meters that dipped into the top right corner in the 82nd. It was Neymar's quick pass from the left that released Angel Di Maria to pick out Pastore lurking near the penalty area.

Two minutes later, Neymar whipped over a clever corner that left back Layvin Kurzawa met with a spectacular scissor kick.

Neymar has slotted into PSG's team seamlessly — although

that is to be expected given the price tag.

Drifting in from wide left, Neymar was at the heart of several good moves early on.

With the scores level, he missed a golden chance when he fired Di Maria's pass over the crossbar. He then set up Cavani with a superb pass lofted over the defense, but Cavani hesitated whether to shoot or square the ball to Kurzawa and did neither.

Toulouse scored when new signing Max-Alain Gradel astutely volleyed in right back Kelvin Amian's cross in the 19th.

Neymar hit the post with a glancing header shortly after.

He found his sights in the 31st,

sweeping home the loose ball after Rabiot's shot was saved by goalie Alban Lafont. Neymar started the move by picking out Rabiot's galloping run with a clever rolled pass into his path. Four minutes later, Rabiot played a quick one-two with Neymar and drilled in a superb low shot into the bottom left corner from 20 meters out.

Neymar intervened to calm down Verratti, after the Italy midfielder was sent off for a second yellow card with 20 minutes left. Verratti approached the referee, but Neymar blocked his path and offered him a consoling hug.

It was a night where Neymar was involved in everything. **AP**

OTHER MATCHES

LUCAS OCAMPOS missed a late chance to score an injury-time winner and then got sent off as Marseille drew 1-1 at home to Angers. The Argentine forward latched onto a headed flick from striker Valere Germain and sprinted into the penalty area. But rather than shoot, Ocampos cut inside from the left but lost control of the ball. As he tried to get it back, he recklessly lunged into defender Romain Thomas, catching him just below the knee. Earlier, Clinton Njie made it three goals in three games to put Mar-

seille ahead in the 17th minute. Striker Karl Toko Ekambi equalized for Angers in the 71st. Caen's second goal in a 2-0 win at Lille came after a flowing team move involving more than 10 passes. The ball went from midfield to the right flank and then over to the left, where Ronny Rodelin guided it back over to the right for strike partner Ivan Santini to score at the far post in the 69th minute. Defender Damien Da Silva headed in the opening goal.

BOXING

Undisputed champ: Crawford stops Indongo in third round

TERENCE Crawford took all the drama out of his fight against Julius Indongo, and he did it fast.

Now Crawford is the only undisputed world champion in professional boxing.

Energized by his huge home-state following 45 minutes from his Omaha base, Crawford stopped Julius Indongo in the third round last weekend to claim all four major belts at 140 pounds.

The fight was the first four-belt unification bout since 2004, when Bernard Hopkins stopped Oscar De La Hoya to claim all the belts in the 160-pound division. Crawford came in with the

WBC and WBO belts; Indongo, from Namibia, was the WBA and IBF champion.

"It means everything," Crawford said. "When you start boxing when you're 7 years old, that's your dream to become world champion — and after that you want to become something bigger than world champion. You just don't stop there. You go to the highest level possible."

Crawford's work at 140 pounds probably is finished. A move to 147 looks imminent. Promoter Bob Arum of Top Rank said the plan is for Crawford to go with him to Australia for the expected November re-

match between Jeff Horn and Manny Pacquiao. Arum wants Crawford to fight the winner.

"I'm all for it," Crawford said.

The 29-year-old Crawford was as dominant as ever against Indongo, a 34-year-old from Namibia who was fighting in the United States for the first time after making a rapid ascent to champion.

Though Crawford was a heavy favorite, Indongo had height and reach advantages that caused his camp some concern.

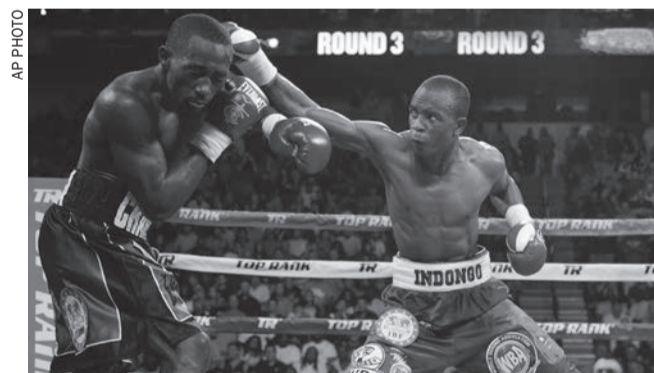
But Crawford sent Indongo to the canvas with a right to the body in the last minute of the second

round and just missed with a massive left hook before the bell. At that point he was in firm control.

Midway through the third round, Crawford caught Indongo with a left hook to the body that put him down writhing in pain.

"We knew the body was going to be open, being that he swings so wild," Crawford said. "We felt we could catch him in the middle of his punches. That's what we worked on in the gym."

Crawford (32-0, 23 knockouts) was in his home state for the fifth time in nine fights but for the first time in Lincoln, 45 minutes from his Omaha base.



Julius Indongo (right) jabs at Terence Crawford during the third round of a junior welterweight world title unification boxing bout in Lincoln, Nebraska

Indongo (22-1, 11 knockouts) made his rise in his weight division in less than a year after winning bouts in Russia and Scotland.

Crawford entered the ring to roars from the Pinnacle Bank Arena sellout crowd of 12,121 after coming down the steps from the arena concourse. He wore a red No. 140 Nebraska Cornhuskers football jersey, a nod to this city being home to the University of

Nebraska.

With fans on their feet and chanting his name, Crawford seized control early. When his final blow took down Indongo, the decibel level increased even more, and Crawford jumped in the air in the middle of the ring in celebration.

Indongo couldn't get up. "When he hit me, it hurt so bad," he said. "When he hit me like that, my mind was gone." **AP**

opinion

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To FEEL GOOD

A couple of days ago I bumped into an old report that matched perfectly with what my feelings were on the previous days. The story is rooted in an interview that a well known Japanese physician, educator and author gave to Japan Times back in 2009. It had resurfaced and placed under the spotlight due to the death of the interviewee, Shigeaki Hinohara, last month, at the age of 105.

The question I am trying to address briefly here is: What have we learned from Hinohara-san?

For those who have never heard of him, he was one of the world's most longest-serving physicians and educators, almost a legend to his patients who considered his medicinal skills as almost touching the field of magic.

He was a longevity expert who had been working since 1941 at St. Luke's International Hospital in Tokyo and taught at St. Luke's College of Nursing.

After World War II, he envisioned a world-class hospital and college rising from the ruins of Tokyo, and with his pioneering spirit he created these places in Japan as the country's top institutions.

What is so special about this man? It may be the fact that he contradicted all that we commonly praise and take for granted regarding healthy living.

In one of the most famous quotes, Hinohara said, "Energy comes from feeling good, not from eating well or sleeping a lot," adding, "We all remember how as children, when we were having fun, we often forgot to eat or sleep. I believe that we can keep that attitude as adults, too. It's best not to tire the body with too many rules such as lunchtime and bedtime."

This is the "secret" according to this longevity expert - To Feel Good - as simple as that.

In the same interview, the physician elaborated and painted a clearer picture for all of us based on his extremely long studies and research. "All people who live long - regardless of nationality, race or gender - share one thing in common: None are overweight. For breakfast I drink coffee, a glass of milk and some orange juice with a tablespoon of olive oil in it. Olive oil is great for the arteries and keeps my skin healthy. Lunch is milk and a few cookies, or nothing when I am too busy to eat. I never get hungry because I focus on my work. Dinner is veggies, a bit of fish and rice, and, twice a week, 100 grams of lean meat."

Another of the secrets according to Hinohara is to plan ahead. In the interview, he revealed some of his plans for the future. "My schedule book is already full until 2014 (5 years ahead), with lectures and my usual hospital work. In 2016 (7 years ahead) I'll have some fun, though: I plan to attend the Tokyo Olympics," he said, and he did.

One of the factors he considers killers of longevity is "early retirements" as he also strongly disagrees with a "retirement age."

"It should be a lot later than 65. The current retirement age was set half a century ago, when the average life expectancy was 68 years. Today women live to be around 86 and men 80."

Hirohara left a few more pieces of advice. "To stay healthy, always take the stairs and carry your own stuff. I take two stairs at a time, to get my muscles moving." In addition, "when a doctor recommends you take a test or have some surgery, ask whether the doctor would suggest that to his or her spouse or children. Contrary to popular belief, doctors can't cure everyone. So why cause unnecessary pain with surgery? I think music and animal therapy can help more than most doctors imagine."

In the meanwhile, an annual survey conducted in Macau shows that "happiness" levels have been unstable and falling in the past five to six years mostly due to housing and consumer price dissatisfaction. Is there any way we can feel good about them?

THE BIG BEN'S BELL GOES SILENT FOR BUZZ YEARS OF REPAIRS

Britain's Big Ben has bonged the hour for the last time yesterday ahead of almost four years of repair work.

The giant bell atop Parliament's clock tower rang out 12 times at noon, as parliamentary staff, lawmakers and passers-by paused to listen.

The sound faded away to start what is scheduled to be the bell's longest period of silence since it first rang out in 1859.

It is not due to resume regular timekeeping until 2021, though it will sound on special occasions such as New Year's Eve.

The break will allow workers to carry out much-needed maintenance to the Victorian clock and its tower. But some lawmakers have criticized the lengthy silence, calling Big Ben an important symbol of British democracy.

They want the time scale for repairs tightened.

DEATH AT 91

Legendary comedian Jerry Lewis knew how to laugh and cry



Lewis poses during an interview at TCL Chinese Theatre in Los Angeles (2014)

Hillel Italie, New York

JERRY Lewis sometimes didn't know whether to laugh or cry.

"There's nothing more dramatic than the comedy I've done," Lewis, who died yesterday (Macau time) at age 91, told The Associated Press in 2016. "Because the comedy I've done is to get to the audience, get them to feel it, or they won't laugh."

If jokes are the children of pain, then Lewis was a born patriarch. The filmmaker, entertainer and sleepless host of the Muscular Dystrophy telethons was a storm system of rage and ecstasy, Olympian physical talent, artistic aspiration and vintage Vegas schmaltz. The crazed funnyman who would scream like a toddler worked on a Holocaust film called "The Day the Clown Cried" and for his theme song chose the self-mythology of Rodgers and Hammerstein's "You'll Never Walk Alone":

*Walk on through the wind
 Walk on through the rain
 Though your dreams be
 tossed and blown
 Walk on, walk on
 With hope in your heart
 And you'll never walk
 alone*

Some comedians are always in character. Don Rickles, who died in April, stayed true in public to his persona of good-natured insulter. With Lewis, you never knew when he might

switch from sad to funny to angry to reflective. He might lash out an audience member during one of his nightclub performances or chastise a gathering at the Friars Club in New York for not cheering loud enough for one his fellow entertainers. He might glare in response to a reporter's question, give a long and thoughtful response or tell an unprintable joke.

Lewis believed in truth, and part of his truth was darkness. He once bragged that he told gossip columnist Louella Parsons she was "a fat pig."

"You see the people that have a point of view, and have an opinion and have some intellect are dangerous in the film community, they're dangerous," he told Larry King during a 2000 interview on CNN. "You want to know why Barbra Streisand is so difficult? Because she's brilliant. She's a brilliant entertainer, she's a brilliant lady, and she's a wonderful human being, and the community doesn't like it."

Lewis was born into a world of vaudeville and silent movies and carried with him decades of 20th century show business. He was a final link to the old Borsch Belt culture that also turned out Mel Brooks and Henny Youngman, to the nightclub circuit where entertainers such as himself, Frank Sinatra and his old partner Dean Martin got their starts, and to the early years of Las Vegas

when Lewis helped shape the city's brand of glitz and sentimentality.

Lewis was equally memorable talking too much or saying nothing. As the French seemed to know better than anyone, he was among the last comedians who modeled their work after Charlie Chaplin, Buster Keaton and the greats of the silent era. Like the early masters, he was the sole author of his best work, serving as star, writer, director and producer of "The Nutty Professor," "The Bellboy," "The Patsy" and other films. His most memorable routines had a near-martial precision, whether in "The Errand Boy" when he points a cigar to the beat of Count Basie's "Blues in Hoss Flat" or his mimicry of a typewriter in "Who's Minding the Store?"

He knew well how to suffer, but also called himself "the luckiest Jew in the world" and liked to say that happiness was family. Also work and recognition, knowing he would always be spotted in a crowd. He also loved the admiration of peers and the bad taste of their compliments. When he celebrated his 90th birthday at the Friars, friends such as Richard Belzer, Gilbert Gottfried and Robert Klein turned up to wish him well, remind of his age and make fun of his sex life. Jim Carrey had a final message for his hero. "He's 90!" Carrey called out. "He can still disappoint us!" AP

Station	Air quality	
Roadside	50-70 Good	
High Density Residential Area	65-85 Moderate	
Ambient	65-95 Moderate	

SOURCE: D5IMG

WORLD BRIEFS

AUSTRALIA's 116-year-old constitutional ban on dual citizens sitting in Parliament has become a major political problem that not so long ago the country didn't know it had and could now struggle to fix. [More on p12](#)



NEW ZEALAND Three weeks ago, the National Party appeared to be cruising to a fourth straight election victory. But much has changed since then due to the rise of opposition leader Jacinda Ardern, and the latest polls indicate the election will be closely contested. The latest ruction came when United Future leader Peter Dunne (pictured) resigned.



SPAIN Catalan police said an operation in Subirats, a town 45 km west of Barcelona, is still going on due to the presence of a "suspicious person." The Spanish newspaper La Vanguardia reported that the fugitive suspect in the deadly Barcelona van attack has been captured there, but police won't confirm that. [More on p15](#)



RUSSIA A flight attendant is suing the Russian flagship airline Aeroflot for taking her off sought-after long-haul flights, alleging that claims that several hundred of what she jokingly calls the airlines "old, fat and ugly" stewardesses have fallen victim to the company's new stringent policy on physical appearance.



FOOTBALL Even without star midfielder Paulinho (pictured), following his departure for Barcelona, Guangzhou Evergrande head coach Luiz Felipe Scolari is confident of completing an unprecedented double in China and Asia.