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CHINA A leisure boat capsized on a large lake in southwestern China during strong winds, killing one child and leaving another 14 people missing, local authorities said.

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HONG KONG The government decided yesterday to suspend live poultry trade after H7N9 bird flu was detected by spot check at a local street market. The SAR government's food and environmental hygiene department said in a statement that the virus was found on Saturday in a fecal sample.

ASIA-PACIFIC U.S. Defense Secretary Ash Carter is proposing to accelerate and deepen defense cooperation in the Asia-Pacific region by expanding a "security network" of countries whose militaries would train together and eventually operate together.

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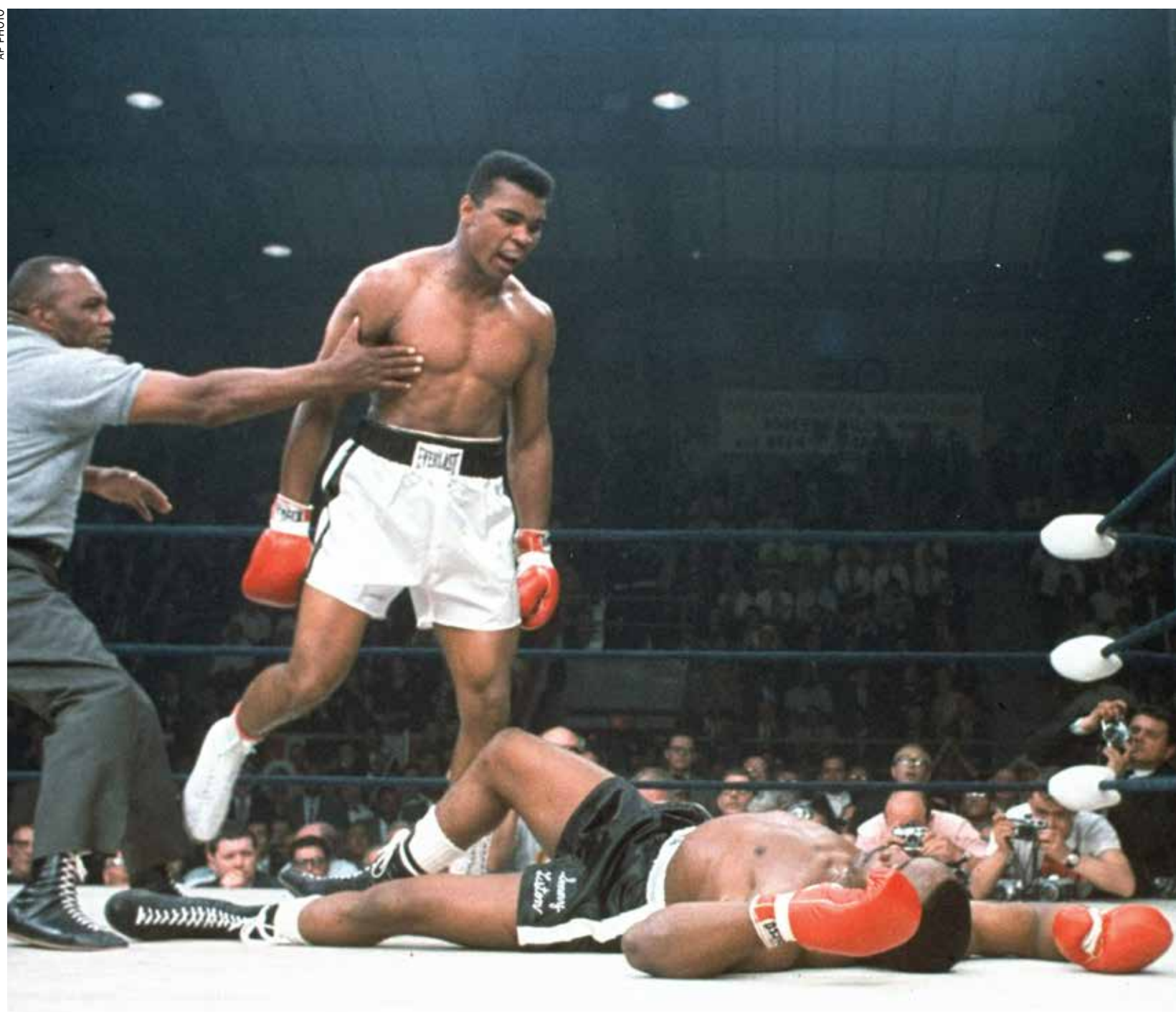
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'Anim'Arte Nam Van' opens

SEEN by the government as "a new landmark for leisure, culture and creativity," the space known as "Anim'Arte Nam Van" officially opened to the public on Saturday.

A joint project presented by the Cultural Affairs Bureau, Sports Bureau, Macau Government Tourism Office and the Institute for Tourism Studies (IFT), "Anim'Arte Nam Van" is equipped with cultural and creative shops, an art pavilion, an indoor craft market and book market, handcraft

■ **The space includes an IFT Café, which will operate as a training ground for students**

workshops, as well as a graffiti display area.

The organizers have also planned special performances and



activities, which will be free of charge. The space includes an IFT Café, which will temporarily operate as a training ground for students. The café will serve a European menu of

snacks and drinks.

The Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Alexis Tam, officiated the opening ceremony. During his speech, Tam expressed the view that

the new leisure hub "breathes a new dynamic into the neighborhood but also enables residents and visitors to unwind, relax and experience the beauty of Macau."

THE Hong Kong-listed operator of the controversial Taishan nuclear plant has been urged to disclose any safety risks relating to the project, after it was disclosed recently that the company has not been forthcoming over the origin of some operational components.

Safety concerns were raised last month after components of the nuclear plant being constructed less than 80 kilometers west of Macau were discovered to have been constructed in mainland China, and not in France as previously

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Taishan plant operator urged to disclose safety flaws



thought.

According to an atomic energy scientist, the component is delicate and "every step in the manufacturing process requires strict control."

The call for transparency comes from Hong Kong's public policy think tank, The Professional Commons, which wants Hong Kong-listed CGN Power to explain whether it will follow up on potential flaws flagged by France's Nuclear Sa-

fety Authority last year. The Taishan nuclear plant uses the same type of reactor as in France.

According to a report by the South China Morning Post, Professional Commons member and accountancy sector lawmaker Kenneth Leung said that Hong Kong laws stipulate that listed companies must make public any information that could affect stock prices.

"Citizens need to know

what's happening," added Leung in conversation with SCMP. "The Taishan reactors are funded by a Hong Kong-listed company that raised capital in Hong Kong, so we need to express our concerns."

Meanwhile, Gao Ligang, CEO at CGN Power, which holds a majority stake in the project, has previously said that the reactors at Taishan meet all international technology and safety standards. **DB**

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

'What the protesters stand for is not in question, but their tactics are winning more detractors than supporters'*

Dear Editor,

Today [Friday, June 3] is the 94th day that the protesters have set up and there are only about 7 representatives present under those tents. I conducted an informal measurement on decibel count with an app. Street level noise was at 99 dB. When I went home, near by Senado Square, the noise level was at 75-85 dB, with no other household noises contributing. While this is not going to damage anyone's hearing. This level is louder than a loud conversation and is relentless. The angle the protesters put their bull horn is aimed directly over the IACM building and as such easily reaches housing

and businesses well behind it as well.

What the protesters stand for is not in question, their request is humble and a worthy cause. But their tactics are such that they are winning more detractors than supporters.

It is one thing to perpetuate a nuisance in the name of civil disobedience to drive your message. This is a fine and valid tactic, however when the noise penetrates beyond the public space you are occupying and unwantingly enters the home of residents, then this is an invasion of privacy. Especially given this means of protest is not active but is extremely passive by using a prerecorded track. The repetition is such

that one can memorize the lines and it's stuck in one's head like a terrible pop song.

On several occasions, I have seen PSP officers in Senado Square talk to the protesters to reduce the volume and they have complied. But as soon as the officers leave their post, the volume goes back up. This demonstrates the protesters understand there is a limit but willingly and continually defy it.

Combine this with the already high ambient noise pollution and the fact there can be more than one protest or a planned event occurring, the noise environment in Macau's city centre has become utterly unbearable. As such, personal ha-

bits change in order to find some peace. For instance, I won't shop anymore in Senado Square, and those of us who work nights can't find rest during the day as the noise breaks the peace. As such, the ability to use one's home to rest and find sanctuary has been taken away from us.

I hope the protesters find validation to their cause, but as it is now, they are winning over no hearts or minds.

Luke Lineau, Downtown Macau

*In reference to MDT article, "Senado Square residents, shop workers, complain about constant noise" published on May 31.

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SPORTS

Fire Service dominate Dragon Boat races weekend

Renato Marques

THE 2016 Macau International Dragon Boat events has started this weekend, with the first two days of event dedicated mostly to the local teams, public and private institutions and universities.

The Macau Fire Service team was the big winner of the weekend taking the title for all the categories they were listed in (three), including two victories in the Open Category.

The Fire Department team started showing dominance right from the first day, during the shorter-distance races dedicated to small boats (200m), taking victories in both the Macau Public Entities and the Open Category Grand Finals, showing great dominance.

"The key to our success is in the psychological adjustment of our team members. Today, the team members were in a good state and performed very



well," one of the team members told TDM.

In the university students' category, the victory smiled upon the team from the City University of Macau and for "Clube de Canoagem Baía do Mar" in the women's category.

Yesterday was mostly dedicated to the standard size boats and longer distance (500m) races, and the Fire Service continued their trophy collection by winning the Open Category almost one second ahead of

Monte Carlo Sports Club, who fought until their last paddle.

On the first final of the day, the Beijing Normal University - Zhuhai had already raised the winners' flag in the Macau Invitational Dragon Boat Race - University Category taking the win over the Hong Kong University of Science & Technology by only six tenths of a second.

As for the women's category, the team from MGM Macau strived for the final win leaving the

closest opposition, Galaxy Pearl, over three seconds behind.

In the only short distance competition of the day, the Customs Bureau Team came out on top of the IACM-Green Warriors and the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department, winning the 2016 Macau Civil Servant Invitation Small Dragon Boat Race.

On the sidelines of the event the Times spoke to a woman surnamed Cheng, one of the team members of MGM Macau, who revealed that the team had been training since April for this competition.

Questioned if the rain made the task more difficult, she said: "We are used to it, it always rains every year during the races and even during practice it always rained a lot."

The 2016 Macau International Dragon Boat Races resume on Thursday with the Macau International Invitation Standard Dragon Boat Race in both Open and Women categories.

Pereira Coutinho: Ho Iat Seng will be next CE



Ho Iat Seng

"I have no doubts that the next Chief Executive is going to be the president of the AL [Legislative Assembly]," said lawmaker Pereira Coutinho during an interview with Radio Macau that was aired on Saturday. The lawmaker stated that he has no doubts on this matter since, in his opinion, the only two other candidates (secretaries Lionel Leong and Alexis Tam) have "derailed" from their course and with that, jeopardized their chances of reaching Macau's government highest position. Regarding the possibilities for the Secretary for Security, Wong Sio Chak, Coutinho places him as a "reserve option" in case "some problem arises."

Second spotting of corpse

A second case of a corpse spotted ashore in Coloane occurred yesterday, after the body of a woman was discovered on Hac Sa beach in the afternoon. Authorities first received reports of the corpse at around 3 p.m. yesterday, according to TDM. A preliminary investigation has found that the woman was around the age of 30 at the time of her death, though the cause remains unclear. The Judiciary Police say that no suspicious wounds have been found on the victim. The corpse may be the same one that swimmers claimed to have seen floating near Hac Sa beach on Saturday, however this could not yet be verified.

Shanghai Disney Resort could drive away tourists

Shanghai Disney Resort might steer away 30 percent of mainland tourists from Macau casinos starting June 16, says a study conducted by the American Financial services company Morgan Stanley. The company cites an in-house survey conducted of 1,000 mainland Chinese gamblers, which shows that around one-third of these tourists admit that they might visit Macau "less often" once Shanghai's Disney Resort opens. The report of Morgan Stanley justifies the findings with the fact that Chinese gamblers are much younger than other nationalities, ranging between 21 and 49 years old.

March hails domestic violence law

A"Celebration Walk" was held yesterday, with the participation of approximately 100 people, including a small number of children, praising the latest domestic violence law that was recently approved by the government.



The march was organized by the Good Shepherd Centre. The participants departed from Jardim de Vasco da Gama in the afternoon and made their way to the government headquarters. In order not to disturb public order, the group decided not to vocalize their slogans.

Sister Juliana Devoy, director of the Good Shepherd Centre, voiced her opinion on the passage of the law. "We thank the government for having listened to the hearts of all Macau residents, especially those who have fallen victim to domestic violence," expressed Devoy, adding that, "although there are still problems [in this new law], it marks significant progress." She expects to see

amendments and improvements to the law within three years following its implementation. The government has announced that a review of the law will take place once it has been in effect for three years.

Participants also expressed their belief that the new law represents a great step for Macau society as domestic violence is now defined as a public crime. They also hope that further amendments can be made in the future. "Everyone deserves the right to live protected [from violence]," said one participant, surnamed Lee.

Last month, the bill, which aims to establish a new milestone in the prevention of and fight against domestic violence,

was finally approved in the Legislative Assembly, with 28 votes in favor and one absentee. The law will come into force 120 days after its publication in the government's official gazette.

The bill excludes same-sex couples and also cohabiting couples.

After the law was approved, Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture Alexis Tam commented: "the work of the government doesn't end in the approval of the law."

Last week, Social Welfare Bureau (IAS) President Vong Yim Mui, said that the IAS received 82 assistance requests relating to cases of domestic violence last year. In the first four months of this year the number of cases has already reached 58.

Staff reporter

Guangdong gears up for illegal betting during European Cup

THE Guangdong Provincial Public Security Department (GPPSD) revealed that approximately 40,000 people have engaged in illegal football betting schemes, according to a mainland report.

The number corresponds with the detentions made from the beginning of the year until May 15. In total, the GPPSD has dealt with more than 13,700 cases during the mentioned period, which resulted in 1,573 criminal occurrences regarding illegal betting schemes, 2,400 people arrested, 5,395 detained for criminal investigations, and 38,000 detained for further administrative investigations. Most of the disclosed cases that have been investigated can be found in underground casinos in Dongguan, allegedly run by people from Hong Kong.

The GPPSD also explained that a brand new slot machine featuring laptops running gambling applications is becoming popular in Guangdong. The cities that have started using these machines are Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Foshan, Meizhou, Huizhou, Dongguan, Jiangmen and Zhongshan.

On May 12, the police investigated a single case which involved RMB275 million.

The GPPSD believes that with the upcoming European Cup, the scope cross-regional illegal online betting will be tremendous. Peng Hui, vice director of the GPPSD, said "every time when the European Cup and other international competitions take place, there is illegal betting." Hui informed the media that the three regions are organizing regular meetings for sharing information related to these crimes in order to ensure they are well prepared for Euro 2016.

No cases related to Macau have been disclosed.

Integrated shuttles set for trial

In compliance with the transportation policy of the government, gaming operators Galaxy Entertainment Group, Melco Crown Entertainment and Sands China have announced the trial period for an integrated shuttle bus service. The new service, named the "Cotai Connection," seeks to do away with the independent shuttle bus services for the three gaming operators, and instead establish a single route. The operating hours of the trial service will be from 11:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m. daily with 15 - 20 minute intervals between shuttles. It will serve Galaxy Macau, Broadway Macau, Studio City, City of Dreams, The Venetian Macao and Sands Cotai Central. The "Cotai Connection" will commence a three-month trial period from June 6.

App for modifying contact information launched

The Identification Services Bureau (DSI) has introduced a new mobile application, "DSI Service Station," for residents to easily modify their contact information. Applicants aged 18 or over can download the mobile application with their Android devices. Applicants would need to enter the confirmation information for authentication to establish an encrypted communication channel between the DSI's server and the identity card. According to a statement from the bureau, the confirmation information can either be entered manually or through the QR code at the back of the identity card.

HISTORY

Author hopes Macau will be able to preserve Western heritage

TANG Kaijian, a history professor at the University of Macau (UM), recently published his book "Macaology, A Touch of Alienation in the Celestial Empire: Western Civilization in Macau, 16th-19th Centuries."

The book consists of two volumes and presents Tang's conclusions from his multi-year research project and 20-year study of the region. According to a statement from UM, it is considered by the institution to be the "most pioneering work of Macaology ever published." The work draws on a variety of sourced materials, including first-hand historical data in Chinese and Portuguese, as well as data in French, Spanish, German, Russian, Latin, Dutch, Japanese and English.

During a presentation held at UM last week, the author expressed the hope that his book can "become a business card for Macau." Tang further emphasized that "the golden content of Macau's history and culture cannot be matched by any ordinary city."

He explained that "civilization in Macau is a product mainly of Western influence, whereas Chinese civilization [can be seen] everywhere across the mainland." Moreover, he remarked that,



Tang Kaijian

with respect to China, Macau is the only region with Western civilization as the norm. The culture is therefore something special and can be used as a permanent, unbeatable visiting card."

Tang stated that his goal is to somehow improve this card lobbying for local associations and the local government not to neglect Macau's outstanding value. He questioned: "Isn't it a good thing that Western civilization came to an Eastern country and is still being preserved?"

Published in Chinese, Tang's book is

a two-volume tome consisting of nearly two million words. According to the author, the book's length is due to the diversity of its source material, which includes first-hand historical data. "Sixty percent of the references that I used were in Portuguese, mainly documents from the Macau government," acknowledged Tang.

The history professor also noted that a group of around 20 people should be considered the book's backbone. They are students of UM, majoring in Portuguese, who contributed to the translation work of the Portuguese references. Tang also noted that there should be a dedicated translation team in the city in order to perform deeper research into the history of Macau.

When referring to what makes his book special, Tang said that he covers Western literature, which has never before been mentioned in a Chinese book describing the history of Macau. When did the first Don Quixote novel come to Macau? When did the first work of Shakespeare come to Macau? And when was the telescope first brought to Macau? These are among the topics that had not been mentioned in other Chinese books discussing Macau. **Staff reporter**

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NEARLY 150 volunteers participated in the Macau Coastal Cleanup Activity; filling 43 plastic bags with 290kg of sea trash in response to the World Environment Day, which is celebrated every June 5.

The event was organized by Green Future, the University of Saint Joseph (USJ) and the Macau Polytechnic Institute (IPM), institutions which teamed up with several non-governmental organizations in Macau, Hong Kong and mainland China to consolidate a Pearl River Delta-wide coastal cleanup event.

According to Green Future, some 1,000 volunteers in 17 Chinese coastal cities including Shanghai, Shenzhen and Xiamen cleaned up more than 40 beaches.

Meanwhile in Macau, beaches

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Volunteers take part in coastal cleanup efforts



“We want people to be more conscious about their lifestyle and how they use their resources.”

KAREN TAGULAO

next to Ocean Garden, Tam Kong Temple and across from Lord Stow's bakery were filled with volunteers yesterday as they carried out the cleanup activity.

Karen Tagulao, a senior professor from the Institute of Science and Environment at USJ, was a “site leader” at the

beach next to Tam Kong Temple. According to her, several beaches in the city are not paid much attention.

The scholar said that their ultimate objective is to raise awareness amongst the local community about the litter problem in Macau. “We want people to be more conscious about their

environment, their lifestyle and how they use their resources when they buy [...] and consume things,” she emphasized.

Tagulao stressed that the city has a culture of “da bao” (take-away boxes), thus she implied that volunteers would be reminded about their excessive use of plastics and styrofoam

boxes. Although she admitted the activity is not a solution to the problem, she hoped that volunteers and residents would be more conscious about the source of waste and thus reflect on their own lifestyles.

The professor claimed that wastes found along the beaches are not just from Macau, as the city is located in the mouth of the Pearl River Delta.

Green Future reported that the most common items of garbage found were plastic bottles, earthenware and other household items.

The data concluded that 3,136 plastic bottles, 2,595 plastic and styrofoam packing materials and 1,360 disposable lunch boxes were picked up in the three regions.

Organizers also disposed of 395 food packaging items and 247 plastic bags; and urged the public to reuse packaging materials.

Also taking part in the event, the president of Green Future, Un Ka Hou, said that the beach site nearby Tam Kong Temple only attracted a few residents and visitors. However a massive amount of waste was found at the site. He claimed that fewer people visit the area as it tends to be the least concerned zone.

“We want the volunteers to understand what kind of rubbish humans make everyday,” he said, hoping that the volunteers would spread the idea to the residents of the community.

Moreover, in the opening ceremony of the activity yesterday in Hong Kong, vice president of Green Future Joe Chan recalled that Macau used to be famous for producing oysters.

“We could find seven to eight kinds of shells before and sometimes we could even see white dolphins and big jellyfishes,” he said. “Now, people treat seas and rivers as unlimited landfills, the sea regions around Macau have been heavily polluted.” He stressed that beaches in the city have been replaced by bags of sea trash that becomes more complex as science and technology improves. **Staff reporter**

DSPA celebrates World Environment Day 2016

THE Environmental Protection Bureau (DSPA) marked the World Environment Day 2016 at Sintra Square, where several games stands and environmental protection workshops were held in hopes of spreading the environmental protection message to participants.

The bureau took advantage of the World Environment Day to promote a series of environmental protection initiatives and with “developing recycling habits for productive green living” as its theme, the program featured various activities including performances and several award ceremonies.

The bureau also continually encouraged the public to practice environmentally friendly acts in everyday life and recommended citizens apply several mottos including “we value food,” “reduce waste starting at home,” and “let's participate in the Eco Tour.”

The director of DSPA, Raymond Tam, said in his speech that the original intention of the event is a starting point to raise awareness amongst the population about environmental protection, and ecological life. With the “reduction of waste from the source” as a goal, the event will hopefully lead the population to continue to practice the acts they learned during the event in the future.

To encourage the population to bring their own shopping bags and reduce the use of plastic bags, DSPA organized its fourth consecutive annual prize draw activity related to the reduction of the use of plastic bags.

Between June 1 and August 31, citizens who own an ecological bag and do not require a plastic bag are entitled to participate in the lucky draw by dropping a stamped receipt in the store's ballot.

Prizes include five sets of MOP2000 grocery coupons, ten sets of MOP500 grocery vouchers and 400 prepaid cards with a balance of MOP100 each.

ILCM re-elects Sophie Lei as president

Renato Marques

THE International Ladies' Club of Macau (ILCM) gathered for the Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Friday and re-elected Sophie Lei as head of the non-profit organization for another mandate.

After the meeting, the association gathered its members and friends for the monthly social event that took place at the China Rouge lounge at the Galaxy Macau.

On the sidelines, the Times spoke to the newly re-elected president who said, “I'm happy to be elected once

more. I've been in the organization since 2007 working as corporate relations, sponsorship officer, vice president and president and this time I'm very excited to continue in these duties.”

As for events, the already traditional Melbourne Cup (in November) and the Charity Bazar (close to Christmas time) are to remain in the calendar but the new president does not rule out the possibility of adding others. “Firstly we will continue with all the traditional events. As for others, I'll need to meet the committee first and have a brainstorm to see if we can bring some new

ideas in the future and work with new partners and different activity sectors of Macau,” Lei concluded.

The ILCM has been running for 32 years thanks to the exclusive work of volunteers, with the purpose of bringing together English speakers of different nationalities, backgrounds and interests residing temporarily or permanently in the territory.

According to the latest figures, the association raises over MOP1.3 million annually, and the funds are used to support over 20 charity organizations as well as supporting research and providing scholarships.



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Local architects invited to Hotel Estoril revamp tender

THE project that aimed to revamp the old Hotel Estoril will no longer be awarded directly to the Portuguese architect Álvaro Siza Vieira," the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Alexis Tam, has announced.

The secretary, who was speaking to journalists on the sidelines at the inauguration of the Nam Van Lake, added that the decision was "political" and was made personally by him.

According to Tam, the government's new idea is to open a public tender allowing local architects to present projects for the venue. The high official told Radio Macau that the previous architect was "already informed in a general way" of the change and "will be invited to compete with local architects."

The secretary added that he received "much advice and many suggestions" and concluded that by applying the public tender procedure to this project, the process will also be "more transparent" and "local architects would be very pleased [with the idea]."

This decision comes about one



year after the Secretary announced the choice of the world-famous Portuguese architect to lead the project, which aims to transform the venue into a center for creativity and a space for activities of local youth.

Two months ago and right after the decision made by the Cultural Heritage Council of the building having no architectural value worth preserving, Secretary Tam's office announced that Siza Vieira would be in the territory between June and July this year to evaluate "in loco" the conditions of the project.

Fewer participants at June 4 candlelight vigil

THE annual June 4 candlelight vigil in memory of the events that occurred in 1989 in Beijing's Tiananmen Square took place again at the Senado Square, but had fewer participants than in the past.

The vigil, organized by lawmakers Ng Kuok Cheong and Au Kam San, was also attended by the leader of New Macau Association, Scott Chiang, who commented on the smaller numbers of participants. "Many people in Macau are not very concerned about June 4. They are more concerned with their personal and family welfare or with Macau government related issues," he said. "There is also a great ignorance of the history."

Chiang also anticipated that the vigil would attract fewer youngsters, as "many young people are more concerned with where to go during the weekend or with issues regarding their earnings. I think it would be important for people to have a more comprehensive look at what is around them



and how their reality can change for the better," concluded Scott Chiang.

Nevertheless, a good number of people gathered to remember those that suffered from the events related to the Tiananmen Square crackdown back in 1989 and a minute of silence was observed.

As the event started, a mainland tourist mother rushed her kid out of the square as he was asking "what happened and why were those people there," not knowing about her intentions, and to justify her actions, she was heard replying "it is because this land before belonged to the foreigners."

Curiosity caused a few tourists to join the locals, to whom some leaflets and newspapers with information regarding the event were distributed.

A Zhuhai resident interviewed by TDM said, "I don't know much about it so I am reading about it now. This is my first time hearing about it."

Another interviewee, a Hong Kong resident, added, "everything is under control [of the Central government] and they never really talked about the movement, the injuries or anything about that. I have friends from mainland China when I studied years ago in university, who have never heard of this." RM

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Congratulations

Dah Sing surges on sale of insurance unit for USD1.4 billion

Jonathan Browning
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DAH Sing Financial Holdings Ltd. shares climbed the most in almost six weeks after the Hong Kong banking group agreed to sell its life-insurance operations to Fujian Thai Hot Investment Co. for HKD10.6 billion (USD1.4 billion).

Shares of Dah Sing rose 2.7 percent to HKD52.75 as of 11:41 a.m. Hong Kong time, after jumping 7.5 percent earlier. The stock gained 33 percent this year, compared with the benchmark Hang Seng Index's 4.6 percent drop.

The sale, which is subject to regulatory and shareholder approvals, includes Dah Sing's life-insurance businesses in Hong Kong and Macau and is expected to close in the fourth quarter, the company said in a statement last week. The deal also includes

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an agreement that allows the life-insurance businesses to sell products through Dah Sing Banking Group Ltd. and Banco Comercial de Macau for the next 15 years.

Thai Hot, a Chinese firm that invests in real estate, insurance and health care, beat out property developers and insurance companies seeking a slice of Hong Kong's market for policies, which is benefiting from surging Chinese demand. Purchases of insu-

rance and related investment policies by mainland visitors to Hong Kong almost doubled in the first quarter from a year earlier to HKD13.2 billion, the city's insurance regulator reported this week.

"A lot of mainland companies, especially the real estate firms, are seeking to expand into the financial services sector," said Edmond Law, a Hong Kong-based analyst with UOB-Kay Hian Holdings Ltd. "It's not easy to get a license and not many takeover targets are available, that's why Dah Sing got such a good offer."

Country Garden Holdings Co., China Life Insurance Co., Canada's Sun Life Financial Inc. and Chinese investment firm JD Capital were among the companies picked to submit second-round offers in April, people familiar with the matter said previously. Ageas SA said in August it will sell its Hong Kong life unit to JD Ca-

pital for HKD10.7 billion.

Dah Sing Financial, which controls one of the last independent Hong Kong banks, announced in January that it was exploring the sale of its insurance operations as it sought to unlock the value of the business.

Thai Hot Investment will pay about HKD7.8 billion of the total deal amount just for Dah Sing's Hong Kong life business, the bank said. That's equal to about 2.23 times the unit's carry value as of December, which is the sum of its audited net-asset value and value of in-force long-term life business, according to Bloomberg Intelligence analyst Steven Lam.

Interest in the Dah Sing unit comes even after a wave of new restrictions on policy purchases by Chinese residents that are aimed at controlling capital outflows. Such purchases allowed individuals wanting

to move money abroad a convenient way around China's foreign-exchange controls.

Thai Hot Investment, based in China's Fujian province, owns assets in industries from real estate to insurance and health care, and is a controlling shareholder of Shenzhen-listed Thai Hot Group. The investment firm, which had more than \$13 billion of assets at the end of last year, completed the acquisition of a majority stake in Newport Beach, California-based Alliance HealthCare Services Inc. in March.

Huang Qisen, chairman of Thai Hot Group, is a member of the 12th National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, according to the company's website. Calls to Thai Hot Group seeking further comment weren't answered.

Dah Sing said the sale won't affect its general insurance subsidiaries. **Bloomberg**

LAS VEGAS

MGM Resorts to renovate Monte Carlo casino-hotel

Sally Ho

MGM Resorts International said Friday that it will work with a New York-based hotelier to redesign the Monte Carlo Resort and Casino on the Las Vegas Strip, promising a more boutique taste for Sin City while setting its sights on building casino-less hotels like it in other parts of the country in a newly formed joint venture.

The Strip's largest casino operator says it will partner with Sydell Group on the USD450 million renovation of the Monte Carlo, with construction completed by the end of 2018. MGM will retain full ownership and operations.

MGM said it will redesign the Monte Carlo to create two hotels. The Park MGM hotel will have 2,700 rooms and incorporate some of the Monte Carlo's European design influences.

The other hotel will be known as The NoMad Las Vegas, which will occupy the top three

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This undated artist rendering shows a concept plan of an indoor-outdoor restaurant located off the lobby area of the new Park MGM hotel

floors of the existing hotel tower. The 292-room hotel will build on the Sydell Group's flagship property in New York by the same name.

The redesign is aimed at attracting younger, affluent visitors who prefer modern aesthetics over kitschy themes and who come to Vegas not for gambling but for

the high-end adult playground it has become.

"Some of these lifestyle hotels are a little too sexy," said Jim Murren, MGM's chairman and CEO. "We're going for more romance than sexy — more soft, more comfortable, more residential."

Murren said prices at the NoMad will be sli-

ghtly higher because it will have a large portion of suites. The upgrades will bring room rates closer to those at the Cosmopolitan, Wynn and Encore.

Breathing new life into the 20-year-old property is part of MGM's larger development project known as The Park, an outdoor entertainment

district north of Tropicana Avenue.

The hotel and hotel within a hotel at the Monte Carlo site will anchor the complex that includes a leafy outdoor pedestrian area with restaurants and the 20,000-seat T-Mobile Arena that opened in April. A smaller theater aimed at attracting headliners in residence is ex-

pected to open by the end of the year.

MGM said last year that it would overhaul the Monte Carlo as part of the new "neighborhood."

The site is the most centrally located among MGM's Strip properties but also its least recognizable brand.

"It was built and therefore designed when themed hotel casinos were very popular and it was one of the last ones of that generation to be built, and I don't think the theme itself has resonated with customers," Murren said.

Murren described the new facilities as lifestyle hotels that will feel like a Parisian apartment at the NoMad and a desert garden at Park MGM.

Murren also said MGM is looking to build non-casino hotels in major cities, describing a Park MGM hotel near Central Park in New York City, for example, that would be developed in the joint venture with Sydell Group. MGM has hotels without gambling in China. **AP**



Bordeaux 2015 wine prices pick up pace

Vineyards of the Bordeaux wine region

THE pace of Bordeaux wine-price increases announced for the 2015 vintage has quickened over the past week, with top producers now having marked bottles up by about 25 percent on average from 2014, according to data from the London-based online Liv-ex market on its website.

Increases in 2015 prices from Bordeaux merchants in the past week alone relative to 2014 were running at about 32 percent, up from a more leisurely 19 percent in late May, the data show. Top estates were pushing harder, with seven leading growers each selling above 50 euros (USD56.84) a bottle announcing price increases of 35 percent on average.

Many major estates have still not set prices for their new "en primeur" wines sold while still in barrel, two months after presenting them in early April tastings. The annual sales campaign may last from a few weeks to three months or more, affecting the broader wine market as merchants and investors weigh new wines

against those already available on the market.

"The pace of the 2015 en primeur campaign has picked up significantly," Liv-ex wrote in its market blog. "This has seen buyers looking for value across the back vintages."

After three difficult vintages in Bordeaux from 2011 to 2013 and a return to a more classic style in 2014, last year's wines have the potential to be the best since the highly rated 2009 and 2010 harvests. An unusually hot June and July was followed by rain in August that helped the vines, and then sunshine through the harvest allowed grapes to be picked at their ripest.

Producers interviewed in Bordeaux and London have said that 2015 is shaping up to be the highest-quality Bordeaux vintage for at least five years. Wine Advocate critic Neal Martin wrote in April that "the heady peaks of 2015 stand shoulder to shoulder with 2009 and 2010," while pointing to a lack of consistency across the region. **Bloomberg**

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During the program, our chefs share their knowledge, life experiences and advice. Interspersed in the theory of developing cooking skills, is thoughtful discussions about the path the chefs have taken to reach their own dreams, and how they too have faced challenges along the way.

Whilst not everyone seeks a career in cooking, the program gives real working experience in a teamwork environment, encouraging exploration of career aspirations, as well as helping to build self-esteem and confidence. Moreover, not only do the mentees come away with a new set of recipes taught from the very best in the industry, but also new friendships.



Chef Wilson, MGM's Executive Sous Chef, has been mentoring in our Culinary Mentoring Program since 2013. Sharing his passion for food and the community, Chef Wilson hopes to connect with young people and inspire them to reach for the stars.

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Tens of thousands of people attend a candlelight vigil at Victoria Park in Hong Kong

Hong Kong students split from Tiananmen anniversary vigil

WHILE Hong Kongers crammed into a park Saturday to remember the victims of China's bloody crackdown on protesters in Beijing's Tiananmen Square 27 years ago, many student groups held rival events in a sign of the widening rift in the city's pro-democracy movement.

According to the Associated Press, "the annual evening vigil at Victoria Park is the only large-scale public commemoration on Chinese soil of Beijing's brutal crackdown."

About the only sign in Beijing that it was the anniversary of the event was the tightened security around Tiananmen Square.

Hundreds, possibly thousands, of people were killed as tanks and troops converged on Beijing on the night of June 3-4, 1989. The topic remains taboo in China and any form of commemoration, whether public or private, is banned.

Organizers in Hong Kong said 125,000 people attended Saturday's vigil, but the crowd appeared to be smaller. Police gave an estimate of 21,800.

Missing from the crowd were the student groups that had been longstanding supporters of the annual vigil. Instead, a dozen student organizations held discussion forums on Hong Kong's future. The move underscores the split that emerged between younger and older generations of pro-democracy activists over Hong Kong identity following 2014 protests against the Chinese government's decision to restrict elections in the city.

Student leaders decided to abstain from the vigil after they quit the Hong Kong Alliance in Support of Patriotic Democratic Movements in China — the vigil's organizer —

in April because they felt one of the alliance's main aims, fighting for democracy in mainland China, was no longer realistic.

Vigil leaders on Saturday evening laid a wreath at a makeshift memorial. The crowd, holding candles that turned the park into a sea of flickering lights, observed a minute of silence. The start of the event was briefly disrupted by activists, some wearing masks, who tried to storm the stage. They yelled slogans and carried flags calling for Hong Kong's independence. Police said they arrested a 24-year-old man.

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Lily Wong, a 21-year-old legal assistant, attended the vigil with her friend Cecilia Ng, 19, a recent high school graduate. They didn't disagree with some of the criticisms leveled by the student groups, such as a format that is repeated every year and doesn't appeal to the younger generation, but they said it remained vital for the pro-democracy movement.

"This is not a perfect event, but there are some meaningful things for us," Wong said. "It is very important for Hong Kong."

In Taiwan's capital, Taipei, Wu'er Kaixi, one of the student leaders of the 1989 Tiananmen protests, was among about 200 people who gathered at Li-

berly Square for a memorial event.

"The spirit of June 4 is an act of courageous humans pursuing the universal value of freedom," Wu'er said. "This spirit will not be crushed under machine guns and tanks. It will not die because of [the Chinese government's] suppression."

In Beijing, police checked IDs and searched the bags of anyone seeking to enter the environs of Tiananmen Square, where thousands of students, workers and ordinary citizens gathered in 1989 to demand political reforms. Journalists from The Associated Press were stopped, filmed and ultimately forced to leave the area, ostensibly for lacking proper permission.

Ahead of the anniversary in China, family members of those killed in the crackdown were placed under additional restrictions. At least half a dozen people were reportedly detained in recent days for attempting to commemorate the events.

The U.S. State Department called for a "full public accounting of those killed, detained, or missing and for an end to censorship of discussions about the events of June 4, 1989, as well as an end to harassment and detention of those who wish to peacefully commemorate the anniversary."

Asked Friday about the anniversary, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying said China had "long ago reached a clear conclusion about the political turmoil at the end of 1980s and other related issues."

China's explosive economic growth in the years that followed "proves that the path of socialism with Chinese characters we chose to follow [...] is in line with the fundamental interests of the Chinese people, and it represents a wish shared by them all," Hua told reporters at a daily news briefing. **MDT/AP**

Kerry cautions China on actions in South China Sea

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U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry says China would be committing a provocative and destabilizing act if it establishes an air defense zone in the South China Sea. Kerry says doing so would raise tensions between China and other Asian countries. He says such an act also would call into question China's commitment to resolving disputes over islands and maritime claims diplomatically. Kerry says the U.S. doesn't take sides on competing claims. He says no country should move unilaterally to militarize the resource-rich region. Kerry spoke to reporters while visiting Mongolia. He traveled on to China later yesterday for annual U.S.-China strategic and economic talks.

14 missing, 1 child dead after boat capsizes

A leisure boat capsized on a large lake in southwestern China during strong winds, killing one child and leaving another 14 people missing, local authorities said. The incident happened Saturday afternoon in Sichuan province on Bailong Lake, a man-made lake that translates as "White Dragon" and has an area of more than 60 square kilometers. The lake is surrounded by mountains and a tourist attraction. An online statement from the news office of Guangyuan city government said late Saturday that the boat was carrying 18 people and the three survivors were receiving treatment.

China approves train spur line to 2022 Winter Games site

China has approved the construction of a USD1 billion high-speed rail extension to connect Beijing with the venue for many of the skiing events for the 2022 Winter Olympics, officials said Saturday. The Zhangjiakou city government said the 53-kilometer-line from the Hebei province city of Zhangjiakou to the town of Chongli will be ready by 2019. China is already building an almost USD9 billion high-speed line from Beijing to Zhangjiakou, located about 140 kilometers northwest of the capital. Beijing will host the indoor events but lacks the tall mountains and snow fall for skiing events. Chongli will host the Nordic and other events, while Alpine skiing and sliding sports will be held at a third site in Yanqing, just northwest of the capital. The cost of the rail connections has not been included in the games' approximately \$3 billion operating budget because Chinese authorities have said they would be built anyway as part of a national high-speed network. Beijing is the first city to be awarded both the summer and winter Olympics.

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THAILAND

Junta leader defends crackdown on social media

THAILAND'S junta leader on Friday defended his government's increasing crackdown on social media dissidents, while promising to restore democracy which he suspended in a coup two years ago.

Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha said Thailand is in a transition toward "a strong and sustainable democracy."

"Anything that cannot be completed during this administration will be handed over to the next," he said in a speech at the start of a three-day security conference in Singapore attended by defense ministers from several Asia-Pacific nations, including U.S. Defense Secretary Ash Carter.

Prayuth seized power in a military coup in May 2014, saying he needed to end political confrontations that had wracked Thailand for years. He has promised to hold elections next year after several postponements, and wants to hold a referendum on Aug. 7 on the draft of a new constitution that has been criticized as undemocratic and designed to keep power in the hands of the military and its allies in the country's traditional elite.

His government has banned most public discussion of the referendum, which will be the first electoral barometer of public opinion about the junta.

Campaigning for or against the draft is subject to nebulous rules that could land activists in prison for up to 10 years. Even the sale of a "Vote No" T-shirt is



Thailand's Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha

considered against the law.

In May, authorities arrested eight people on charges of sedition and violation of the Computer Crime Act for material posted on Facebook that mocked Prayuth. The arrests attracted widespread criticism from local activists as well as international human rights groups.

There has been an "abuse [of] social media to engage in libel and a distortion of facts," so it is "necessary for the military to take control for a while," Prayuth said, speaking in Thai. His

comments were translated into English by an interpreter.

"We have enforced the law only when the law is broken... so taking action is not in violation of human rights," he said. "In creating a new equilibrium for Thailand, many issues need to be addressed."

Prayuth said he imposed military rule because of "increasing demands for unlimited freedom" in Thailand.

"There was no other way but to interfere and restore peace," he said.

Prayuth wants to hold a referendum on Aug. 7 on the draft of a new constitution that has been criticized as undemocratic

The annual international security conference, known as the Shangri-la Dialogue, includes a session on Saturday chaired by Carter on meeting Asia's security challenges.

While the region upholds a general image of peaceful coexistence, the influence of extremists, tensions on the Korean Peninsula and territorial disputes in the South China Sea, principally between China and several Southeast Asian nations, threaten to disrupt the peace.

An international arbitration court in The Hague will soon rule in case brought by the Philippines challenging the le-

gal basis of China's sweeping claims in the South China Sea.

Countries should look at "sovereignty in less traditional terms," Prayuth said. "Compromises must be made for the common interest, for common security. If there are opportunities for dialogues, we must engage in dialogues."

Growing tensions in the South China Sea will drive up defense spending in the Asia-Pacific region by almost 23 percent by the end of the decade, consultancy IHS Jane's said in a report on Thursday.

Combined regional defense budgets will grow from USD435 billion last year to \$533 billion in 2020, furthering a shift in global military spending away from Western Europe and North America toward emerging markets, especially in Asia, the report said.

In recent years, China has been increasingly asserting its claims in the region and has built up atolls and islands to be large enough to hold military facilities. The region is of major economic and geopolitical significance, with vital commercial shipping lanes, rich fisheries and potential natural gas and oil deposits. **AP**

President-elect urges public to kill drug dealers

Jim Gomez

THE Philippine president-elect has encouraged the public to help him in his war against crime, urging citizens with guns to shoot and kill drug dealers who resist arrest and fight back in their neighborhoods.

In a nationally televised speech late Saturday, Rodrigo Duterte told a huge crowd in the southern city of Davao celebrating last month's presidential victory that Filipinos who help him battle crime will be rewarded.

"Please feel free to call us, the police, or do it yourself if you have the gun — you have my support," Duterte said, warning of an extensive illegal drug trade that involves even the country's police.

If a drug dealer resists arrest or refuses to be brought to a police station and threatens a citizen with a gun or a knife,

"you can kill him," Duterte said. "Shoot him and I'll give you a medal."

The 71-year-old Duterte won the May 9 presidential election on a bold promise to end crime and corruption within six

If you're still into drugs, I will kill you, don't take this as a joke. I'm not trying to make you laugh, son of a bitch, I will really kill you.

RODRIGO DUTERTE

months of his presidency. That vow resonated among crime-weary Filipinos, though police officials considered it campaign rhetoric that was impossible to accomplish. Human rights watchdogs have expressed alarm that his anti-crime drive may lead to widespread rights violations.

Duterte has been suspected of playing a role in many killings of suspected criminals in his city by motorcycle-riding assassins known as the "Davao death squads," but human rights watchdogs say he has not been criminally charged because nobody has dared to testify against him in court.

In his speech on Saturday, Duterte also asked three police generals based in the main national police camp in the capital to resign for involvement in crimes that he did not specify. He threatened to humiliate them in pu-

blic if they did not quit and said he would order a review of dismissed criminal cases of active policemen, suggesting some may have bribed their way back onto the force.

"They go back again crucifying the Filipino," he said. "I won't agree to that."

"If you're still into drugs, I will kill you, don't take this as a joke. I'm not trying to make you laugh, son of a bitch, I will really kill you," he said to loud jeers and applause.

The foul-mouthed long-time Davao mayor and former government prosecutor said crimes were committed by law enforcers because of "extreme greed and extreme need." He said that he would provide a small amount to an officer who was tempted because his wife has cancer or a mother died, but that those who would break the law because of extreme greed "will also



Rodrigo Duterte

be dealt with by me. I'll have you killed."

Duterte, who starts his six-year presidential term on June 30, repeated a plan to offer huge bounties to those who can turn in drug lords, dead or alive.

While it remains to be seen what will happen to his threats when he takes office, some policemen have heeded his call for a tougher anti-crime approach.

In suburban Las Piñas city in the Manila metropolis, police have apprehended more than 100 minors who defied a night curfew, and men who were either having drinking sprees in public or roaming around shirtless in violation of a local ordinance. The crackdown was dubbed "Oplan Rody" — after Duterte's nickname — or "Rid the Streets of Drinkers and Youth." **AP**

EUROPEAN UNION | BREXIT DEBATE

Blair, Brown lead Labour leaders in backing UK 'Remain' campaign

SIX former U.K. Labour Party leaders including former Prime Ministers Tony Blair and Gordon Brown on Saturday urged the British to vote in favor of remaining in the European Union in the June 23 referendum.

U.K. membership in the EU has provided job protection, lower prices and significant benefits for working people, the leaders said Saturday in a joint statement. The six, which also included Neil Kinnock, Margaret Beckett, Harriet Harman and Ed Miliband, spoke as the party began a drive to register people before tomorrow's deadline.

"Europe protects people at work, stimulates jobs and innovation, keeps prices lower, leads global action against climate change, makes us safer against terrorism, and magnifies Britain's voice and values," the leaders said. "We understand our party's value and its people. Each are strengthened by Britain being in Europe."

Polls have suggested the battle is tightening ahead of the vote on a so-called Brexit, and that warnings by the government, led by Conservative Prime Minister David Cameron, about the threat to the economy aren't having an impact. While the "Remain" side has concentrated on saying jobs



Former British Prime Minister Tony Blair takes part in a discussion on "Britain in the World," in London, on May 24

will be lost if Britain exits, the "Leave" side has fought on immigration.

"If Labour [voters] stay at home, Britain leaves," the leaders said. "And a vote to

leave is a vote for a profound and permanent loss the whole country would feel, whether through lost jobs or lost generations."

U.K. Defence Secretary Michael Fallon on Saturday said the prospect of withdrawing from the EU is causing concerns among his counterparts in Asia, where he was taking part in the 12-nation Shangri-La Dialogue in Singapore.

"I've yet to meet with a fellow defense minister who isn't concerned at the possibility of a Brexit and who doesn't understand that that would weaken our collective security," Fallon told reporters on the sidelines of the security forum.

"It would be a very odd thing for Britain to start walking out of international organizations," he said. "On the contrary, I think many countries still look to Britain to lead, or behind the scenes to steer, many of these groupings."

A leader of the Leave cam-

paign, Justice Secretary Michael Gove, defended the group's assertions about the costs of membership as he was accused of running "Project Lies."

Appearing on a Sky News television special on Friday night, Gove was challenged repeatedly about Vote Leave's statement that the U.K. sends 350 million pounds (USD500 million) a week to the EU, with the first questioner from the audience using the phrase "Project Lies" frequently. The figure has been called "misleading" by the U.K. Statistics Authority and "absurd" by the Institute for Fiscal Studies.

"We give more than 350 million pounds to Brussels," Gove said. "Now we do get some of that money back. It's important to acknowledge that. But the truth is that we cannot count on that rebate. I fear that if we vote to remain, that rebate will only be reduced further." **Bloomberg**

Denmark should never follow UK out of EU

DENMARK will always belong inside the European Union no matter what the outcome of Britain's June 23 referendum on its EU membership, Danish Prime Minister Lars Loekke Rasmussen said.

"I'm not blind to the fact that the EU

makes mistakes," Rasmussen said according to the text of a speech delivered yesterday. "Decision making can be too slow and there's too much, or the wrong kind of, regulation." None of this "prompts me to ask whether Denmark belongs in the EU. We do. Now and in the future."

The Danish premier also said a British decision to remain in the EU "can become a motor to drive needed reforms" in the bloc. These ought to include ensuring that the EU "focuses on the most important things and stays out of far more" policy areas, he said.

Spain's ex-PM meets with jailed Venezuelan opposition leader

Hannah Dreier,
Camilo Hernandez, Caracas

SPAIN'S former prime minister met with jailed Venezuelan opposition leader Leopoldo Lopez on Saturday, the first meeting of its kind in more than two years. The prison visit was part of a high-risk diplomatic effort to defuse Venezuela's escalating crisis.

The meeting between Lopez and Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero lasted about 90 minutes, Adriana Lopez, the prisoner's sister, told The Associated Press. She said she didn't know what the two discussed and declined

further comment.

It's the first time in more than two years an outside visitor besides Lopez's family or lawyers has met with the combative leader in the military prison outside Caracas where he's being held. In 2015, he was sentenced to nearly 14 years in jail for inciting violence at anti-government protests in proceedings widely condemned as a politically-motivated show trial by the U.S. and human rights groups.

"We don't know who permitted it or why," Leopoldo Lopez, who shares his son's name, said on Twitter. "All we know is that there was a surprise."

Venezuela's opposition is demanding the release of Lopez and dozens of other activists it considers political prisoners as part of an international mediation effort led by Zapatero and the former presidents of Panama and the Dominican Republic.

Last month, the three presided over two days of informal meetings in the Dominican Republic in which they shuttled messages between representatives of the opposition and the government.

One of the government's participants at that meeting, Caracas Mayor Jorge Rodriguez, escorted Zapatero to the jail on

Saturday but did not partake in the meeting, according to a source close to the family who spoke on condition of anonymity because the conversation was private.

Zapatero has kept quiet about his dealings and many observers believe they are doomed to fail so long as Maduro refuses to yield to the opposition's demands that his government allow to go forward this year a proposed recall referendum on whether to cut short his six-year term.

But Saturday's meeting is likely to give more oxygen to the mediation effort, which has the support of the Obama ad-



Supporters of Venezuela's jailed opposition leader hold posters of him during a protest on Feb 20, demanding the release of Lopez and other jailed leaders

ministration and regional governments and comes as pressure is mounting on the Organization of American States to suspend Venezuela for violating standards of democracy and the rule of law.

Lopez's jailers have in the past turned back attempted visits by the former leaders of Colombia

and Chile, as well as legislative delegations for from Brazil and Spain.

Maduro is under pressure to negotiate an end to the stalemate as Venezuelans' frustration with an economic crisis marked by triple-digit inflation and widespread food and medicine shortages grow. **AP**



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Offbeat

GRAVEDIGGERS COMPETE IN RACE
JUDGED ON SPEED AND STYLE

Digging their way to the top, 18 two-man teams of Hungarian gravediggers displayed their skills Friday for a place in a regional championship to be held in Slovakia later this year.

Participants in the contest held in plot 37A of the public cemetery of the eastern Hungarian city of Debrecen were being judged on their speed but also getting points for style - the look of the finished grave mounds.

Janos Jonas, 63, who teamed with his son, Csaba, saw the competition run by the Hungarian Association of Cemetery Maintainers and Operators as a sort of last hurrah as he was just a few weeks from retirement.

"We didn't have to prepare in any special way because we do this every day," said Jonas, from the nearby village of Hoszsupalyi. "This is good earth, quite soft and humid, just right for the event."

Organizer Iren Kari said they hoped the race would help increase respect and recognition for the gravediggers' profession and attract more people to the job, which is under threat, for example by the increasing popularity of cremations.

"These men see death every day. Sometimes people joke about them while they work, but gravediggers are human, too," said Kari, who is advocating for gravediggers to get access to psychological support to better handle the strains of the job. "We are having difficulties finding replacements for our retiring employees. Young people today don't like to dig and work." AP

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| 20:10 | Sports |
| 20:30 | Main News, Financial & Weather Report |
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| 22:10 | Helena's Shadow |
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X-MEN: APOCALYPSE
ROOM 1
(2D) 2.00, 4.40, 9.50 pm
(3D) 7.15 pm

Director: Bryan Singer
Starring: James McAvoy, Michael Fassbender,
Jennifer Lawrence
Language: English (Cantonese)
Duration: 144min



THE JUNGLE BOOK
ROOM 2
(2D) 2.30, 4.30, 9.30 pm
(3D) 7.30 pm

Director: Jon Favreau
Starring: Neel Sethi, Bill Murray, Ben Kingsley
Language: English (Cantonese)
Duration: 106min



ANGRY BIRDS
ROOM 3
(2D) 2.30, 4.30, 7.30 pm
(3D) 9.30 pm

Director: Clay Kaytis, Fergal Reilly
Language: Cantonese (Cantonese/English)
Duration: 97min

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02 JUN - 22 JUN

TEENAGE MUTANT NINJA TURTLES:
OUT OF THE SHADOWS
2.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30 pm

Director: Dave Green
Starring: Megan Fox, Will Arnett, Tyler Perry
Language: English (Cantonese)
Duration: 112min



this day in history

1944 D-DAY MARKS START
OF EUROPE INVASION

Thousands of Allied troops have begun landing on the beaches of Normandy in northern France at the start of a major offensive against the Germans.

Thousands of paratroops and glider-borne troops have also been dropped behind enemy lines and the Allies are already said to have penetrated several miles inland.

The landings were preceded by air attacks along the French coast. About 1,300 RAF planes were involved in the first wave of assaults then 1,000 American bombers took up the attack dropping bombs on targets in northern France.

The Prime Minister Winston Churchill has told MPs that Operation Neptune - the codename for the Normandy landings - is proceeding "in a thoroughly satisfactory manner". He said the landing of airborne troops was "on a scale far larger than anything there has been so far in the world" and had taken place with extremely little loss. The assault began shortly after midnight under the command of General Bernard Montgomery.

Timing of the Normandy landings was crucial. They were originally scheduled to take place in May - then postponed until June and put off again at the last minute for 24 hours by bad weather.

Upwards of 4,000 ships and several thousand smaller craft crossed the Channel to the northern coast of France. Enemy reports say the landings took place between the port of Le Havre and the naval base at Cherbourg.

King George VI broadcast a message last night warning of the "supreme test" the Allies faced and he called on the nation to pray for the liberation of Europe. The Allied naval commander, Admiral Sir Bertram Ramsay, said the landings had taken the Germans completely by surprise. There were no enemy reconnaissance planes out and the opposition of coastal batteries was much less than expected.

He added: "There was a slight loss in ships but so slight that it did not affect putting armies ashore. "We have got all the first wave of men through the defended beach zone and set for the land battle."

A statement broadcast from Berlin at midday said the German troops were "nowhere taken by surprise". It said many parachute units were wiped out on landing or taken prisoner.

Hits were also scored on battleships and on landing craft from the "guns of the Atlantic Wall" - the German defensive positions.

President Franklin D Roosevelt told a news conference the invasion did not mean the war was over. He said: "You don't just walk to Berlin, and the sooner this country realizes that the better."

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

The Normandy landings were the beginning of Operation Overlord - or the invasion of German-occupied Europe.

Originally planned to take place on 1 May 1944, the operation was postponed a month to allow time to gather more troops and equipment. The timing was important to allow for the right weather, a full moon, and tidal conditions.

To keep the destination of the landings secret, a deception plan Operation Fortitude was mounted which led the Germans to believe the main target was the Pas de Calais, much farther east.

When the landings finally began there were only 14 of the 58 German divisions in France facing the Allies. While there was stiff resistance at other beaches, Omaha was the only one where the success of the Allied mission was in serious doubt.

The invasion of Normandy was the largest amphibious assault ever launched. It involved five army divisions in the initial assault and over 7,000 ships. In addition there were 11,000 aircraft.

In total 75,215 British and Canadian troops and 57,500 US troops were landed by sea on D-Day. Another 23,400 were landed by air. By 11 June the Allies had secured the Cotentin Peninsula beyond Cherbourg but progress continued slowly as the Germans put up fierce resistance. The end of the Normandy campaign came with the destruction of the German 7th Army in the Falaise pocket in August.

Although the Allies had reached the German frontier by September they decided to re-group during the winter, because of the failure of Market-Garden and the setback in the battle of the Bulge, and the invasion of Germany only began in January 1945.

YOUR STARS

Aries

Mar. 21-Apr. 19

You know the routine. Someone gets angry at colleagues, and then does as little work as possible. Could it be you who's doing the sulking? Say it ain't so, please! Think of your karma, if not your resume.

Taurus

April 20-May 20

Boundaries are everything. Sure, you and your colleagues share common goals, but don't lose track of who they are. If you need someone to whom you can tell your personal problems, wait for your night out with friends.

Gemini

May 21-Jun. 21

A bit of frustration used to be all it took to motivate you. In today's economy, is annoyance really enough? Think long and hard before you consider taking a mad leap.

Cancer

Jun. 22-Jul. 22

Your mind is drawn inward, but not to superficial things. Nothing short of philosophizing can hold your attention today. If you're stuck at the office, be prepared for your mind to wander.

Leo

Jul. 23-Aug. 22

Even the best of them need a break, every now and then. You need to get creative if you want to keep work off your mind. Focus on artwork, whether you are making it or simply appreciating it.

Virgo

Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Ah, you get to address problems on the home front. Relationship issues may make you wish you could just head to work, but no such luck. Whichever way they play out, you'll be ready for the workday.

Libra

Sep.23-Oct. 22

You'll have a hard time getting out of work mode. Wrap your mind around it in any way that works. If you're out of ideas, start with coffee as the ultimate attitude adjuster.

Scorpio

Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

Reality and fantasy mingle in a cozy, comfortable way. That's the only surefire approach to fighting stress right now. So go ahead, imagine a romance. The classifieds can wait another day.

Sagittarius

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Dwelling on the economy won't do you any good unless you use it as incentive. It's a good time to expand your horizons, if only as a safety net. Take out your oldest phone book and make some calls.

Capricorn

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

If you want to advance on a project, give it a rest. Use creativity to exercise all thoughts of it from your mind. Once your head is clear, you'll find you've actually moved forward, as if by magic.

Aquarius

Jan. 20-Feb. 18

There are so many ways to help those less fortunate than you these days that it's hard not to be compassionate. In fact, it's getting harder and harder. Don't let it become yet another day of putting yourself first.

Pisces

Feb.19-Mar. 20

Work has been getting the best of what you have to offer, and it's time to indulge yourself. You get to do something for yourself without feeling guilty. Consider it your last day for a while.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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| Tianjin | 20 | 30 | overcast/cloudy |
| Urumqi | 19 | 29 | shower/clear |
| Xi'an | 20 | 33 | clear/cloudy |
| Lhasa | 9 | 22 | drizzle/shower |
| Chengdu | 21 | 33 | cloudy |
| Chongqing | 22 | 35 | clear |
| Kunming | 17 | 26 | shower |
| Nanjing | 19 | 29 | cloudy/thundershower |
| Shanghai | 20 | 28 | cloudy |
| Wuhan | 21 | 32 | clear/shower |
| Hangzhou | 19 | 30 | cloudy/thundershower |
| Taipei | 25 | 30 | drizzle/moderate rain |
| Guangzhou | 24 | 30 | rain/thundershower |
| Hong Kong | 25 | 29 | thundershower/shower |

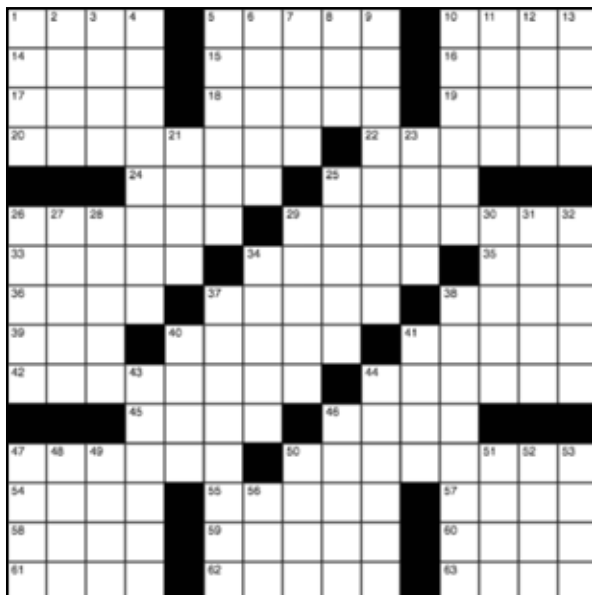
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CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Legumes; 5- Sucrose; 10- Fan mag; 14- Dudley Do-Right's org.; 15- Grassy plain; 16- Pulitzer-winning biographer Leon; 17- Oratorio highlight; 18- Vinegary prefix; 19- Llama land; 20- Sweet wine; 22- Institution for teaching; 24- Eternally; 25- Remain; 26- True skin; 29- Wool-clippers; 33- Troy story; 34- Future oak; 35- Wager; 36- In the blink ___ eye; 37- Golf clubs; 38- ___ Lisa; 39- Mus. slow-up; 40- Follow; 41- Of the sun; 42- Photograph; 44- Prima ballerina; 45- Flabbergast; 46- ___ old cowhand...; 47- Polite refusal; 50- Snobbish conduct; 54- Mil. truant; 55- ___ once; 57- Writer Wiesel; 58- Grab, slangily; 59- Nary a soul; 60- ___ Misbehavin'; 61- Concordes, e.g.; 62- Sporting blades; 63- Wise trio;

DOWN: 1- Baby carriage; 2- Stocking shade; 3- French friends; 4- Astronaut; 5- Schedules; 6- Stomach woe; 7- Scottish Celt; 8- Aardvark morsel; 9- Cocks; 10- Mild breeze; 11- Prefix with logical; 12- Whodunit hero Wolfe; 13- Hebrew month; 21- Ardent; 23- "The Godfather" Oscar nominee; 25- Directed a light; 26- Some designer dresses; 27- Pixyish; 28- Lasso; 29- Reconnoiter; 30- Levi's "Christ Stopped at ___"; 31- Related to the kidneys; 32- Blank look; 34- Favored crime of pyromaniacs; 37- Lacking humanity; 38- Ray of moonlight; 40- It is in Spain; 41- Attempt; 43- Old Testament book; 44- Hams it up; 46- Senseless; 47- Badgers; 48- Birds that may be spotted; 49- Debatable; 50- Gin flavorer; 51- Lamb's pseudonym; 52- Circular band; 53- Abominable snowman; 56- Chop off



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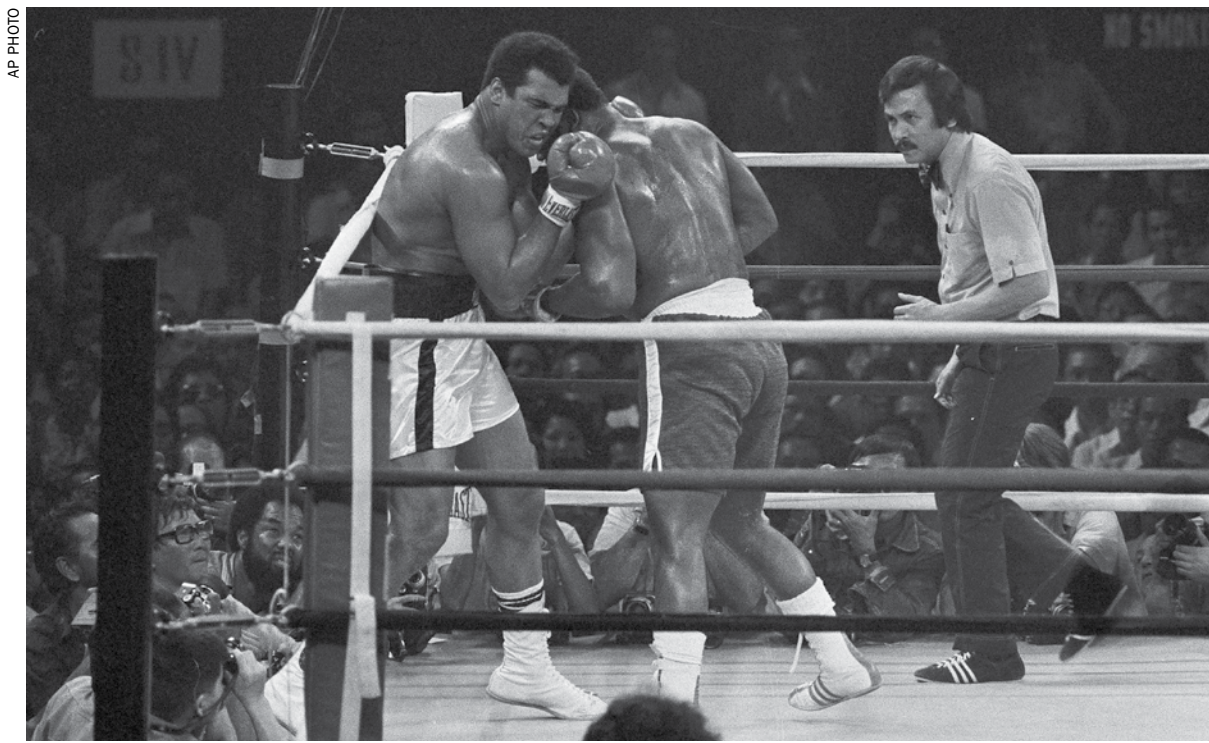
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Muhammad Ali, 'greatest' boxer who riveted world, dies at 74

PACQUIAO:
'WE LOST A GIANT'

FROM MANNY Pacquiao to left-wing activists, Filipinos in this boxing-crazy nation on Saturday grieved the death of Muhammad Ali, which brought back fond memories of the epic 1975 "Thrilla in Manila" fight between him and Joe Frazier. "We lost a giant today," Pacquiao, the Filipino boxing legend, said on his Facebook account, offering prayers to Ali's family. "Boxing benefitted from Muhammad Ali's talents but not nearly as much as mankind benefitted from his humanity."



In this March 8, 1971 file photo, Muhammad Ali (left) and Joe Frazier (center) in action at Madison Square Garden, New York

MUHAMMAD Ali, the brash, fleet-footed heavyweight boxing champion whose charisma transcended sports and made him a global symbol of social change, has died at 74.

He died Friday, Bob Gunnell, a spokesman for the family, said in an e-mailed statement. Ali, who called himself "The Greatest," was hospitalized in the

Phoenix area with respiratory problems earlier this week, the Associated Press reported. He suffered from Parkinson's disease, a neurological affliction that some doctors attributed to the numerous blows to the head he took during two decades as a boxer.

"Muhammad Ali was The Greatest. Period," President

Barack Obama said Saturday in an e-mailed statement. "Ali shook up the world. And the world is better for it. We are all better for it."

Ali's illness prematurely silenced one of the great self-promoters, agitators and entertainers in sports history. He delighted sportswriters with his poetic put-downs of opponents and was

outspoken as well on race, religion and war. He managed to emerge from his firebrand years as something of a statesman, saluted during the opening ceremonies of the 1996 and 2012 Summer Olympics.

"The Louisville Lip" early in his career because of his Kentucky hometown and his boasting, Ali called himself "The Greatest" and wrote poems predicting in which round his opponent would fall.

His playful public image became more serious when, days after beating Liston in 1964, he joined the Nation of Islam and changed his name from Cassius Clay to Muhammad Ali, as bestowed by the spiritual leader Elijah Muhammad. While some viewed the move as an act of black pride, others criticized him for joining what they considered an extremist group.

Ali departed from both the "good Negro" image forged by Floyd Patterson and the "bad Negro" reputation of Liston, the two black heavyweight champions who preceded him, David Remnick wrote in "King of the World," his 1998 biography of Ali. "I had to prove you could be a new kind of black man," Ali said, according to Remnick. "I

had to show that to the world."

Diagnosed with Parkinson's in 1984, Ali continued to travel the world to promote his religion and international goodwill, but gave few interviews or speeches.

At the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta, he steadied his trembling hands long enough to light the cauldron at the opening ceremonies.

"I don't want anyone to feel sorry for me, because I had a good life before, and I'm having a good life now," Ali said, according to Hauser's book.

Cassius Marcellus Clay Jr. was born on Jan. 17, 1942, the first of two boys raised in Louisville by Cassius Sr., a painter of signs and murals, and his wife, the former Odessa Lee Grady, who cleaned the homes of wealthy families. **MDT/Bloomberg**

MUHAMMAD ALI | 1942-2016

A world citizen that never forgot his hometown roots

MUHAMMAD Ali traveled the world as a fighter and humanitarian, but he always came home to Louisville.

His Kentucky hometown was where Ali, as a gangly teenager, began to develop his boxing skills — the dazzling footwork and rapid-fire punching prowess. The three-time world heavyweight boxing champion never forgot his roots, returning to his old West End neighborhood and visiting high school classmates even after becoming one of the world's most recognizable men.

Now the focus shifts back to Ali's hometown as the world says goodbye to the man who emerged from humble beginnings to rub elbows with heads of state.

Ali, slowed for years by Parkinson's disease, died

Friday at age 74 in an Arizona hospital. His funeral is scheduled for Friday afternoon in Louisville.

Ali chose his hometown as the place for one of his lasting legacies: the Muhammad Ali Center, which promotes his humanitarian ideals and showcases his remarkable career. Ali and his wife, Lonnie, had multiple residences around the U.S., but always maintained a Louisville home.

The city embraced its favorite son right back. A downtown street bears his name. A banner showcasing his face — and proclaiming him "Louisville's Ali" — towers over motorists near the city's riverfront.

Lifelong friend Victor Bender knew Ali ever since they were boyhood sparring partners. Bender

remembered Ali — then known as Cassius Clay — as a dedicated athlete who worked tirelessly to hone his boxing skills.

He also remembered Ali's human touch — his willingness to reach out to others.

"Only health changed him," Bender said in a September 2014 interview. "When he was healthy enough, he could talk with anybody. He loved children. He'd reach out and touch anybody, because he loved people. 'Sometimes his handlers would say, 'Look, we've got to go. We've got to meet the schedule.' And he'd say, 'The schedule will have to wait.'"

Ruby Hyde remembered the heavyweight champ cruising into her neighborhood in a Cadillac with the top down. "All

the kids jumped in and he rode them around the block," she remembered.

Ali's boyhood home — a small, single-story frame house — still stands in the working-class neighborhood where he grew up. The bright pink home on Grand Avenue was renovated by its current owners and opened for Ali's fans to get a glimpse into his life before the world came to know him.

Ali's storybook boxing career — highlighted by epic bouts with Joe Frazier, George Foreman and Sonny Liston — began with a theft.

His bicycle was stolen when he was 12. Wanting to report the crime, the shaken boy was introduced to Joe Martin, a police officer who doubled as a boxing coach at a local gym. Ali told Martin he



wanted to whip the culprit. The thief was never found, nor was the bike, but soon the feisty Ali was a regular in Martin's gym.

"He always had a good left-hand punch," Bender recalled. "He could follow up. The fundamentals were always there."

Ali developed into a top amateur boxer. His early workouts included racing a school bus along the streets of Louisville, said Shirlee Smith, his classmate at Louisville Central High School.

"Every time the bus would stop to pick up kids, he would pass us up," she recalled. "Then we'd pass

him up. Everybody on the bus would be laughing and teasing him. He was training at that time, and we were just having fun. But he was focused on what he wanted."

Ali's boyhood neighbor, Lawrence Montgomery Sr., said he saw early glimpses of the bravado that earned Ali the "Louisville Lip" nickname.

"He told me then that he was going to be the heavyweight champion of the world, and I didn't believe him," Montgomery said. "I told him, 'Man, you better get that out of your mind.' But he succeeded. He followed through." **AP**

Gerald Imray, Cape Town

MUHAMMAD ALI | 1942-2016

Kinshasa, Manila and beyond, Ali enraptured fans everywhere

MUHAMMAD Ali rumbled in the African jungle, put on a thriller in Manila, charmed them in London and taunted them in Tokyo.

Like no other boxer before or since, Ali took the big bouts to the farthest corners of the globe, away from the bright lights of Las Vegas and New York. Ali didn't need those lights. He had his own dazzle.

He enraptured people wherever he went: Zaire, the Philippines, Japan, Britain, even Lewiston, Maine. He was brilliant, brash, foolish, and sometimes the bad guy. But by the end, fans everywhere cheered him as if he was their own hometown hero.

Some of Ali's most memorable fights across the world:

ALI vs. SONNY LISTON REMATCH (Lewiston, Maine, May 1965)

Ali had already "shook up the world" when he beat Liston the year before for the heavyweight title. The rematch came at the oddest of places after a deal with the Boston Garden fell through. Lewiston, a mill town, was the replacement venue and the biggest fight of the day took place at a small hockey arena.

Many locals couldn't afford to see it. Some of the tickets were USD100 — a huge sum in those days.

"There was a lot of excitement even though the venue didn't sell out," said Paul Marcotte, a Lewiston newspaper reporter who now lives in California. Some free tickets were distributed to locals to ensure that the venue looked fuller than it was, he said.

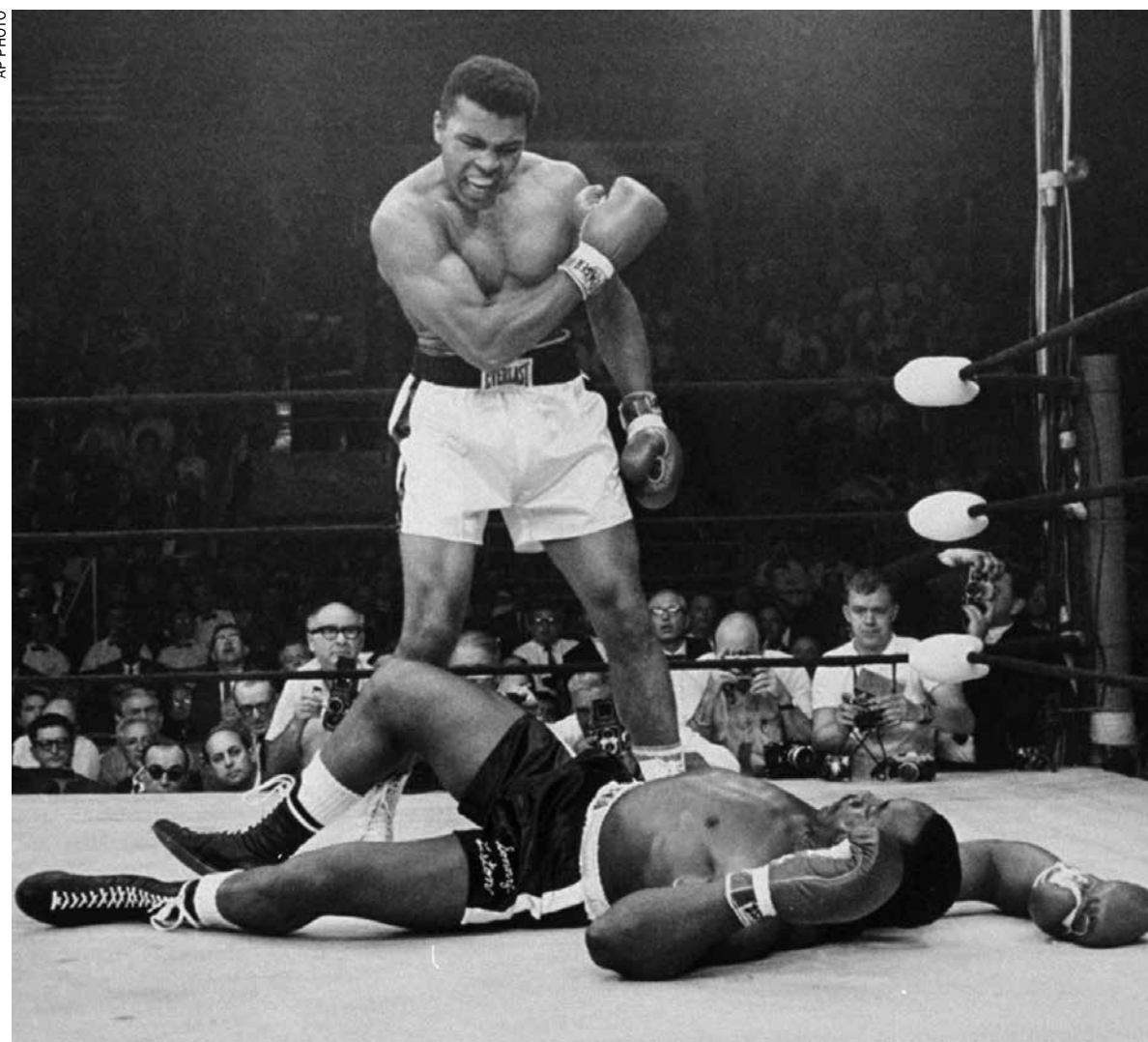
The fight ended up being quick, and left some shouting "Fix!"

Ali knocked out Liston in the first round, with the moment immortalized as photos captured Ali, muscles straining, looming over Liston and shouting at him to get up. Ali's victory generated controversy over whether he'd really connected, or whether it was a "phantom punch" and Liston had taken a dive. Several sports writers insisted it was a clean hit, a punch so fast you could easily have missed it.

The image of Ali taunting Liston was captured by the AP's John Rooney, who won the World Press Photo award for best sports photo in 1965. It was also captured in color by Neil Leifer of Sports Illustrated.

ALI vs. HENRY COOPER (London, June 1963 and May 1966)

Ali first took his boxing circus outside the U.S. in 1963, when — as Cassius Clay — he fought Englishman Henry Cooper at Wembley Stadium, London, in front of 55,000 people. He



Muhammad Ali, then known as Cassius Clay, stands over challenger Sonny Liston, shouting and gesturing shortly after dropping Liston with a short hard right to the jaw

returned to fight Cooper again as the champ in 1966. Both bouts were brutal, and both won by Ali, although in the first, Ali was knocked down by a left hook known as "Enry's Ammer." Trainer Angelo Dundee apparently engineered a tear in his gloves and called for them to be replaced to earn the shaken Ali time to recover.

"That 1963 fight is one of my earliest memories of childhood," said Trevor Beattie, an advertising executive and film producer who owns the gloves and about 50 other Ali artifacts on display in London.

"I remember my dad ranting about the split gloves, and praising this magic man from the States," recalled Beattie, who was 4 at the time. "What made Ali so special for me was my dad said he was a hated man and yet my dad loved him. So I knew even as a child there must be something special about him."

Away from the fighting, Ali won British hearts over the years with four entertaining appearances on a popular talk show. Surrounded by the soft furnishings of a British television studio, a relaxed, charming and witty Ali took center stage,

sometimes flustering host Michael Parkinson with his quick retorts. After one, Ali stood up for his host and turned to the giggling audience and said: "You think it's easy? Come take his position. You'll find out that I'm a witty person and it's kinda hard to talk to a man like me." The Brits loved it.

ALI vs. GEORGE FOREMAN (Kinshasa, Zaire, October 1974)

"The Rumble in the Jungle." In Africa, Ali tapped into the psyche of the people like no other place, and the fight against Foreman in Zaire — now Congo, a vast country in Central Africa — established much of his mystique.

None of the experts gave Ali, then 32, a chance against the strong, young and undefeated Foreman, who had destroyed everyone in his way. Foreman had the title, but Ali was the people's champion, creating a crescendo of support for himself from the local fans.

Weighed down by colonial oppression and now the dictatorial rule of Mobutu Sese Sesoko, the people identified with Ali, the fighter who defied authority and challenged the system. Ali milked it. On his

training runs through Kinshasa, he would be trailed by kids in ragged clothes mimicking his shadow boxing. He threw off his fancy clothes and wore simple shirts and pants. Ali picked up a chant he heard, "Alibomaye!" — "Ali kill him!" — and used it wherever he went, waving his fist as he yelled it. When he did, crowds roared it back at him.

The fight was at a soccer stadium, with tens of thousands packed in. Already written off before, Ali adopted what reporters thought were suicidal tactics, the "rope-a-dope," backing into the ropes and inviting Foreman to pummel away. Foreman punched himself out. Choosing his moment at the end of the eighth round, Ali whirled away and knocked Foreman out with a lightning combination.

It resulted in pandemonium as people from all sides rushed in to the ring and mobbed Ali. As Ali, champion again, eventually left surrounded by riot police in bright white helmets, he waved his right fist in the air for the fans one more time. "Ali bomaye!"

ALI vs. JOE FRAZIER (Manila, Philippines, October 1975)

"The Thrilla in Mani-

la." Ali's punishing rivalry with Frazier was finally settled in the Philippines in their third battle, when Frazier's corner retired him before the 15th and final round. The bout got its name from Ali's boast that it would be a "killa and a thrilla and a chill, when I get that gorilla in Manila."

Regularly rated one of the best fights ever, the "thrilla" put the Philippines on the map, said Ronnie Nathanielsz, a sports commentator assigned by then-dictator Ferdinand Marcos to act as a government liaison to Ali. Accompanying Ali from Hawaii on board a plane, Nathanielsz said Ali was welcomed by tens of thousands of Filipino fans "like the pope." The fight, at a jam-packed Araneta Coliseum, lived up to all expectations. Afterward, the ecstatic owner of the arena told Ali he would build a shopping mall and name it after him. The popular Ali Mall still stands in Manila.

ALI vs. ANTONIO INOKI (Exhibition, Tokyo, June 1976)

Bellowing "There will be no Pearl Harbor!" on arrival, Ali played the American invader who must be beaten in his exhibition with Japanese wrestler Inoki. Ali had fought and beaten McArthur Foster in Tokyo four years earlier but his second fight in Japan was one of his weirdest.

There was meant to be a script and Ali, having beaten up Inoki, was supposed to turn to the referee to plead for him to end the fight. Inoki would seize his chance, leap on Ali from behind and pin him. Ali, completing the story he set up with his arrival comments, would yell: "It's Pearl Harbor all over again!"

But the two camps never agreed on whether it was going to be a real fight or an act. It became a farce.

It was at a sold-out Nippon Budokan, a martial arts arena, and tickets cost as much as \$2,700 — a huge price for the 1970s. The fight was wildly popular in Japan in the buildup but, ultimately, Inoki spent most of it lying on the canvas kicking out at Ali, who didn't land a punch until the seventh round. The fight went the distance and was called a draw. Fans booed, a real rarity in Japan, but there was a legacy: Ali and Inoki became good friends.

"I'm so sad to see my former rival leave us," Inoki said Saturday. AP

opinion

Rear Window

Severo Portela



WITH A LITTLE HELP FROM TAISHAN

Probably... they (the government) did not see it coming. But they (the government) would do better to start adapting to civil society's growing awareness of the so-called green agenda. So much so that it was one of the main conclusions coming out of a survey that the government's own environmental bureau held two months ago. Yes, sometimes awareness is just a 'je ne sais quoi!'

Instead of the usual head-in-the-sand mode towards Central or Provincial Government level policies, the Green Environment Protection Association of Macau openly cried foul, voicing their concerns surrounding the Taishan Nuclear Power Plant under construction 80 km to the west of MSAR. To the concern of all living on the right bank of the Pearl River Delta, the bi-reactor has been marred by controversies related to alleged sub-standards both in structure and testing, as was reported by Factwire and the SCMP.

To call spade a spade, Sammie Lu, chairman of the green association, albeit raising concerns about the safety of the actual Taishan project, underlined that he is totally against nuclear power: "I oppose it, regardless of the standards... a nuclear power plan is like a powder keg - it can explode at any time. Accidents cannot be predicted". Lu shares the basic anathema of nuclear as a costly and risky option, and the one that leaves behind an immoral legacy of dangerous waste. Three Mile Island, Chernobyl and, even closer, the Fukushima disaster; all made their own cases.

Taishan will be the fourth Guangdong Nuclear Power Plant, after Ling Ao, Yangjiang and notorious Daya Bay, east of Hong Kong, and five more being planned - Shanwei and Shanguan - and proposed - Haijia, Hebaoduo and Heynam.

The Macau government could not hope to cope with the concerns voiced by grassroots GEPA or even the questions regarding the Factwire report and emergency measures. I should rephrase here: if not naïve, it was, at least, a much self-contained set of demands. The Executive issued a statement to advise that it had requested more information about the Taishan NPP.

So open was this window of opportunity, pro-democracy New Macau Association could not but elevate the environmental concerns to the political level. Scott Chiang and the leadership of the Macau democrats had all the room in the world to accuse the government of failing to address the safety issues and of neglecting the economy. Considering both aspects, the NMA evaluation of the Taishan plant is short and clear: the project is unwarranted and unacceptable.

However, wise democrats do not act these days out of bravado, as they probably did in the past whenever it would be advisable to make a good evaluation of Mainland interests. NMA president, Scott Chiang, was very clear: there is no reason to stop the construction.

That is to say... the case, from NMA's perspective, is not about China, it is not about Guangdong Taishan NPP; the New Macau Association case is to demand the Macau Government to convince the Macau public that Taishan is safe, that there will be safety measures in place, and that there will be contingency plans.

In 1985, the Daya Bay nuclear facility became so divisive an issue that democrats of the time, like Martin Lee and Szeto Wah, managed to petition - on grounds of environmental issues and the rights of HK residents - against the building of the NPP signed by one million Hongkongers, circa one fifth of the population. Today, Hong Kong buys 70 percent of the Daya Bay output, and, in 2009, the supply contract was extended to 2034.

THE BUZZ EUROPE LOSING REPUTATION AS A RENEWABLE ENERGY LEADER

Europe is losing its status as a global leader in clean energy, with investment in the region plummeting 21 percent last year, while spending in the rest of the world boomed. A record USD328.9 billion was invested worldwide in solar, wind and other renewable energy sources in 2015, according to a report released last week by REN 21, an international coalition of governments, renewable energy trade associa-

tions and financial institutions including the World Bank Group. Spending in Europe was \$48.8 billion, down from \$62 billion a year earlier.

Excluding China, which is the world's biggest clean energy investor, Asia poured more into renewables than Europe for the first time in 2015, according to the report, which uses data from Bloomberg New Energy Finance.

| Station | Air quality | |
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| Roadside | 25-45 Good | 😊 |
| High Density Residential Area | 25-45 Good | 😊 |
| Ambient | 30-50 Good | 😊 |

SOURCE: DSMG

PRINCE

Autopsy report hints at painkiller mystery

Carla K. Johnson

THE report from the medical examiner who conducted Prince's autopsy is tantalizing for what it doesn't say.

The single-page document lists a fentanyl overdose as the cause of death, but it offers few clues to indicate whether the musician was a chronic pain patient desperately seeking relief, a longtime opioid user whose habit became an addiction or a combination of both.

Blanks for contributing causes are marked "na" for "not applicable." A space for "other significant conditions" is also marked "na."

Authorities probably know much more than they are willing to discuss publicly as they seek the source of the fentanyl and consider criminal charges. For now, details in the report, combined with what's known about Prince's final days, hint at a fuller picture.

Among those details is a note that Prince's body had scars on the left hip and right lower leg. The report doesn't say, but it's possible the scars were evidence of past surgeries for joint pain. At least one friend has said Prince suffered years of hip and knee pain from his athletic stage performances.

In many ways, the 57-year-



AP PHOTO

old superstar fit the description of a chronic pain patient who got hooked on opioids, said Andrew Kolodny, director of Physicians for Responsible Opioid Prescribing. Opioids lead to tolerance, and some patients seek out stronger drugs after initial dosages stop working.

"We see far more overdose deaths in middle-aged people receiving legitimate prescriptions," Kolodny said, citing a 2013 study of 250 deaths. In the study, most overdose victims were middle-aged adults who had been prescribed opioids for chronic pain.

Relatives told researchers their loved ones, in the year before they died, had been misusing their medicine, taking more than prescribed or using painkillers to get high.

Less than a week before Prince died, his plane made an emergency stop in Illinois

on a flight back to Minnesota following a concert in Atlanta. AP reported that first responders gave him an antidote commonly used to reverse suspected opioid overdoses.

Fentanyl is a powerful opioid prescribed by doctors to patients who develop a tolerance to other narcotics. It's also a street drug with ties to labs in China that produce fentanyl equivalents for global distribution.

Heroin-spiked fentanyl is marketed with brand names such as "China White" or "Fire."

"Users know this and request it by name," said Drug Enforcement Administration spokesman Lawrence Payne.

Nothing in the report explains whether Prince used a pharmaceutical product or a street drug. The report is silent on whether it was prescribed by a doctor or obtained illegally. It also says nothing about other drugs Prince may have been taking.

Some opioid users — whether they start as legitimate pain patients or recreational users — become addicted and lose control over how much they take. Some also try to get drugs by "doctor shopping," visiting various health professionals until they find one who will prescribe opioids. **MDT/AP**

WORLD BRIEFS



AP PHOTO

FRANCE Novak Djokovic became the first man in nearly a half-century to win four consecutive major championships and finally earned an elusive French Open title to complete a career Grand Slam, beating Andy Murray 3-6, 6-1, 6-2, 6-4 yesterday.

PHILIPPINES The central bank is expanding its cybersecurity unit, placing banks and money changers under tighter scrutiny, and will start to regulate digital currencies to ward off laundering and technology crimes.

NEW ZEALAND Scientists say they've discovered a magma buildup near a New Zealand town that explains a spate of recent earthquakes and could signal the beginnings of a new volcano — although they're not expecting an eruption anytime soon.

THAILAND A woman who was one of six Thai tourists at a beach resort in eastern Thailand was killed when the building in which they were staying collapsed, police said. The other five people in the woman's party, all Thai, were rescued several hours after the collapse of the two-story building Saturday at the Siam Beach Resort on the island of Koh Chang. A 3-year-old boy was one of those recovered from the rubble after a rescue effort of several hours to remove the debris.



BLOOMBERG

SWITZERLAND The Swiss rejected two popular initiatives that constituted the latest threat to the country's business-friendly environment. Voters dismissed a measure that would have reduced the pay of Swisscom AG's chief executive officer by three quarters and also shot down a proposal to establish a universal basic income.

THE DECISIVE MOMENT



Xinhua/KCNA

North Korea's leader Kim Jong Un recently visited Mangyongdae Children's Camp. According to the Korean Central News Agency, Kim went around the dormitories, folk game room, dining rooms and other facilities of the camp to learn in detail about the camp's revamp process.