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PHILIPPINES President Duterte apologized to Jews worldwide Sunday after his remarks drawing comparisons between his bloody anti-drug war and Hitler and the Holocaust sparked shock and outrage. The tough-talking Duterte said his apology was intended only for the Jewish community. Duterte said in a speech that he never had any intention "to derogate the memory of the 6 million Jews murdered by the Germans."

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Macau, Turkey sign air services agreement



The aeronautical authorities of Macau and the Republic of Turkey met in Montreal on Saturday to discuss

and sign a bilateral Air Services Agreement (ASA). According to the Aviation Authority's (AACM) statement, the agreement is one of several aimed at encouraging foreign airlines to operate services to and from Macau. During the 39th ICAO Assembly in Montreal, the president of AACM, Simon Chan, and the directorate general of Civil Aviation of Turkey, Bilal Eksi, took the opportunity to sign the agreement on behalf of their governments. The Minister of Transport, Maritime Affairs and Communications of the Republic of Turkey, Ahmet Arslan, attended the signing ceremony. The memorandum of understanding states that the two parties can enjoy multiple designations of airlines, and the designated airlines can enjoy zero capacity restrictions in their operation of scheduled passenger and all-cargo flights.

Local director nominated for Taiwan film awards

"Crash," a short film by Macau director Hong Heng Fai, has been nominated in the category of Best Live Action Short Film for the 53rd Golden Horse Awards in Taiwan. Hong is the first director from Macau to be nominated in this award ceremony. The director, who is currently an independent producer, explained that the movie was entirely filmed in Macau, with all cast and crew members being Macau residents. The movie was supported by the Macao Cultural Centre. The final results will be revealed during the Golden Horse Awards Ceremony, which will take place November 26.

Fake bomb alert at local hotel

Last Wednesday, a mandarin-speaking man reported to the police he had planted a bomb in the lobby of Galaxy JW Marriott hotel. The suspect told the police the bomb would explode 30 minutes after his call. Explosive ordnance disposal officers and the fire squad were sent to the hotel to search for the bomb, but nothing suspicious was found. The police force later confirmed that the man had faked the incident. This information was released to the media more than two hours after the police completed the search. The police authorities have been placed under fire due to delayed reports to the media. However, the police claims that all reporting procedures have been conducted in accordance with the current reporting system. According to the police, the crime scene was not blocked off during the search for the bomb, which proved they evaluated the scene as safe.

SCHOLAR

China needs to promote cultural diversity

Lynzy Valles

ALTHOUGH China's 'One Belt, One Road,' (OBOR) scheme is expected to bring vital economic and technological developments in China, a scholar believes that the country still lacks the initiative to deepen its understanding of different cultures.

The principle of OBOR is to promote regional and cross-continental connectivity between China and Eurasia.

Hence, Feng Da-Hsuan, director of Global Affairs and special advisor to rector of the University of Macau explained that the East Asian country ought to promote knowledge about various histories and cultures of different countries in its region.

According to him, only three out of 3,500 institutions in China, are with scale-down efforts in learning about South Asia. "There are efforts now, you see a little, but too little, too few," he lamented.

The centerpiece of China's economic diplomacy may create new economic opportunities, however he questioned whether it could be a platform for a mindset transformation for the millennium.

Speaking on the sidelines



Feng Da-Hsuan

of the monthly French Macau Business Association's breakfast meeting held last week, the scholar recalled that universities in the renaissance period welcomed a "new cultural ambience," which then attributed to developing a cultural bridge between the Middle Ages and modern history.

Thus the expert believes that if current institutions in

Feng said that Macau is one of the few places in Asia which understands the importance of cultural diversity

the "supercontinent" were to be opened to different traditions, similar revolutions may occur.

"These great giants in the neo-renaissance [...] armed with an amalgamated cultural background, will surely propose breakthrough thinking and methodologies to overcome humanity challenges," he affirmed.

Feng argued that OBOR is a great opportunity for China to transform itself at this point in time. "Before it was too poor, too disorganized. Finally, China is organized as a serious nation but then they need to think of how can China, as a nation, help humanity and not just for itself," he explained.

"For China to rethink this

transformation, it needs to set a new level of humility, which it never had," added the expert.

The scholar is confident that China is capable of promoting various cultures to its peoples, however he doubted whether it has reached the point of wanting to promote this yet.

According to him, the most demanding task for China is how it could preserve its robust culture, while attempting to introduce and understand other philosophies.

Meanwhile, Feng said that Macau is one of the few places in Asia which understands the importance of cultural diversity, adding that the peninsula has a vast history which could influence OBOR 'enormously.'

"OBOR cannot just be an economic and technological development. It will be development of China transforming its own thinking in the 21st century and Macau actually did that in the last 500 years," he told the Times.

Further, he noted that higher education in the region has been improving significantly. He said that the local government probably realized that a great university would first be needed to diversify the economy.

HEALTH

SSM discloses monthly data on infectious diseases, more cases reported

THE Health Bureau (SSM) has disclosed the latest data related to infectious diseases in the region. In August there was a higher incidence of infectious diseases when compared both month-to-month with July and year-on-year.

Topping the list are the Norovirus infections (9 cases), chickenpox (34 cases) and bacterial food poisoning (21 cases), that according to SSM, had registered a notable increase in the number of cases

compared to the same period last year and the month of July 2016. Adding to this, 8 cases of scarlet fever were also recorded as well as 150 cases of Enterovirus infections and seven cases of contamination by Salmonella bacteria.

Pulmonary tuberculosis that recorded 34 cases this August. A single case of AIDS was reported while the infection of HIV raised to three cases on year-on-year.

Currently, there is a list of 44 disea-

ses that require a compulsory declaration from both public and private health care institutions or individuals. The data collected is used by the SSM to adopt and/or update preventive and control measures.

From now on, information on infectious diseases will become available on a monthly basis in order to comply with the regulation for the control of such illnesses and avoid any epidemic impact as much as possible. **RM**

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MACAU'S gaming revenue swelled more than estimated in September, with new casino projects from the local units of Las Vegas Sands Corp. and Wynn Resorts Ltd. helping draw recreational gamblers.

Gross gaming revenue rose 7.4 percent to MOP18.4 billion (USD2.3 billion), according to the Gaming Inspection and Coordination Bureau. That followed a 1.1 percent increase in August, after a 26-month slump, and compares with the median estimate for a 4 percent advance in a Bloomberg survey of nine analysts.

Macau is in the process of transforming itself into a tourist destination after Chinese President Xi Jinping ordered the city to diversify its economy from gambling in late 2014. In response, casino operators have been building resorts with more non-gambling features in Macau's Cotai Strip. These include Wynn Palace, which opened in August, and Sands's Parisian which debuted last month.

"In September we had the benefit of recent openings such as Wynn Palace and the Parisian," Aaron Fischer, an analyst at CLSA Ltd., said before the data was released. "There's been a shortage of hotel rooms and the new properties are adding



UP 7.4 PERCENT

Gaming revenue growth beats estimates as new resorts open

to capacity."

The casino industry is bracing for a visit in October by Premier Li Keqiang, with analysts warning that the nascent recovery may be threatened by his

appearance in the former Portuguese colony to attend a conference of ministers of the China and Portuguese-speaking countries. Bloomberg stated.

A visit by Li "could potentially

result" in gaming revenue returning to negative growth in October, said Grant Govertsen, a Macau-based analyst at Union Gaming. The impact is expected to be felt "exclusively

at the high-end of the market," he said.

Accumulated gross revenue from January to September fell 7.5 percent from a year ago period, DICJ said. **MDT/Bloomberg**

Ian Coughlan appointed as Wynn Macau president

IAN Coughlan was appointed as president of Wynn Macau, replacing Gamal Abdelaziz, who resigned, the Las Vegas-based company said Friday in a filing. Coughlan will be responsible for all operations and development at the Wynn Palace, as well as the Wynn Macau resort, the company said. The Palace opened on Aug. 22, and the part that caters to mass-market customers has been lackluster in its first weeks, analysts said.

According to Bloomberg, Mr Coughlan joined Wynn Macau in January 2007. He has over 30 years of hospitality experience with leading hotels across Asia, Europe and the United States. Before joining Wynn Resorts, Limited, he spent ten years with The Peninsula Group, serving as a general manager of Peninsula Hong Kong from September 2004 to January 18, 2007.

Gamal Abdelaziz led the development of its new USD4.2 billion Wynn Palace resort and served as president of Wynn Macau since 2007. His "departure should be an indication that the post-opening ramp of the Palace has been disappointing," Harry Curtis, an analyst at Nomura Securities, wrote in a note Friday. "It will take a long time to build a mass presence at the Palace, which was built more for premium players."

Wynn Resorts plans to release opening numbers for the resort at an unspecified time, the company said Friday in an e-mail.



Ian Coughlan

The Palace opened following a two-year slump in gambling in Macau. Gambling rose 1.1 percent in August and 7.4 percent in September. Analysts are now warning that gaming may take another hit when Chinese Premier Li Keqiang travels to Macau in October to attend the Forum Macau's ministerial conference.

"Historically, visits to Macau by high-level PRC officials have had short-term negative impacts on gross gaming revenue and we expect this same dynamic to occur in October," said Grant Govertsen, a Macau-based analyst at Union Gaming.

Curtis at Nomura noted that once Macau's new light-rail system is operational, the Palace could achieve a 10 percent return on invested capital, though he said initial gains should be closer to mid-single digits. **MDT/Bloomberg**

Pokémon Go available in Macau

POKÉMON Go fans in Macau can now download the app from Google Play or iTunes. The news was announced recently by Niantic, the game developer, a software development company based in San Francisco.

Besides Macau, the game also became available in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Macedonia and Serbia on the same day. The next day, six more countries - Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, and Mongolia - were able to access the game.

On July 6 of this year, Pokémon Go was initially released in Australia, New Zealand, and the United States, followed soon after by its release in Germany, the United Kingdom, Italy, Spain, and Portugal. By July 16, the game could already be played in 26 countries in Europe. On July 25, the game became available in Macau's neighboring region, Hong



Kong, the second city in Asia to welcome the famous game.

While the game had yet to become available in the city, hundreds of reports of robberies, traffic accidents and other mishaps taking place abroad worried both the public and the government.

The game encourages its players to go to real locations in the city in order to catch the virtual Pokémon creatures, which in some cases has resulted in crimes and accidents occurring more frequently.

In August, a woman was killed in Japan by

a distracted driver who was playing the game while driving.

In addition to the accidents, there were also a few bans on the game. Earlier, the Hong Kong Police Force, the city's Hospital Authority, religious centers and even the People's Liberation Army announced that players should distance themselves from their buildings' vicinities.

According to a report by South China Morning Post, Hong Kong's Pokémon players are required to leave the area if they are trespassing and will even be arrested if they ignore police warnings. **JZ**



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ACCORDING to the Public Security Police Force (PSP), around 900 protesters marched on China's National Day holiday on October 1. The majority of the demonstrators were pre-sale buyers of the Pearl Horizon development who demanded further action from the government regarding their situation.

The demonstrators held banners and posters with sentences like "I want to meet Chief Executive. Give back my home quick!" among others conveying similar messages. "We're now all caught up in an impasse. We're here today to appeal to the authorities to find us a solution. The government has to also further supervise Polytech Group's assets as we're afraid the developer will intentionally move its money away and file for bankruptcy," said Kou Meng

Pearl Horizon buyers stage protest on National Day



Pok, president of Pearl Horizon Proprietors Association to TDM. In a prompt response from the government, the office of the Secretary for Administration and Justice, Sonia Chan, issued a statement reacting to the demonstration: "The event is about a conflict of interest between the owners and the promoter company and it can only be solved by the law, which includes court actions in case the situation can't be solved through negotiations," the statement read, reaffirming the "attention" of the government to the situation and its clear inten-

tions to act in accordance with the Land Law.

But Pearl Horizon protesters were not the only ones on the streets last Saturday. There were also other groups urging the government to take action in support of their cause. Among them was a group calling for restrictions and tighter supervision on imported labor in order to better protect the interests of local residents.

According to the PSP, all of the demonstrations took place in an orderly manner without any reports of conflict. **RM**

Julie Zhu

Thriller Live kicks off at the Parisian Theatre

THRILLER Live, the theatrical concert that celebrates arguably the world's greatest entertainer ever, Michael Jackson, held its debut performance at The Parisian Macao's new Parisian Theatre, on Friday. The tour company has brought everything directly from London's West End to Macau: 40 people on the road, 20 people on stage and 300 costumes prepared for the performers. During a backstage media visit last week, the tour director explained that the show's music is entirely live. The music is performed by six musicians who work behind the stage.

The show will be playing in the city until November 13 at the Parisian Theatre.

Among the performers, one of the cast leads is Cleo Higgins. As told by Higgins, this is her first time doing a live show in Asia. "Of course, I am excited," she said, adding that travelling to Macau has been an exciting and



enjoyable trip.

According to Higgins, Macau is the second place in Asia where the group performs. "We travelled pretty much everywhere around the world, but the only place that we managed to touch in Asia was Japan," she noted.

When asked about the reason that inspired her to join the show, Higgins mentioned Michael Jackson. "To be fair, I have done this job because Michael Jackson is my biggest inspiration," she said, adding that Michael Jackson's music really

grew on her.

This might be the last stop for Higgins on the Thriller Live tour. "I am ready to kind of, stop now. So Macau is my last stop on Thriller," she announced.

Higgins was the lead singer of the 90s R&B pop sensation group Cleopatra, who had five hit singles in the UK.

Phil Watts, tour manager of the Thriller Live, said that the artists are trying to give the audience the same experience they might have had during one of Michael Jackson's concerts. "We try to keep it from not

being a tribute show," said Watts. "What we try to do is to show people how multi-talented Michael Jackson was, what a fantastic singer and dancer he was."

According to Watts, the show here in Macau is a faithful and complete replica of what could be seen in the back stage of the West End.

Thriller Live features Jackson's timeless songs and signature dance moves, and it has been performed more than 5,000 times and seen by four million people in more than 30 countries around the world.

Japan wins fireworks contest

THE 28th Macau International Fireworks Display Contest concluded with the victory of Japan's Marutamaya Ogastu Fireworks, followed by the teams from Romania and Canada as the first and second runners-up, respectively.

In this year's contest, the scheduled evenings each had a special theme, which the firework displays for that night were designed to show.

On the night of October 1, the theme was "Celebration in the Sky," with splendid fireworks presented by the teams from Romania and China in celebration of the 67th Anniversary of the Founding of the People's Republic of China. Their firework displays brought a festive vibe into town on the National Day.

This year, the 10 teams were from Thailand, Portugal, the United Kingdom, Switzerland, Japan, Korea, Italy, Canada, Romania and China, in order of appearance in the contest. The contest marked the first time a Romanian team was

featured in the event.

Many local citizens and visitors flocked to see the firework shows on the National Day holiday, resulting in bustling crowds at different vantage points in the Macau Peninsula and in Taipa at the time of the final presentations.

Last year, the Taiwanese team represented by Yung-feng Firecrackers & Fireworks Co. Ltd won the contest, followed by the Chinese and French teams.

Since its inception in 1989, the Macau International Fireworks Display Contest has developed into one of the region's signature events, and is held every Saturday evening in September, culminating in the grand finale on National Day. **JZ**



OBITUARY

Former Radio Macau director Alberto Alecrim dies at 84

FORMER journalist and Radio Macau director Alberto Alecrim passed away yesterday morning, falling victim to a long-term illness.

At the age of 84, Alecrim was a resident of Macau for over 50 years. He was appointed as Radio Macau director in 1978. He was also a contributor to local newspaper Clarim and worked in the

Government Information Bureau.

Alecrim arrived in the territory in 1965 some years after the invasion of the then Portuguese colony of Goa by the Indian army, which left him arrested in an internment camp for a while. In Macau, Alecrim continued his work as a radio broadcaster, which he had begun earlier in Goa.

Many of his friends have expressed their sorrow for his death and remember him for his sense of humor. President of the Macanese Association Miguel Senna Fernandes said to Radio Macau, "Macau lost an 'institution.' A man that made himself Macanese by his unconditional love for this land that become his own." He added that Alecrim

was a man "of strong values but also of a lot of 'savoir-faire,' essential characteristics [to have to succeed] in Macau."

Another of his friends, the lawyer and former lawmaker António Correia, commented to Radio Macau, "near him there was never sadness - that's Alecrim's trade mark," and recalled the friend as a "living encyclopedia of what this land is." **RM**

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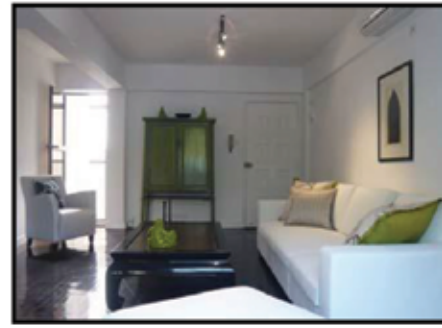
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Renovated 5 years ago this apartment has a modern open plan kitchen. The main floor consists of a good size double bedroom and a separate bathroom. A wooden staircase leads to the upper floor which has an open area, good for bedroom, office, studio or entertainment area. This apartment has a wonderful private terrace with views over looking Government Offices. This is a rare chance to buy a view. Viewing by appointment only.



La Cite, Macau

(Ref: 16095494)
1,499sq. ft. HKD 10.9M
Rate: HKD 7,271sq ft

This apartment is on a high floor in much sought after area close to the Hong Kong / Macau bridge landing point. Three bedrooms and two bathrooms, one en-suite, with ample living space. Residents can access the clubhouse facilities which include a swimming pool and fitness areas, and there is also a shuttle bus service that runs throughout the day. At present the apartment is tenanted with the lease expiring in February 2017. This apartment makes a great family home, and is also a ready made investment if you are looking for cash flow.



Bauhinia Court, Hellene Gardens Appealing Apartment in Coloane

(Ref: 16045473)
1,633sq. ft. HKD 7.8M
Rate: HKD 4,776sq ft

Three good size bedrooms. Master bedroom with ensuite. Open style kitchen, made larger by incorporating the original maids quarters and back balcony. With only 7 floors in this block this apartment can be considered a low rise building. Renovated 10 years ago the property could benefit from a face lift although with some TCL it could also be a great rental property. This apartment comes with one parking space.



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(Ref: 16095496)
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Chow Tai Fook's honorary chairman dies

Fion Li, Vinicy Chan

CHENG Yu-tung, a gold-shop apprentice who married his boss's daughter and helped develop the world's largest jewelry retailer, has died. He was 91.

Cheng died peacefully with his family at his side Thursday night, his family said in an e-mailed statement.

Like fellow billionaire Li Ka-shing, Cheng was among Chinese refugees who fled from Japanese invaders and made it big outside of the mainland. Cheng, the third-richest tycoon in the city on the Bloomberg Billionaires Index, had an estimated net worth of USD12.7 billion through his holdings in Chow Tai Fook Jewellery Group Ltd. and New World Development Co.

He was "a born entrepreneur," Raymond Or, a friend and former vice chairman and chief executive officer of Hang Seng Bank Ltd., said in a September 2012 interview. Cheng's business and investment decisions were "aggressive yet they hit the spot even in tough times," Or said.

Cheng was honorary chairman of Chow Tai Fook Jewellery, which operates more than 2,000 outlets in China and Hong Kong, and whose revenue was more than 70 percent larger than that of New York-based Tiffany & Co. in the latest fiscal year. The jewelry-chain operator has struggled recently in Hong Kong as mainland Chinese tourists skip the shopping mecca for other destinations.



Cheng Yu-tung

Profit for the year ended March 31 fell by 46 percent, slumping to the lowest since 2010. The chain is now looking to new strategies such as operating art galleries merged with malls in China, and selling diamonds wholesale to U.S. retailers to diversify away from its retail business.

Besides Chow Tai Fook, there's New World Development. In February 2012, Cheng announced his retirement as

chairman of the company, which was founded in 1970 and operates in businesses including property, energy, bus services and department stores.

Henry Cheng, who succeeded his father as chairman, said the patriarch's death won't affect New World's operations as the billionaire had been in his sick bed in the past four years.

The elder Cheng was born

on Aug. 26, 1925, in Shunde, a city in Guangdong, the southern Chinese province adjoining Hong Kong. In 1940, he fled to Macau to escape China's war with Japan.

At the age of 15, Cheng got his first job as an apprentice at the gold shop of family friend Chow Chi Yeun, who had founded Chow Tai Fook in 1929. Three years later, Cheng married Chow's daughter, Tsui Ying, in a marriage arranged by their fathers.

■ In 1940, Cheng Yu-Tung fled to Macau to escape China's war with Japan

In 1946, Cheng moved to Hong Kong from Macau to open a store. The jewelry chain expanded as Hong Kong's population doubled to almost 1.5 million with mostly displaced refugees. By 1950, the city's population swelled to more than 2 million as Chinese fled Communist China, and Cheng used the profits from selling gold to fund his property purchases.

"In the late '50s, early '60s, I was in the jewelry industry when some friend told me property is better," Cheng said in a 2009 interview with analysts at CLSA Asia-Pacific Markets. "I was not very knowledgeable about properties so I tried out with some small projects in

Wanchai," he said, referring to a commercial district.

Cheng expanded his property business in May 1967, when the Cultural Revolution in China spilled over into Hong Kong. Pro-Communist demonstrators rioted against the British rule, leading to 51 people killed and 800 injured. Real estate prices plunged 71 percent. Cheng bought property in the aftermath. He started the New World Centre, a retail-hotel-residential-office complex in Kowloon, followed by the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Center in the mid-1980s.

As his businesses took off, he would visit jewelry stores unannounced to check on them, and eat with his workers at the company canteen. He wore Nike running shoes with business suits.

Cheng was a major philanthropist in Hong Kong. In April 2012, he spoke at a groundbreaking for a building that was named after him at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology. In 2008, Cheng pledged a HK\$400 million gift to the University of Hong Kong.

"Because I've lost my chance to go to school, I want to help the future generations of our nation to be educated," the Standard reported him saying at the time.

Cheng took Chow Tai Fook public in December 2011, raising \$2 billion in a Hong Kong share sale. Two months later, he announced his retirement from that business.

Last December, Cheng transferred some of his stock holdings to family funds and agreed to sell \$3.2 billion of Chinese property projects in a move seen as an effort to put his affairs in order.

Cheng and his wife had two sons, Henry Cheng and Peter Cheng, and two daughters, Amy Cheng and Cheng Lai Ha. **Bloomberg**

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MASTERCARD AND SANDS ANNOUNCE RETAIL LOYALTY PARTNERSHIP



Mastercard and Sands Shoppes at Cotai Strip have established a new and exclusive partnership to reward retail customers visiting Sands properties in Macau, according to statement from the gaming operator.

When visiting Sands Macao and Sands Shoppes, retail customers will be able to earn reward points from accessing three bonus schemes, including Ctrip Traveler Rewards,

Mastercard Traveler Rewards and Extra Points. Visitors will also receive special privileges when booking travel to and from Macau and residing at Sands' properties during their trip.

"The sheer volume of loyalty points available to customers through our partnership with Mastercard will enable visitors to obtain even greater value by spending at Sands Shoppes," said David Sylvester, executive vice president of global retail at Las Vegas Sands.

According to the statement, the retail loyalty program "marks a first for the region as Macau increases its position as a lifestyle destination in Asia."

CEM HOLDS ENERGY CONSERVATION SEMINAR

Companhia de Electricidade de Macau (CEM) held a seminar on energy conservation in the conference room of the Macao Science Centre last week, attracting around 60 representatives from related industries.

The seminar, titled "Experience Sharing Seminar on Energy Saving," hosted keynote speakers from Hong Kong and Macau hotels as well as from environmental protection sectors. There were also representatives from various companies in the regions that have been successful in reducing energy consumption.

According to a statement from CEM, the company hopes that the seminar can become established as a platform

from which industry insiders can regularly exchange information and share their experiences regarding the various means of conserving energy.

After the keynote speakers shared their thoughts, a 'question and answer' session was held with the attendees who, according to the CEM statement, raised questions with great enthusiasm.



TTG AWARDS SHERATON GRAND MACAO HOTEL

For the first time, Sheraton Grand Macao Hotel located at Cotai Central received the prestigious "Best City Hotel - Macau" award at the 27th Annual TTG Travel Awards 2016 Ceremony & Gala Dinner in Bangkok, Thailand.

Sheraton Grand Macao Hotel unveiled 80 new, luxuriously oversized Executive Deluxe Suites on the uppermost levels of the hotel earlier this year, which added to its selection of guest suite categories.

There are now more than 350 suites at Sheraton Grand Macao Hotel, creating a "hotel within a hotel" in the 4,001-room property.

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Donald Trump

Trump had USD916m loss in '95, cutting taxes, NYT Says

Kevin Cirilli

DONALD Trump was facing renewed pressure to release his personal tax information after a New York Times report that he recorded a USD916 million loss on his 1995 income tax return, a deduction that might have allowed him to cut his federal income tax for several ensuing years.

The Times, citing tax analysts, reported on Saturday night that based on Trump's 1995 income tax documents, he might have been able to reduce his tax bills for as many as 18 years. The newspaper posted to its website three documents, which purported to be from state tax returns in New York, Connecticut and New Jersey. It received the documents in the mail last month, the newspaper said.

Trump's campaign said in a statement that he "has paid hundreds of millions of dollars in property taxes, sales and excise taxes, real estate taxes, city taxes, state taxes,

employee taxes and federal taxes." It also said the tax documents -- which it referred to as an "alleged tax document," had been "illegally obtained."

"I know our complex tax laws better than anyone who has ever run for president and am the only one who can fix them," Trump said Sunday on Twitter.

Departing from roughly 40 years of tradition for presidential nominees, Trump has declined to release his tax returns. He says they are under an Internal Revenue Service audit and that he won't release them until that audit has concluded. There's no law preventing people from releasing their tax returns, even if they're under audit. But tax advisers say that doing so would subject the returns to public scrutiny that might surface issues auditors had missed.

Democrat Hillary Clinton's campaign, which has repeatedly faulted Trump over the lack of transparency, seized upon the Times report, calling it a "bombshell" that reveals

both Trump's past business failures and his tax avoidance.

Clinton campaign press secretary Brian Fallon tweeted that the story showed "just how lousy a businessman he is AND how long he may have avoided paying any taxes."

During their debate on Monday, Clinton had speculated that Trump was trying to hide politically embarrassing

in 1978 and 1979.

Trump responded: "That makes me smart." In its statement Saturday, Trump's campaign said he "has a fiduciary responsibility to his business, his family and his employees to pay no more tax than legally required."

The Post's report was based on returns Trump had filed with the New Jersey Casino

■ **NYT cited a USD916 million loss and noted 'the financial wreckage' he left behind in the early 1990s through mismanagement of three Atlantic City casinos**

information by withholding his returns -- including that he doesn't want the public to know "that he's paid nothing in federal taxes." She cited previous reports, including one by the Washington Post, which showed that he had paid no federal income taxes

Control Commission in 1981. For 1978 and 1979, Trump took advantage of a tax-code provision popular with developers that allowed him to report negative income, according to the Post. He told the newspaper, "When you're in the real estate business, you

do have certain tax advantages." Developers can depreciate the value of real estate to reduce their taxable income.

In Saturday's report, the New York Times cited a \$916 million loss and noted "the financial wreckage" he left behind in the early 1990s through mismanagement of three Atlantic City casinos, his ill-fated foray into the airline business and his ill-timed purchase of the Plaza Hotel in Manhattan.

Several Republican operatives who worked for Trump's opponents in the primary elections predicted the news would weigh heavily on the nominee in the Nov. 8 election, arguing that voters will see his tax avoidance as a matter of fairness.

"Most Americans know you can't avoid two things: death and taxes," said David Kochel, who was former Florida Governor Jeb Bush's chief strategist before Bush quit the presidential race.

Trump has in the past criticized people who he says don't pay their fair share of taxes. In September 2015, he tweeted: "The hedge fund guys (gals) have to pay higher taxes ASAP. They are paying practically nothing. We must reduce classes for the middle class!"

The New York Times's story capped one of the most tumultuous weeks yet for Trump, following what was widely perceived as a dismal performance at the first presidential debate. He has faced a barrage of attacks for his continued abrasive rhetoric against former Miss Universe pageant winner Alicia Machado, including a series of early morning tweets suggesting, without any evidence, that she had a sex tape. He has also repeatedly threatened to make Bill Clinton's past infidelities a central issue of his campaign, to the consternation of several of his closest advisers.

If genuine, the 1995 documents that the Times released Saturday revolve around "net operating losses" - which under federal tax rules allow a business to apply losses from any one year to future years - reducing taxable income in those years.

In 1995, taxpayers could "carry forward" such losses for 15 years, the Times reported, and apply them for three years retroactively. The rules are meant to smooth out fluctuations in taxable income over time.

While the \$916 million loss is substantial - and it would have helped cut future taxes to be sure - it's unclear precisely how such a loss would have affected Trump's tax liability going forward. That's because his taxable income in subsequent years is unknown. **Bloomberg**

Singapore home prices slide by most in more than 7 years



A worker rides a suspended platform as he performs construction work at a residential building in Singapore

Pooja Thakur

SINGAPORE home prices dropped by the most in more than seven years as developers offered discounts amid signals from the government that it won't roll back property curbs initiated in 2009.

An index tracking private residential prices fell 1.5 percent in the three months ended Sept. 30 from the previous quarter, the biggest decline since June 2009. Prices fell for the 12th straight quarter, the longest streak of quarterly losses since prices were first published in 1975, according to preliminary data from the Urban Redevelopment Authority yesterday.

■ Singapore remains a high-end housing market. The city was ranked the most expensive to buy a luxury home after HK in the region

The head of Singapore's central bank, Ravi Menon, said last month that the city-state doesn't plan to ease property curbs anytime soon, even as home prices have fallen 11 percent from a peak in September 2013 and sales have halved. That's increasing the pressure on developers to offer discounts, payment programs and other incentives to stoke sales.

"The haemorrhage continues for home prices," said Nicholas Mak, an executive director at SLP International Property Consultants in Singapore. "The prices could be taking into account the delayed discounts offered in creative marketing by developers, which could be coming in with a lag."

For example, developer OUE Ltd. offers four payment plans for its Twin Peaks condominium project off the prime Orchard Road shopping belt. The most popular of those is the deferred payment program where the home buyer pays a small amount upfront and the rest over the next two years, according to its website.

The existing stock of unsold homes may take three years to sell, according to Augustine Tan, President of the Real Estate Developers' Association of Singapore. In addition to the oversupply, home vacancy rates are at their highest in more than 11 years, Tan said last month.

The residential curbs have included a cap on debt-repayment costs at 60 percent of a borrower's monthly income and higher stamp duties on home purchases, after low interest rates and demand from foreign buyers raised concerns prices had risen too far too fast.

Apartment prices fell 1.8 percent in prime districts in the three months ended Sept. 30, reversing a 0.3 percent gain in the previous quarter, yesterday's data showed. Those in the suburbs slid 1.2 percent, while areas near prime districts declined 1.3 percent from the previous quarter.

Still, Singapore remains a high-end housing market in Asia. The city was ranked the most expensive to buy a luxury home after Hong Kong in the region, according to a 2016 Knight Frank wealth report.

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Recognizing outstanding teenagers

For the 4th year running, the Macau Outstanding Teenagers Award seeks to recognize exceptional teens within our community that possess impressive talent, drive, energy and enthusiasm for community and personal development. The campaign is organized every two years by the Young Men's Christian Association of Macau (YMCA) and is sponsored by the Macau Education and Youth Affairs Bureau as well as MGM.



Applications opened early this year, accepting nominees aged 12-18 years from local Macau schools, in the categories of outstanding: Personal Achievements, Personal Endeavors and Involvement in the Community.

Alexis Tam Chon Weng, Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, chaired a judging panel of 30 social and community leaders from various areas of expertise. Following a comprehensive selection process from 120 local candidates, a total of 10 outstanding teenagers and five outstanding performance award winners were selected. A further five awards were given for dedication and skills shown throughout the judging process.

On September 24, the MGM ballroom filled with the winners and well-wishers for the prize-giving which also featured the new theme song, especially written and created for the campaign by two local artists and ambassadors from YMCA, Cherry Ho and Hyper Lo, as well as a video summing up the preparation and hard work the group put in throughout the selection process. Many congratulations to these talented teens!

A word from two outstanding teenagers award winners



Ray Au was awarded the Outstanding Teenagers Award for his dedication to community volunteering, particularly to help the elderly and youth in Macau. "I have been volunteering since the age of 12; I even used to go on my school lunch breaks", said Ray. Ray is now a 3rd year student of International Hospitality at Stenden University of Applied Sciences in Amsterdam, and following MGM's 2016 summer internship program, Ray looks forward to a bright career in Hotel Front Office.

Serena Cheong was awarded for her accomplishments in mastering Chinese instruments and canoeing. "I feel lucky to have won this award; it was great to meet so many other talented young people all striving to be the best they can be. We have built a strong bond together". Since receiving the Award, Serena has been continuing her studies in Management at the University of Manchester. Inspired by a summer internship at MGM this year, Serena looks forward to a future career in Public Relations.

Both students agreed that taking part in the Award has increased their confidence and ambition for success.

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MGM has been selected by the Hang Seng Indexes Company to feature on the Hang Seng Corporate Sustainability Benchmark Index, which identifies the top sustainability leaders in Hong Kong and Mainland China that are listed on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, specifically in areas such as environmental management, employee development, human rights, community involvement and business ethics.



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TAIWAN

'Godspeed' heads list of Golden Horse Award nominees

THE Taiwanese dark comedy "Godspeed" earned eight nominations for next month's Golden Horse Awards, which were announced in Taipei over the weekend.

The nominations for "Godspeed" included best film, best director, best actor, best supporting actor and best cinematography. The movie, which stars veteran Hong Kong actor Michael Hui and Taiwanese talk show host Lin Yu-chih, is about a taxi driver who unknowingly becomes the driver for a drug dealer. The two go on a trip to southern Taiwan and encounter mishaps and adventures along the way. Hui was nominated as lead actor and Lin for supporting actor.

The romance drama "Soul Mate," by up-and-coming Hong Kong director Derek Tsang, received seven nominations. Adap-



Hong Kong director Derek Tsang

ted from a popular novel, the film is about two young girls in China who became best friends but later fall in love with the same guy. Tsang was nominated as best director and co-stars Zhou Dongyu and Ma

Sichun both received best actress nominations.

"The Road to Mandalay," "The Summer Is Gone" and "Soul on a String" received six nominations apiece.

The Golden Horse

Awards, which will be handed out Nov. 26 in Taipei, are one of the most prestigious film awards for Mandarin-language cinema, with movies from Taiwan, China and Hong Kong vying for honors. AP

TAIWAN

Golfer Lu Wei-chih wins 4 years after brain surgery

LU Wei-chih won for the first time since surgery four years ago to remove a brain tumor, taking his home Mercuries Taiwan Masters for the third time this weekend at windy Taiwan Golf and Country Club.

The 37-year-old Lu closed with a 2-under 70 to finish at 5-under 283, a stroke ahead of Miguel Tabuena of the Philippines. Lu has four Asian Tour victories, also winning on his home course in 2005 and 2011.

"It means a lot to me to win this tournament. After the surgery, I thought I couldn't play golf anymore so to be a winner again is amazing," Lu said. "After the surgery I took things slowly. I started step by step. Can you imagine, after the surgery, the doctor said I couldn't even sneeze! So I took things slow. I started by hitting 100 balls and after that, I blanked out. It was so tiring. At that time I thought I couldn't play golf anymore."

"But my family pushed me. My wife, my father and my mother kept pushing me and kept motivating me to keep fighting. I'm here today because of them. The victory is for them as well. I'm blessed to have them in my life."

Tabuena matched Lu with a 70. Lu earned USD160,000. AP

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Macau Daily Times contest

Oktoberfest 2016

MGM is hosting Oktoberfest from October 13 to 23. We are giving away a total of 10 sets of entry tickets and F&B coupons. Readers will have to correctly answer today's question to be in with a chance of winning. Each prize set includes:

Oktoberfest entry tickets x 2	\$320
F&B coupons	\$100
Oktoberfest necklace x 2	\$80
Oktoberfest pin x 2	\$60
Total value	\$560

Question for readers:

In which city did Oktoberfest's long history originate from?

Please email the answer to: oktoberfest2016@macaudailytimes.com along with your name and contact details.

MGM will bring back the eighth Oktoberfest between October 13 and 23 this year! In the 11-day funfair of beer, guests can experience Macau's most authentic Oktoberfest held outside of Germany.

History of Oktoberfest
Oktoberfest began in Munich with over 200 years of long history. It was originally launched for the Münchners to attend the festivities held on the fields in front of the city gates to celebrate the royal wedding, as well as to promote the good Bavarian harvest. Nowadays, Oktoberfest has transformed into one of the most influential annual beer carnivals in the world.

In cooperation with Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Hong Kong and German Macau Business Association, as well as with Macau Government Tourist Office as the supporting unit, MGM has welcomed nearly 100,000 beer lovers with 96,606 liters of beer, 21,785 kilograms of pork knuckles, 9,696 roasted chickens and 14,379 pieces of homemade pretzels served approximately.

Authentic Entertainment and Dining Experience
The 11-day beer fest at MGM captures the essence of Bavarian festivities through German beers, cuisines, live entertainments and the Bavarian party atmosphere.

MGM will serve Spaten, one of only six genuine Oktoberfest brews and other special drinks and wheat beer while offering the most traditional German gastronomies. Enjoy the rhythmic accordion, oompah music and folk dances along with the Bavarian beer maids in dirndls. The huge beer tent with traditional decorations, including ceiling wreaths, bunting and carnival game booths, will be a guaranteed fun and alive experience that is just like the Munich Oktoberfest. Once again, MGM is flying The Högl Fun Band all the way

from Munich over to Macau to fill the nights with dynamic live performance and fun German essence. The band leader of Högl Fun Band has specially written a theme song "Nei Hou, Macau!" (Hello Macau) for their friends of Macau and MGM's Oktoberfest to add even more exciting elements to the party.

This year, MGM will introduce its first Family Friendly Special Day Time Oktoberfest between 11am and 3pm on October 22 only. Guests are welcome to party up with friends and family with live entertainment and to enjoy the authentic German brunch in the festive tent. Non-alcoholic beers and a range of beverage are also available as alternatives.

Tickets and reservations
Oktoberfest Macau at MGM will be held in The Vista II between October 13 and 23. Admission tickets and food and beverage coupons will be available for sale from September 12. The number of tickets and tables are very limited, so get them soon before they are out!

SOUTH CHINA SEA

Singapore says Chinese newspaper 'fabricated' report

SINGAPORE accused a nationalist Chinese state-run newspaper of fabricating details in a news report that it said falsely depicted the city-state's conduct at a recent summit in Venezuela.

The Global Times report, published on its Chinese-language website, said that Singapore requested that the final document of the 17th Non-Aligned Movement summit include an endorsement for an international arbitration panel's July ruling favoring the Philippines in its dispute with China over the South China Sea. The report cited unnamed sources it said "had knowledge of the

AP PHOTO



In this undated file photo released by Xinhua News Agency, a Chinese H-6K bomber patrols the islands and reefs in the South China Sea

The report triggered an unusually public dispute between Singapore's ambassador and the chief editor of the tabloid newspaper [published by People's Daily]

situation."

The report said that most of the countries objected to the Singaporean delegation's request, angering the delegation. The newspaper said the delegation also spoke rudely to those countries' officials.

The report triggered an unusually public dispute between Singapore's ambassador to China and the chief editor of the tabloid newspaper, which is published by the ruling Communist Party's mouthpiece

People's Daily. The outspoken paper targets a domestic audience for whom nationalistic appeals resonate strongly.

In an open letter to the Global Times' editor-in-chief, the ambassador, Stanley Loh, said that the report "attributed actions and words to Singapore which are false and unfounded."

In the letter, Loh said that "the proposal to update the Southeast Asia paragraphs in the NAM Final Document was not done at the last minute nor

by any single ASEAN country. There was a common and united ASEAN position."

It said that Singapore was "disappointed that an established newspaper published this irresponsible report replete with fabrications and unfounded allegations with no regard for the facts," and noted that Singapore was represented at the summit, while China was not.

The editor-in-chief of the Global Times, Hu Xijin, stood

his ground against Loh's accusations, saying that the report "was based on a serious and reliable source who attended the summit," according to the newspaper.

The ambassador wrote a second letter aimed at refuting Hu's response.

Singapore doesn't have any claims to disputed islands in the South China Sea and its officials say it is interested in safeguarding the stability of the region's waterways. **AP**

THE Chinese units of a former meat supplier for McDonald's and KFC China have been fined more than USD3.6 million for selling expired meat in a fast food safety scandal that erupted two years ago.

It's the latest fallout for OSI Group after a Shanghai TV station reported in 2014 that the company repackaged old beef and chicken under fresher expiration dates.

In a notice posted on its website, the Shanghai Municipal Food and Drug Administration said Monday that district market regulators fined Shanghai Husi Food Co. about

China regulators fine OSI Group USD3.6M in 2014 meat scandal

AP PHOTO



17 million yuan (\$2.5 million).

Husi parent OSI Group's China office was hit with a separate fine of 7.3 million yuan (\$1.1 million).

Husi and OSI will also face tighter scrutiny from the regulator, though specifics weren't given.

No one answered the phone at OSI and Husi offices in China, where Monday was the start of a weeklong holiday. Calls

to the regulator's offices also went unanswered.

The penalties come after a Shanghai court's ruling in February that two local units of Aurora, Illinois-based OSI sold the tainted meat and fined them a total of 2.4 million yuan. The court also sentenced 10 employees to prison, one of them Australian.

The company appealed the ruling, but the regulator's notice said the appeal was rejected

in July.

Food safety remains a concern for Chinese consumers despite promises from the government to step up enforcement. Other recent high-profile scares include tainted baby formula, fake meat and fruits and even seafood pumped with gelatin.

After the report by Shanghai's Dragon TV aired, Husi customers in China including McDonald's Corp., Yum Brands Inc.'s KFC and Pizza Hut restaurants and Burger King Corp. stopped using its products. The company was forced to lay off 340 workers and the chairman apologized. **AP**



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SHOWDOWN IN MACAO

ZHANG LIAN-WEI AND LIANG WEN-CHONG LEAD MAINLAND CHALLENGE

Four-time winner this season Dou Ze-cheng leads upcoming Chinese talents to bid for glory

China's most decorated golfers Zhang Lian-wei and Liang Wen-chong will lead the challenge to bring the Venetian Macao Open trophy back to their homeland for the first time in 14 years.

A five-time Asian Tour winner, Zhuhai native Zhang is the only player from his country to have held the Venetian Macao Open trophy, when he won back-to-back titles in 2001 and 2002.

"The Venetian Macao Open is an extremely special event. I have seen it grow into one of the best and most prestigious stops on the Asian Tour. The field gets stronger every year and with Scott Hend and Anirban Lahiri back to play, alongside Branden Grace and Darren Clarke, it is gearing up to be another exciting event," said Zhang.

Zhang will be joined by Liang, the only Chinese golfer to ever make the top 100 of the Official World Golf Ranking and win the Asian Tour's Order of Merit title.

The two legends will lead six other countrymen in attempt to wrestle the title away from defending champion Scott Hend of Australia. Nineteen-year-old Dou Ze-cheng has a current Official World Golf Ranking of 177, following an impressive season of four tournament wins.

FREE ENTRY
The Venetian Macao Open gets underway at the spectacular Macao Golf & Country Club from 13 to 16 October. Entry is free. For more information see www.thevenetianmacaooopen.com or Official Facebook Page www.facebook.com/venetianmacaooopen.

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KOREAS

North, South Korea trade threats over pre-emptive strike

Eric Talmadge, Tokyo

SINCE North Korea's latest nuclear test, Pyongyang and Seoul have been openly trading threats of decapitation strikes and annihilating capitals populated by millions of civilians. And the talk of how each side might throw that first pre-emptive punch has become more detailed than ever.

Seoul and Pyongyang are now making a point of claiming they are justified, and capable, of striking hard if an attack by the other appears imminent: North Korea with its rapidly developing nuclear arsenal, Seoul with conventional missile attacks and commando operations explicitly aimed at killing Kim Jong Un and his top commanders.

Swings of tension from crisis levels to business as usual, with the white noise of bellicose rhetoric always in the background, have been a fact of life for decades on the divided Korean Peninsula. But with pre-emptive strike scenarios now coming out in the open, there may be new cause for real concern.

Here's a look at why, from the perspectives of the North, the South and the United States:

PYONGYANG DOUBLES DOWN

Since assuming power in late 2011, Kim has made major strides toward making his country a credible nuclear threat.

This year alone, the North has conducted two nuclear tests, its latest and biggest on Sept. 9. It has test-launched several long-range missiles, including at least one from a submarine, and generally demonstrated it's moving toward a stealthier, deployment-ready nuclear and missile arsenal.

Pyongyang may now be capable of launching a nuclear attack on Seoul, which is only about 60



North Korean leader Kim Jong Un listens during the party congress in Pyongyang

kilometers south of the Demilitarized Zone, and on the roughly 28,000 U.S. troops deployed in the South. Also possibly within striking distance are Japan, home to another 50,000 U.S. troops, and even the U.S. territory of Guam, a key Pacific military hub about 3,000 kilometers away.

It's closer than ever to having nuclear-tipped missiles able to reach the U.S. mainland.

Having the weaponry and being able to successfully use it are two different things. Experts have mixed opinions on whether the North can actually mount nuclear weapons on its long-range missiles, and on how reliable either would be.

North Korea has effectively held Seoul hostage for decades with dug-in, well-hidden artillery that could cause massive damage on the crowded South Korean capital and its suburbs. But the immediate U.S.-South Korean counterattack would be devastating.

But by introducing nuclear weapons into the equation, Pyongyang is trying to strengthen its hand — in deterrence, in an actual contingency or at the negotiating table should meaningful talks with Washington resume.

It's a risky, costly and extremely

dangerous gambit, and North Korea appears to be doubling down.

In March, its state media reported that Kim personally supervised a drill simulating an attack on the Blue House, South Korea's presidential residence. Late last month, the North's military issued a statement threatening to use nuclear weapons to reduce Seoul to ashes and "sweep Guam, the base of provocations, from the surface of the earth." This week, state media again warned the North is ready to act at the "slightest sign of intrusion."

SOUTH KOREA PREPS TO TAKE OUT KIM

Obviously, a "decapitation strike" scenario aimed at North Korea's leadership is something the South would quietly consider — that's what military strategists are paid to do. North Korea attempted one against South Korean President Park Chung-hee in 1968; it was a disaster.

But Seoul is now showing its cards.

South Korean media started talking about them in August 2015, when a South Korean defense official said "beheading operations" would be part of a new joint wartime plan. U.S. and South Korean troops reportedly

conducted such training during joint exercises in March. Some military experts say such exercises aren't new, but the reports outraged Pyongyang.

Seoul's rhetoric is now even more pointed. Shortly after last month's nuclear test, its Joint Chiefs of Staff announced plans to strengthen its ability to conduct pre-emptive strikes. And it said a "Korea Massive Punishment and Retaliation" system would use special forces, the Hyunmoo-2 ballistic missile and the Hyunmoo-3 cruise missile — now under development — to, as one South Korean newspaper put it, "obliterate areas where Kim Jong Un and the rest of North Korea's leaders are located."

Kim Dae Young, a military expert at South Korea's Korea Defense and Security Forum, questioned whether the South could pull off a pre-emptive strike without nuclear weapons.

"Pyongyang's subways run 100 to 150 meters deep. South Korea could fire all of its cruise missiles and ballistic missiles onto Pyongyang and it would still be difficult to break the tunnels," he said. "If you're able to take out Kim Jong Un on the first try, good. But if you fail, then you come under a nuclear attack."

Conservative lawmakers, scholars and media agencies are calling for South Korea to develop its own nukes and ask the U.S. to reintroduce tactical nuclear weapons into South Korea. Officials say they have no plans for such changes, which would infuriate neighbors China, Russia and Japan and fly in the face of longstanding U.S. military policy.

PATIENCE AND WORRY IN WASHINGTON

With presidential elections just over a month away, Washington has been sticking to President Barack Obama's longstanding policy of "strategic patience" —

keeping Pyongyang at arm's length, building regional alliances and isolating the North's government.

It has recently flown B-1B bombers over the Korean Peninsula and is moving ahead with the deployment of its top-of-the-line THAAD missile defense system in South Korea, though China sees THAAD as a threat to its own defense.

Assistant Secretary of State Daniel Russel, the top U.S. diplomat for East Asia, assured Congress last week the U.S. has plans in place for "de-escalating and defusing" a crisis. He said South Korea's official statements on pre-emption did not show it has any intent "to take precipitous or provocative action."

Even so, some in Washington view the escalation as disconcerting.

"Discussions of things like pre-emption in public obviously add a troubling element to peninsular dynamics," said Evans Revere, a former State Department official and East Asia expert.

Revere blamed Pyongyang for its rapid nuclear and missile buildup. He said Seoul's logic in allowing stories about exercise scenarios to leak out is to "maximize the deterrent message" and to reassure South Koreans.

That, too, is a risky game.

Democratic Sen. Ed Markey, also at last week's Senate hearing, warned that if North Korea believes the South intends to use pre-emptive force to kill its leaders, Kim Jong Un would be under pressure to delegate control over nuclear weapons to front-line military commanders. If the North believes Seoul plans to pre-emptively take out its nuclear weapons, he added, that could also create pressure to "use them or lose them in a crisis."

"Both of those pressures could drastically increase the risk of inadvertent nuclear war on the peninsula," he said. **AP**

Aijaz Hussain, Srinagar

INDIA

Police say gun battle has ended at Kashmir army camp

Agun battle with a group of militants who attacked an Indian army camp in the Indian portion of Kashmir that killed one Indian paramilitary soldier and wounded another has ended early yesterday, police said.

A senior police official speaking on customary condition of anonymity said search operations were on at the base which

was attacked late Sunday by an unspecified number of militants firing grenades and guns.

Police officer Syed Javeid Mujataba Gillani said earlier that it was not immediately known whether the militants tried to enter the camp in the garrison town of Baramulla, 50 kilome-

tres northwest of Srinagar, the main city in Kashmir. The camp is the local headquarters of a counterinsurgency military unit.

The paramilitary soldiers hit by gunfire were also stationed at the camp, a police officer said on condition of anonymity as he was not authorized to talk

to reporters.

Sunday's attack came three days after the Indian army said it had carried out a "surgical strike" in the region and destroyed "terrorist launching pads" used by the militants with support from Pakistan.

The Indian assault followed a deadly rebel

attack on another Indian base in Kashmir. On Sept. 18, suspected rebels using guns and grenades sneaked into an army base in Uri, a town in Indian-controlled Kashmir, and killed at least 18 soldiers.

India accuses Pakistan of arming and training insurgents fighting for Kashmir's

independence from India or its merger with Pakistan, a charge Pakistan denies.

Kashmir is divided between India and Pakistan. The longtime rivals have fought two wars for control of the Himalayan territory since British colonialists left in 1947. Both claim it in its entirety. **AP**

Colombia in uncharted territory with peace deal's defeat

Joshua Goodman &
Andrea Rodriguez, Bogota

A stunning referendum defeat for a peace deal with leftist rebels leaves Colombians with no Plan B to save an accord that sought to bring an end to a half century of hostilities.

Instead of winning by an almost two-to-one margin on Sunday as pre-election polls had predicted, those favoring the accord with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia lost by a razor-thin margin, 49.8 percent to 50.2 percent for those against the deal.

Both President Juan Manuel Santos and leaders of the FARC, after four years of grueling negotiations, vowed to push ahead, giving no hint they want to resume a war that has already killed 220,000 people and displaced 8 million.

"I won't give up. I'll continue search for peace until the last moment of my mandate," Santos said in a televised address appealing for calm.

But it's not clear how the already unpopular Santos can save the deal after the stunning political defeat. He has ordered his negotiators to return to Cuba yesterday to confer with FARC's top leaders, who watched the results with disbelief after ordering drinks and cigars at Club Havana, once Cuba's most exclusive beach club.

"The FARC deeply regret that the destructive power of those who sow hatred and revenge have influenced the Colombian people's opinion," the FARC's top commander, a guerrilla known as Timochenko, told reporters.

The loss for the government was even more shocking considering the huge support for the accord among foreign leaders, who have heralded it as a model for a world beset by political violence and terrorism. Many heads of state as well as U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry were present when Santos and Timochenko signed the deal less than a week ago in an elaborate, emotion-filled ceremony.

Norway, which along with Cuba co-sponsored the talks, said it would be willing to further facilitate peace talks.

"I am very disappointed, and the result shows a very polarized and split Colombia," Norway's Foreign Minister Borge Brende told the NTB news agency.

AP PHOTO



Colombia's President Juan Manuel Santos prepares to cast his ballot

"We have told both parties that we will be at their disposal and are available," he said. "We must also involve the opposition who say they want peace and hear what they think might be the solution."

With the outlook uncertain, all eyes are on Santos' former boss and chief rival: Alvaro Uribe, the powerful former president who led the grass-roots campaign against the accord. With none of the government's huge PR machine, an angry Uribe gave voice to millions of Colombians, many of them victims of the FARC like him, who bristled at provisions in the 297-page accord sparing rebels jail time if they confessed their crimes and

instead reserved them 10 seats in Congress.

Uribe, in prepared remarks from his ranch outside Medellin after the results were in, called for a "big national pact" and insisted on "correctives" that guarantee respect for the constitution, respect for private enterprise and justice without impunity. But he didn't specify whether he would join Santos in trying to salvage the deal, and took more swipes at the FARC, demanding it end drug trafficking and extortion.

"The entire accord was full of impunity," said Ricardo Bernal, 60, celebrating the victory for the "no" side in a Bogota neighborhood where opponents were gathered. "We all want peace but there have to be adjustments made."

Across town, hundreds of supporters of the peace deal who had gathered in a hotel ballroom for what they expected would be a victory party with Santos wept in despair.

The FARC's 7,000 guerrilla fighters are unlikely to return to the battlefield any time soon. For now, a cease-fire remains in place.

One option for Santos would be to reopen negotiations, something he had ruled out

previously and his chief negotiator said would be "catastrophic." The president, who has a little under two years left in office, could also seek to bypass another popular vote and ratify the accord in Congress or by calling a constitutional convention, something both the FARC and Uribe have previously favored.

"I've always believed in a wise Chinese proverb, to look for opportunities in any situation. And here we have an opportunity that's opening up, with the new political reality that has demonstrated itself in the referendum," Santos said Sunday night at the presidential palace.

But bringing Santos and Uribe together might be harder than achieving peace with the FARC. Santos served as Uribe's defense minister, when they worked together with the U.S. to drive the FARC to the edge of the jungles, but the two haven't spoken for years and frequently trade insults.

One of the reasons for the surprise defeat was low turnout, with only 37 percent of the electorate bothering to vote, a further sign to some analysts that Colombians' enthusiasm for the ambitious ac-

cord was lacking. Heavy rains from Hurricane Matthew especially dampened voting along the Caribbean coast, where the government's electoral machinery is strongest and the "yes" vote won by a double-digit margin.

While urban voters who were being leaned on to pay for the peace largely voted against the accord, the areas hardest hit by the conflict overwhelmingly endorsed it. In the town of Bojaya, where a FARC mortar attack on a church killed dozens of civilians in 2002, the 'yes' vote won with 96 percent of the vote.

The campaign exposed deep rifts in Colombian society, dividing many families and making clear the road to reconciliation would have been long and torturous even had the accord passed. Colombians overwhelmingly loathe the FARC, which the U.S. considers a terrorist group, and many considered the accord an insult to victims of the long-running conflict.

"In the end, hate toward the FARC won out over hope for the future," said Jason Marc-zack, an expert on Latin America at the Washington-based Atlantic Council. **AP**

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JUAN MANUEL SANTOS
PRESIDENT OF COLOMBIA

Georgieva: UN would be inclusive with Eastern Europe woman chief

Edith M. Lederer, United Nations

EUROPEAN commissioner Kristalina Georgieva, a latecomer to the race to be the next secretary-general, says being the first U.N. chief from Eastern Europe and the first woman to be the world's top diplomat would demonstrate the inclusiveness and universality of the United Nations.

But the Bulgarian diplomat and former World Bank vice-president said in an interview with The Associated Press ahead of her hearing in the General Assembly yesterday that it's the skills and determination she would bring to the job that count most.

"I am very clear in defining directions," Georgieva said. "I look forward with clarity. I am able to convince. I have my own convictions and I am able to carry people with me. And I have very strong managerial skills, proven, that I can get a job as hard as it may be, done."

The 63-year-old grandmo-



European Commissioner for Budget Kristalina Georgieva speaks during a media conference at EU headquarters in Brussels

ther said there was "an element of surprise" when Bulgarian Prime Minister Boiko Borisov asked her to enter the race after deciding to drop the country's support from UNESCO chief Irina Bokova, a fellow Bulgarian who came in sixth of nine secretary-general candidates in the fifth informal poll in the U.N. Security Council on Sept. 26 which was led by former Portuguese Prime Minister Antonio Guterres.

"I gave it some thought because

I recognized that it's so late in the process," Georgieva said. "But then, I also thought, 'If I don't run, how would I know if I have a shot or I don't?' To find out, I have to run."

Georgieva is currently vice-president of the European Commission and its commissioner for budget and human resources. She formerly held the post of European commissioner for international cooperation, humanitarian aid and crisis response.

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Under the U.N. Charter, the secretary-general is elected by the General Assembly on the recommendation of the Security Council. In practice, this has meant that the five permanent council members with veto power — the U.S., Russia, China, Britain and France — have the final say. Ten candidates are vying to succeed Ban Ki-moon whose term ends on Dec. 31.

Since Borisov announced Georgieva's candidacy last

week, there have been diplomatic rumblings about her late entry and the fact that Bulgaria now has two candidates.

Both Georgieva and Bokova will be on the ballot in the next informal poll tomorrow which is considered the most important so far. That's because it will be the first using different colored ballots to distinguish between the five permanent council members who have veto power and the 10 non-permanent members who don't.

As a late-comer to the contest, Georgieva acknowledges she is at a "disadvantage" because she has less time to introduce herself.

"My job is to put my best foot forward, and hope that I will be judged on merits and not on length of campaigning," she said in Saturday's interview during a break from preparing the question-and-answer session in the 193-member General Assembly, a hearing all the other candidates have gone through already. AP

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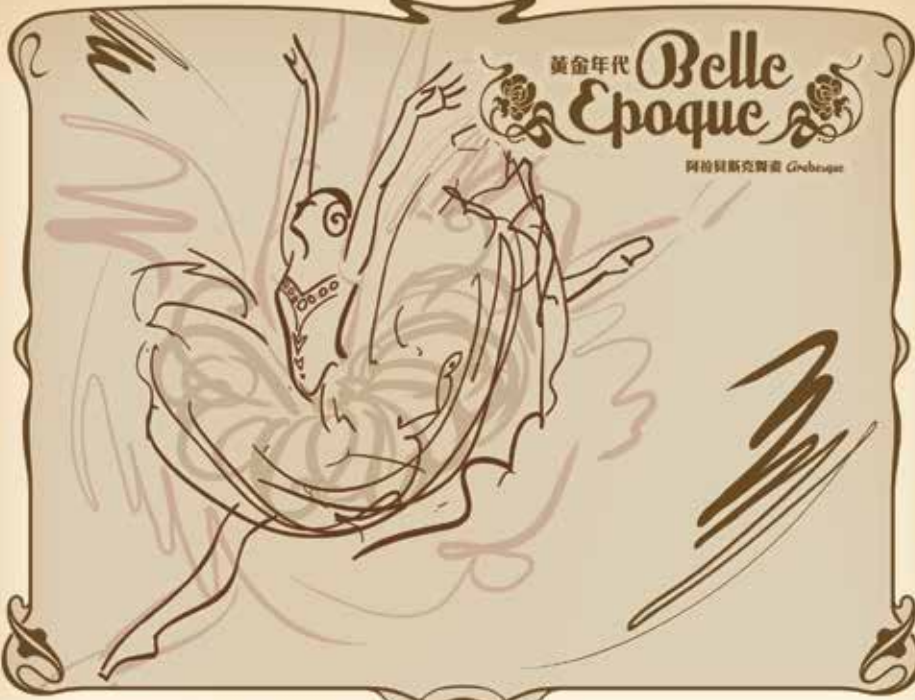
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INDONESIAN POLICE INVESTIGATE
PORN ON PUBLIC VIDEO SCREEN

Police in Indonesia's capital are investigating the operator of a public video screen after it displayed a porn movie instead of advertising to passing traffic.

Ten people, including employees of the company operating the electronic billboard, have been questioned, Jakarta police spokesman Awi Setyono said yesterday. Police can't yet name a suspect, he added.

Twitter in social media-mad Indonesia was abuzz with news of the incident, which occurred not long after Friday prayers last week in the Muslim-majority country.

Many users posted clips of the billboard as it displayed a Japanese porn movie playing in an internet browser.

Adrian Wiedarta, a manager at PT Transito Adimanjati, which operates the advertising screen, blamed the incident on a hacker who he said seized control of the system, allowing the porn film to play for about five minutes.

Police assisted by nearby vendors shut off power to the giant video screen as drivers and pedestrians watched the movie.

Setyono said the police's cybercrime unit has analyzed several computers seized from the company.

Jakarta police chief Muhammad Iriawan said the perpetrator could be charged under either the Electronic Transaction Law, which carries a maximum prison sentence of six years and a fine of 1 billion rupiah (USD77,000), or the Pornography Law, which carries a prison sentence of up to 12 years.

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ROOM 1

2.30, 4.45, 7.15, 9.30 pm

Director: Tim Burton

Starring: Eva Green, Asa Butterfield, Samuel L. Jackson

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 127min

DEEP WATER HORIZON

ROOM 2

2.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30 pm

Director: Peter Berg

Starring: Mark Wahlberg, Kurt Russell, John Malkovich,

Kate Hudson

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 107min



STORKS

ROOM 3

(2D) 2.30, 4.15, 7.45 pm

(3D) 6.00 pm

Director: Nicholas Stoller, Doug Sweetland

Language: Cantonese (Cantonese/English)

Duration: 87min

BLAIR WITCH

ROOM 3

9.30 pm

Director: Adam Wingard

Starring: James Allen McCune, Brandon Scott,

Callie Hernandez

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 89min

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DEEP WATER HORIZON

ROOM 3

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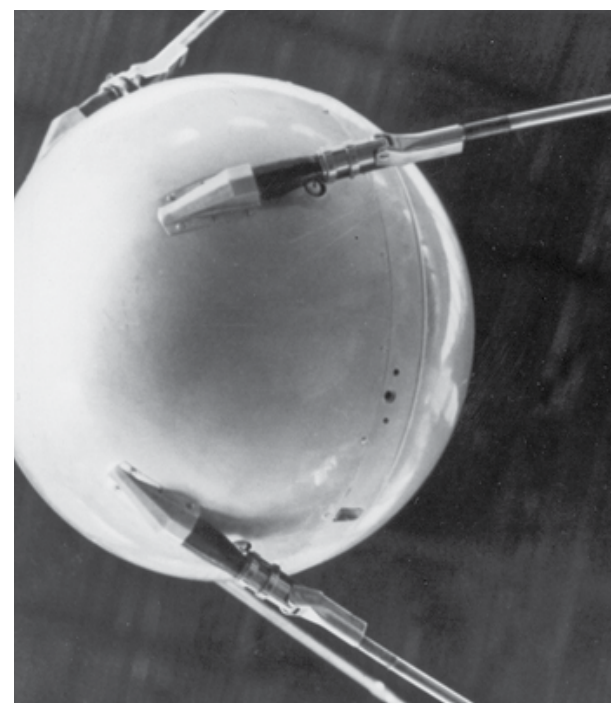
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this day in history

1957 SPUTNIK SATELLITE BLASTS
INTO SPACE

A Russian satellite has been launched into space - the first man-made object ever to leave the Earth's atmosphere.

The Russian news agency, Tass, said the satellite Sputnik was now 560 miles (900 kilometres) above the Earth and circling it every hour-and-a-half.

Scientists predict the metal sphere will eventually burn up in the atmosphere but they hope it will send important data back to Earth before doing so.

The Soviet Union and the USA have both committed to launching satellites for research as part of the International Geophysical Year (IGY).

Delegations from both countries' IGY committees were at a reception at the Russian embassy in Washington when news of Sputnik's launch came through.

The chairman of the American IGY committee, Dr Joseph Kaplan, congratulated the Russians on a "remarkable achievement".

The leader of the Russian delegation, Dr A A Blagonravov, who is believed to have been closely involved with the preparations for the launch, described Sputnik as "the simplest kind of baby moon".

He attributed its weight - 180lb (83.5kg) - largely to heavy batteries.

The satellite's weight has led some American experts to speculate that the rocket which launched it might also be capable of carrying a nuclear weapon thousands of miles.

The fact that Sputnik is expected to fly over the US seven times a day has also caused unease.

There have already been calls for an immediate review of US defences, given the implications of the technological leap ahead by a political enemy.

But Dr Blagonravov said no-one had anything to fear from the Soviet satellite programme.

"It will keep everyone too busy watching the instruments to think about anything else," he said.

President Eisenhower has been informed of the Russian success.

But he said the news would not lead the US to accelerate its own satellite programme.

The first US launch is expected next month.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

Sputnik transmitted information via radio signals to Soviet scientists for three weeks.

The signals fascinated both radio enthusiasts and Western scientists.

Sputnik II was launched in November 1957 with a passenger aboard - a dog called Laika. The flight allowed Russian scientists to learn much about the prospects for human space travel.

The Soviet authorities said Laika died painlessly after a week in orbit but in 2002 new evidence revealed the dog died from over-heating and panic just a few hours after take-off.

In December 1957 the US programme suffered a setback when a rocket carrying a test satellite into space exploded.

Finally, in February 1958, the US successfully launched its first satellite, 'Explorer'.

In 1961, the Soviet Union put the first human, Yuri Gagarin, into space.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 Health concerns, vows to get more exercise after work...

Taurus April 20-May 20 You need to do some thinking if you want to have a good time...

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 If lines are always crossed at work and now you're having a hard time communicating with family...

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 You need everything to sparkle. In fact, once you start cleaning up, you just can't stop...

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 You can still afford to be impulsive, at least once you memorize your list of cheap or free activities...

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 When things in your own house start making no sense, you know it's time to do something about it...

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 It's a good time for being around other people, and not just for fun. You'll run into someone who puts your mind at ease...

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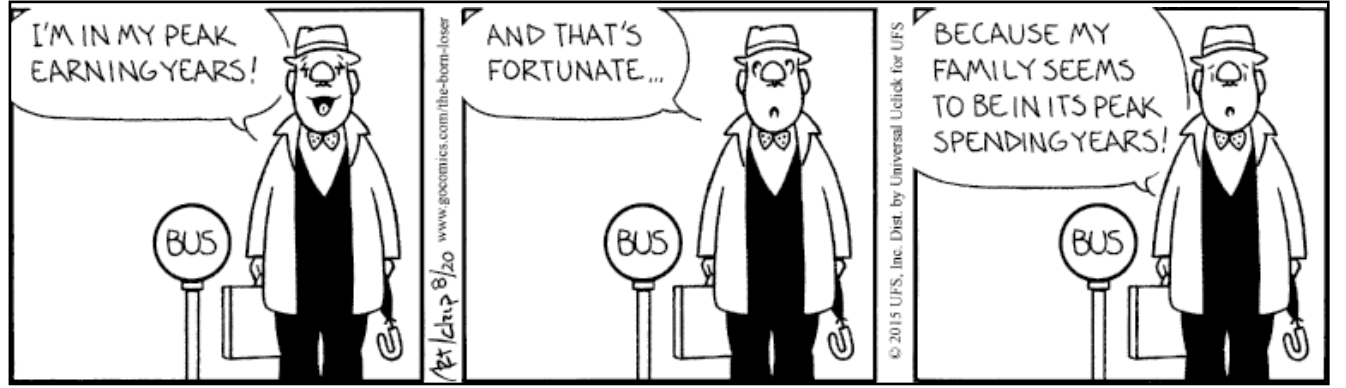
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Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 You don't have to go anywhere. The best place to be if you want to connect with others is right at home...

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9x9 grid for Easy+ Sudoku puzzle.

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9x9 grid for Medium Sudoku puzzle.

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9x9 grid for Hard Sudoku puzzle.

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ACROSS: 1- Of flight; 7- Largest book of the OT; 10- Rooster; 14- Shrimp dish; 15- Flight; 16- Green Gables girl; 17- Hod carrier; 18- "Hold On Tight" group; 19- Sign gas; 20- Peculiarity; 23- Machine for lifting heavy loads; 26- Short change?; 27- Port of Crete; 28- Vandals; 29- Foxy; 30- Adult males; 31- Loss of memory; 33- Pro ___; 34- Pretend; 37- Outback hopper; 38- Verse starter?; 39- Simile center; 40- ___-jongg; 41- Attempt; 42- Place for ordering alcoholic drinks; 43- Capital of New Mexico; 45- Him, to Henri; 46- Skid row woe; 47- Hastens; 48- Natural talent; 51- Afore; 52- Wash lightly; 53- Ladder seen by Jacob; 56- ___ even keel; 57- Descartes's conclusion; 58- Position, in Britain; 62- Uncommon; 63- School grp.; 64- Film on copper; 65- Cut calories; 66- His, to Henri; 67- Most cunning;

DOWN: 1- Volcano output; 2- Environmental prefix; 3- Far out!; 4- Vast; 5- Quickly; 6- "The Mod Squad" role; 7- Ample; 8- Old sailors; 9- Latin love; 10- High-kicking dance; 11- ___ a million; 12- Benjamin; 13- Nairobi's nation; 21- Cream cake; 22- Person with a cool job?; 23- Graph; 24- Gossip; 25- Harass; 29- Biblical mount; 30- Flat-topped hills; 32- District adjacent to a city; 33- Sampled; 34- Lower a sail; 35- Sidewalk eateries; 36- The ones here; 44- Parched; 45- Young roarer; 46- Stage plays; 48- Long narrow arm of the sea; 49- Polynesian porch; 50- Without ___ in the world; 51- Put on cloud nine; 52- Pertaining to the kidneys; 54- Drinks slowly; 55- Immerses; 59- No-win situation; 60- Ques. response; 61- Back muscle, for short



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FOOTBALL

Tottenham hands Man City first loss in EPL; United frustrated

Steve Douglas, Manchester

MANCHESTER City's winning start to the English Premier League is over — and the title favorites might just have seen close up their biggest rival for the trophy.

Producing a clinic in high-octane pressing, Tottenham hounded City into submission in a 2-0 victory at White Hart Lane that consigned Pep Guardiola to his first loss in 12 games. Six of those matches had come in the Premier League, and had been won at a canter.

It was the kind of all-round performance that Spurs produced for large spells of last season under Mauricio Pochettino before collapsing late on in their pursuit of eventual champion Leicester.

That was the first time Spurs contended for the league title in a generation and they are proving it wasn't just a one-off.

After seven games, second-placed Tottenham is the only unbeaten team in the Premier League, still hasn't conceded a goal in open play and is now just

one point behind City.

In a dominant first-half display, Tottenham went ahead through Aleksandar Kolarov's own goal in the ninth minute before Dele Alli added a second as City's defense was overwhelmed by the home team's energy and movement.

It could have been worse for City: Erik Lamela had a second-half penalty saved for Spurs in the second half.

City's much-lauded attack failed to score for the first time this season and its defense looked suspect, like it did in the 3-3 draw at Celtic in the Champions League. There are finally some cracks in City's teams for its title rivals to cling to.

Manchester United couldn't take advantage, only drawing 1-1 at home to struggling Stoke, but Arsenal scraped a 1-0 win at Burnley thanks to a scrambled goal with virtually the last touch of the game.

MAN U 1, STOKE 1

After opening with three straight victories, United has won only one of its last four games in the league and is already playing



Tottenham plays against Manchester City

catch-up.

Joe Allen earned a point for Stoke, scoring an 82nd-minute equalizer following a rare mistake by David de Gea. The United goalkeeper fumbled a long-range shot, Jon Walters scooped the loose ball against the bar before it bounced down for Allen to smash home from close range.

United took the lead in the 69th through Anthony Martial's curling strike, two minutes after he came on as a substitute.

United is sixth with 13 points, five behind City at the top.

Stoke is still waiting for a first win of the season, but has ended its 13-game losing streak at Old Trafford stretching back 36 years.

BURNLEY 0, ARSENAL 1

The two minutes of injury time had almost elapsed at Turf Moor when Alexis Sanchez received a short corner and sent over a cross that Theo Walcott flicked

on. Alex Oxlade-Chamberlain appeared to get a touch to the ball, which reared up off the hand of Laurent Koscielny — unintentionally — and squeezed over the line.

The match marked 20 years since Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger officially took charge of Arsenal, and a fifth straight league win lifted his team to third place — two points behind City.

LEICESTER 0, SOUTHAMPTON 0

It might all be about the Champions League for Leicester this season.

This draw meant Leicester has won just two of the opening seven games of its Premier League title defense. In their first-ever Champions League campaign, the Foxes have won both of their games — the latest coming against two-time European champion Porto on Tuesday.

Southampton created the better chances at King Power stadium, with in-form striker Charlie Austin hitting the post early on and wasting a one-on-one chance in the second half. **AP**

FOOTBALL

Zidane scrambling for answers after Madrid's early struggles

REAL Madrid coach Zinedine Zidane goes into the long international break with a lot of thinking to do.

While the hiatus leaves fans having to mull over the team's struggles a little longer, Zidane will be able to use the extra time off to find ways to get his squad back on track after four straight draws.

"It's my responsibility to look for solutions because we've got to change things. We can't carry on like this," Zidane said. "I'm not happy, that much is clear."

Madrid was held to a 1-1 draw by Eibar at the Santiago Bernabeu Stadium yesterday [Macau time], leaving the field jeered by fans. The team had already failed to beat Las Palmas and Villarreal in the Spanish league, as well as Borussia Dortmund in the Champions League. Its last win was at Espanyol on Sept. 18.

"We need to look for ways to improve and we'll do that after the international break by working hard. I believe in the work and the quality of this



Real Madrid's head coach Zinedine Zidane (right)

team. I don't think attitude is the problem but something is wrong," Zidane said. "We've got 10 days without the players and when they come back we'll have to start working at 100 percent, not only physically but tactically as well. We need to work together."

Zidane said it's too early in the season to talk about a crisis, but admitted the team has to turn things around when it resumes playing in two weeks.

"After the start we had to the season, this is tough to take," he said. "I'm not going to lose my head but it's tough. We need to work harder and show more intensity at the beginning of games like we've done very often, but we're struggling to replicate that lately."

Madrid lost the league lead

to Atletico Madrid after this weekend's draw. Atletico, which won 2-0 at Valencia, also has 15 points, but leads Madrid on goal difference. Sevilla is third with 14 points, one more than Barcelona, which lost at Celta Vigo 4-3.

Zidane said he may have to "bring more intensity to the training sessions" to get his players playing hard from the start.

Zidane has not been able to count on some players during the winless stretch, including left back Marcelo and defensive midfielder Casemiro, who are injured.

To add to Zidane's problems, playmaker James Rodriguez sustained a muscle injury while warming up the game against Eibar, and midfielder Luka Modric will be out for a while after undergoing arthroscopic surgery on his left knee.

Madrid's next chance to snap its winless streak is Oct. 15 at Real Betis, a team which has yet to lose at home. Madrid then hosts sixth-place Athletic Bilbao. **AP**

MOTORSPORTS

Michael Shank's No. 60 wins Petit Le Mans

MICHAEL Shank Racing's No. 60 Honda-powered Liger sports car won the season-ending Petit Le Mans at Road Atlanta this weekend, and the Action Express Racing's No. 31 Chevrolet Corvette Daytona Prototype took the season title.

John Pew, Oswaldo Negri, Jr. and endurance driver Olivier Pla teamed to win the 10-hour race, with the 60-year-old Pew making his final series appearance in the IMSA WeatherTech SportsCar Championship.

"It's the best way to go out, but it also makes it very hard to go out," Pew said. "It makes it hard to quit. You really try to talk yourself into leaving and then something like this happens and you think, 'Maybe not.' I'll take a little time to reflect. It's been a fantastic 10 years, a lot with Ozz, and all with Michael Shank."

Dane Cameron, Eric Curran and guest driver Simon Pagenaud, the current IndyCar champion, finished fourth to win the season title. They beat their No. 5 Action Express Racing teammates, Joao Barbosa and Christian Fittipaldi,



who won the last two championships.

"It's truly unbelievable," Curran said. "It hasn't really sunk in yet. It's going to take some time. The whole team and Dane and I worked so hard all year. We came so close last year, but we pulled it together this year. It feels amazing, all the guys that work hard on the Action Express team, and the pit stops were unbelievable. Most importantly, it was a tough day today, but we got through it."

In the GT Le Mans class, the No. 62 Risi Competizione Ferrari 488 GTE of Giancarlo Fisichella, Toni Vilander and James Calado won the race, and the championship went to the No. 4 Chevrolet Corvette C7.R of Oliver Gavin, Tommy Milner and Marcel Fassler. **AP**

opinion

Rear Window

Severo Portela



UMBRELLAS IN THE HOUSE

It looks like a kind of swampy unease has been spreading among Macau civil society. And it has been affecting everybody, indeed, from the traditional Legislative Assembly-based democrats, to the New Macau young democrats, labor representatives - not excluding the conservative pro-Beijing apparatus. The actual source of this (and I repeat) unease comes from not fully coping with the political standoff that took (and pardon us the generalization) eight Umbrella Movement seasoned activists from the road to the benches of the Hong Kong Legislative Council. The old guard of the Hong Kong pro-democracy activists and organizations, despite being sheltered under the cover of an umbrella - the pan-democrats umbrella - fear being on the fast track to obsolescence. The fact is that at the end of the hard fought civic campaign to further political rights - including the introduction of universal suffrage -, asked to show the goods, they just have the "same" 70-member quasi-parliament split of 35 from geographic constituencies and 35 from the functional constituencies: the "rotten borough" some would call it with assumed democratic disdain. The former are directly elected by the almost 4 million registered voters, while the special-interests' seats are chosen by almost 240,000 individuals, corporate or businesses. That is 6% of the population.

Anyway, from now on, Hong Kong politics, including moderate democrats, will be challenged by a generational shift towards a more confrontational stance, apparently immune to all the antics of co-optation that Beijing usually manipulates to maintain a tight leash on the political development chez HKSAR. The Nathan Law and friends show is just about to begin!

Back to Macau, the pro-democracy movement is trying its own way to digest the asymmetry between their Hong Kong counter-parts' political game (localism, complete autonomy, self-determination, and Basic Law forbid independence) and the corresponding measures the establishment takes to fight the activists and their demands of political concessions, and the equivalent panorama in the Macau Special Administrative Region.

Despite the mellow (Legislative Assembly will keep on having the same composition for the next five years) situation in Macau, Scott Chiang, Jason Chao and Co have a lot to complain about the government, the law enforcement, the law and so on. They learned their lessons from the civil referendum, and later from the panda cubs' naming referendum.

Imagination and cooperation seem to be the key for those who have been showing respect for democratic values. Macau Civil Servants Association is about to launch what they call a "public survey" to question residents about the performance of the Chief Executive and the need to increase the number of additional directly-elected legislators from two to four for the 2017 elections. However, it is not an open consultation, since it restricts itself to a closed universe of 3000 phone calls, thus not incurring in any breach of the Data Protection provisions. Pereira Coutinho did it again.

Finally, two notes on gaming and reading. With not such a great omen offered by MGTO's visitor forecast during the Golden Week, Citigroup has degraded the September GGR forecast. But we should highlight two situations: a fresh case of side betting and disturbance in a VIP room, calling attention on the possibility of the financing and profit distribution to be diverting from the traditional pro rata basis; and the first steps DICJ Paulo Chan is taking to curb the entrance of croupiers to the gaming floor... to gamble themselves.

As to the reading, the New Central Library threatens to replace the Hotel Estoril as the urban narrative of the day. But we can have a two in one: lawmaker Tommy Lau has suggested replacing the Old Court building by...the Hotel Estoril.

THE BUZZ CHINA, DENMARK PROJECTS AMONG ARCHITECTURE AWARD WINNERS

A children's center in China, a bridge in Iran and a park in Denmark are among the six winners of the Aga Khan Award for Architecture.

The winners were announced yesterday in the United Arab Emirates city of Al Ain. The awards are handed out once every three years and are meant to celebrate architecture that serves and embraces Muslim culture.

The network is headed by Aga Khan, the spiritual leader of millions of Ismaili Muslims who belong to an offshoot of the Shiite sect.

Two projects from Bangladesh also won the award - a community center and a mosque. The sixth winner was a university building in Lebanon by the firm of Iraqi-British architect Zaha Hadid who died earlier this year.

Station	Air quality
Roadside	25-45 Good
High Density Residential Area	55-75 Moderate
Ambient	55-75 Moderate

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Lemonon places fourth in Miss World PH



Sandra Lemonon

SANDRA Lemonon, a Macau-born Filipina, ranked fourth at the Miss World Philippines 2016 beauty pageant, and was also named Miss Photogenic.

According to Philippine media outlets, after launching the program with 24 contestants, the top 12 moved on to a 'question and answer' session, where they were asked about the challenges they faced throughout the pageant, the most significant events in their lives, cyberbullying and social media.

In answer to the final question - "why should you be the next Miss World Philippines 2016?" - the 23-year-old runner-up boldly shared that it is her dream to help others who are in need.

"If I were given the chance to be the next Miss World Philippines, I would give my heart and try to do my best to help other people. That is what Miss World is all about: beauty with a purpose. And now joining with 'Tahanan Ng Pagmamahal,' the experience has been incredible and I just

want to do that. That is my dream job and Miss World shares a platform where I can do that. And I just want to be an inspiration for everyone. Thank you," she said.

The 'Fourth Princess,' born to a Filipino mother and a French father, was also previously awarded the Miss Jessie Mendez and Miss Friendship award.

In an earlier interview with the Times, Lemonon said that the advocacy component of Miss World was what first encouraged her to take part in the pageant. She explained her desire to give back to society, and hoped to do so by letting people know more about Miss World 2016 project "Beauty with a Purpose."

The fourth runner-up currently volunteers with an orphanage called "Tahanan Ng Pagmamahal," in Pasig City as an English and arts teacher, and hopes to raise funds with the orphanage to improve the living conditions for the children who stay there.

The 22-year-old Fil-Aussie Catriona Gray from Bicol was named Miss World Philippines 2016 in the coronation night held at the Manila Hotel on Sunday, and is set to compete in Miss World 2016 to be held this December in Washington, USA. LV

THE DECISIVE MOMENT



The flag-raising ceremony held at the Golden Lotus Square is to celebrate the 67th anniversary of the People's Republic of China.

WORLD BRIEFS

PHILIPPINES The Asian Development Bank has signed an agreement with the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) on a risk-transfer scheme under which SIDA will guarantee USD155 million out of ADB's \$455 million basket of five loans to India - a first for a sovereign loan portfolio for any multilateral development bank, the ADB announced yesterday.

VIETNAMESE authorities say they've seized 309 kilograms of elephant tusks illegally imported from Nigeria. A customs official says the tusks were seized at Hanoi's airport on the weekend. The official said yesterday that the cargo had been declared as glass.

TURKEY announced that it is extending a three-month-long state of emergency, declared after the country's failed military coup, by a further three months as it presses ahead with a massive crackdown on a movement led by U.S.-based cleric Fethullah Gulen.

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JAPAN The new robot from Japanese automaker Toyota Motor Corp. can't do much but chatter in a high-pitched voice. The 39,800-yen (\$390), 10-centimeter (4-inch)-tall, doll-like Kirobo Mini - whose name comes from "kibo," or "hope," and "robot" - supposedly has the smarts of a 5-year-old. By Yuri Kageyama.

AP PHOTO



TENNIS Peng Shuai produced the upset of the first round in the China Open yesterday, beating sixth-seeded Venus Williams 7-5, 6-1. The 30-year-old Chinese wildcard entry broke Williams' serve twice in the second set.