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IC presents series of activities celebrating the Year of the Dog

THE Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) is preparing a series of events to mark the beginning of the Lunar New Year of the Dog, including a series of workshops, performances, activities and exhibitions.

The "Happy Chinese New Year" - Chinese New Year Ethnic Performances 2018 will be held during the period of the Lunar New Year (from February 15 to 19) at Tap Seac Square, Anim'Arte Nam Van, Iao Hon Market Square and Pak Tai Temple in Taipa.

From February 16 to 19, stalls will be set up in Anim'Arte Nam Van for the display and sale of handicrafts by local artists and artists from Inner Mongolia and Yunnan Province, featuring traditional handicrafts and creative products. Other activities, such as traditional games, Inner Mongolian calligraphy, a painting workshop and a costume exhibition, will also be held concurrently at the same venue.

The dance drama, Opera Warriors, will be staged at the Macau Cultural Centre Grand Auditorium on March 3, at 8 p.m.

From February 16 to 18, the Mandarin's House will host a lion dance performance at 3 p.m., while



Secretary Sonia Chan officiated the opening of the CNY lights

Lou Kau Mansion and General Ye Ting's Former Residence will host a "Chinese New Year Concert." From February 14 to March 11, the Chun Chou Tong Pavilion in Lou Lim Ieoc Garden will host "Exquisite Apparel, Distinctive Customs - Ethnic Costumes Showcase of Yunnan Province and Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region."

IC will also hold the "Couplets Workshop" in several cultural facilities during the Lunar New Year. On February 4, three sessions aimed at MAM's Friends and their families will be held at the Macau Museum of Art (MAM), where participants will be instructed by calligraphy and painting experts Lei Tak Seng, Tam

Chek Wun and Mak Lei on how to create their own couplets.

In addition, the Chong Sai Pharmacy will host the "Pinwheel Production Workshop" on February 10, 11 and 16 to 18 and the Macao Tea Culture House will host the "Plasticine Modelling Workshop" on February 10 and 11 to teach participants how to make handicrafts with Spring Festival features.

The "Spring Concert 2018" is another of the CNY events organized by the IC, featuring the Chinese Orchestra and students from the School of Music of the Macau Conservatory. It will take place on the eve of the Lunar New Year at the Macau Conservatory Auditorium.

Forum Macau delegation toured Beijing, presented 2018 plans

A delegation from the Permanent Secretariat of the Forum for Economic and Trade Cooperation between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries (Forum Macau), toured Beijing recently. During their stay in the Chinese capital, the delegation met with ambassadors representing countries including Angola, Brazil, Cape Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Mozambique, Portugal and East-Timor.

The delegation visited the Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macau Affairs Department of the Ministry of Commerce (MOFCOM) of China, the MOFCOM External Trade Development Administration, and the China Chamber of Commerce for Import and Export of Food products. During the visit, representatives of Forum Macau presented the work carried out in 2017 as well as the Activity Program designed for 2018. The 2018 program will focus on the

activities to be carried out during the commemoration of the 15th anniversary of the establishment of the Macau Forum.

During the visits, Xu Yingzhen, Secretary-General of the Macau Forum, mentioned that it has and will actively promote the implementation of the "Economic and Trade Cooperation Action Plan" (2017-2019) and the "Memorandum of Understanding on Promoting Co-operation in Productive Capacity". These tools as well as the "18 new measures" announced by the Chinese counterparties detail works initiated in several areas, including: productive capacity cooperation, trade and investment promotion, human resources, and cultural exchange. These announcements were made during the 5th Ministerial Conference and their implementation will be a major subject for Macau Forum this year. **RM**

ASK THE VET

by Dr Ruan Du Toit Bester

CANINE DISTEMPER VIRUS

ITS viral season in Macau and for many years canine distemper virus was the most feared of the viral diseases affecting dogs. Parvovirus may have surpassed it in this regard but it is still a deadly virus that kills dogs and other members of the canine family.

Canine distemper virus is an RNA virus from the morbillivirus family. Distemper virus is more likely to affect puppies than older dogs. This is probably due immunity acquired through CDV Vaccinations or exposure to the virus naturally, leading to immunity. It can affect dogs of any age, though. It causes very variable clinical signs which makes ruling it out in a young sick dog a difficult process. In some dogs a transient fever, perhaps accompanied by a lack of appetite or mild depression may be the only signs of onset of distemper. Other dogs are affected by a systemic illness with nasal and ocular discharge, coughing, fever, depression, lack of appetite, vomiting and diarrhea. It is not uncommon for dogs to have some but not all signs associated with this disease.

Since the inapparent infections often go undiagnosed and the severe infections often are present in dogs who die from distemper virus, the mortality rate of canine distemper was always thought to be very high. Over time, it

was recognized that a number of dogs were surviving the initial infection only to develop neurologic signs from one to a few weeks after infection. Dogs that survive both the initial infection and subsequent neurologic disease may go on to develop retinal damage, corneal discoloration or extreme hardness of the skin of the nose or foot pads. Infection with the distemper virus can be hard to diagnose with certainty but we currently have ELISA kits that are quite sensitive to the antigens.

It is not uncommon for puppies with suggestive clinical signs to have a recent vaccination for the virus. This makes it hard to judge infection by antibody titers in many instances. There is a latent period from the time the virus enters a dog's body until clinical signs appear of approximately 9 to 12 days which means that puppies already infected may be vaccinated before clinical signs appear.

Sometimes the virus can be identified in infected tissues using immunofluorescent techniques. This works in the white blood cells several days after infection and in conjunctival (the pink part of the eye area) swabs up to 21 days after infection. Inclusion cysts may be seen in conjunctival swabs as well. General blood chemistry and blood cell count values

are usually pretty uninformative when distemper is present. Cerebrospinal fluid (CSF) taps may indicate antibodies to distemper virus and increased protein. X-rays may show signs of pneumonia that are typical for viral infection but not definite for distemper virus alone. In many instances the course of the disease finally provides the diagnosis as initial signs of a generalized illness change to neurologic signs over time.

At present there is no specific treatment to kill the distemper virus. Prevention of infection is the best way to deal with canine distemper. Veterinarians tend to begin vaccinations for this disease at approximately 6 weeks of age and continue until 12 or even 16 weeks of age at 3 to 4 week intervals. The vaccine is repeated due to interference with vaccination from antibodies passed to puppies in the mother's milk. These antibodies prevent the vaccine from working in about 75% of puppies at six weeks of age, about 25% of puppies at nine weeks of age and only a very few puppies at twelve weeks of age. The first vaccination is therefore an attempt to treat the 25% of puppies who are susceptible and the follow-up vaccinations are given to eventually provide protection to almost all puppies who receive vaccination.

Some strains of distemper vaccine provide nearly lifelong immunity after the initial series and one-year booster while other strains provide a shorter duration of immunity. Some puppies develop signs of canine distemper



following vaccination even though they do not appear to have the disease. In these puppies encephalitis occurs. This can be fatal, although most puppies probably recover. Canine distemper virus is shed in all body secretions from infected animals. Dogs may spread the virus for several weeks during the illness and subsequent recovery period. The virus is not especially stable in the environment, probably lasting no more than a few weeks. It is susceptible to disinfectants, especially the quaternary ammonium compounds such as TH4 and Vircon.

Hope this info helps
Till next week
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Delta Bridge, Zhuhai cooperation key to MICE success, says expert

THE opening of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge and greater cooperation between the neighboring cities of Zhuhai and Macau will be key factors in driving the growth of the local meetings, incentives, conferences and events (MICE) sector, a leading local practitioner said on the sidelines of an industry event last week.

Todd Cai, president of non-profit organization, Macau Meetings, Incentives and Special Events Association (MISE), which seeks to mature the local MICE sector, made the comments on the sidelines of an event at a new local venue at Fisherman's Wharf by the waterside.

In Cai's opinion, the key to the industry's success will be the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge, set to commence general operations in the second quarter of this year.

"The Bridge will bring more international players to Macau, both industry players and consumers," he said. "This, together with many new resorts [in the city], is making Macau an exciting destination for MICE."

Cai said that although the government records the

number of total visitors to Macau each month and year, there are almost no statistics that pertain to business visitors, making it difficult to ascertain the size of the market and whether it is growing.

He also noted that Macau still has a long way to go before it can be known across Asia as a 'MICE destination'. However, Macau can offer more in terms of value than emerging rival jurisdictions in the Asia-Pacific region such as Japan and Vietnam.

"Vietnam is looking to bring more industry players, and Japan is developing its integrated resorts, but the value [proposition] offered in Macau is still one of the best in Asian countries," he said.

Another key will be greater cooperation with Zhuhai.

"Macau and Zhuhai can be partners or competitors," admitted Cai. "Of course, their industries can complement each other," he added, in reference to the beaches, space



Todd Cai with the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge seen in the background

and theme park business in Zhuhai. But according to him, the extent of their cooperation will depend on "ease of access" for visitors between the two municipalities.

"Some companies [running MICE events] have tried to get visa requirements eased [for their trip], but it is not always easy. This is a key factor if the two cities want

to cooperate: ease of access. There must be some way to make this easier."

MISE is a non-profit association that seeks to support Macau professionals working in the meetings, incentives and special events sector. For the last two years, its main objectives have been to generate business opportunities for its members, promote Macau as a MICE destination, attract events from the international arena to Macau and provide education and training to the industry.

In the third quarter of 2017, the latest quarter for which data is available, the number of participants at meetings and conferences increased by 33.9 percent year-on-year to about 60,000, and the number of attendees at incentives activities soared 220 percent to 18,000. During the same time, the number of attendees at exhibitions dropped almost 13 percent to 503,000.

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Suspected arson at luxury condo in Fai Chi Kei

The Judiciary Police (PJ) are investigating a case of suspected arson that occurred on Saturday at the construction site of the luxury condominium Waterfront Duet in the Fai Chi Kei area, TDM Radio reported. The PJ's preliminary investigation uncovered suspicious materials on at least two of the building floors. On the 26th floor where the fire broke out was a box of glue used for fittings of piping systems and other highly flammable products. Door frames piled with glue casings were also found on the fifth floor. The fire was restricted to a small area and, according to the authorities, has not caused any major damage to the building nor any injuries to construction workers.

Macau, Hebei discuss development of Xiong'an New Area

The governments of Macau and Hebei held talks last week regarding collaborative measures to develop the Xiong'an New Area – a designated economic zone in Hebei province – that will in turn contribute to the growth of the Beijing-Tianjin-Hebei Region. The regional cooperation will also strengthen the city's overall competitiveness, said the Secretary for Economy and Finance, Lionel Leong. According to the Government Information Bureau, the two parties discussed cooperation in fields such as investment, tourism and cultural affairs, as well as how to enhance ties between the people of Macau and Hebei. Hebei's governor Xu Qin noted that the 2022 Winter Olympics will be held in Beijing and Hebei, and that he looked forward to strengthening Hebei-Macau ties in relation to tourism, cultural affairs and sports.

TRANSPORTATION

North extension of Macau airport opens today

THE north extension of the Macau International Airport (MIA) will open today. The total area of the extension is 14,000 square meters and the terminal capacity will increase to 7.8 million passengers per year. The expansion includes an additional boarding bridge and four remote boarding gates.

MIA said that it had undertaken several projects over 2017 to optimize processes at the new terminal and improve boarding efficiency, including changing sun control window films in the departure lounge and installing additional counters at boarding gates, in order to increase the boarding efficiency of the passengers.

According to a press release issued by MIA, a new baggage handling system in the arrival hall was also installed.

During the first five days of Chinese New Year, the airport estimates that the daily passenger volume will reach around 20,000, a 5 percent increase compared to normal weekdays.

To ease peak season traffic, MIA will increase the number of open security check channels, which will be manned by 5 percent more security personnel than usual.



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People pass by Wynn Las Vegas on the Vegas Strip

Steve Wynn surrenders control over ex-wife Elaine's shares

Christopher Palmeri

STEVE Wynn agreed to give up control over his ex-wife's shares of Wynn Resorts Ltd., potentially ending their six-year legal battle days after he resigned from the casino company following accusations of sexual harassment.

If a judge approves, Ste-

ve Wynn's voting power will shrink to 11.8 percent of the shares, with Elaine Wynn able to determine what to do with her 9.4 percent stake. That may leave Wynn Resorts more vulnerable to activists or potential acquirers.

The company said in a filing Friday that Steve Wynn has no immediate plans to sell his sha-

res and would only do so in an orderly fashion in any case. At one point Wynn, 76, had corralled more than a third of the voting rights at the company, making an unfriendly takeover virtually impossible.

Elaine Wynn previously said she wanted the ability to sell her shares so she could focus on philanthropy. Her spokeswo-

man declined to comment Friday.

The heart of the fight was an agreement between Steve Wynn, Elaine Wynn and Japanese businessman Kazuo Okada, a Wynn Resorts co-founder, that gave Steve control over the group's shares. Steve Wynn had lost his previous casino company, Mirage Resorts, in a

takeover by MGM Resorts International and sought to lock up as much stock in his new company as possible.

■ The company said in a filing Friday that Wynn has no immediate plans to sell his shares

The relationship between the three began to crumble in 2012, when Wynn Resorts sued Okada and unilaterally bought back his shares after accusing the businessman of trying to bribe foreign casino officials. Okada tried to regain his stake and Elaine Wynn said she should no longer be bound by the agreement.

The Okada suit is expected to go to trial in April.

Wynn, chairman and chief executive officer, resigned last week from Wynn Resorts in the wake of a Jan. 26 Wall Street Journal expose detailing sexual harassment allegations going back decades. Wynn Resorts said Friday an outside counsel was no longer investigating the claims, though a board committee will continue working to ensure "the company employs best in class workplace practices." **Bloomberg**

BANGSIL VS WYNN

Witness in Macau trial was shocked by existence of report

A session of the trial between Wynn Macau and former gaming executive Rogelio Yusi Bangsil Jr was held in the Court of First Instance on Friday. During the proceedings, a witness from Wynn Macau's legal department was called to testify.

Bangsil is suing Wynn Macau for what he describes as the unlawful and "wrongful" disclosure of his personal data to authorities outside Macau, which subsequently tarnished his professional integrity and damaged his career.

Bangsil, a former executive at Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (Pagcor), a state-owned gaming company and casino regulator, was named in a report commissioned by a U.S. law firm in 2011, regarding an improper relationship between Japanese billionaire Kazuo Okada and gaming officials from the Philippines.

The report, produced under the leadership of former FBI director Louis Freeh, alleged that Okada had made MOP880,000 worth of unlawful payments and gifts to some 17 people, including Bangsil and his wife, to curry favor with gaming regulators. The gifts reportedly included hotel stays in Macau and Las Vegas.

According to the witness, Okada had also invited the 17 individuals, including Bangsil's boss, to Macau as his guests while he cultivated businesses in the Philippines.

However, Bangsil requested to conceal his boss's identity upon their arrival at Wynn Macau. This drew the attention of Wynn Macau staff, who requested his boss's identity in order to comply with Wynn guidelines.

According to the witness, Wynn Macau is unable to enter into benefit-related trans-

sactions with officials under investigation, such as Bangsil and his boss.

During the trial, the witness said that Okada's secretary had requested Wynn Macau to partially absorb some of the expenses of Bangsil, his boss and fellow guests while in Macau. However, Wynn Macau issued instructions banning staff from doing so.

The witness claimed to be unaware of Wynn Macau disclosing the guests' personal information to the U.S. law firm, and said he was shocked to learn about the existence of their report, which involved Bangsil.

He admitted he "did not know where" the law firm gathered the information from, and that it "did not share the plan" with Wynn Macau. The witness said that he and his colleagues "had no idea" that the information would be used outside Macau. **JZ**

MGM's CEO says Wynn resignation unlikely to result in megadeal

THE turmoil surrounding Wynn Resorts Ltd. in the wake of Steve Wynn's resignation is unlikely to translate into a big acquisition, according to the chief executive officer of rival MGM Resorts International.

"It's a very large organization," MGM's James Murren said in an interview in Tokyo Friday. "It would be difficult to believe some entity is going to have the financial wherewithal to make a serious bid for them."

With the ending of an era in the casino industry after the resignation of Steve Wynn in the wake of sexual-misconduct allegations, analysts are speculating on Wynn Resorts' future. While many have confidence in new CEO Matt Maddox, the company with a market value of USD17 billion faces



James Murren

multiple challenges including regulatory probes from Massachusetts to Macau, and possible takeover approaches.

Murren is in Japan to promote MGM's interest in operating a casino resort there. MGM competes with Wynn in the gambling hubs of Las Vegas and Macau, and both are also vying for a spot to operate casinos in Japan, which

recently legalized casinos.

"Everyone admires the assets of Wynn Resorts," Murren said, as they are "very high quality" and the company's management is talented. Still, he doesn't see a large private-equity-backed bid for the casino operator.

"I don't think people are going to see the megadeals," he said. "Those days are over." **Bloomberg**

Julie Zhu

CRIME

Security situation stabilized in 2017, says Wong Sio Chak

SECRETARY for Security Wong Sio Chak said at a press conference last Friday that “Macau’s security situation in 2017 remained, in general, stable and favorable.”

“At the same time, the adjustment of the gaming sector has not brought consequences related to Macau’s security situation,” he added.

During the conference, Wong reported some of Macau’s crime statistics in 2017. The Macau police force filed a total of 14,293 criminal cases, 94 fewer than 2016. Some 820 violent crime cases were registered, a drop of 2.4 percent from last year due to fewer unlawful detentions (7.5 percent down) and drug trafficking cases (15.4 percent down).

Some 1,061 illegal immigrants were listed in 2017, down 31.7 percent year-on-year. Of those, 821 were from mainland China and 224 were from Vietnam.

Some 3,238 people overstayed their Individual Visit permits in Macau, while 22,166 people overstayed other mainland travel visas. About half of these were non-Chinese nationals.

Incidences of arson and the transfer of fake bank notes both increased; the former jumped 125 percent (54 cases in total) while the latter increased 7.6 percent (299 cases in total).

Ten more robberies were registered, reaching 108 cases in total.

Three homicides were recorded.

When asked about the number of people who were denied entry to Macau, Wong replied, “normally, we do not publish these



Wong Sio Chak (center)

statistics. This is a usual practice worldwide.”

According to Wong, Macau will deny entry to individuals who pose a threat to Macau’s security or internal stability.

“Both types of entry ban are in accordance with the internal security law and other relevant laws,” explained Wong.

The security authorities received

716 submissions regarding the cybersecurity law during a previous public consultation period.

“We are carrying out an analysis. After it is concluded, we will make public the related opinions to the society. [...] Hopefully, we can finish the related law in the first half of this year. Afterwards, we will try to pro-

mote legislative work during the second half,” said Wong.

Some 1,847 gaming-related crime cases were recorded, four fewer than in 2016, while 448 usury cases were also reported.

“Most of the suspects and victims were not Macau residents,” revealed Wong.

Four mainland residents died during unlawful detention in

Macau, either by committing suicide or falling from buildings while trying to escape.

In 2017, five WeChat-related gaming crimes were registered. In these cases, criminal groups used the social media platform WeChat to live-broadcast gambling activities in Macau or the Philippines, with gamblers paying to join via WeChat Pay.

New housing tax rules take effect

YOUNG Macau residents buying their first homes can now take out bank loans equivalent to 80 or 90 percent of the properties’ agreed-upon valuation.

The revised mortgage-lending rule is one of the new housing regulations which came into effect yesterday.

On Friday, a notice published in the Official Gazette amended the existing urban and housing tax regulations, as well as the regulations governing stamp duty tax for the purchase of

more than one residential property.

The two bills received second and final readings in the Legislative Assembly on February 6 and 7, respectively.

Under the new rules, the status of rental properties as exemptions to the vacant residential property tax will be removed.

The new stamp duty tax rule – applicable on acquisition of a second residential property – stipulates that homebuyers will be obliged to pay 5 percent of



the property’s value on top of existing taxes.

For the purchase of a third property and over, the additional stamp duty will be 10 percent of the property value.

According to Chief Executive Chui Sai On, the new rules aim to promote the healthy development of Macau’s property market.

Speaking to reporters last week, Chui urged members of the public to exercise

care when buying property and consider whether they can afford the asking price.

In a statement by the Government Information Bureau, government officials reiterated that banks must follow risk management guidelines and carefully assess prospective borrowers’ ability to repay loans. Each monthly repayment must be no greater than 50 percent of a borrower’s monthly income.

DSAL suspends construction after worker dies on-site

A construction worker fell to his death on Friday morning when performing a routine check on a building at Avenida do Almirante Lacerda, the Labour Affairs Bureau (DSAL) informed in a statement. According to a DSAL, “it is suspected that, at that moment [of the accident], the worker was carrying out surveillance works on the second floor [...] when he reached the upper floor, the floor broke, leading the worker to fall from [a great] height.”

The DSAL has ordered the suspension of all works at the site while it investigates the accident and ensures that the site is safe for other workers.

The bureau emphasized that contractors “should observe all the appropriate working procedures” while carrying out demolition works at great heights, hinting that the accident might have been caused by failure to comply with safety regulations.

The DSAL expressed condolences to the victim’s family and said it will follow up on compensation for the accident.

It reaffirmed its commitment to raising awareness of occupational health and safety standards, and called on the construction sector to ensure that contractors provide employees with a safe working environment.

CLARIFICATION ON NEW RULES

THE MONETARY Authority of Macao (AMCM) and the Financial Services Bureau (DSF) jointly organized a session to clarify new measures approved by the Legislative Assembly, which aim to tighten regulations on the real estate market. During the session, the AMCM pointed out that it had sought opinions from diverse members of society, whose main wish is for the government to support property buyers who aspire to become homeowners even as they repay their mortgage loans..

Millennials' spending weighed down by student debt, expert warns

Millennials' spending habits have been driving business leaders crazy - but not because the youngest generation in the workforce is irresponsible with their cash.

On the contrary, millennials are turning out to be the most frugal demographic since the so-called Greatest Generation that came of age during the depression. That's largely because of the huge student-debt cloud that hangs over them, said Neely Tamminga, CEO of consumer-advisory firm Distill. Tamminga spoke this week at the Turnaround Management Asso-

ciation's Las Vegas conference for investors in distressed assets.

College loans are the second-largest class of debt, Tamminga said, behind mortgages and ahead of credit card and auto loans. That's one reason why a more optimistic retail outlook is still questionable, even after the best holiday season in more than a decade and strong employment and home values underpin U.S. economic activity.

"The holiday was fantastic, but CEOs aren't jumping up and down," Tamminga said, noting that holiday sales have "no correlation" with the following year's performance.

Employers might want to think about using windfalls from the new tax cuts to help workers make student-loan payments, Tamminga said. Such a measure could go further than an extra contribution to retirement plans and help reduce high workplace turnover, she said.

At the end of the day, what retailers could really use is something they'll have trouble providing: less overall anxiety. Consumers spend when they're sad or happy, but not angry or afraid, she said.

"We've been pretty angry and afraid in the past year," Tamminga said. **Bloomberg**



GAMING

Blackstone, Cerberus are said among bidders for Spain Cirsa

U.S. buyout firms Blackstone Group LP and Cerberus Capital Management are among funds considering bids to acquire Spanish casino and bingo-hall operator Cirsa Gaming Corp., according to people familiar with the matter.

Advent International and Apollo Global Management LLC are also weighing offers for the business, the people said, asking not to be identified because the deliberations are private. Cirsa has also attracted interest from other gaming companies, the people said. Owned by billionaire Manuel Lao Hernandez, it could fetch an enterprise value of 2 billion euros (USD2.45 billion) in a potential sale, they said.



Non-binding bids for the business are due in the coming weeks, the people said. Potential buyers have expressed concerns about the company's exposure to Latin America as well as investing in the gambling industry, the people said.

Cirsa's 450 million euros of bonds due May 2021 dropped half a cent to 103 cents on the euro on Friday, the

lowest level since July 2016, according to data compiled by Bloomberg.

Cirsa is working with financial advisory firm Lazard Ltd. on a review of options ranging from an outright sale to the sale of a minority stake or an initial public offering, people familiar with the matter have said.

A spokeswoman for Cir-

sa said the company is still evaluating all options and meeting with investment funds as part of the review, declining to provide further details.

Representatives for Apollo, Advent, Blackstone and Cerberus declined to comment.

Founded in 1978 and based in the Catalan city of Terrassa, just outside of Barcelona, Cirsa is Spain's biggest casino and bingo-hall operator, according to its website. It counts about 134 casinos, more than 41,500 recreational machines, 68 bingo halls, 171 arcades, 2,000 sports betting outlets and more than 3,000 lottery terminals in Spain, Italy and in Latin America. **Bloomberg**

Alibaba to invest USD865 million in China home improvement chain

Kana Nishizawa

ALIBABA Group Holding Ltd. plans to buy a 15 percent stake in a chain of Chinese home improvement and furniture stores as part of its pushing into "new retail," the company said Sunday.

The e-commerce giant will invest about 5.45 billion yuan (USD865 million) in Beijing Easyhome Furnishing Chain Store Group Co., and support the digital transformation of its 223 stores by applying Alibaba's expertise in cloud and logistics platforms, it said in an emailed statement.

The deal adds to foun-

der Jack Ma's shopping spree in brick-and-mortar retailers that has shaken up supermarkets and department stores by linking Alibaba's online business with physical stores - the premise of the "new retail" initiative.

While Alibaba earlier this month reported revenue that topped analyst estimates and raised its growth forecast, its shares tumbled after investments in brick-and-mortar assets and digital media squeezed profit margins in the December quarter. The company also said it will buy 33 percent of Chinese payments giant Ant Financial. **Bloomberg**

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HK SINGER DANIEL CHAN LAUNCHES WORLD TOUR IN MACAU



Hong Kong singer Daniel Chan kicked off his 2018 world tour at the Venetian Macao on Saturday. The concert's theme was

"Planet XT", inspired by the recent discovery of "Planet X" and Chan's own initials, X.T. The singer's performan-

ces incorporated ideas of re-birth, love and joy, drawing on his experiences as a husband and a father.

According to a statement from the Venetian Macao, Chan worked hard on the musical arrangements, stage design and overall styling to offer strong visual elements for the audience to enjoy.

"I wanted to share the story and message behind each song to entertain and delight my fans, to demonstrate how I've developed as a man and a musician and show how grateful I am for everyone's support and love throughout my career," said Chan.

Chan was joined on stage by Hong Kong actress and singer Miriam Yeung.

MGM HOSTS VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS



MGM held its annual "Spring Clean for Love" and "Haircut for Love" programs for more than 300 local senior citizens during the months of January and February.

The "Spring Clean for Love", now in its seventh year, follows

the Chinese tradition of spring cleaning before the New Year to symbolize new beginnings. MGM staff cleaned the homes of senior citizens aged between 60 and 90 years old who were members of the Centro de Dia Brilho

da Vida, a local senior citizen service center operated by Caritas Macau.

The gaming operator said in a statement that it assisted more than 220 households at the Fai Chi Kei social housing unit to help senior citizens prepare their homes for the New Year.

MGM also distributed 1,200 tailor-made gifts sets to 13 local community associations.

The fifth annual "Haircut for Love" was held on January 31 and February 6. Eleven members of MGM's Volunteer Haircut Team who had undergone a two-month training course provided complimentary haircuts to 80 senior citizens at the Centro de Dia Brilho da Vida and Complexo de Apoio à Família e de Serviço Co-munitário de Seac Pai Van da UGAMM.

Missing bookseller hits out at Sweden in arranged interview

Gerry Shih, Beijing

A detained Swedish bookseller at the center of an escalating row between Western governments and China has accused Sweden of using him as a “chess piece” in a media appearance arranged by Chinese police.

Gui Minhai, a Hong Kong-based publisher who sold books of salacious gossip about Chinese leaders, told several outlets including the South China Morning Post on Friday that he never wanted to leave China and that Stockholm has been using his case to “create trouble” for China’s government.

The statement from Gui, who spoke in a detention facility flanked by police, was immediately denounced by rights activists as coerced. In putting Gui before the press this week, Chinese state security appeared to be responding to Swedish Foreign Minister Margot Wallstrom, who last week sharply questioned the rule of law in China and blasted Beijing’s “brutal” treatment of Gui after weeks of relatively mild pleas for his release.

Gui was seized in January by 10 plainclothes agents while traveling by train with Swedish diplomats. Sweden said its officials were taking him to seek medical treatment.

In a 20-minute appearance on Friday, Gui told reporters that officials in Sweden had “sensationalized” his case for political purposes ahead of this year’s general election, according to the Post. The newspaper said it was approached by China’s Ministry of Public Security about an interview on Wednesday — a day after Wallstrom’s statement — and it agreed to take part, provided that it could ask any questions it wanted.



In this Jan. 3, 2016, file photo, protesters try to stick up photos of missing booksellers, one of which shows Gui Minhai (left) during a protest in Hong Kong

“Looking back, I might have become Sweden’s chess piece. I broke the law again under their instigation,” Gui was quoted by the Post as saying. “My wonderful life has been ruined and I would never trust the Swedish ever again.”

The Swedish foreign ministry said in an email that “Sweden has acted strictly in accordance with basic international rules on consular support.”

“We continue to demand that our citizen be given the opportunity to meet with Swedish diplomatic and medical staff, and that he be released so that he can be reunited with his daughter and family,” it said.

Patric Nilsson, a foreign ministry spokesman, told Swedish media on Friday that Gui’s comments would not sway Sweden’s calls for his release, which have been echoed by Germany, the European Union and the United States.

“We have a clear demand that he be set free, so that he can meet his family,” Nilsson told the TT news agency. “Those demands remain.”

Police in the eastern Chinese city of Ningbo, where Gui was released into house arrest in October, did not respond to a fax seeking comment. But earlier in the week, China’s foreign ministry heavily criticized Sweden for advocating on Gui’s behalf and warned against efforts to interfere in Chinese judicial matters.

It is not the first time Gui, 53, has been detained by Chinese authorities, nor is it his first interview conducted in Chinese captivity.

He was believed to have been abducted by Chinese agents for the first time in 2015 from his seaside home in Thailand. At the time, speculation swirled in publishing circles that Gui was on the verge of releasing a new book about the personal lives of

top Chinese leaders, explaining the all-out efforts to silence him.

Several of Gui’s colleagues from his Hong Kong publishing house also went missing in quick succession, sparking street protests in Hong Kong against what was widely viewed to be efforts by mainland security forces to snuff out independent voices in the semi-autonomous city.

Gui was released into house arrest after Chinese authorities said he turned himself in over a hit-and-run accident allegedly committed years before. Gui’s overseas friends and family, including his daughter Angela, say that the charges were bogus and that Gui was keen to leave China for Europe.

But in his interview Friday, Gui told reporters he was in fact living happily in Ningbo and playing mahjong with his mother several months ago when Swedish officials exaggerated the diagnosis of a muscular ail-

ment and convinced him that he should return to Sweden as soon as possible to seek treatment for a severe neurological disease.

He eventually “fell for it,” he explained, while adding that he was not allowed to leave the country because he was still under investigation for conducting illegal business.

“I have seen through the Swedish government,” he said. “I may consider giving up my Swedish citizenship.”

Gui spoke in a detention facility flanked by police

Gui’s case has deeply frustrated Western governments who say they had assurances early this year from China’s foreign ministry that Gui’s liberty had been restored and that Gui’s seizure in January in full view of Swedish consular officials came as a shock.

Although Chinese authorities have long pressed dissidents for confessions, Gui’s latest interview adds to a growing pattern in recent years of the government using high-profile political detainees and state-controlled or sympathetic press to directly rebut criticism. In some instances, detainees, including a Swedish human rights activist and one of Gui’s colleagues, have recanted their jailhouse confessions aired by the state broadcaster CCTV as soon as they left China.

Gui previously issued a televised confession while in detention in 2016, telling CCTV that he was being legally held for his traffic violation and was “willing to accept any punishment.”

“In yet another embarrassing move, #China is forcing Swedish citizen #GuiMinhai to ‘confess’ and make public statements,” Mans Molander, Sweden and Denmark director of Human Rights Watch, said on Twitter Friday. “We have seen it before.” AP

Police: Man with knife kills 1, injures 12 at Beijing mall

A 35-year-old man with a personal grievance attacked 13 people with a knife in a busy shopping mall in Beijing yesterday, killing one, police said.

A woman died from her injuries after being sent to a hospital, the city’s Public Security Bureau said in a brief statement on its official microblog page. The 12 other victims in the attack suffered injuries that were not life-threatening, it said.

Police provided only the alleged assailant’s surname, Zhu, and said he con-

fessed to the authorities that he carried out the attack at Joy City, a mall in Beijing’s Xidan district, to “vent his personal discontent.”

Video clips posted on Chinese social media sites showed mall patrons fleeing from what was described as a restaurant on the sixth story. One clip showed a man staggering out, apparently hurt from the attack, dripping blood on the floor as a security guard rushed to help him. Other clips showed people

being rushed away on gurneys and a large number of uniformed police in the mall.

In one piece of footage that appeared to be surveillance video of a restaurant, a man could be seen lunging at someone seated at a table with what seemed to be a knife. People scrambled to get away, flipping tables and pushing chairs at the man. The video could not be independently verified.

Because Chinese law tightly restricts the sale and

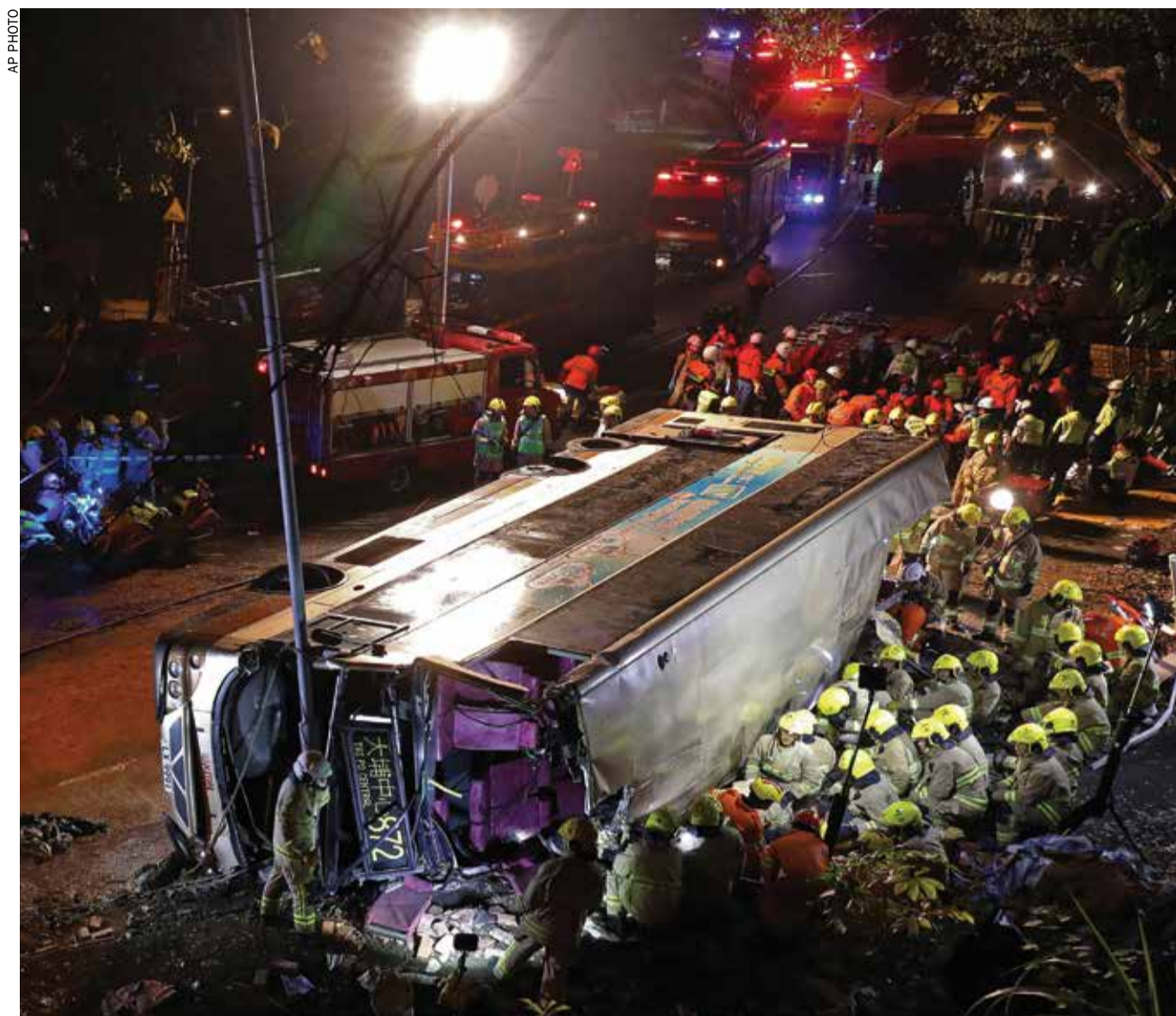
possession of firearms, mass attacks are generally carried out with knives or homemade explosives.

Perpetrators of similar attacks in the past have been described as mentally ill or bearing grudges against society.

Many of those incidents have occurred at schools, dating back to a series of attacks in 2010 in which nearly 20 children were killed, prompting a response from top government officials and leading many schools to beef up security. AP



Shoppers walk on a pedestrian bridge in the Xidan shopping district in Beijing



The scene of a double-decker bus crash in a Hong Kong suburb on Saturday evening

HK sees deadliest bus crash in 15 years

SATURDAY evening's fatal bus crash is Hong Kong's worst such incident in 15 years, killing at least 19 people and injuring 65. The KMB (Kowloon Motor Bus Company) double-decker bus lost control and flipped onto its side en route from Sha Tin Racecourse to Tai Po Center, killing 14 men and four women at the scene. Another man died in hospital early yesterday morning, bringing the death toll to 19.

Nine people are still in critical condition, while 11 are in serious condition.

The Fire Services Department said it took firefighters 85 minutes to rescue all of the passengers trapped inside the bus.

Chief Executive Carrie Lam announced at a press conference yesterday that the families of the bereaved will receive HKD300,000. She promised to start looking for a judge to head an investigation.

The injured parties will receive between HKD150,000 and HKD250,000 depending on the severity of their injuries, funded by donations from several organizations.

"I would like to see this independent review be conducted and completed as soon as possible so that, if need be, the improvement measures could be put in place as early as possible," said Lam, as cited in RTHK. "But at this point in time, I'm afraid I cannot give you a very

definite timetable, because we need to identify this judge and perhaps with or without another expert or person to assist the judge," she added.

The driver, a 30-year old part-time employee, has been arrested for dangerous driving causing death and grievous bodily harm.

KMB has expressed its regret over the accident and announced that it will form an investigation committee led by its independent non-executive directors.

The bus company added that it will give HKD80,000 to each affected family and assist them in claiming insurance.

The Chinese central government also expressed its con-

People have already lost their lives. Money won't make a difference.

SURVIVOR

dolences to the families of the bereaved through a letter to the Hong Kong and Macau Affairs Office of the State Council.

"We feel deep grief over the severe traffic accident," the letter read.

"We noticed that the Hong

Kong Special Administrative Region government has adopted emergency measures to rescue those injured with all available resources and deal with relevant issues."

A survivor told South China Morning Post that the bus appeared to be going as fast as 80 to 100km/h on Tai Po Road, which has a speed limit of 70km/h.

He believed that some passengers might have lived if they had only fallen on the shattered glass.

"But the bus was skidding," he said, recalling an image of a woman whose neck was twisted. "People have already lost their lives. Money won't make a difference."

Court rejects UK banker's double murder appeal

Kelvin Chan, Hong Kong

AHong Kong court on Friday rejected a British banker's appeal of his conviction in the gruesome murders of two Indonesian women.

Three Court of Appeal judges said in their decision that Rurik Jutting's appeal had no merit.

Jutting is serving a life sentence for the 2014 killings of the two women in a case that shocked the Asian financial capital,



Rurik Jutting

which has a reputation for being safe.

A jury found Cambridge

University-educated Jutting guilty at his 2016 trial of the brutal killings of

Seneng Mujiasih, 26, and Sumarti Ningsih, 23.

Jutting's legal team failed to convince the court that the trial judge gave incorrect instructions to the nine-person jury on reaching a verdict.

The former Bank of America employee spent days torturing one of the victims while on a cocaine-fueled binge before stuffing her body into a suitcase left on his apartment balcony.

Jutting didn't deny the

killings but had sought to plead guilty to manslaughter, which the court rejected. His defense argued that he was under diminished responsibility.

His appeal lawyers said the trial judge made an error in his directions to jurors on assessing Jutting's psychiatric disorders and whether they constituted a mental abnormality.

Under Hong Kong law, an "abnormality of mind" that substantially impairs

mental responsibility can be used as a defense against a murder conviction.

"We are satisfied that the judge's directions correctly applied the law to the evidence adduced at trial," the ruling said.

Jutting's appeal lawyers also said the trial judge was also wrong to advise jurors they should come up with the same verdict for both counts, despite the different circumstances of the two deaths. **AP**

Study: Extremists still flourishing in Indonesia's prisons

Ninie Karmini, Jakarta

INDONESIA'S overcrowded prisons are ill-equipped to deal with Islamic militant inmates, hampering efforts to prevent the spread of violent radicalism in institutions that have become known as jihadist breeding grounds, a study has found.

The research by University of Indonesia psychologists, which adds to years of warnings by experts, found that prison staff lack the ability to identify "high-risk" prisoners who could recruit other inmates because they're given limited information and little specialist training.

Indonesia, the world's most populous Muslim-majority nation, has arrested and imprisoned hundreds of Islamic militants in a crackdown that followed an attack on the island of Bali in 2002. Yet many remained committed to violent extremism — both during and after their incarceration — and used their time in prison to radicalize others, who went on to commit acts of violence.

The eight-month study at the four largest Indonesian prisons found staff who have close contact with inmates don't know how to limit the influence of hard-line ideologists or identify the less ideologically committed who could be disentangled with simple interventions, said Faisal Magrie, coordinator of the research, which was released Thursday.

The problems in the prison system are often defeating efforts to turn convicted militants away from radicalism, he said.



Militant Muhammad Syarif Tarabubun (right) who was sentenced to 15 years for his role in a karaoke club attack that killed two Christians in Maluku islands

The challenges are exacerbated by poor coordination among government agencies and non-government organizations, which leads to duplicated efforts and unclear de-radicalization programs, Magrie said.

"As a result, inmates are confused by the program, bored, and eventually refuse to participate," he said.

Irfan Idris, director of de-radicalization at the National Counter-Terrorism Agency, said the radicalization of ordinary criminals by militants who support the Islamic State group continues to be a nightmare for police and prison officials.

He said at least 18 former prisoners have been involved in extremist cases in Indonesia since 2010, and most were radicalized in prison.

Efforts have since been made to isolate high-profile militant leaders to prevent the spread of violent ideology.

Two such ideologists in prison are Abu Bakar Bashir, the spiritual leader of the Southeast Asian radical network Jemaah Islamiyah, and Aman Abdurrahman, the main Indonesian translator for IS propaganda and the leader of Jemaah Anshorut Daulah, a network of almost two dozen Indonesian extremist groups formed in 2015.

Both Bashir and Aman have followings in and out of prison. Aman inspired those who staged a 2016 attack in Jakarta that left eight people dead, including the four perpetrators. After that attack, the two were isolated from other prisoners and visitors were restricted.

Yudi Zulfahri, a graduate of Indonesia's civil service training college who later became radicalized in an Islamic study group, said he was talked out of radicalism by convicted Bali bomber Ali Imron, who cooperated with police and recanted his extremist beliefs.

■ **The 477 prisons in Indonesia, which were built to accommodate 115,000 inmates, are holding about 254,000 prisoners**

"Imron opened my eyes and my heart to the truth of Islam and what we did in the past is wrong," said Zulfahri, who spent five years in prison for attending a jihadist training camp in Aceh. "De-radicalization would be more effective if done by the former radical himself."

In prison Zulfahri said he witnessed how easy it was for criminals to be radicalized but added it could be easily prevented by separating militant prisoners from the general prison population.

Overpopulated prisons are the main reason de-radicalization efforts are struggling, said Bahrul

Wijaksana, a senior program manager of Search for Common Ground, a non-government organization based in Washington that works with Indonesia's Directorate-General of Corrections.

Currently, he said, the 477 prisons in Indonesia, which were built to accommodate 115,000 inmates, are holding about 254,000 prisoners. In big cities, prisons are four to five times overcapacity. Jakarta's Cipinang Prison, built to hold 900 inmates, has nearly 4,000 prisoners.

Meanwhile, at current staffing levels in prison, there is one officer for every 55 inmates, making it difficult if not impossible to closely monitor all prisoner activities.

"The deradicalization program is not going to be effective unless some of these issues are addressed," said Wijaksana.

Zainal Arifin, an official at the Justice and Human Rights Ministry, said a "grand design" for handling high-risk inmates is being implemented.

A "one man one cell" prison, located in the Nusa Kambangan area, is under construction and will be able to hold 124 convicted militants when completed this year, he said.

Arifin said the ministry is assessing 276 militant inmates scattered across 108 prisons to decide which should be separated from the general prison population.

"Deradicalization is a big job and we cannot work alone," Arifin said.

The effort even needs to include the public, he said, because released militants are known to return to jihadist networks because they're often ostracized and unable to find work after release.

"People are urged not to exclude those who are released to prevent them from returning to their old habits," he said. AP

CAMBODIA

Shoe-thrower arrested after Thailand deports her

A woman who threw a shoe at a billboard depicting Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen has been arrested after she was repatriated from Thailand, where the U.N. refugee agency reportedly had formally recognized her as a refugee.

Human Rights Watch called on the Cambodian government to immediately release labor activist Sam Sokha and criticized Thai authorities for sending her back against her will.

The New York-based group said her forced repatriation violated the customary principle of international law that "prohibits the return of anyone to a place where they would face the threat of persecution, torture, or other serious human rights violations."

Kampong Speu provincial police Gen. Sam Samoun said Sam Sokha was returned to Cambodia on Thursday and was being sent to his province on Friday to begin serving a two-year prison sentence. He said she was arrested by Thai authorities after a request from the Cambodian government. Human Rights Watch said she was detained in Thailand on Jan. 5.

Sam Samoun said the provincial court convicted Sam Sokha in absentia on Jan. 25 of "insult of a public official" and "incitement to discriminate."

A 13-second video clip that circulated on the internet last April showed Sam Sokha looking at a roadside ruling party billboard, then throwing one shoe at

the image of Hun Sen and a second shoe at an image of one of his party colleagues. "This man even came here to destroy the nation," Sam Sokha can be heard saying in the video.

"People have every right to criticize, insult, and satirize their government or political leaders without fear of retribution," Chak Sopheap, executive director of the Cambodian Center for Human Rights, said last April. "It is unacceptable and unlawful for state authorities to subject individuals to judicial harassment and potential criminal charges simply for expressing their negative opinion of those in power."

Hun Sen's Cambodian People's Party stepped up prosecutions of critics and

political opponents ahead of nationwide local elections last year and a general election next year. Media outlets seen as critical of the government were forced to shut down.

Hun Sen has been in power for three decades, and while maintaining a framework of democracy, tolerates little opposition. But his grip seemed shaken in 2013's general election, when the opposition Cambodia National Rescue Party mounted a strong challenge, winning 55 seats in the National Assembly and leaving Hun Sen's party with 68. Cambodian courts, which are generally seen as acting under the influence of the government, dissolved the opposition party last November, de-



Sam Sokha, who threw a shoe at a billboard depicting Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen

priving it of all its seats in parliament.

"Thailand was fully aware of Sam Sokha's status as a refugee, yet still returned her to Cambodia, where she is likely to face a prison term for expressing her political views," Brad Adams, Asia director at Human Ri-

ghts Watch, said in a statement. "It's sad but not surprising that a military junta would do a favor for a neighboring dictator, but they should not cement their friendship at the expense of a refugee." Thailand has been under military rule since 2014. AP

Foster Klug, Pyeongchang

PEACE on the Korean Peninsula. After decades of bloodshed and strife, including a runup to the Olympic Games that saw the rival Koreas lurching toward war amid a near-constant barrage of North Korean missile and nuke tests, it's such a ludicrous concept at first glance that many refuse to even consider it.

Not South Korea's liberal president, Moon Jae-in, a true believer in the power of Koreans talking to Koreans when it comes to solving the woes that have beset the Korean Peninsula since it was divided in 1945.

Moon has always harbored dreams of rapprochement, even as the missiles flew during his first months in office and he was forced to take a hard line during a deepening standoff featuring the South, his American ally and his northern neighbors.

Now, with an invitation to meet the North's dictator in Pyongyang, personally delivered on the sidelines of the Pyeongchang Olympics by that dictator's sister during the first-ever peacetime visit to the South by a member of the North Korean ruling family, Moon may be on the brink of a legacy-defining moment. If he's not actually forging peace, he's at least putting himself in a position to make a serious assault on the notion.

"Dizzying" is how one South Korean newspaper described the diplomatic typhoon swirling over the Korean Peninsula, with all the big players seemingly wanting different things and Moon, at times, the only calm in the storm.

The son of North Korean refugees and a leading advocate of a previous liberal government's "Sunshine Policy" of engagement with the North, Moon has spent his career — a lifetime, really — waiting for this chance. The question now is whether he can persuade the North Koreans, his own people and Washington to back his play. Of the three, the North Koreans might be the easiest sell.

Moon has not yet formally accepted the invite, and Washington would probably rather he not visit Pyongyang until the North puts its nukes on the negotiating table. Many South Koreans, meanwhile, who have been threatened with war for decades and saw 50 of their citizens killed in attacks blamed on North Korea in 2010, will be deeply wary of any deal that does not provide real security.

Moon knows the risks. He has taken a cautious approach to the invitation thus far, but the rivals' lightning-quick swing from antagonism to seeming affection could be a chance too tempting to pass up.

The first liberal president in a decade, Moon has repeatedly said since his election in May that he'd be willing to visit Pyongyang and meet with Kim Jong



Kim Yo Jong (right), sister of Kim Jong Un, North Korea's nominal head of state Kim Yong Nam (second right), Thomas Bach and South Korean President Moon Jae-in (left)

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South Korea's Moon may be on brink of legacy-defining moment

Un if that would help solve the North's headlong pursuit of a nuclear arsenal that can target the U.S. mainland.

It's difficult to find an exact historical comparison to Moon's situation outside of Korea. It's not Nixon's stunning visit to China; it's not Reagan urging the Soviets to tear down the Berlin Wall. Perhaps the best comparison is to the man who Moon has called his "destiny," and whose North Korean policy Moon is forever linked to: The late liberal president, Roh Moo-hyun.

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Moon was raised in poverty in Busan by North Korean parents who'd fled during the war. He was imprisoned as a young man for working to topple South Korea's military rulers and forced into the elite special forces as

punishment. Stopped from becoming a judge because of his student activism, he became a human rights lawyer at a time where that work held real risk.

His boss was Roh Moo-hyun. When Roh became president in 2003, Moon's influence with his mentor got him the nicknames "King Secretary" and "Roh Moo-hyun's shadow."

Moon helped Roh on the "Sunshine Policy" begun by the country's first liberal president, Kim Dae-jung, the Nobel Peace laureate and former political prisoner, in the late 1990s. Roh continued the efforts, which saw North and South Korea pursue now-stalled economic cooperation projects and reunions of families separated since the 1950-53 Korean War, which ended with an armistice, not a peace treaty.

Moon oversaw Seoul's preparations for the 2007 inter-Korean summit talks, only the second-ever such leadership confab, between Roh and Kim Jong Il, the late father of Kim Jong Un.

A decade of conservative rule, beginning in 2008, overturned the policy. Now Moon, while not lobbying for its return, clearly wants to engage the North.

Among the hurdles to a deal in 2018 is the North's steadfast claim that it is an already-established nuclear power and that its bombs are not

open for negotiation.

Moon's defenders point out that he has, for the most part, fallen in line with the international effort, led by Washington, to isolate and sanction the North for its ICBM launches and nuclear test over the last year. Many think he'll take a cautious approach if a summit comes off, given the nuclear threat.

■ The occasion today is watched closely by the world, and there's a lot of hope placed on the South and North.

MOON JAE-IN

Moon has benefited from the rock star-like reception that Kim Jong Un's sister, Kim Yo Jong, has received here. Her picture, often with a bemused half-smile, has been splashed across newspapers. Seemingly every aspect of her appearance and demeanor

has been examined with microscopic detail on TV.

Her visit may "open the gates wide" for talks between the Koreas and contribute to regional peace, according to an editorial in the liberal Kyunghyang Sinmun newspaper.

The conservative Dong-A Ilbo warned that South Korea may lose the trust of the United States and Japan as it courts North Korea for talks, and that the North, knowing that Seoul and Washington plan to resume war games in March, "may deploy a strategy of using the Moon Jae-in government as a shield from the United States."

"The current state of the Korean Peninsula is so dizzying because South Korea, North Korea and the United States are each thinking too differently," the newspaper said.

It seems likely that those twin possibilities — the political opportunity of a lifetime coupled with intense distrust of North Korean intentions — played in Moon's mind when he raised a toast at a lunch Saturday with Kim Yo Jong.

"The occasion today is watched closely by the world, and there's a lot of hope placed on the South and North," he said. "I feel that weight on my shoulders."

By the beaming smile Moon gave his rival's sister, you could hardly tell. **AP**

Aron Heller, Jerusalem

ISRAEL'S prime minister said yesterday his country delivered "severe blows" to Iranian and Syrian forces and vowed to take further action against its adversaries following the most serious Israeli engagement in Syria since the war there erupted almost seven years ago.

Benjamin Netanyahu's tough words to his Cabinet came a day after Israel carried out a wave of airstrikes in Syria. Israel ordered the airstrikes after it intercepted an Iranian drone that had infiltrated its airspace, and an Israeli F-16 was downed upon its return from Syria.

"Yesterday we dealt severe blows to the Iranian and Syrian forces," Netanyahu said. "We made it unequivocally clear to everyone that our rules of action have not changed one bit. We will continue to strike at every attempt to strike at us. This has been our policy and it will remain our policy."

Israel has tried to stay on the sidelines since civil war broke out in neighboring Syria in 2011, though it has periodically carried out airstrikes against suspected weapons shipments believed to be headed for Lebanese Hezbollah, the Iranian and Syrian-allied militant group. But as the Syrian war winds down, Israeli officials have voiced increasing alarm that Iran and its Shiite allies are establishing a permanent presence in Syria that could turn its aim toward Israel.

Israeli leaders said the airstrikes had sent a clear message to Iran.

"We do not just talk, we act," said Cabinet Minister Yoav Ga-

Israeli PM: Airstrikes dealt 'severe blows' to Iran, Syria



lant, a former Israeli deputy chief of staff and member of Netanyahu's Security Cabinet.

"I think that also the Syrians now understand well that the fact that they are hosting the Iranians on Syrian soil harms them," he told The Associated Press.

Saturday's airstrikes marked the toughest Israeli aerial assault in Syria in decades.

The Syrian Observatory for Human Rights, which monitors the war in Syria through a network of activists on the ground, said yesterday that at least six Syrian troops and allied militiamen were killed in the airstrikes. The six included Syrian and non-Syrian allied troops, the Britain-based Observatory said.

"They, and we, know what we hit and it will take them some time for them to digest, understand and ask how Israel knew

how to hit those sites," Israel's Intelligence Minister Israel Katz told the Army Radio station. "These were concealed sites and we have intelligence agencies and the ability to know everything that is going on there and yesterday we proved that."

In Saturday's attacks, the Israeli jets came under heavy Syrian anti-aircraft fire and the pilots of one of the F-16s had to eject before the plane crashed in northern Israel. One pilot was seriously wounded and the other one lightly.

Israel would not confirm whether its aircraft was shot down by enemy fire, which would mark the first such instance for Israel since 1982, when it was fighting a war in neighboring Lebanon.

Israel has recently issued several stern warnings about the increased Iranian involvement

along its borders with Syria and Lebanon.

Israel fears Iran could use Syrian territory to stage attacks or create a land corridor from Iran to Lebanon that could allow it to transfer weapons more easily to Hezbollah — a powerful Iran-backed Shiite militant group sworn to Israel's destruction.

Though Israel has largely stayed out of the Syrian conflict, it has struck weapons convoys destined for Hezbollah dozens of times since 2012.

Israel has also shot down several drones that previously tried to infiltrate its territory from Syria, but the capture of an Iranian drone and the direct targeting of Iranian sites in response marked a dramatic escalation in the Israeli retaliation.

Israel has long complained about the involvement of arche-

nemy Iran, and Iranian proxy Hezbollah, in the Syria war. Both have sent forces to back Assad, who appears headed toward victory. Israel has said it will not accept a permanent military presence by Iran and its Shiite allies in Syria, especially near the Israeli border.

Netanyahu has held several consultations with Russian President Vladimir Putin, who has also sent forces to back Assad. Following the Israeli strikes, the two spoke again on Saturday, with Netanyahu conveying Israel's determination to counter Iran's intentions.

Still, Russia's foreign ministry appeared to criticize Israel's actions by calling for restraint and respecting Syria's sovereignty.

"It is absolutely unacceptable to create threats to the lives and security of Russian servicemen who are in Syria at the invitation of its legitimate government," it said.

The United States, on the other hand, strongly backed Israel.

Heather Nauert, the State Department spokeswoman, said Iranian actions across the region were putting the entire Middle East at risk.

"The U.S. continues to push back on the totality of Iran's malign activities in the region and calls for an end to Iranian behavior that threatens peace and stability," she said. **AP**

US

Autopsy gives no insight on motive in Vegas mass shooting

THE much anticipated autopsy report on Las Vegas gunman Stephen Paddock did nothing to help explain why he carried out the deadliest shooting in modern U.S. history — his body didn't hold diseases or drugs or other substances that could have caused aggressive behavior. In fact, it showed he was a sober, healthy 64-year-old.

The report — released Friday in response to a lawsuit by The Associated Press and the Las Vegas Review-Journal — showed gunman Stephen Paddock had anti-anxiety drugs in his system but was not under the influence of them.

Paddock unleashed a barrage of bullets from his high-rise hotel suite into a crowd at a country music festival below, killing 58 people and injuring more

than 800 others on Oct. 1. He fatally shot himself before officers stormed his hotel suite after the mass shooting.

The autopsy showed the 1.8 meters Paddock was slightly overweight at 102 kilograms, had high blood pressure and bad teeth. But there was nothing unusual in his physical condition, even after a microscopic brain examination conducted by experts at Stanford University. His cremated remains were released to his brother in January.

Earlier Friday, Clark County District Judge Richard Scotti issued an unusual order to The AP and Review-Journal that an autopsy report about an off-duty police officer killed in the mass shooting, which was released by another judge last week, must be returned. The AP

and Review-Journal are appealing.

The motivation for the shooting has been a mystery since Paddock opened fire from the 32nd floor of the Mandalay Bay casino-hotel, despite intensive investigation by local police and federal authorities.

A preliminary report released last month by Las Vegas police said the high-stakes gambler had been on a losing streak, was obsessed with cleanliness, possibly bipolar and was having difficulties with his live-in girlfriend.

Investigators believe Paddock acted alone and he did not leave a suicide note or manifesto before he was found dead in the room. Police found 23 rifles and a handgun in his hotel suite and more than a dozen of the rifles were fitted with "bump stock" devices that

allowed rapid-fire shooting similar to fully automatic weapons.

His live-in girlfriend, Marilou Danley, told investigators that Paddock had become "distant" in the year before the shooting and their relationship was no longer intimate, according to the preliminary report released in January.

Danley had described him as germophobic and told investigators he had reacted strongly to smells. Paddock told his friends and relatives that he always felt ill, in pain and fatigued, the report said.

His doctor suspected he may have had bipolar disorder but Paddock had refused to discuss that possibility, he doctor told police. The doctor offered him antidepressants but Paddock would only accept a prescription for anxiety



Eric Paddock holds a photo of himself (at left) and his brother, Stephen Paddock (at right) outside his home in Orlando

medication. Paddock was fearful of medication and often refused to take it, the doctor told investigators.

In addition to ordering The AP and Review-Journal to return copies of Officer Charleston Hartfield's autopsy on Friday, the judge also barred the media organizations from further reporting on the autopsy's details.

The AP was filing an immediate appeal with the

Nevada Supreme Court, said Brian Barrett, the news cooperative's assistant general counsel.

The autopsy record was one of 58 that another judge ordered the Clark County coroner's office to release last week to the two news organizations. The redacted documents had case numbers, names, ages, hometowns and racial characteristics of victims blacked out. **AP**

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Offbeat

VALENTINE CONDOM CAMPAIGN URGES LOVERS TO THINK OF ANIMALS



An environmental group wants couples to think of wild animals before acting like them this Valentine's Day.

The Center for Biological Diversity is handing out endangered species condoms at the Carnegie Science Center's adults-only Valentine's event Friday in Pittsburgh.

The wrappers feature colorful artwork and slogans like "Before it gets any hotter...remember the sea otter," and "Can't refrain? Think of the whooping crane."

The group hopes to show how human population growth negatively affects wildlife.

The center, based in Tucson, Arizona, is also handing out condoms Friday at an after-hours event at the San Diego Natural History Museum.

Lamont Craven, adult programs coordinator at the Carnegie Science Center, says "the condoms are a perfect fit for our event. The packaging highlights a dire topic, while the contents are actionable ways to solve the problem."

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ROOM 1
(2D) 02:15, 04:45, 9:34:5pm
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Director: Wes Ball

Starring: Rosa Salazar, Thomas Brodie-Sangster

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 142 min



THE POST

ROOM 2
02:30, 04:45, 7:15, 9:30pm
Director: Steven Spielberg
Starring: Tom Hanks, Meryl Streep, Sarah Paulson
Language: English (Chinese)
Duration: 116min

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ROOM 3
2:30, 9:30pm
Director: Goro Taniguchi
Language: Japanese (Chinese & English)
Duration: 135 min

FATE/STAY NIGHT: HEAVEN'S FEEL - I. PRESAGE FLOWER

ROOM 3
5:00, 7:15pm
Director: Tomonori Sudô
Starring: Ayako Kawasumi, Jôji Nakata, Noriaki Sugiyama
Language: Japanese (Chinese)
Duration: 120 min

this day in history



1964 DEATHS FOLLOW CYPRUS TRUCE BREACH

Fighting between ethnic Turks and Greeks in the disputed island of Cyprus has left at least 16 people dead.

Shots started to be exchanged between the two sides' lines in the port town of Limassol late yesterday afternoon. Four Greek Cypriots including a schoolgirl were reported to have been injured in the shooting before a ceasefire was negotiated.

Soon after ambulances driven by RAF personnel went into the area of fighting to bring out the wounded.

However, fighting resumed at around dawn on Wednesday morning.

By the time peace was restored the Greek Cypriots had succeeded in ousting the Turkish Cypriots from their last remaining strongholds in Limassol including Berengaria Castle.

The island's two main ethnic groups have been involved in a civil war since last year.

In 1960 Cyprus gained independence from Britain after a long and sometimes violent campaign by some ethnic Greeks who wanted Cyprus to become part of Greece.

The "Zurich Settlement" which set down terms for independence included a scheme of political proportional representation reflecting the fact that 82% of the population are ethnically Greek.

However, many ethnic Turks felt the system was unfair and received backing from Turkey whilst many Greeks wanted Cyprus to become part of Greece.

Greece and Turkey have been close to war several times with both claiming ownership of the island.

Britain now has a "truce force" stationed on the island which it ruled from 1914.

So far British soldiers have not got involved in the fighting and it is hoped that Cyprus' President Makarios will accept a bigger force from the Commonwealth to take their place.

In the wake of the fighting the US is planning to evacuate its citizens from Cyprus to Beirut.

However, Britain is advising about 2,000 families of service personnel in Limassol to stay put apart from those living near the Turkish quarter.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

A total of 21 people died during the fighting in Limassol. In March 1964 the United Nations sent a 7,000-strong peacekeeping force to Cyprus.

Cyprus has been partitioned since 1974, when a Greek-inspired coup prompted a Turkish invasion of the northern third of the island. Since then Greek and Turkish Cypriots have been divided by a so-called "green line", patrolled by UN soldiers.

Thousands of ethnic Greeks were displaced from their homes and many have never returned.

The Turkish Republic of Northern Cyprus was declared in 1983, but has been recognised only by Turkey itself.

A UN plan put to a referendum on 24 April 2004 envisaged a federation of two states - one Greek and the other Turkish - with a loose central government, on the Swiss model with a symbolic, alternating presidency.

It was rejected decisively by the Greek Cypriots but accepted by the Turkish Cypriots. EU membership only applies in the Greek sector.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 Unexpected roadblocks are still on the road ahead...

Taurus April 20-May 20 That seemingly innocent flirty game you were just starting to enjoy...

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 After your recent behavior, those closest to you have almost no idea what to expect next...

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 You're quite willing to be patient most of the time, but for now, you feel a little like Mt. Vesuvius...

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 Some jealousy can be a healthy thing for a relationship, but obsessing over it is both unnecessary and unhelpful...

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Thanks to the calming influences affecting your personal energy, you're one of the few people you know who is able to think clearly for now...

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 A big surprise this morning does more than just get you going with a smile - it should get your day started on the right note...

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 Someone close (maybe a family member) has just done something thoughtful for you - though you may not hear about it for quite a while yet!

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 If you've been meaning to talk with a boss or client who's been uncommunicative recently, now is the time to go for it...

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 You might not travel much - except for your job. Right now, though, you're only too happy to jump on a train, car or plane taking you anywhere but here...

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 You've been fighting for what's right and pushing for a better tomorrow, and you've enjoyed every minute of it...

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 Don't pack their belongings up quite yet. They've been driving you insane, and you certainly don't have to take any more of it...

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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9x9 grid for Easy Sudoku puzzle with some numbers filled in.

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WEATHER

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

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Little hooter; 6- Surfer wannabe; 11- Common ID; 14- Caterpillar competitor; 15- In reserve; 16- Greek cross; 17- Gawk; 18- Like non-oyster months; 19- Tiny toiler; 20- Minute; 22- Thai breed of cat; 24- Asexual reproductive cell; 28- Stream of particles; 30- Adventurous expedition; 31- "Silas Marner" author; 32- Romanov rulers; 33- Lacking definite form; 37- Liable; 38- Cigarette; 39- Whim; 40- Educate again; 43- Wake Island, e.g.; 45- Absurd; 46- Small auk; 47- Hindu deity; 50- Husky; 51- New Mexico's state flower; 52- Later!; 53- Bee; Prefix; 54- Conspicuous feather; 57- Reposes; 62- 100 yrs.; 63- Burgundy grape; 64- Oldsmobile model; 65- Frat party staple; 66- Type of question; 67- Gannet;

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With extraordinary political theater, Winter Olympics begin

Foster Klug, Pyeongchang

IN an extraordinary show of unexpected unity, North and South Korea sat side by side Friday night under exploding fireworks that represented peace, not destruction, as the 2018 Winter Olympics opened on a Korean Peninsula riven by generations of anger, suspicion and bloodshed.

The sister of North Korea's leader, Kim Jong Un, shook hands with South Korean President Moon Jae-in — and appeared genuinely pleased — while they watched an elaborate show of light, sound and human performance. Minutes later came a moment stunning in its optics and its implications: the United States, represented by Vice President Mike Pence, sitting a row ahead of Kim's sister, Kim Yo Jong, and the North's nominal head of state, all watching the games begin — officials from two nations that many worry have been on the brink of nuclear conflict.

Not long after, North and South Korean athletes entered Olympic Stadium together, waving flags showing a unified Korea — the long-time dream, in theory at least, of many Koreans both North and South. It was the rivals' first joint Olympic march since 2007. International Olympic Committee President Thomas Bach then handed the podium to Moon, who declared the Olympics officially open.

The ceremony's signature moment delivered another flash of unity and deft political stage-managing, too. Two athletes from the joint Korea women's hockey team climbed stairs to the cauldron with the Olympic torch. At the last moment, though, they handed off the flame to former Olympic champion figure skater Yuna Kim, arguably South Korea's most famous person. She actually lit the cauldron as the home crowd roared.

Moon, in a statement, said athletes from North and South will "work together for victory." And Bach lauded the joint march of the two Koreas as a "powerful message."

"We are all touched by this wonderful gesture. We all join and support you in your message



of peace," Bach said.

After years of frustration, billions of dollars and a nagging national debate about their worth, the opening ceremonies took place before a world watching the moment not only for its athletic significance and global spectacle, but for clues about what the peninsula's political future could hold.

Deliberately or not, the North Korean government had managed to edge its way onto center stage

There is a palpable excitement in this isolated, rugged mountain town, as one of the poorest, coldest and most disgruntled parts of an otherwise prosperous South Korea kicks off two weeks of winter sports, spectacle and, from the looks of things, some inter-Korean reconciliation.

After a chaotic year of nuclear war threats and nuclear and missile tests from the North, the opening ceremony proved to be an evening of striking visual moments.

The significance of Pence and the North Koreans sitting in the same box seemed to run counter to the mission he was supposed to undertake. He'd been dispatched from Washington for the Olympics in part, he said, to make sure the world didn't forget that North Korea was a misbehaving and dangerous neighbor in the community of nations.

What did seem clear was that, deliberately or not, the North Korean government had managed to edge its way onto center stage during the South's biggest global moment in years. On Saturday morning, the North's official news agency, KCNA, issued a report about the Olympics opening that was notable in its lack of the loaded language it usually uses when writing about the South and the United States, which it characterizes as Seoul's overlord.

"The 23rd Winter Olympics opened in Phyongchang of south Korea," KCNA wrote in English, using an alternate spelling for the Olympic city and, notably, the lower-case "south" — a style it uses to show it does not endorse the names "South Korea" and "North Korea."

On Friday night, a huge crowd gathered in the freezing Olympics Stadium as performances displayed the sweep of Korean history and culture. The march of athletes from the world's many nations saw them girded against a frigid Korean night with temperatures that dipped below freezing and biting winds.

One notable visual came with the appearance of the Russian delegation, which marched in unable to carry its flag because of doping-related sanctions by the International Olympic Committee. Normally dressed in blazing red, they paraded in wearing grey and white jackets and

seemed — uncommonly for that delegation — quite sedate.

Members of a delegation from North Korea, part of an Olympics partnership between the two Korean rivals, watched from high in the stadium a performance called "The Land of Peace" and as past South Korean athletes paraded a large southern flag. The North Koreans, dressed in identical garb, cheered in careful coordination.

The North has sent nearly 500 people to the Pyeongchang Games including officials, athletes, artists and cheerleaders after the Koreas agreed to a series of conciliatory gestures to mark the games. More than 2,900 athletes from 92 countries will compete here, making it the biggest Winter Olympics to date.



A torchbearer lights the Olympic flame during the opening ceremony of the 2018 Winter Olympics

Pyeongchang was not supposed to share the spotlight with Pyongyang. This was not supposed to be, as some in Seoul grumble, the "Pyongyang Games," a play on the North Korean capital's phonetic similarity to Pyeongchang.

After two failed Olympic bids that emphasized the high-sounding notion that the games could help make peace with North Korea, Pyeongchang finally sold its successful try in 2011 on the decidedly capitalistic goal of boosting winter sports tourism in Asia.

But North Korea has a habit of not letting itself be ignored when it comes to its southern rival.

Its agents blew up a South Korean airliner ahead of the 1988 Seoul Olympics in an attempt to dissuade visitors; then it boycotted its rival's Olympic debut on the world stage. A few years later, the discovery of the huge progress Pyongyang had been surreptitiously making on its nuclear programs plunged the Korean Peninsula into crisis. It has only deepened over the years as the North closes in on the ability to field an arsenal of nukes that can hit U.S. cities.

And so, with a little help from a liberal South Korean president eager to engage Pyongyang, the 2018 Pyeongchang Games open.

They do so with as much focus on the North, which has zero real medal contenders, as the South, which in the three decades since its last Olympics has built a solid winter program as it went from economic backwater and military dictatorship to Asia's fourth-biggest economy and a bulwark of liberal democracy.

Could Pyeongchang's initial pitch — that it could contribute to peace on the Korean Peninsula — actually become reality? The opening ceremony offered at least some hints about that, and maybe more. What's certain is that these Games, more so than any in recent memory, are about far more than sports. **AP**

GERMANY LEADS MEDALS TABLE WITH BIATHLON WIN

ARND PEIFFER won the men's biathlon 10km sprint title to help Germany lead on the medals table with three golds on the second competitive day of the 2018 Winter Olympic Games yesterday. Peiffer put on a flawless display of

shooting to finish the sprint in 23 minutes and 38.8 seconds. "It's crazy because I didn't expect it was possible for me to be on top. I wouldn't say I am an underdog but I'm not one of the top guys," the German said.

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Rear Window
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GETTING BEYOND WYNN FALL

Suddenly... the barrage of claims of sexual misconduct that brought down conspicuous figures from politics, business and entertainment, starting from about last fall with Harvey Weinstein, have indirectly hit the Macau Special Administrative Region.

The Wall Street Journal's report on a string of women claiming to have been harassed or assaulted, together with the dire 7.5 million US out-of-court settlement took Steve Wynn to the ropes.

The maverick casino tycoon who appeared to be winning all through a full career of gaming ventures was forced to resign as the chairman and CEO of Las Vegas-based WR and its cash cow, Wynn Macau Ltd. Though he denies the bulk of the allegations, Wynn had to evaluate the consequences of what he referred to as "negative publicity" and march himself from the helm of WR having reached the conclusion that he could not "continue to be effective" in such an environment. It looks like Wynn could be on a losing streak: well-known Las Vegas Judge Elizabeth Gonzalez decided to allow certain claims a hearing in the never-ending legal battle with Kazuo Okada.

As far as Macau is concerned, we have to bear in mind that the future outlook was already a mildly disturbing one: a climate of real caution, ripe with rumors and completely wild, if not insane, scenarios as we count down to the end of the gaming concessions. That is to say that even before Wynn's departure and his proposed replacements (Matt Maddox and Allan Zeman) the six (6) gaming licenses were the source of all sorts of guessing games in wishful thinking: from rubber-stamping the franchises to an utterly formal process of readmission; from inflating the number of concessions to eight (8) to accommodate new players to a less populated environment... everything but the legally binding public tender!

Steve Wynn leaving a company that not only bears his name but which won the first public tender based on his existing portfolio rather than on a proposal - pardon the analogy to Vegas memoir, it will be a Sinatra Singing Show with no Sinatra singing. This can be the leitmotiv for the rethinking of the casino business in China's single ground of gaming.

Locally, there is much thinking to do other than defer to veiled remissions to the northern capital "instructions", which nobody has actually heard: such an eroded push to a worthless autonomy. The MSAR is home to casinos because of its history; because of a Central Government decision not to threaten the economic monoculture and the prosperity of the semi-autonomous region of Macau; and because Macau has the culture and the regulatory framework that allows the casino business.

What constitutes a threat to Macau's status is regulatory: the status of the rule of law, the scope of autonomy. The recurrent idea to install casinos in the well-known Chinese Hawaii is just a naive idea that it is possible to have casinos with no side effects.

Hainan is developing well into a Chinese Florida of affluent elderly retirees from the chilly northern China, locally known as "migratory birds", big business on its merits.

Finally some notes. A sad one upon the death of Professor Jao Tsung I; an astonished one due to UM Finance Professor Rose Neng Lai's theory of the bubble that does not exist until it bursts; and a preoccupied one about the cloudding of the project Alto de Coloane.

THE RITZ-CARLTON IN RIYADH REOPENS AFTER THREE-MONTH SAUDI PURGE, ARRESTS

The Ritz-Carlton in the Saudi capital, Riyadh, is reopening to the public, three months after it was transformed into a luxurious detention center holding dozens of princes, businessmen and officials swept up in an anti-corruption purge.

The hotel was accepting reservations yesterday, with prices starting at USD665 a night.

Billionaire Prince Alwaleed bin Talal, a major investor in Western firms, was among those held at

the hotel for more than 80 days until his release last month.

The iconic hotel is also where President Donald Trump stayed during his May visit to the kingdom.

The government says the campaign, which began in early November and was led by Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, netted more than \$100 billion in financial settlements in exchange for most of the detainees' release.

UK defense chief: Don't let two British IS suspects return



This Oct. 19, 2017, image from drone video, shows damaged buildings in Raqqa, Syria

Danica Kirka, London

BRITAIN'S defense secretary says two captured Islamic State group extremists who grew up in England should never be allowed to return.

Defense Secretary Gavin Williamson's comments Saturday in the Sun newspaper come amid reports that Britain has already stripped El Shafee Elsheikh and Alexandra Amon Kotey of their citizenship, opening the door for them to be sent to Guantanamo Bay or another prison outside of the U.K.

"I don't think they should ever set foot in this country again," Williamson told the newspaper. "They turned their back on Britain, our values and everything we stand for — they are the worst of the worst."

Elsheikh and Kotey are alleged to have been part of the four-man IS cell dubbed "The Beatles" because of their British accents. The most notorious member of the group was Mohammed Emwazi, the masked insurgent known as Jihadi John who appeared in several videos that showed the beheading of Western hostages. The cell captured, tortured and killed more than two dozen hostages, including American journalists James Foley and Steven Sotloff, and American aid worker Peter Kassig.

Tobias Ellwood, a defen-

se minister whose brother was killed in a 2002 terror attack in Bali, called for the men to be tried by an international war crimes court.

"Guantanamo Bay created a new combatant status that bypassed the Geneva Convention, used torture and failed to address a wider global jihadist insurgency that continues today," he told the Times of London. "Given the scale of foreign fighters, we should consider an agreed international process involving The Hague, which ensures terrorists from any origin are transparently and fairly held to account for their actions."

Britain's Home Office refused to confirm whether Elsheikh and Kotey had been stripped of their citizenship, saying it doesn't comment on individual cases.

The American-backed Syrian Democratic Forces captured the two men last month, and the U.S. helped identify them with biometric data and other tools. U.S. authorities have interrogated Elsheikh and Kotey.

American officials said the U.S. government works closely with its coalition partners in private talks on the disposition of detainees held by the SDF.

Some former hostages of the cell and family members of those slain have expressed concern that

Elsheikh and Kotey will be transported to the U.S. detention facility at Guantanamo Bay, where people have been held for years without trial.

Nicolas Henin, a French journalist held by IS for 10 months, said the two IS fighters should be given fair trials that will deliver justice, not revenge.

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GAVIN WILLIAMSON
 BRITAIN'S DEFENSE SECRETARY

"Guantanamo was actually one of the reasons for their engagement in extremism," Henin told The Associated Press. "So if we perpetrate this kind of atrocity we are not helping our quest for justice."

Foley's father, John Foley, said he hopes the two IS fighters will be put on trial and sentenced to life in prison.

"The death penalty would make them martyrs, which is what they would want, so I would prefer that they spend the rest of their lives in jail," Foley said. **AP**

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Roadside	70-100 Moderate
High Density Residential Area	70-100 Moderate
Ambient	70-100 Moderate

WORLD BRIEFS



IRAN Hundreds of thousands of Iranians rallied on the streets yesterday to mark the 39th anniversary of the 1979 Islamic Revolution, just weeks after anti-government protests rocked cities across the country.

ISRAEL's prime minister said yesterday his country delivered "severe blows" to Iranian and Syrian forces and vowed to take further action against its adversaries following the most serious Israeli engagement in Syria since the war there erupted almost seven years ago. **More on p14**

RUSSIA A passenger plane believed to be carrying 71 people crashed yesterday near Moscow, shortly after takeoff from one of the city's airports. No survivors were immediately reported.

ITALY Marchers protested racism Saturday in several Italian cities and warned against a revival of neo-fascist sentiment amid the campaign for Italy's March 4 national election.

SPAIN Police say they have confiscated 310 kilos of young eels that were about to be smuggled out of the country and shipped to Asia.



VENEZUELA The government's decision to plow ahead with early presidential elections over the objections of the opposition risks spurring more international sanctions and exacerbating an economic and social crisis driving increasing numbers of Venezuelans into exile, analysts say.

BRAZIL Authorities are investigating arsons at two separate residences where Venezuelans were living that they believe were committed by the same person, a police official said Friday.