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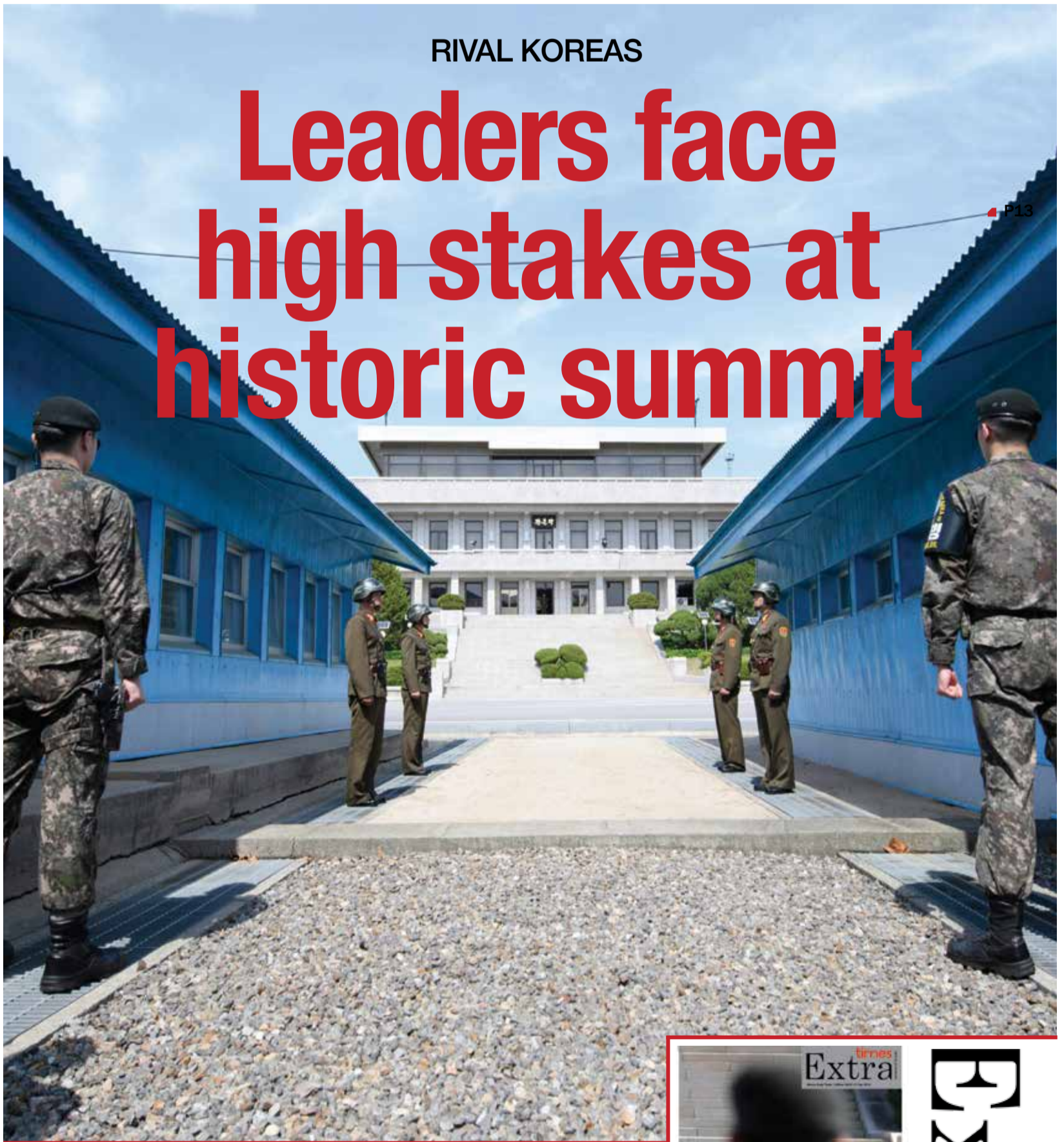
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PHILIPPINES An Australian nun whose missionary visa in the Philippines was revoked after the president complained about her joining opposition rallies said yesterday that social advocacy and human rights are part of church teachings.

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Fitch: Japan revenues may be capped at USD6b

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CREDIT ratings agency Fitch Ratings considers that Japan's annual gaming revenues may be capped at USD6 billion (MOP48.5 billion) once new regulations under review by lawmakers are taken into account.

The much-anticipated integrated resorts bill is expected by most analysts to transform Japan into one of the world's most lucrative gambling jurisdictions. Some analysts have previously said that almost-virgin market might be worth USD40 billion, with many others concurring that there is at least USD10 billion in annual revenues up for grab.

However, Fitch Ratings, citing new media reports that suggest the Japanese government may only permit one license in a major metropolitan area, believes that revenues could be capped far lower.

Japan's integrated resort bill is set to reach the country's legislature today. It will contain some of the regulations proposed by Japan's ruling coalition, including a 30 percent gaming tax, a 6,000-yen entrance fee and limits on visitation for residents, according to Reuters.

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The government is also proposing just three locations for integrated resorts with – reportedly – just one to be based in a major metropolitan area.

Accordingly, Fitch believes

that the metropolitan integrated resort might generate USD3 billion in gaming revenue. That would put it in line with other strong performers in Asia-based casino jurisdictions, such as

Singapore's Marina Bay Sands and Macau's City of Dreams and The Venetian Macao.

Meanwhile, two additional remote resorts might generate around USD1.4 billion each;

an estimate based on Korea's remote Kangwon Land Casino, which is unique in allowing locals to gamble providing they pay an entrance fee.

Unlike other analysts, Fitch holds that the most accurate way to predict potential gaming revenue is to compare with other incumbent casinos in the region.

It holds this opinion with a view to the new regulations, which the firm says will inhibit the ability of casino operators to tap into the 127 million inhabitants and almost 30 million annual visitors.

Earlier this month, a new agreement between Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's Liberal Democratic Party and its junior coalition partner Komeito outlined the basic parameters of the integrated resorts bill. The LDP has previously said that it wants to secure parliamentary approval for the bill by June 20, 2018.

Several companies linked to Macau have announced intentions to compete for Japanese licenses, including Melco Resorts & Entertainment, Las Vegas Sands Corp. and MGM Resorts International. **DB**

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Community aims to preserve history by publishing historical images

ICONOGRAPHIC Research, a Facebook community, published an image depicting the view from the stairway of the Ruins of St. Paul, taken by Oswald Lübek in 1911. Images from the same photographer also feature street views of Hong Kong back in the same year and an image of an urban canal strewn with rubbish in Guangzhou.

The pictures' source was a university library in Dresden, Germany.

Launched in 2015, the online page prospects historical images for printed publication in books, magazines and catalogs.

In a statement released by its editor to the Times, Luiz Estrella explained that the choice to publish material produced before 1920 is that works



The Ruins of St. Paul, photo by Oswald Lübek (1911)

older than 100 years are in the public domain, without any restriction of use.

"It is possible to affirm that we are a vector in the diffusion of the education and the culture, especially in encoura-

ging the debate and the reflection on the preservation of these collections," Estrella said.

The Iconographic Research page showcases images pertaining to iconic events such as the French Revolution and

the American Civil War.

Meanwhile, the community also started to publish moving images depicting the period between the end of the 19th century and the 1920s in August 2016.

"Initially, the objective was to eventually promote postings of this type of material, but due to the reach obtained with the first videos, we conclude that we should do it regularly," said the editor.

By October 2017, Iconographic Research had published over four hours of original footage produced between 1899 and 1918.

The techniques of photography and capture of moving images were respectively pioneered in the 1820s and 1890s and reproduce with fidelity urban and rural landscapes of that time.

"I understand that this page makes it possible for the public to access content that is often restricted to the academic community," said Estrella.

The catalogue collection currently consists of more than 10,000 images depicting at least 1,600 locations around five continents.

This material was produced by over 1,100 authors including renowned visual artists Alfred Stieglitz, Alice Austin, Bernardo Bellotto, Eugene Atget and Jan van der Heyden.

"In over three years of research, 810 sources were identified in 56 countries on five continents with good quality visual material available online that meets the page's publishing criteria," the editor said.

Sixty percent of the cataloged research sources are located in Europe and 33 percent are located in the Americas, while sources from institutions located in Asia, Oceania and Africa account for only 7 percent of the total.

"It is possible to affirm that practically all our vast iconographic collection comes from public and private, national and international institutional sources; some of which are considered as references in their areas of activity," Estrella added.

The 84 albums on its Facebook page are organized according to geographical criteria, with each image stored in the folder corresponding to the country in which it was produced.

The material, organized according to the thematic criteria, is grouped in four albums: two dedicated to the First World War, an album with portraits of personalities and another with photographs of astronomical observations. **LV**

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Dragon Boat Races organizers claim all participants 'must know how to swim'

Renato Marques

IN light of the accident which occurred during the preparations for the traditional Dragon Boat Festival races last Saturday in Guilin, in which two boats capsized and threw their occupants into the water (resulting in 17 fatalities), the Times questioned the local organizers of the boat races about safety measures being enforced during training sessions and during the competition.

The Sports Bureau (ID) noted in its reply that "safety is a top priority" for all sporting events organized by the Sports Bureau. "At the Macao International Dragon Boat Races [...] appropriate measures are taken to ensure that participants compete in a safe environment. During practice sessions and competition days, a rescue team with properly trained personnel is arranged to attend any accident or emergency situation," an ID spokesperson said, adding that according to the regulations of the competition, "all participants of the Macao International Dragon Boat Races are required to be able to swim at least 100 meters," as stated in the competition program and guidelines in clause 8 a).

Although accidents like the one occurring in the Guangxi region of southern China are frequent during the practice sessions and competitions with Dragon Boats in China, as well in Macau and others countries and territories where the sport is popular, they usually do not carry dire conse-



quences for the paddlers and remaining team members.

But that was not the case in this circumstance, and the accident was said to have resulted in a large number of deaths due to many of the team members being unable to swim. Within the regulations of the International Dragon Boat Federation (IDBF) there is no reference to the use of Life Jackets during training and competitions, being included in the optional equipment that teams might opt to use or not. In the same regulation within clause CR 13.3.1, Wrist Straps and Boat fasteners, it is also stated that "Wrist to Paddle Straps are NOT allowed or any other fastening system that connects a competitor to a pa-

ddle or the boat, as such fittings constitute a safety hazard." The rules of the sport to be followed in any international competition and that serve as reference for all other competitions also state that "at all IDBF Competitions, the organizers must provide a medical and rescue service ready to act both on and off the water, throughout the event, which includes all official training sessions before the first Race Day." Further, within a. (7.7) it is also said, "First Aid cover must be provided by qualified personnel and a Medical Doctor must be in attendance throughout the competition. Competitions should not take place unless at least one (1) safety boat is provided to act as a rescue vessel in the event of a

boat capsize or the loss of a competitor overboard during a race or crew training," rules which have been in force since September 2003.

The responsibilities over the crew and team members fall within the purview of the Crew Manager and Boat Captain as per CR 7.10 Crew Safety: "Although it is incumbent on the Organizing Committee to provide a rescue service, the Crew Manager and Boat Captain are primarily held responsible for the safety of their crews. When on the water, the Boat Captain, who will normally be the Helm (Steerer) must take responsibility for the crew's safety. Both the Crew Manager and the Boat Captain will ensure that all their competitors are (following numbers): Suita-

bly dressed for the weather, water and race conditions and that they are not wearing anything (such as personal accessories or jewelry) which may impede their ability to escape from a capsized boat or swim unaided once in the water, for example, wrist weights; Must be water competent and, ideally able to swim at least 50 meters in wet competition clothes, unaided."

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The same crew members are also responsible to make sure all team members are "Fit to Race" both medically and physically at all times during the competition and that they have been fully briefed on all safety matters contained within the Competition Regulations and Rules of Racing for the competition.

Such facts, stated on the regulations of the competition, might explain reports at the time of the Guilin accident indicating that the local police almost immediately arrested two organizers of the fatal training session.

FAOM registered 3,141 people seeking help for labor disputes

Julie Zhu

DURING 2017, the Macao Federation of Trade Unions (FAOM) handled 1,365 cases concerning labor rights, the federation reported this week during a press conference.

The cases were registered in the FAOM headquarters in two of FAOM's rights protection centers, and across various service centers that belong to the union. A total of 3,141 people were involved in these cases.

Some 365 cases out of the total were related to labor affairs, involving

919 individuals. Most of the remaining cases concerned housing issues and social welfare protection.

Among all the labor disputes handled by FAOM, the majority are linked to the construction industry, with the disputes mainly caused due to a reduction in the number of construction projects, which in turn leads to a decrease in job vacancies provided within the sector, resulting in severe unemployment.

Moreover, disputes regarding the salaries of construction workers also increased compared to the previous year because of the conclusion of several

construction projects.

FAOM received more than 200 requests for help from workers trying to collect their salaries. Some of these cases were resolved, however FAOM did not disclose the exact number.

When addressing matters of future work, FAOM claimed that it would urge the government and gaming operators to implement a full range of tobacco control measures to ensure workers have a healthy work environment.

In addition, Choi Kam Fu, director general of the Macao Gaming Enterprises Staff Association (under FAOM), said that the

association cares about the safety of employees within the gaming industry.

According to Choi, some of the casinos' "gaming tables have an improper design," with a few casinos requiring workers to wear specific kinds of high-heels while working.

"FAOM noticed that some casinos still require employees to work while standing. The union is now cooperating with them, hoping that [casinos] can provide seats for these workers," revealed Choi.

In 2017, FAOM also solved cases where a security



Choi Kam Fu (right)

company required local employees to take unpaid holidays, and also cases where a cleaning company did not pay salaries to its employees.

The association highlights its long-standing calls, urging the government to not hire non-local occupational drivers in order to improve the transportation industry's retirement system.

In particular, Choi noted that they hope the government can consider allowing occupational drivers to work even after they turn 65 years old.

Besides reporting the above-mentioned data, FAOM also noted that, in 2017, in 653 instances, it provided suggestions to the government about livelihood rights in communities.

Department to carry out typhoon drill tomorrow

THE Civil Protection Operational Center will organize a drill that simulates extreme weather conditions at Coloane and Sao Lourenco Market tomorrow.

A Unitary Police Official announced on TDM's Radio talkshow on Wednesday that evacuation signals will be broadcast by police vehicles within the vicinity of the two sites, and that the public will be informed beforehand that the call will only be a drill.

The drill, dubbed "Crystal Fish," aims to test the newly established evacuation plan and emergency command platform, following last year's deadly Typhoon Hato, TDM reported.

The drill will be held between 1 p.m. and 5 p.m. tomorrow, imitating storm surge, while residents in high-risk flooding areas will be evacuated.

"Our drill will launch an evacuation that allows people to safely get out of where they are. And by evacuation I mean to take the public to higher ground or to the checkpoint set up by the Civic



and Municipal Affairs Bureau, located on the fourth floor of the Sao Lourenco Market," said a Unitary Police Official.

"Our police vehicles will then [after setting up] broadcast the evacuation information, informing the public about our typhoon drill. There's no need for residents and tourists to take part and actually evacuate. So hereby we'd like to call on the public

to cooperate with our on-site officers on Saturday," he added.

Officials said that the center is planning to carry out similar simulations including in low-lying areas as the city prepares for cyclone season.

The Civil Protection Operational Center kicked off its operations in May last year, located inside Taipa's Immigration Department Office building.

Zhuhai launches measures to attract human resources

ZHUHAI has launched new measures to attract talented human resources to the region, the Zhuhai government announced this week. The regulations, which include 16 articles, are said "by many experts and talented people to be the best talented human resources policy in the Pearl River Delta," according to a report by Macao Daily News.

The new policy includes a supportive development program for talented people from Hong Kong and Macau. It further states that those from the SARs can enjoy the same treatment as Zhuhai residents in terms of buying properties, children's education, and medical treatment.

When a company hires talented people from Hong Kong or Macau who hold a bachelor or higher educational degree, they can also enjoy benefits regarding residential rent for the young

talented people. For the talented SARs' residents who work in the Hengqin free trade zone, their employment certificate can be waived, and they can enjoy both the "Hong Kong people, Hong Kong tax" and "Macao people, Macau tax" policy.

The new measure also suggests encouraging talented people from Hong Kong and Macau's qualified and certified financial, accounting, educational and medical industries, among others, to work in the Hengqin free trade zone.

However, even though such articles concerning the SARs residents have been included in the new measures, the latter still focus primarily on attracting mainland human resources. For instance, Zhuhai has plans to establish a group to build 30,000 houses for talented people from mainland China.

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Sands China honours team members' commitment to service excellence

SANDS China Ltd honoured around 6,200 team members who are celebrating 10 years of service by hosting more than 60 departmental celebrations that began in March and continue through April.

With Sands China established in Macau for over 13 years now, a total of more than 8,500 Sands China team members have been with the company for 10 years or more. This latest group of 6,200 individuals have reached their 10-year milestones in 2016, 2017 or 2018. More than 75 per cent of them are local residents.

Dr Wilfred Wong, president of Sands China Ltd, praised their commitment to outstanding service, both toward fellow team members and to guests and visitors, reaping benefits for the company and supporting Macau's continued development as a world centre of tourism and leisure.

"Sands China is incredibly grateful for the continued loyalty, dedication and hard work of our team members celebrating this important milestone – their 10-year anniversaries with the company," said Dr Wong.

"We now have 8,500 team members who have been working for the company for a decade or more; that represents nearly one-third of our workforce. We consider this to be a very significant achievement and it is a great source of pride for the company," he remarked.

Sands China has always viewed its team members as the company's greatest asset, recognising their daily commitment to service excellence as a crucial component in delivering outstanding experiences to guests and visitors.

"As we pause to express our gratitude to our long-serving team members, we remain ever-mindful of our responsibility as the largest private employer in Macau – to take care of our team members and their families," Dr Wong highlighted.

The company continues to invest in their career development, and in the broadening of their professional horizons, resulting in thousands of local residents advancing in the company.

One such valued staff member is Ronald Leong, executive director of transportation, who has been with Sands China for 11 years.

Leong, who participated in the first intake of the Management Trainees Advanced Management Program in 2008, was given a series of horizontal development opportunities resulting in five promotions. He currently leads a transportation team of over 500 team members. Leong pointed out that transportation service is one of the key components in the overall integrated resort experien-



ce for all tourists, as transportation is the first touch point upon their arrival in Macau.

The executive director emphasized Sands China's commitment to bringing out the best in their team members, providing them with a series of training programs to assist in their career growth. For him, work experience in different departments has been beneficial to his personal development.

"I am happy to work for Sands China because of the culture: we have the support we need, and opportunities for career growth," he shared.

Leong thanked Sands China for prioritizing the training of local talent, and for allowing them to explore the company's different departments.

"The company not only provides training, but also follow-up action. The human resources department conducts mentor and mentee sessions and gives us a platform to share our ideas and concerns regarding our work progress," he said.

Agnes Cheang, a convention and exhibition services associate director, has been in the company for over 10 years and echoed the same sentiments.

Promoted four times since she joined The Venetian Macao in No-

vember 2007, Cheang lauded the commitment of Sands China in providing team members a series of opportunities to continually expand their career growth.

"Sands China always makes sure that we are up to date and that we keep our professional standards. They really support us in our career growth," she said.

According to Cheang, Sands China is continually working on developing talented local staff, giving them access to opportunities to broaden their horizons.

"This benefits us, local people, and it gives us chances to further advance in our careers," she added. Cheang is proud to be a Sands China team member as she has been given various opportunities to handle international large-scale meetings and events, which have not only expanded her understanding of the industry, but have also made her feel she is growing together with Macau's MICE industry.

Another team member that was honoured was Grace Tam, a chief steward, who is currently leading a team of approximately 220 staff.

Tam first joined the company in 2007 and has been leading the team as a chief steward, responsible for kitchenware and tableware preparation and cleaning. For large scale events, she and her team

Out of 8,500 team members with 10 or more service years:



prepare thousands of pieces of tableware, and coordinate with various departments, including food and beverage and facilities management. This requires experience, communication skills, and accurate calculation.

"The company pays a lot of attention to training and really puts its resources into the team members," shared Tam.

"The company gives me opportunities to explore my abilities. At Sands China, I feel a sense of being successful and belonging as the company continues to prosper," she added. As the company has been growing over the years, Tam said she feels excited about the new challenges and is thankful for the support and opportunities given by Sands China.

Tam was a winner of the Best Leadership Award in Sands China's Because We Care Team Member Awards, which serves as significant encouragement for her and her fellow colleagues to excel in their workplace.

She was also the winner of the Outstanding Elder Employee Award by the local government, following a nomination submitted by Sands China.

In 2017, Sands China provided over 1.66 million paid training hours for its team members, equivalent to an average of 64 learning hours for each team member.

Since 2015, over 2,000 team members have participated in the company's horizontal career development programmes. To date, Sands China has made nearly 18,000 promotions, involving over 10,000 local team members; more than 3,300 local team members have been promoted twice or more.

Sands China's management team currently employs over 2,500 local residents, over two-thirds of whom have been working with the company for more than 10 years – a testament to the success of Sands China's investment into its team members.

In acknowledgement of the company's faithful team members, each employee received "The Perfect 10" commemorative service pins and award trophies, and food and beverage vouchers to the value of MOP500 (a total of more than MOP3 million in vouchers overall) for them to enjoy Sands China's restaurants with their families as a token of gratitude for their continuous support. In addition, the company will give away more than 5,000 complimentary tickets of La Parisienne show in April and May to interested 10-year-service team members.

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Inspections to intensify as bathing season kicks off

With the bathing season set to start on June 1, the Marine and Water Bureau (DSAMA) announced yesterday that, due to the recent discovery of a black oily substance at the Hac Sa and Cheoc Van beaches, inspections at those these beaches will be intensified. As in previous years, DSAMA will send lifeguard teams to the local beaches.

Man arrested for posting nude pictures online

A Russian cook has been arrested after posting nude pictures of his ex-girlfriend online following their break-up. The Russian citizen, who is 30 years old, was working for a hotel located in Cotai. The victim is a Macau resident in her 20s. The suspect took the pictures in February and March without the victim's awareness. Only on April 16 did the victim find the pictures on Facebook, at which point she made a report to the police. The suspect confessed that he publicized the pictures in order to get revenge on his ex-girlfriend.

Zhongshan plans ferries to Macau

In order to expand local tourism into the city, Zhongshan is planning to open additional ferry routes to other cities, including Macau. According to a report by Guangzhou Daily, Zhongshan plans to operate ferries between the Taipa Ferry Terminal and Zhongshan. In addition, five other routes between Zhongshan, Shenzhen, Guangzhou, Hong Kong and Zhuhai have also been proposed. Besides water routes, Zhongshan also intends to connect the city with its neighboring regions by way of a rail system, including more high-speed train and metro connections with Shenzhen, Guangzhou, and Zhuhai.

Photography exhibition grapples with philosophy of art form



Antonio Mil-Homens

Daniel Beitler

A contemporary photography exhibition opened at Creative Macau – Center for Creative Industries on Wednesday night, showcasing the work of six participants who grappled with the theme of how their discipline relates to the psychology of art.

This somewhat existentialist theme attempts to rebuke – or at least address – a prevailing thought among the art world that photography is not as dynamic as painting, or other expressive art forms, because the former is mostly environment-driven. Thus many of the photography works at the exhibition were digitally or otherwise manipulated and appeared more as pieces of art than articles of documentation.

Hugo Teixeira, a photographer and artist who grew up in the Luso-American community in California, was among the exhibition participants, bringing a 2018 creation that was

being shown to the public for the first time.

Titled “My Grandfather, My Father, Now Me”, his work is a series of eight framed photographs created through a wet plate collodion process, which document Teixeira’s confrontation with his family’s medical history of heart problems.

Each photograph has the artist as the principal subject, captured in a distinct 19th-century style, invoking a powerful – if unintended – “temporal connection.” The photographs are enclosed in glass frames and a heartbeat – the artist’s in fact – has been superimposed over the portraits.

“By coincidence, when I was invited to join the exhibition, I had been thinking a lot about something very personal that had happened related to my health,” he said on Wednesday night at the opening. “I wanted to capture the feeling of getting an electrocardiogram [EKG] for the first time.”

The artist explained that



Hugo Teixeira

during his EKG experience “there was a sudden feeling of anxiety and fragility that I did not expect, and I thought I had to capture this photographically, somehow.”

Referring to the heart disease that afflicted both his grandfather and father, Teixeira says he sought to capture the moment when he was “forced to confront [his] genetic fate.”

“This series of self-portraits [...] is a meditation on that fate and seeks to capture that moment of morbid epiphany and the feeling of absolute fragility which accompanied that realization.”

“I selected a 19th century process called wet plate collodion – which I have been working with for the last two years – and I thought it could be an advantage to express this idea. It’s a process that is very fragile, and [allowed] me to use the transparency in the glass.”

Another of the participating artists, Antonio Mil-Homens, a well-known photographer in

Macau, is exhibiting five digital prints on canvas.

Seeking to capture the feeling of today’s downtown Macau, Mil-Homens captures the sensation of overcrowding in his series titled “Troubled Vision.” He says that his series is about the day-to-day problems that the increasing number of visitors is creating in Macau’s center.

Meanwhile, Ricardo Meireles is showing a set of four mixed-media artworks, collectively titled “Multiverse”.

Born in Portugal but having lived in Macau since 2001, the artist and architect has designed four suspended bamboo steamers with photograph-printed covers of meaningful and localized shapes and patterns, relevant to habitants of both Macau and Hong Kong.

The exhibition is open until May 19 at Creative Macau, on the ground floor of the Macau Cultural Centre Building. All of the exhibiting artworks are for sale.

Stamp vending machines suspended due to deliberate damage

ON Wednesday, the Macao Post and Telecommunications Bureau (CTT) suspended the services of 12 of the city’s stamp vending machines, according to a statement released by CTT.

The service suspension is “due to the fact that, recently, a few [nine] automatic stamp vending machines were damaged deliberately.”

The aforementioned 12 vending machines have been undergoing a series of inspection and repair works since April 25.

Three of the vending machines are located in Taipa and Coloane, with

the other nine in Macau.

According to CTT, nine machines, although appearing normal from the outside, have internal problems.

CTT found out that they had been operated manually and irregularly, which caused disturbances in their normal functioning, resulting in problems in the printing system.

All of the nine damaged machines are situated outdoors. Due to the possibility of all similar machines having similar issues, the three machines installed indoors have also been suspended.

CTT noted that no similar incidents have taken place in the past. The bureau is investigating the reasons for the damage, and has not reported the issue to the police yet.

The resumption of the services of the machines will be announced later by CTT.

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LVS beats estimates on Macau, Singapore strength

LAS Vegas Sands Corp., the casino operator controlled by billionaire Sheldon Adelson, said first-quarter sales and profit rose as the company's newest casino in Macau continued to draw gamblers and results in Singapore soared. Sands, which is based in Las Vegas, reported profit rose to USD1.04 a share, excluding some items, beating the 85-cent average of analysts'

estimates. Sales grew 17 percent to \$3.58 billion, exceeding projections of \$3.36 billion. The world's largest casino company is benefiting from a surge in betting in Macau following the opening of several new resorts. Sands' newest property, the Parisian, debuted in September 2016. Overall casino revenue in Macau grew 22 percent in the first quarter. In Macau, earnings

before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization rose 26 percent to \$789 million, ahead of the \$717.2 million average calculated by Consensus Metrix. Earnings in Singapore grew 49 percent on that basis. Sands shares rose 2.3 percent to \$74 in extended trading. They fell 2 percent to \$72.34 at the close in New York and are up 4.1 percent this year. MDT/Bloomberg



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Once an industry joke, electric buses start to dent oil demand

Jeremy Hodges

ELECTRIC buses were seen as a joke at an industry conference in Belgium seven years ago when the Chinese manufacturer BYD Co. showed an early model. “Everyone was laughing at BYD for making a toy,” recalled Isbrand Ho, the Shenzhen-based company’s managing director in Europe. “And look now. Everyone has one.”

Suddenly, buses with battery-powered motors are a serious matter with the potential to revolutionize city transport — and add to the forces reshaping the energy industry. With China leading the way, making the traditional smog-belching diesel behemoth run on electricity is starting to eat away at fossil fuel demand.

The numbers are staggering. China had about 99 percent of the 385,000 electric buses on the roads worldwide in 2017, accounting for 17 percent of the country’s entire fleet. Every five weeks, Chinese cities add 9,500 of the zero-emissions transporters — the equivalent of London’s entire working fleet, according to Bloomberg New Energy Finance.

All this is starting to make an observable reduction in fuel demand. And because they consume 30 times more fuel than average sized cars, their impact on energy use so far has become much greater than the passenger sedans produced by companies from Tesla Inc. to Toyota Motor Corp.

For every 1,000 battery-powered buses on the road, about 500 barrels a day of diesel fuel will be displaced from the market, according to BNEF calculations. This year, the volume of fuel not needed may rise 37 percent to 279,000 barrels a day because of electric transport including cars and light trucks, about as much oil as Greece consumes,



A worker walks while a BYD Co. electric bus arrives at a public transportation hub in Shenzhen

according to BNEF. Buses account for about 233,000 barrels of that total.

“This segment is approaching the tipping point,” said Colin McKerracher, head of advanced transport at the London-based research unit of Bloomberg LP. “City governments all over the world are being taken to task over poor urban air quality. This pressure isn’t going away, and electric bus sales are positioned to benefit.”

China is ahead on electrifying its fleet because it has the world’s worst pollution problem. With a growing urban population and galloping energy demand, the nation’s legendary smogs were responsible for 1.6 million extra deaths in 2015, according to non-profit Berkeley Earth.

A decade ago, Shenzhen was a typical example of a booming Chinese city that had given little thought to the environment. Its smog became so notorious that the government picked it for a pilot program for energy conservation and zero emissions vehicles in 2009. Two years later, the first electric buses rolled off BYD’s production line there. And in December, all of Shenzhen’s 16,359 buses were electric.

BYD had 13 percent of China’s electric bus market in 2016 and put 14,000 of the vehicles on the streets of Shenzhen

alone. It’s built 35,000 so far and has capacity to build as many as 15,000 a year, Ho said.

BYD estimates its buses have logged 17 billion kilometers (10 billion miles) and saved 6.8 billion liters (1.8 billion gallons) of fuel since they started ferrying passengers around the world’s busiest cities. That, according to Ho, adds up to 18 million tons of carbon dioxide pollution avoided, which is about as much as 3.8 million cars produce in each year.

“The first fleet of pure electric buses provided by BYD started operation in Shenzhen in 2011,” Ho said by phone. “Now, almost 10 years later, in other cities the air quality has worsened while — compared with those cities — Shenzhen’s is much better.”

Other cities are taking notice. Paris, London, Mexico City and Los Angeles are among 13 authorities that have committed to only buying zero emissions transport by 2025.

London is slowly transforming its fleet. Currently four routes in the city center serviced by single-decker units are being shifted to electricity. There are plans to make significant investments to the clean its public transport networks, including retrofitting 5,000 old diesel buses in a program to ensure all buses are emission-free by 2037. **Bloomberg**

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Disney CEO Robert Iger (center) stands as confetti drops during the grand opening of Toy Story Land at Shanghai Disneyland

Disney emphasizes China roots amid trade tension

Erika Kinetz, Shanghai

WALT Disney Co. used the expansion of its USD5.5 billion Disney Resort in Shanghai yesterday to highlight its deep China connections despite worsening trade tensions between Washington and Beijing.

Beneath the surface, Shanghai's Disneyland is not purely American and has been a boon to the local economy, providing both jobs and high-quality entertainment, company executives said.

Disney took an unusually collaborative approach to its Shanghai theme park, which opened in 2016, handing over a 57 percent ownership stake to its state-owned Chinese partner, the Shanghai Shendi Group.

"We're excited about the fact that we're not an American company just here by ourselves. We're a real collaborative company," Bob Weis, president of Walt Disney Imagineering, which oversaw construction of the park, said in an

interview. "So far we see that collaboration as being viewed by our partners in government as a real positive aspect of Shanghai Disneyland."

He added that the "overwhelming majority" of artists and designers who built the Toy Story Land extension of the park are part of Disney's local Chinese team. "We're a local company," Weis said. "Everything here is built and made in China."

Foreign businesses in China bear significant political risk. In the past, political tensions have prompted protests and boycotts of South Korean, Japanese and U.S. businesses on the mainland.

"I want to thank the people of China for wholeheartedly embracing this resort, for truly making it your own," Disney chief executive Robert Iger told an array of Shanghai government dignitaries, company officials and media at the colorful, confetti-laced launch of Toy Story Land. "We look forward to a future of continued partnership." AP

Air Force holds training flights around rival Taiwan

Christopher Bodeen, Beijing

CHINA'S Air Force conducted training flights yesterday around the self-governing island of Taiwan that it said mark an "historical shift" in its combat ability.

A post on the Air Force's official microblog said multiple missions were launched from separate bases featuring aircraft including fighters, early warning planes and the H-6K long-range bomber.

The planes circled Taiwan, transiting the Bashi Strait to the south and Miyako Strait to the north along the sea border

with Japan, it said.

China claims Taiwan as its own territory to be brought under its control by force if necessary. Military threats have grown more prominent in recent weeks through war games and sharply worded statements from China seen as a response to what it perceives as the Taiwanese government's efforts to assert its de facto independent status.

The training flights aim to send a "clear and distinct" message to forces on the island promoting its formal independence, defense ministry spokesman Col. Wu Qian told reporters at a monthly news brief-

ing yesterday.

"It needs to be pointed out that Taiwan independence activities are doomed to failure and any attempt to use force to resist unification will go nowhere," Wu said.

Wu also repeated earlier statements that China was prepared to take further actions if Taiwan's government continued to "act however it likes" but gave no details.

China severed ties with Taiwan almost two years ago, after independence-leaning President Tsai Ing-wen refused its demand to recognize the island democracy as a part of Chinese territory. AP

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India-China summit expected to ease tensions over border

Muneza Naqvi, New Delhi

INDIAN Prime Minister Narendra Modi is meeting this week with Chinese President Xi Jinping, a visit that some experts believe could reset a complicated relationship that faced several tests last year, including a tense border standoff. The meeting between the leaders of the world's two most populous nations is to take place in the central Chinese city of Wuhan today and Saturday.

"Our common interests far outweigh our divergences," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Lu Kang said about the meeting's prospects. And the divergences are many, the most complicated being a lingering border dispute. The two countries fought a monthlong border war in 1962 and have been trying to settle the boundary since the 1980s. Each side accuses the other of occupying its territory.

China claims some 90,000 square kilometers of territory in India's northeast and cites the region's cultural affinity with Tibet as evidence that the area is part of what it calls "southern" Tibet. India says China occupies 38,000 square kilometers of its territory in the Aksai Chin Plateau in the western Himalayas. Over the last three decades or so, officials have met at least 20 times to discuss the competing border claims.

Minor skirmishes, often little more than shouting matches between soldiers, occur fairly regularly, but the most aggressive confrontation in decades took place last summer where the Himalayan borders of India, China and Bhutan come together.

It started in June when Indian troops moved in to stop China from constructing a road in the Doklam region in Bhutan. For 10 weeks, soldiers from the two nuclear-armed nations eyeballed each other. The two countries finally agreed to pull back their troops on Aug. 28, though neither Beijing nor New Delhi offered any explanation of how the crisis was resolved.



In this Oct. 16, 2016 file photo, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi (left) and Chinese President Xi Jinping gesture towards each other

There are other annoyances too. Last year India refused to be part of Xi's grand initiative to build a "new Silk Road" of ports, railways and roads to expand trade in a vast arc of countries across Asia, Africa and Europe. India is unhappy that Chinese state-owned companies are working in the Pakistani-held part of Kashmir, the Himalayan region claimed by both India and Pakistan. Indian leaders see that as an endorsement of Pakistani control over the area.

For India, China's ever-growing influence in the neighborhood, with significant strategic presences in Sri Lanka, Nepal and the Maldives and close ties with Pakistan, is a constant irritant. For Beijing, India's playing host to the Tibetan spiritual leader the Dalai Lama and the Tibetan government-in-exile is a source of friction.

"The goal of the meeting will be to put China-India ties on a better track as the relationship has been strained in recent years due to China's increased focus,

investments, and activity in South Asia outside of India," the consulting firm Eurasia Group said.

The first signs that Beijing and New Delhi were trying to mend their relationship came in February when India publicly ordered officials to stay away from events marking the Dalai Lama's 60th year in India. Since then, diplomats from the two sides have held meetings and Indian Foreign Minister Sushma Swaraj met her Chinese counterpart, Wang Yi, earlier in the week before announcing the Wuhan summit.

Modi will be traveling to China again in June for the Shanghai Cooperation Organization summit. Along with China and India, that group includes the Central Asian states of Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Uzbekistan as well as Pakistan.

The Wuhan meeting comes at a crucial time for both leaders. Beijing is dealing with U.S. tariff threats on Chinese products, which have led to fears of a trade war. Modi needs steady economic growth ahead of a national election next year.

"The world is now faced with rampant unilateralism as well as rising protectionism in the process of globalization," Lu, the Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman, said this week, explaining the backdrop of the talks between Xi and Modi.

No one expects the two men to work out all the tangles in the complicated diplomatic relationship. "Given the depth and breadth of the problems between India and China, it will be unwise to expect dramatic breakthroughs," C. Raja Mohan, director of Carnegie India, wrote in the Indian Express.

The most likely outcome of the meeting, according to the Eurasia Group, is the "resumption of diplomatic exchanges that will reduce the risk of a flare-up in the short term but is unlikely to result in any real bilateral solution to these areas of tension." AP

Vice-dean accused of 'inappropriate' behavior

Yanan Wang, Beijing

A vice-dean at a prestigious Chinese university has been stripped of his title because of "inappropriate" behavior toward female students, according to a member of the faculty. The demotion comes as China's nascent #MeToo movement gains momentum on university campuses, presenting a potential challenge to authorities wary of student unrest.

The dean of Shanghai Jiaotong University's School of Media and Design told instructors that Xie Yungeng is no longer a vice-dean and can no longer advise master's students, Wei Wuhui, an assistant professor at the school, told The Associated Press. Wei said they were told it was because of Xie's "inappropriate remarks and inappropriate actions toward female students." It was not clear whether Xie is still teaching classes.

Wei said that while the dean did not use the words "sexual harassment" in his announcement, staff members understood that "inappropriate touching" had taken place.

The offices of the dean and party secretary of Jiaotong's School of Media and Design, as well as the university's propaganda department, did not respond to multiple requests for comment. Xie also did not respond to requests for comment.

The investigation into Xie began at the start of the month, when a veteran professor reported that a female doctoral student had spoken to him about Xie's behavior after she applied to leave the program, Wei said. An administrator told Wei that the school has not made an official announcement regarding Xie because the investigation is still in a "preliminary" stage.

Caixin, a prominent Beijing-based publication, cited the School of Media and Design dean's announcement in a report yesterday, but it was not immediately clear if Caixin had spoken to the dean directly.

"Professors hold immense power over their students," said Wei, who published an account of the faculty meeting on his public WeChat account Wednesday evening. "I really can't put up with this kind of behavior."

Yu Ran, a recent School of Media and Design graduate, said a professor told her earlier this month that Xie was under investigation. She said she was pleased that the university acted so quickly in removing Xie from his post, but hoped that it would offer an official account of what happened and establish a system to help students understand consent and sexual harassment. "In college, we were never taught how to discern whether certain behavior was inappropriate or constituted sexual harassment," Yu said. "These topics were only addressed in a superficial way, and we weren't made aware of our rights."

Wei's case is one of several related to sexual harassment on university campuses that have emerged in recent months. While reports of sexual misconduct face heavy censorship in China, petitions and stories continue to surface online. In response, the Education Ministry has said it will establish a mechanism for addressing sexual harassment.

Students at Peking University this week rallied around a student who said she was being threatened by university officials after requesting that the school disclose more information about a decades-old alleged rape case. AP

Ex-billionaire abandons office in prime HK tower

Blake Schmidt

FORMER billionaire Wang Jing, who agreed to build a canal across Nicaragua to rival the Panama Canal, has abandoned his office in Hong Kong island's tallest skyscraper.

HK Nicaragua Canal Development Investment Co., a subsidiary of a company owned by Wang, surrendered its lease agreement on April 18 for suites on the International Finance Centre's 18th floor. The company had renewed a three-year lease for the offices in January 2016, with the option to extend for a further three years, according to Hong Kong's land registry. The lease agreement was initially for HKD2.1 million per month.

A receptionist at Two IFC, which counts UBS Group AG and Blackstone Group among its tenants, said HKND moved out last week and didn't leave information about its new address.

A representative for Wang said by phone that the move reflected a "change of strategy," and added that the company will maintain operations in Hong Kong, but declined to provide details about the new location. The company's registered address is an accounting office in Kowloon. HKND didn't respond to requests for additional comment.

Wang signed a \$50 billion deal to build the rival canal linking the Atlantic and Pacific oceans in 2013 with the Nicara-

guan government of President Daniel Ortega. A series of protests against Ortega that began with opponents of the canal project in 2014 has grown into widespread unrest that forced the Nicaraguan leader to back down on his controversial social security reform last week.

Nicaragua's main daily La Prensa said in an April 23 editorial that Ortega "lost control of the streets" and called for his resignation. The Nicaraguan Center of Human Rights said more than 30 people have died in the protests.

Wang's business empire faces other setbacks, including a stock suspension of his Beijing-based telecom company and a court fight in Ukraine. Ukraine's Security Services conduc-



Wang Jing

ted searches at the country's biggest maker of aircraft and helicopter engines this week in an investigation into a buyout bid by companies linked to Wang.

The Chinese tycoon has explored several options to shore up investment for the canal project, but five years after Nicaragua's legislature greenlighted the project, it remains unclear how he plans to fund it. Bloomberg

Kim Jong Un walks south to meet his rival: Can they deal?

Foster Klug, Goyang

THERE will be plenty to gawk today when North Korean leader Kim Jong Un walks south across the world's most heavily armed border and stands face-to-face with South Korean President Moon Jae-in. Two men who seemed on the verge of war months ago will take a pleasant walk, plant a commemorative tree, inspect an honor guard and belly-up to a lavish banquet.

What's less clear is whether the rivals can make any progress on the only thing the world really cares about: North Korea's growing arsenal of nuclear weapons. The North likely still has work to do before it perfects the finer technological points on its long-range nukes, but there's little question that it stands on the threshold of becoming what Kim says his nation already is: A nuclear weapons power.

Friday's summit will be the clearest sign yet of whether it's possible to peacefully negotiate those weapons away from a country that has spent decades doggedly building its bombs despite crippling sanctions and



South Koreans pose for the media as they hold a banner showing the pictures of Moon Jae-in and Kim Jong Un

near-constant international opprobrium.

Expectations are generally low, given that past so-called breakthroughs on North Korea's weapons have collapsed amid acrimonious charges of cheating and bad faith. Skeptics of engagement have long said that the North often turns to interminable rounds of diplomacy meant to ease the pain of

sanctions, give it time to perfect its weapons, and win aid for unfulfilled nuclear promises.

Advocates of engagement say the only way to get a deal is to do what the Koreans will try Friday: Sit down and see what's possible. Moon, a liberal whose election last year ended a decade of conservative rule in Seoul, will be looking to make some headway on the North's nuclear

bombs in advance of a planned summit in several weeks between Kim and U.S. President Donald Trump. Kim, the third member of his family to rule his nation with absolute power, is eager, both in this meeting and in the Trump talks, to talk about the nearly 30,000 heavily armed U.S. troops stationed in South Korea and the lack of a formal peace treaty ending the Korea War — two factors, the North says, that make nuclear weapons necessary.

North Korea may also be looking to use whatever happens in the talks with Moon to set up the Trump summit, which it may see as a way to legitimize its declared status as a nuclear power.

One possible outcome today, aside from a rise in general goodwill between the countries, could be a proposal for a North Korean freeze of its weapons ahead of later denuclearization. Seoul and Washington will be pushing for any freeze to be accompanied by rigorous and unfettered outside inspections of the North's nuclear facilities, since past deals have crumbled because of North Korea's unwillingness to open up to

snooping foreigners.

South Korea, in announcing Thursday some details of the leaders' meeting, acknowledged that the most difficult sticking point between the Koreans has been North Korea's level of denuclearization commitment. Kim has reportedly said that he wouldn't need nuclear weapons if his government's security could be guaranteed and external threats were removed.

Whatever the Koreans announce today, the spectacle of Kim being feted on South Korean soil will be something to behold

Whatever the Koreans announce today, the spectacle of Kim being feted on South Korean soil will be something to behold. Kim and Moon will be enjoying each other's company in the jointly controlled village of Panmunjom near the spot where a defecting North Korean soldier recently fled south in a hail of bullets fired by his former comrades. **AP**

NORTH KOREA

Geologists say nuclear test site likely collapsed

Christopher Bodeen, Beijing

REsearch by Chinese geologists suggests that the mountain above North Korea's main nuclear test site has likely collapsed, rendering it unsafe for further testing and requiring that it be monitored for any leaking radiation.

The findings by the scientists at the University of Science and Technology of China may shed new light on North Korean President Kim Jong Un's announcement that his country was ceasing its testing program ahead of planned summit meetings with South Korean President Moon Jae-in and U.S. President Donald Trump. The results also support some of the findings of an earlier study by another group of Chinese researchers that was published last month by the journal *Geophysical Research Letters*.

Nuclear explosions release enormous amounts of heat and energy, and the North's largest test in September



Kim Jong Un (2nd from right) at an undisclosed location in N. Korea

was believed early on to have rendered the site in northeastern North Korea unstable. Chinese authorities have said they've detected no radiation risk from samples collected along the border. Calls to those departments were not immediately answered yesterday.

The data in the latest Chinese study was collected following the most powerful of North Korea's six nuclear device tests on Sept. 3, which is believed to have triggered four earthquakes over the following weeks. The yield of the bomb was

estimated at more than 100 kilotons of TNT, at least 10 times stronger than anything the North had tested previously. (The bomb the United States dropped on Hiroshima in 1945 had a yield of about 15 kilotons.)

The University of Science and Technology of China paper, authored by Tian Dongdong, Yao Jiawen and Wen Lianxing, said the first of those earthquakes, which occurred 8 1/2 minutes after the explosion, was "an onsite collapse toward the nuclear test center," while those that followed were an

"earthquake swarm" in similar locations.

"In view of the research finding that the North Korea nuclear test site at Mantapsan has collapsed, it is necessary to continue to monitor any leakage of radioactive materials that may have been caused by the collapse," the authors said in a summary dated Monday and viewed Wednesday on the university's website. The study is peer-reviewed and has been accepted for publication by the journal *Geophysical Research Letters*.

The Chinese study makes sense and is based on well understood research, said Rowena Lohman, a seismologist at Cornell University who wasn't part of the work. She said she believes there's an international effort that monitors these tests for radiation.

A study published last month by the journal, authored by a team led by Liu Junqing at the earthquake bureau in Jilin province along the border with North

Korea, found similar results of the Sept. 3 explosion. It described the aftershock that followed seconds later as most likely a "rapid destruction of an explosion-generated cracked rock chimney due to cavity collapse."

North Korea's nuclear tests are of special concern to Beijing, since the test site near the town of Kilju is less than 100 kilometers from the border with China.

North Korean nuclear tests have caused seismic events in Chinese border towns and cities, forcing evacuations of schools and offices, sparking fears of wind-borne radiation and leading to a backlash among some Chinese against their country's unpredictable traditional ally.

Ties between the sides have been deteriorating for years, although Kim made a long-anticipated visit to Beijing last month after China's implementation of United Nations economic sanctions reduced trade between them by as much as 90 percent.

The quakes that followed the September test were not man-made and didn't appear to cause any damage in the area. The region isn't one where earthquakes naturally occur and no quakes were detected after the five smaller nuclear tests North Korea has conducted since 2006.

Kune Yull Suh, a professor of nuclear engineering at Seoul National University, warned last year that further tests could threaten to cause a volcanic eruption at Mount Paektu, which is about 100 kilometers away.

On Saturday, North Korea announced it will close its nuclear testing facility and suspend nuclear and intercontinental ballistic missile tests — a move welcomed by Trump as "big progress" — and which comes ahead of the planned summit between him and Kim. However, the North stopped short of suggesting it will give up its nuclear weapons or scale back its production of missiles and their related components. **AP**

More than 70 countries commit to combat terror financing

Sylvie Corbet, Paris

MORE than 70 countries committed yesterday to bolster efforts in the fight against terrorism financing associated with the Islamic State group and al-Qaida. Participants at an international conference in Paris agreed to “fully criminalize” terror financing through effective and proportionate sanctions “even in the absence of a link to a specific terrorist act.”

The two-day event was convened by French President Emmanuel Macron to coordinate efforts to reduce the terror threat in the long-term. U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, IMF chief Christine Lagarde, Saudi Foreign Minister Abdel Al-Jubeir and Qatari Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani were all present.

Macron, who has returned to France from a state visit to the United States, is expected to close the conference later with a call for the necessity for multilateral action. Daniel Lewis, executive secretary of the inter-



Participants attend the “No money for terror” conference

governmental Financial Action Task Force, said he is hoping that words will be put into action. “When we have information — for example the U.N. list of individuals and entities financing terrorism — we need to make sure measures like asset freezing are implemented fully and quickly,” Lewis told The Associated Press.

Participants called for bet-

ter information-sharing between intelligence services, law enforcement, financial businesses and the technology industry. They also agreed to improve the traceability of funds going to non-governmental organizations and charity associations. Participants included countries that have accused each other of funding terrorism, notably in the Persian Gulf.

France has pushed for international coordination and more transparency in financial transactions. But it has recognized how sensitive the issue is, and saw the conference as a first step for coordinated action.

The French organizers noted that IS military defeats on the ground have not prevented the group from pursuing its terrorist activities, along with al-Qaida — especially in unstable regions of Afghanistan, Malaysia, the Philippines, Yemen, Egypt and sub-Saharan Africa.

Terror groups don't only rely on the cash economy — they're using increasingly hard-to-track tools like prepaid cards, online wallets and crowdfunding operations. The IS group has also invested in businesses and real estate to ensure its financing. Islamic State revenues alone were estimated at USD2.5 billion between 2014 and 2016, according to the French president's office.

Though most of the attacks in Western countries do not cost a lot of money, a French official said terror groups “behave like big organizations” in that it “costs a lot to recruit, train, equip

people and spread propaganda.” The official was speaking anonymously under the presidency's customary practice.

The French counterterrorism prosecutor Francois Molins told FranceInfo radio that IS uses micro-financing techniques to collect a great number of small amounts of money. Work with the financial intelligence unit helped identify 416 people in France who have donated money to the IS group over the last two years, he said. Money, he said, went to “320 collectors mostly based in Turkey and Lebanon from whom jihadists in Iraq and Syria could receive funds.”

Funding to extremist groups in the Middle East once flowed freely across the region's informal money-transfer shops and in donations made in mosques when traveling clerics issued special appeals during sermons.

In recent years, the U.S. and other Western nations have encouraged Middle Eastern nations to close off such sources. However, allegations over extremist funding in part sparked a near-yearlong boycott of Qatar by four Arab states. Qatar denies funding extremists, though it has faced Western criticism about being lax in enforcing rules, as has Saudi Arabia.

Participants agreed to hold a similar conference next year in Australia. **AP**

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Rwandans shocked by discovery of genocide-era mass graves

Ignatius Ssuuna, Kigali

MASS graves that authorities say could contain more than 2,000 bodies have been discovered in Rwanda nearly a quarter-century after the country's genocide, and further graves are being sought nearby.

The new discovery is being called the most significant in a long time in this East African nation that is still recovering from the 1994 killings of more than 800,000 people. Some Rwandans are shocked and dismayed that residents of the community outside the capital, Kigali, where the mass graves were found kept quiet about them for so many years.

"Those who participated in the killing of our relatives don't want to tell us where they buried them. How can you reconcile with such people?" asked a tearful France Mukantagazwa. She told The Associated Press she lost her father and other relatives in the genocide and believes their bodies are in the newly found graves.



Family photographs of some of those who died hang in a display in the Kigali Genocide Memorial Centre in Kigali

The discovery of the graves in Gasabo district came just days after Rwanda marked 24 years since the mass killings of ethnic Tutsi and moderate ethnic Hutus. "It is very disturbing that every now and then mass graves are discovered of which the now-free perpetrators never bothered to reveal to bereaved families so that they can get closure," the daily newspaper The New Times said in an editorial this week. "Definitely some very cruel people still live in our midst," it added.

Between 2,000 and 3,000

people are thought to be buried in the graves based on the number of area residents who went missing during the genocide, Rashid Rwigamba, an official with the genocide survivors' organization Ibuka, told AP.

The information leading to the discovery came from a local landlord who at first refused to answer questions about the suspected mass graves until threatened with arrest, Rwigamba said. The landlord was later arrested, suspected of taking part in the killings and accused of knowing where peo-

ple had been buried all along, he added.

Houses and toilets that had been built on top of the graves have been destroyed to make way for the search. "The exercise is ongoing and we have identified another house we suspect was built on a piece of land where victims were buried," Rwigamba said.

Bodies found so far include those of babies, based on the clothing that has been found, he said.

At least 207 bodies have been exhumed from one of the graves and 156 have been exhumed from another, said Theogen Kabagambire, an Ibuka official from Gasabo district. It was not immediately clear what would be done with the bodies or the graves.

During the genocide, a roadblock manned by Hutu militias was established meters away from the sites of the mass graves, survivors told the AP. Authorities have launched investigations and those found to have participated in the killings will be prosecuted, Kabagambire said. AP

EGYPT

President offers sympathy after heavy rains

Egypt's President Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi has expressed sympathy with people affected by the rare heavy rains over the past two days. The downpour had caused flash floods on the streets, leaving parts of the capital, Cairo, and other parts of Egypt impassable. Footage on social media showed floods, leaky ceilings and parked cars completely submerged in water. Yesterday, el-Sissi sought to reassure people that measures would be taken to prevent this from recurring.

ARMENIA

Officials in talks with Russia amid opposition push

The Armenian government sent emissaries to Russia for talks on the political crisis that's convulsing their country as the leader of anti-government protests pressed demands to take power. Nikol Pashinyan, who's led the demonstrations that forced the abrupt resignation this week of longtime ruler Serzh Sargsyan, was rallying support among fellow legislators ahead of a parliamentary vote on a new prime minister set for May 1. The ruling party controls a majority of seats in the legislature.

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18:55	Brazilian Soap Opera (Repeated)
19:45	Non-daily Portuguese News (Repeated)
19:50	Portuguese Serie
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:15	Portuguese Mini Serie
22:10	Brazilian Soap Opera
23:00	TDM News
23:30	European League Highlights
01:25	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)
02:15	RTPi Live

SATURDAY

10:30	Comedy
11:35	Miscellaneous
12:30	Miscellaneous
13:00	TDM News (Repeated)
13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast (PT)
15:00	Miscellaneous
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20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (PT)
21:00	Grimm Sr. 3 - Premiere
22:20	Miscellaneous
23:00	TDM News
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00:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)
01:05	RTPi Live

SUNDAY

10:25	Kids Serie
11:00	Sunday Mass (Live)
12:00	Miscellaneous
13:00	TDM News (Repeated)
13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
15:00	Miscellaneous
16:55	Brainstorm
17:40	Got Talent Portugal
19:20	Portuguese Serie
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:00	Non-daily Portuguese News
22:00	Documentary
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Miscellaneous
00:15	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)
00:50	RTPi Live

Offbeat

GERMAN COPS NAB PAIR WITH 130 POUNDS OF STOLEN CHOCOLATE

Two people are under investigation in Germany after being caught in possession of some 60 kilograms (130 pounds) of stolen chocolate.

Braunschweig police said yesterday a 35-year-old woman was nabbed by an alert cashier at a supermarket on Tuesday as she checked out only a few items but had 9 kilograms of purloined chocolate concealed under her floor-length skirt.

Upon further investigation, police found another 50 kilograms of chocolate bars, boxes of chocolates and other confectionery stashed in five bags with her 39-year-old accomplice in a car outside.

Police say "even for those with a high affinity for chocolate the amount of candy found could not be considered for personal use." The two are under investigation for commercial shoplifting.

Officers have confiscated the sweets.

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ROOM 1
2:30, 6:00, 9:00pmROOM 2
4:00pm

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Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 149min



TOMORROW IS ANOTHER DAY

ROOM 2
2:30, 9:30pm

Director: Chan Tai-Lee

Starring: Teresa Mo, Ling Man Lung, Ray Lui, Bonnie Xian

Language: Cantonese (Chinese & English)

Duration: 91min



SECRET SUPERSTAR

ROOM 2
06:045pm

Director: Advait Chandan

Starring: Aamir Khan, Zaira Wasim

Language: Hindi (English & Chinese)

Duration: 150min



RAMPAGE

ROOM 3
2:15, 07:30, 9:30pm

Director: Brad Peyton

Starring: Dwayne Johnson, Naomie Harris, Malin Akerman

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 107min

this day in history



1945 RUSSIANS AND AMERICANS LINK AT ELBE

Russian and American troops have joined hands at the River Elbe in Germany, bringing the end of the war a step closer.

Statements have been released simultaneously in London, Moscow and Washington this evening reaffirming the determination of the three Allied powers to complete the destruction of the Third Reich.

According to a statement issued by Downing Street, the commanders of a United States division and of a Russian Guards division met at Torgau, south of Berlin on 26 April at 1600 hours local time.

In fact the first contact was made between patrols on 25 April when a first lieutenant and three men of an intelligence and reconnaissance platoon of the US division met forward elements of the Russian Guards division.

First Lieutenant Albert Kotzebue of the 3rd Battalion, 273rd Infantry, 69th Infantry Division took his men in a boat across the Elbe to be greeted by Lt Col Alexander Gardiev, Commander of the 175th Rifle Regiment of the 58th Guards Division, 34th Corps.

They made arrangements for the formal handshake in front of photographers at Torgau the following day.

By joining forces at Elbe, the American and Soviet troops have successfully cut the Germany army in two. However, The Times correspondent warns of the possibility of "a protracted period of mountain warfare".

The American and Russian military leaders have paid tribute to their troops. In Moscow 324 guns fired a 24 salvo in honour of "victory of the freedom-loving peoples over Germany".

General Omar Bradley, commander of the US 12th Army Group, praised the Soviet troops for their determination in forcing the Germans to abandon Russia and push them back to the Elbe River.

He went on to pay tribute to the American forces: "In 10 months you have advanced 1,120km (696 miles) from the invasion beaches. All this has been attained thanks to your courage, your spirit and initiative and thanks to your comrades who died in order to achieve this."

The British Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, said: "We meet in true and victorious comradeship and with inflexible resolve to fulfil our purpose and our duty. Let all march forward upon the foe."

President Harry Truman welcomed the news: "This is not the hour of final victory in Europe, but the hour draws near, the hour for which all the American people, all the British people and all the Soviet people have toiled and prayed so long."

Marshal Joseph Stalin spoke of the war still ahead: "Our task and our duty are to complete the destruction of the enemy to force him to lay down his arms and surrender unconditionally."

"The Red Army will fulfil to the end this task and this duty to our people and to all freedom-loving peoples."

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

Three days later (30 April) Adolf Hitler committed suicide with his wife of only a few hours, Eva Braun, in the underground bunker from where he had been directing operations.

On 4 May a representative of Grand Admiral Karl Doenitz, Hitler's successor as chief of state and commander-in-chief of the armed forces surrendered the Netherlands, Denmark and north-western Germany to Field Marshal Bernard Montgomery at Luneberg Heath, south-east of Hamburg.

The six-year European phase of history's most destructive war ended on 7 May with Germany's unconditional surrender to Eisenhower at Reims.

Victory in Europe Day was celebrated on 8 May.

However, the Soviets refused to accept the Reims agreement and insisted another peace deal was signed in Berlin on 8 May. As the Red Army was still fighting for control of Prague at the time, the ceasefire did not come into effect until 11 May.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 You're a fireball, as anyone who's known you for more than ten minutes will most certainly agree.

Taurus April 20-May 20 So when news comes along now, about something you've been hoping for so much you were afraid to even talk about it - well, there's really no need for you to be surprised.

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 You're probably in the mood for an uncomplicated, lighthearted evening out with interesting, fun-loving friends.

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 All of us here on Planet Number Three are in the mood to make contact with someone from a far-off place - someone whose smile, wit or simple presence we've missed for far too long.

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 When you love someone, you put up with a thousand things you'd never tolerate from anyone else.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Your sign is known for modesty, prudence, and discretion, so once you're gifted with a secret, keeping it is something you take very seriously - and that goes double for confiding one.

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 You can bring up a subject at a conference of a thousand that will bring everyone together in a spirit of camaraderie so strong not one of them will be able to remember the last time they felt it.

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 We all get chances to shine in the eyes of the authority figures whose decisions can either make or break our careers - but those chances don't come along all that often.

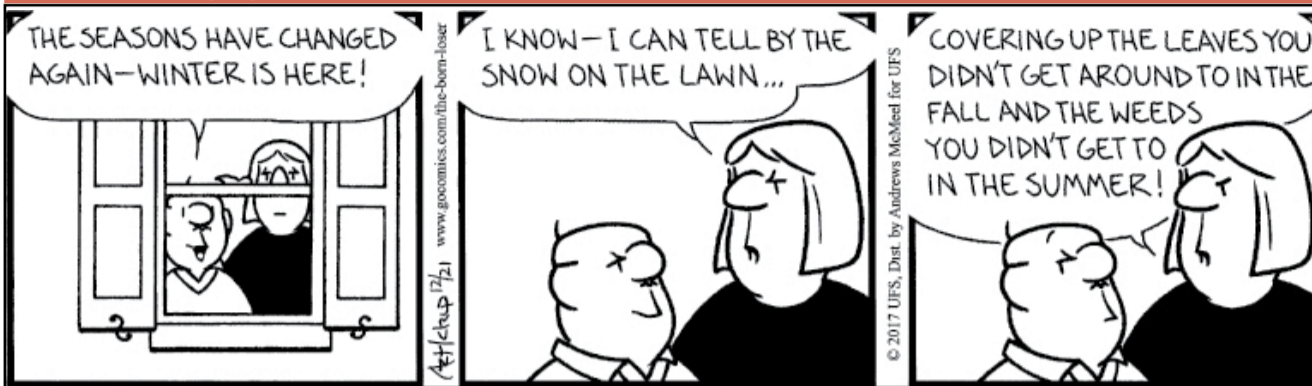
Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Monotony, habit or anything that even remotely resembles routine will be absolutely intolerable to you now - so intolerable that you'll take chances and risks, regardless of how iffy the odds are.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 If anyone loves the ritual of making something official by gathering around a long glass conference table on the 87th floor to set down signatures on reams of paper with all parties concerned.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Many of us find electronic devices annoying. Well, not all of them - only the ones that ring, beep or vibrate at the exact wrong moment, specifically and intentionally to interrupt whatever we're doing.

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 Meeting someone new always brings along a medley of feelings: apprehension, excitement, and anticipation, for starters. Most of those feelings are carryovers from the past.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



SUDOKU

Easy

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

Easy+

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

Medium

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

Hard

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

WEATHER

Table with columns: MIN, MAX, CONDITION. Rows include CHINA (Beijing, Harbin, etc.) and WORLD (Moscow, Frankfurt, etc.).

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Army attack helicopter; 6- Chicago mayor Emanuel; 10- Serpents; 14- Staggering; 15- Caesar's wings; 16- Adhesive; 17- Totaled, as a bill; 18- Bestow; 19- Almost unobtainable; 20- Shake like ___; 21- View of the sea; 23- T.G.I.F. part; 25- PBS supporter; 26- Chinese weight; 29- I did it; 32- Monetary unit of India; 37- Photo (media events); 38- Manuscript enc.; 39- Toxin; 40- In spite of; 43- Lubricant; 44- Joint with a cap; 45- Never, to Nietzsche; 46- This is only ___; 47- Hammett hound; 48- Lab gel; 49- CPR specialist; 51- Zilch; 53- Cobbler's nail; 58- Eats to a plan; 62- Work without ___; 63- Earth goddess; 64- Eight singers; 65- Look ___ hands!; 66- Singer Redding; 67- Climbing vine; 68- Unwanted e-mail; 69- Anthem opener; 70- Impudent;

DOWN: 1- Irene of "Fame"; 2- Spoken; 3- Nota ___; 4- Sell directly to the consumer; 5- Up in the air; 6- Torn clothing; 7- I cannot tell ___; 8- Capital of Cuba; 9- 1980s attorney general; 10- Mogul capital until 1658; 11- Hit with an open hand; 12- Free from contamination; 13- Witness; 22- U.S. gangster; 24- Ohio, e.g.; 26- Pacific kingdom; 27- Opposite astarboard; 28- Lauder of cosmetics; 30- Volcanic output; 31- Student tables; 33- Help; 34- Of These ___; 35- Actress Braga; 36- Ire; 38- Female sibling; 39- Song of praise; 41- Used to be; 42- Explosive stuff; 47- Plate appearances; 48- Actress Silverstone; 50- Myopic Mr.; 52- Graven images; 53- Ginger cookie; 54- Clinton cabinet member Federico; 55- Elemental unit; 56- "Star Wars" princess; 57- New Orleans is The Big ___; 59- Greek vowels; 60- Change for a fifty; 61- Hang around; 62- Mornings, for short;

Yesterday's solution crossword grid with filled-in words.

Large crossword puzzle grid with some numbers and letters filled in.

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PJ (Picket) 28 557 775
Electricity - Report 28 339 922
PSP 28 573 333
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F1

Hamilton looks for luck to change amid three-way title fight

James Ellingworth, Baku

LEWIS Hamilton needs his luck to change in Azerbaijan.

Already nine points behind Sebastian Vettel, the defending champion has yet to win a race this year.

Baku's emphasis on straight-line speed could favor Hamilton and Mercedes this weekend, but the British driver has struggled in both previous races held at the track. In 2016, he crashed in qualifying, while last year the seemingly trivial issue of a loose headrest forced him into the pits, where he lost valuable time. He finished fifth on both occasions.

"Baku has not been a particularly great hunting ground for me," said Hamilton, who has gone six races without a win since the U.S. Grand Prix in October.

"This year is going to be tough," he added. "I'm hoping I've got a car this weekend to really battle it out with Sebastian."

Mercedes dominated the last four seasons but is in a three-way fight with Ferrari and Red Bull this year. Hamilton's team leads the constructors' standings.

"The others have definitely stepped up. I think we've made a step forward but they've made a big leap," Hamilton said, but expressed hope Mercedes could match that pace. "It's always easier to catch up than to be a pioneer."

Mercedes has been trying to better understand how to get the most pace out of the soft tires, especially in qualifying.

Vettel said Mercedes remained the favorite but the differences

AP PHOTO



Hamilton rival Sebastian Vettel of Germany walks in the paddock at the Baku Formula One city circuit

Vettel arrives in Azerbaijan as the championship leader but needs to bounce back from finishing eighth in China

are minuscule.

"We have three cars that are a match," Vettel said. "Whoever gets all the small issues right will be out in front."

Vettel arrives in Azerbaijan as the championship leader with two wins, but needs to bounce back from finishing eighth in China after a collision with Max Verstappen.

Baku's contrasting features are its long seafront straight and twisty section around the city's Old Town. That makes it crucial to find the right degree of downforce to produce enough speed but also grip in the slower corners.

The track is also very narrow

in places, making it likelier the race will be stopped if there is crash debris. Last year, there were two safety car periods before a red flag restart. Tempers flared, with Hamilton and Vettel making contact behind the safety car.

Daniel Ricciardo, who won in Baku last year and is coming off a victory in China two weeks ago, said he wasn't yet thinking of the title and that his team needed to show it could consistently challenge Mercedes and Ferrari. That's also a factor in Ricciardo's musings about a possible move to Mercedes or Ferrari next year.

"It's still early but I think we

proved if we're there we can do a lot with [the car]," Ricciardo said. "Because we're not winning every weekend, when you have a sniff of a victory that's all the motivation and the hunger that I need."

Besides the tendency of Verstappen to collide with his rivals, Red Bull is also struggling to match Ferrari's qualifying pace. Neither Red Bull has qualified higher than fourth in the three races so far this season.

"I think Saturday we'll probably not be there, but Sunday we can turn it around," Ricciardo said.

At the other end of the grid, misery continues for Williams.

Nearly a year after Canadian teenager Lance Stroll earned a surprise third place in a chaotic race in Baku, Williams is well off the pace.

Stroll's three 14th-place finishes are its best results so far this year and he's not expecting much improvement this weekend. Speed is crucial in Baku — and Williams doesn't have the pace.

"Those long straights were our strengths last year and unfortunately a bit of a weakness this year," Stroll said. "With a really competitive and really good race, we are P14 or P13, and last year we were comfortably in the points many times." AP

NFL

Jaguars owner makes offer to buy UK's Wembley Stadium

Rob Harris, London

JACKSONVILLE Jaguars owner Shahid Khan has made an offer to buy Wembley Stadium from the English Football Association, increasing the prospect of an NFL franchise in London.

Wembley has staged regular-season NFL games since 2007 and the Jaguars started playing at the stadium in 2013 — the year Khan bought

London soccer club Fulham.

Khan offered about 600 million pounds (USD840 million) for the national soccer stadium, which would continue to host England national team games. The governing body would retain the rights to hospitality packages for games, which are valued at 300 million pounds.

Wembley, which first opened 1923, was rebuilt

at a cost of 800 million pounds before reopening in 2007. The Jaguars have deal through 2020 to play games in London.

"The games the Jaguars play at Wembley are essential to the financial stability of the Jaguars in Jacksonville, which is one of the smallest markets in the NFL," Khan said. "If my ownership interests were to include Wembley Stadium, it would protect the Ja-

guars' position in London at a time when other NFL teams are understandably becoming more interested in this great city. And the stronger the Jaguars are in London, the more stable and promising the Jaguars' future will be in Jacksonville."

Khan said a takeover of Wembley would "have no impact on Craven Cottage," which is his soccer team's current home in

the Fulham district of west London by the River Thames.

Selling off Wembley would give the FA about 500 million pounds to invest in grassroots soccer, which could increase the chances of the England team winning its first World Cup title since 1966.

"For the FA," Khan said, "it would mean Wembley Stadium returning to private ownership, permitting the FA to direct its full attention to its mandate to develop talent and serve the game with the vast resources it would realize from the sale."

An FA delegation, including England coach Gareth Southgate, atten-

ded the Super Bowl in Minneapolis in February.

"I've enjoyed a rewarding relationship with The Football Association for years and my more recent exchanges and time spent with [chief executive] Martin Glenn have served to further strengthen a connection with the FA that made it natural and ultimately possible for both parties to consider this transaction," Khan said.

"Should we be fortunate to close on the purchase, it's important to stress that the spirit and essence of Wembley would be unchanged. Wembley is a special place, beloved in London and known throughout the world." AP

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THE SUSTAINABLE ORGANIC CONSUMER

This year's Macao International Environmental Co-operation Forum and Exhibition has come and gone. Water for speakers was poured from stainless-steel jugs into glasses (a pity about the paper covers) and nary a plastic carrier bag for brochures to be seen. Such elements seem inconsequential, but they are often overlooked, important symbols which can build or destroy credibility of such an event.

So used are we to industrialised systems of delivery that we consume indifferent to how it is brought to us and what is left behind. We expect instant gratification for thirst, individual taste preferences and convenience, with no preparation ourselves. Expectations and even a sense of entitlement drive our lifestyle patterns; we barely consider how our own behaviours influence the whole. In our defence, we largely trust that the economy which delivers convenience, sustenance and luxury is sustainable and will clean up after us – Hato was a real shock, wasn't it? If it is not an efficient and renewable use of human, capital, energy, environmental and natural resources, we trust that it will organically evolve, or some government, scientist or technician somewhere will put everything right.

Sadly, the system does not work. It is not sustainable, and it is not being put right fast enough. How many of those MIECF speakers with the glasses of water were handed coffee in throw-away cups, little packages of dry-biscuits and a bottle of water in single-use packaging in VIP class on the ferry across? Our modes of consumption and usage are founded on expectation, entitlement, convenience and economic rationalism – note: slavery, too, is economically rational.

A word on the word sustainable. Its clarity is akin to Macau's use of "scientific" and "diversification" - conveniently amorphous enough to sound significant without saying anything. Speakers at last year's MIECF highlighted the need for conscious consumption as the lynchpin to building a sustainable community. Sustainability is about moving away from low-cost inputs and high energy consumption to a circular system whereby upon resources being transformed they are reused elsewhere and never wasted. My personal yardstick is if some part goes into landfill or pollutes, the production and consumption of the product or service is unsustainable.

The Venetian's Organic Food Tasting event this year is a step towards conscious consumption. I was concerned, however, by their apologetic explanation about organic food as being 'alternative' and a 'challenge' due to unstable supply. The modern cook expects to dictate what shall go on the table rather than be dictated to by seasonality and locale. We demand abundance of choice through unsustainable practice and have lost touch with what is in season.

In our urban consumption of organic foods, we are downright selfish. There is this weird divide between the urban food forest and food security movement where the climate and proximity determine what we may have, and packaged produce distributed by the "organic" food industry: Organic food in plastic is oxymoronic.

Sustainable organic consumption sits hand in hand with sustainable organic production and distribution. There is little waste in organic production, the resources (mainly poop and other rotting organic matter) get ploughed back into the cycle of the land; the produce is sold close to source to consumers who seek nutritional content from seasonal produce, not aesthetic perfection.

Consumers who demand the perfect organic peach in Macau in December are wasteful, there is no alternative. Not being seasonal, it needs to be flown miles adding to the carbon footprint. Without volumes of pesticides and herbicides a percentage of an organic harvest will be nibbled at and procreated in (nature's own organic certification).

If you are after organic food, it is not the plastic-lined almost-paper bag of organic freekeh on the supermarket shelf, but the bok choy down at your local wet market (and please remember to take your shopping bag).

THE EXPLOSION ROCKS WISCONSIN REFINERY, AT LEAST 6 HURT

Several people have been injured in an explosion at a refinery in Wisconsin. Authorities in Superior say the explosion at the Husky Energy oil refinery happened yesterday. Superior Fire Chief Steve Panger says six people were taken to hospitals in Duluth, Minnesota. He doesn't know the extent of their injuries. Others were walking wounded. There are no known fatalities.

A contractor who was inside the building

told WDIO television that the explosion sounded like "a sonic boom" that happened when crews were working on shutting the plant down for repairs.

Panger says the fire was out around one hour after it started. Superior police are advising people to stay away from the area and roads around the refinery have been blocked off. There have been no neighborhood evacuations.

PHILIPPINES

Workers head home as Boracay closes

Joeal Calupitan, Boracay

THE cooks, hotel workers and other Filipinos who served tourists at the country's most popular beach headed home and started looking for other work Thursday as police guarded the empty beach on the first day of a shutdown intended to let Boracay's waters recover from overcrowding and development.

Police on the empty, white-sand beach turned away tourists trying to take a dip in the turquoise waters, and once-busy stores and restaurants stood closed. "It's painful for us to lose our jobs and it's so sudden," said canteen cook Marlon Laguna, 47, outside the closed beachfront restaurant. "Even though I don't have my own family, I support my siblings. [...] We cannot do anything but to accept it."

The island will be shut to visitors for up to six months while sewage containment and other work is done to clean up the waters President Rodrigo Duterte had called a cesspool. The work was already underway yesterday. Police and residents were collecting seaweed in a cleanup drive on the beachfront, pipes were being laid, and construction had begun to widen the island's main road. Some roadside structures



A worker signals a backhoe operator during a pipeline project along the beachfront

were being demolished to make way.

Workers now out of jobs said they will look for other work to ride out the time the island is shut to tourists. About 17,000 are employed in Boracay's tourist establishments, and 10,000 to 12,000 others benefit from the bustling tourism business. Displaced workers flocked to the Department of Social welfare operation center to get travel allowance for them to go home to their provinces.

"I am thankful that the government gave us travel allowance, even if we do not have a job anymore," said construction worker Jomar Incierto, 27, who was among those receiving the cash assistance.

More than 2 million tourists visited Boracay last year, generating about 56 billion pesos (1 billion US dollars)

in revenue. But the influx, neglected infrastructure and growth of resort establishments and poor settlements have threatened to turn Boracay into a "dead island" in less than a decade, according to a government study. Settlers who've built illegal structures in forests and wetlands have added to the problems.

Less than half the establishments are connected to the island's main sewage treatment plant, with many of the rest possibly maintaining crude septic tanks and others discharging their waste directly into the sea, said Frederick Alegre, assistant secretary at the Department of Tourism.

Parts of the island could reopen earlier than six months if sewage treatment systems could be built earlier and beach resorts comply with environmental regulations, he said. **AP**

GAMING

MGM sets August opening date for Massachusetts casino

THE fate of Wynn's glitzy Boston-area casino may still be up in the air, but rival MGM says it is on track to open Massachusetts' first Las Vegas-style casino resort sooner than expected.

MGM Resorts International President Bill Hornbuckle said that the company is now targeting Aug. 24 as the new opening date for the USD960 million hotel and casino complex it has been building in downtown Springfield.

The company previously envisioned the casino opening sometime in September, but relatively mild winters and steady progress on a nearby highway project impacting the casino have allowed construction to move slightly faster than anticipated, he said.

Hornbuckle, like other company officials in recent weeks, declined to address reports the company has been quietly negotiating with Wynn Resorts to take over its more than \$2.5 billion project on the Everett waterfront, which is slated to open sometime next year.

"We have a longstanding policy that we're

not going to speak on rumors," he said. "Whatever happens in Boston is up to the gaming commission, and that story is yet to be told."

The Massachusetts Gaming Commission has been investigating allegations of sexual misconduct by Wynn Resorts founder Steve Wynn and what the company's board might have known about them. The results of the investigation might impact the company's license to operate in Massachusetts.

But taking over Wynn's development in the more desirable Boston market would require MGM to find a new owner for its casino in the western part of the state. Massachusetts law prevents casino operators from holding more than one state gambling license.

Gambling analysts have suggested the Indian tribes that operate Connecticut's Mohegan Sun and Foxwoods resorts would be the most obvious suitors if the Springfield property became available, though a spokesman for the tribes shot down the idea. **MDT/AP**

Station	Air quality	
Roadside	65-95 Moderate	
High Density Residential Area	45-65 Good	
Ambient	45-65 Good	

SOURCE: DSMG

WORLD BRIEFS

IRAN-ISRAEL Israel's defense minister said in an interview carried by an Arabic news site yesterday that his country will strike back if attacked by archenemy Iran.

SYRIA The International Committee of the Red Cross has been "flooded" with about 13,000 requests in the last six months from Syrians looking for missing family members.



TURKEY A Turkish court has convicted journalists and other senior staff members from the opposition Cumhuriyet newspaper on terror charges, in a case that has exacerbated concerns over press freedom.



ITALY reported the first glimpse of progress on forming a possible government after inconclusive March 4 elections, with the latest round of exploratory talks between the populist 5-Star Movement and the center-left Democrats yielding a "positive outcome."

SPAIN-VENEZUELA Spanish authorities acknowledged that a married couple with links to Venezuela's late President Hugo Chavez has been arrested in a case of suspected corruption in their home country.



BRAZIL As many as 2,000 of Brazil's indigenous people marched yesterday through the capital to protest what they say is an unprecedented governmental assault on their rights and lands.

MEXICO Prosecutors say they are investigating the identity of five men whose bodies were stuffed into a car in the resort city of Cancun.