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PHILIPPINES An Australian nun who irked the Philippine president by joining political rallies defied an Immigration Bureau order to leave the country and appealed to justice officials to allow her to continue her missionary work. [More on p13](#)

INDONESIA's parliament unanimously approved a tougher anti-terrorism law, lengthening detention periods and involving the military in counter-terrorism operations.

THAILAND Police have raided several factories near Bangkok that allegedly were using a loophole to illegally import and process electronic waste. [More on p13](#)



JAPAN-RUSSIA Russian President Vladimir Putin and Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe met in Moscow on the weekend for talks that included resolving a dispute over four Pacific islands and eventually signing a peace treaty.

INDIA-PAKISTAN At least four suspected militants were killed in a gunbattle with government troops after crossing into the Indian-controlled part of Kashmir from the Pakistani side of the disputed territory, the Indian military said.

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UM rector praises residential college system during congregation

THE University of Macau (UM) held its Congregation 2018 on Saturday. Chief Executive Chui Sai On, who is also the UM chancellor, said at the ceremony that tertiary education is the key to producing talented individuals, and an 'intellectual' bank is important for Macau.

Chui officiated the ceremony in the company of UM Rector Yonghua Song, and Vice Rectors Lionel Ni, Rui Martins, and Kou Mei. Nearly 4,000 people attended the ceremony.

In his speech, Rector Song noted that UM is running an integrated education program in which faculties and colleges work together, with a synergistic effect. According to him, "the residential college system is the jewel in the crown of UM's undergraduate education."

"Your four-year residential college life will not fade away. It simply deposits itself in you waiting to be a game changer in



your future life. That's the very reason why we have the residential college system," Rector Song said.

Lei Ka Tong, the representative of this year's graduates, recalled her four years of life at UM. She said: "The Syrian war is now in its eighth year; many people in the world have lost their homes for different reasons; children spend their childhood with fears and hunger instead of books and toys; the global temperature keeps

rising; animals are suffering, and there are myriad[s of] societal concerns. When we are frustrated with this unidealistic world that surrounds us, just remember that we can make a difference."

This year, UM had more than 1,400 students graduate from its bachelor's degree programs. At the ceremony, UM also awarded academic prizes and scholarships to 63 outstanding graduating students.

Macau-themed architecture exhibition in Venice

THE exhibition of "Unintended Architecture – Exhibits from Macau, China" was inaugurated at the 16th International Architecture Exhibition, La Biennale di Venezia in Venice, Italy, on Friday.

This year marks the third year Venice has been organizing Macau architects to participate in the exhibition. Following an assessment of the projects selected by the jury, the local delegation comprises curator Manuel Lam and local architects Eddie Leong, Vong Ka Ian and Benny Chu.

In order to explore the theme 'Freespace', the team probed spaces with local flavor and explored interaction between people and daily spaces, from the open-air market at Rua da Emenda, the pathways of Lou Lim Ieoc Garden or the densely populated high-rise buildings.

The architects created the concept of "playing



cards" which symbolizes Macau's rapid economic development, Macau's transformation and "leave blank" (white spaces) in complex spaces. The result of this is four exhibition spaces with the city's characteristics – "Market", "Park", "Home" and "Stairway", revealing the various forms of interaction between people and spaces and their complicated relationship.

The director of the Macao Museum of Art (MAM), Chan Kai Chon, notes that the artwork has "recons-

tructed the uniqueness of Macau as a city where the East meets the West in an abstract way, as well as the examples of architecture which represent Macau's cityscape and the public's daily lives."

The exhibition runs from until November 25, Tuesdays to Sundays from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (local time). The exhibition hall is located in front of the Arsenale, one of the main Biennale Exhibition venues. The address is Arsenale, Campo della Tana, Castello 2126/A, Venice, Italy.

ASK THE VET

by Dr Ruan Du Toit Bester

10 TYPES OF INJURIES THAT CAUSE DOG LIMPING

A dog limping does not necessarily mean he is getting up in years. It could be caused by a host of medical problems, ranging from trauma to subtle chronic conditions. A slight limp can even be a symptom of life threatening conditions, like malignant tumors. Here is a list of some of the likely causes of dog limping:

SOFT TISSUE INJURY

This is the most common cause of limping for dogs. They include sprains, muscle pulls, and similar minor traumas. They are not serious, and can be successfully treated with a few days rest, and a mild analgesic.

ARTHRITIS

If your dog has increasing difficulty with getting up after lying or sitting for some time, or trouble with climbing stairs or getting into and out of its bed, check with your vet about canine arthritis. If you have a large dog, hip dysplasia might be present.

FOOTPAD OR PAW INJURIES

Look for cuts on the footpad. Also look for splinters or other foreign objects (thorns, sharp stones) imbedded in the footpad, or

between the toes. Check for broken claws. Be alert for swelling or other possible signs of infection in this entire area. Extreme weather conditions can also cause painful cracks in the tissue of the footpad.

CLOSED FRACTURE

These injuries are bone fractures where the skin is not broken. They may not be immediately evident because the leg may not look misshapen or twisted.

COMPOUND FRACTURES

This is a very serious type of bone fracture where the broken bone punctures the skin. This exposure often causes dangerous infections of the bone.

EPIPHYSEAL AND GREENSTICK FRACTURES

Epiphyseal fractures usually occur at the end of the long bones (femur, humerus) in puppies and young dogs. These areas are called growth plates, and because they are not matured, the bone there will soften and fracture. A greenstick fracture is a crack in the bone. The bone is otherwise intact.

GROWING PAINS

A more scientific medical term for this com-



plaint is Panosteitis. It is, of course, found in puppies and young dogs and usually does not need treatment.

LIGAMENT INJURIES

Ligaments are the bands of muscle tissue that knit bones together at the joints. When they're injured, stability of the joint is compromised or destroyed, and your dog's limping will get progressively worse over time.

TUMORS

Limping is a symptom associated with tumors in or on the bones, or in the brain or central nervous system. If you see suspicious symptoms accompanying your dog's limping, such as dizziness or disorientation, or if you find any odd lumps or masses, get your dog to the vet as soon as possible. Tumors are often life threatening, and time is of the essence.

KNEECAP DISLOCATION

Your dog's knee can adopt a sudden and dangerous side-to-side motion for various reasons, (trauma, infection) and the knee will slip out of alignment. The knee can also pop back into alignment just as quickly. Be watchful for recurring problems with this if you have a small dog.

Hope this info helps
Till next week
Dr Ruan Bester

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Gov't says Pearl Horizon proposal in line with pledges made

THE government has reacted to criticism from Pearl Horizon buyers, saying that its proposal to solve the case was made following the principles of "good faith" and in line with promises made to the buyers of the housing units of the development.

The statement comes in reply to the buyers that took the microphones of the TDM radio forum program to air their disapproval of the proposal.

On Thursday evening, a group of over 100 buyers gathered at Polytec's headquarters to express their discontent with the government's proposal. At that time, the buyers accused the Secretary for Justice, Sonia Chan, of deceiving them regarding the land-bidding process.

Kou Meng Pok, president of Pearl Horizon Condominium Owners United Association, said he initiated the demonstration to direct buyers' dissatisfaction towards the government's proposal.

According to Kou, Polytec, in the past, messaged buyers claiming that it would seek a solution for the Pearl Horizon issue.



Kou then called the buyers to be united while their matter is unresolved. Police officers arrived at the assembly and persuaded people to leave the scene.

In a statement issued on Saturday, the government mentioned it had to take many factors into account.

As it was said during a press conference by the government last week, the government feels the Pearl Horizon case is not a matter of public interest. The government also said it is not able to ignore the provisions

settled by the Land Law on matters such as public tender. According to them, it is not possible for the government to take on a project, and build it to a specific group of people and for a specific price.

Once more, the government also reaffirmed the "lack of cooperation" from the developer, that "insisted on solving the problem judicially."

After the decision from the Court of Final Appeal, the government will wait to see their position reaffirmed in legal terms.

"Between the government of the Macau SAR and the buyers of the housing units," there aren't any relations of credit, debt or any matters regarding responsibilities that can lead to any compensation or claim. Many of the affected said they were not happy with the solution given by the government regarding aspects such as the type of apartments to be built and the fact that mortgages contracted with credit institution still need to be fulfilled by the buyers. **MDT**

CE in Beijing for partnership launch ceremony

Chief Executive Chui Sai On is leading a government delegation to Beijing for the launch ceremony of the Beijing-Macao Cooperation Partnership 2018 and the signing of some cooperation agreements, according to the Government Information Bureau. Held in the capital until tomorrow, Chui will also attend the opening ceremony of the 2018 China Beijing International Fair for Trade in Services, and a summit session on the topic of trade in services. Chui is also planning to meet with officials of the General Administration of Customs. Beijing and Macau launched their Cooperation Partnership program in October 2016, with the aim of boosting ties in economic matters and trade, as well as people-to-people exchanges.

Man arrested following aggravated assault

A mainland man has been arrested after injuring another mainland man while they were drinking inside a housing unit in a Taipa residence. The suspect and the victim got involved in a quarrel while drinking. The victim started becoming violent and shortly after, he threw a glass bottle against the suspect's head. The suspect, in turn, grabbed two knives from the kitchen to attack the victim. The man's violent behavior was quelled by other people who were also drinking along with both the suspect and the victim. Police are now investigating the suspect's violence practice.

Public car parks upgraded, electronic payments made available

The 13 public car parks that the government has been granting concessions to private companies to run, have been registering added improvements in their facilities and soon, all of them will be equipped with different forms of electronic payments, the Director of the Transport Bureau, Lam Hin San said last week. Lam said that most of the 13 public car parks recently underwent renovations of their facilities and upgrades to equipment, which includes the possibility of several forms of electronic payments. Lam also added that the bureau is seeking other avenues to update this "e-pay" system, in particular, technology that is "compatible with the systems mostly used in other places like in the mainland." He noted that the government is proposing such an idea but that the acceptance of it lies in the hands of the concessionaires.

TRANSPORT

Companies merge to reduce buses on the roads

THE merging of two public bus operators is expected to keep all the drivers employed while reducing the number of buses on the roads of Macau, the director of the Transport Bureau (DSAT), Lam Hin San, said during a press conference last week.

The previously announced merging of the TCM and New Era companies into one "would be very positive," Lam said. "The companies have already guaranteed that they will keep all 1,100 drivers currently working under both companies."

The measure is expected to allow a better management of resources, given a reduction on the number of buses performing routes at the same time as well as more training opportunities for the drivers," Lam added.

Questioned on whether the attempt to introduce new private operators in Macau failed after the Reolian

bankruptcy, Lam said: "I do not consider that this [merging] represents a failure of the market liberalization. [...] In this way, the companies will be able to allocate more resources to serve the population. As we must note, we have [the limitation of having] the same roads but an increasing population [over the years]."

As Lam also remarked, Macau has been reaching new highs in terms of the number of passengers transported. Quoting the most recent figures, Lam said that the number of passengers has increased 4 percent in general terms and that such an increase was up to "5 percent in the period starting at 7 a.m." The increase of passenger transportation was "mainly the routes between the Peninsula and the Islands." The previous passenger record of 690,000 passengers carried in 2017 was broken last month. **RM**

Canidrome required to report plan of racing dogs' placement



THE Macau Canidrome is required to deliver a plan within this month concerning the dogs' future locations after the Canidrome is closed, according to a statement released by the Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau (IACM).

In a meeting between IACM, the Canidrome company and the Gaming Inspection and Coordination Bureau, IACM asked the Canidrome to fulfill its duty and social responsibility in developing a comprehensive rehousing plan for the dogs.

IACM is willing to provide technical support.

IACM also suggested that the

Canidrome should cooperate with local organizations, as well as organizations from other regions, to search for potential homes for the retired racing dogs.

During the meeting, a Canidrome representative acknowledged the company's responsibility in providing appropriate care for retired dogs.

It was mentioned that the Canidrome, despite having an adoption registration plan for the retired dogs, has only found a few homes thus far.

The Canidrome hopes that related associations can provide information to help find new adopters.

AL PLENARY

Lawmakers hope to speed up urban renewal with tax benefits

Julie Zhu

THE tax benefits bill for Macau's renovation of old buildings passed the first reading vote at the Legislative Assembly (AL) on Friday. Once the law is enforced, companies that do reconstruction works on old buildings will be waived from paying stamp tax.

The law concerns buildings that have been deemed dangerous, buildings that pose threats to public safety, and buildings that the Chief Executive has described as being beneficial for Macau's social development, or deemed as relating to the protection of the city's cultural heritage.

According to the bill, it is proposed that developers will not have to pay stamp taxes over the acquisition of a building if the developers do not change the nature of the building's function.

Owners of properties located near the old buildings can also have their taxes waived over the ac-



Lionel Leong (center-left) pictured at the AL on Friday

quisition of reconstructed properties.

However, there are certain limitations. For instance, the bill is capped to expansions of 10 percent of the property's original area.

Several lawmakers, including Agnes Lam, wondered how the government decided the rule on

to 10 percent expansion of old buildings, and asked if an additional percentage can be capped.

During the plenary session, the Secretary for Economy and Finance, Lionel Leong, noted several reasons behind the 10 percent decision, including that some buildings were not fully developed in terms of foot area.

The Land, Public Works and Transport Bureau (DSSOPT) will be the body responsible for approving a building's renovation. The renovation plan must either be made based on a building's original plan or based on DSSOPT's considerations.

Like Lam, Chui Sai Peng and several other lawmakers also asked the government to explain how can DSSOPT engage in such procedures.

Secretary Leong explai-

ned that, in some individual cases, the original plan of a building cannot be used as the renovation plan. He further remarked that, at this moment, DSSOPT will be responsible for reviewing new plans based on the city's regulations and laws.

Another concern of some lawmakers was whether several buildings can be combined as a single renovation project, in order to avoid potential urban development problems, which might occur in certain

communities where there is only a fraction of buildings being renovated.

A DSSOPT representative replied by saying that "it could happen." However, such a plan would still need to be approved by the Urban Planning Committee.

Meanwhile, lawmaker Wong Kit Cheng wanted to know whether buildings already rebuilt should get tax benefits as well. She also showed some concern about the Cultural Affairs Bureau's (IC)

role in the renovation of cultural relics.

The same DSSOPT representative told lawmakers that the IC will be asked when a building's renovation involves the protection of cultural heritage.

According to the bill, developers must complete the foundations of the new buildings within three years after the acquisition of the building.

"If the developer [takes] more than three years to finish works, but the delay is not the responsibility of the developer, what will the government do in face of such situation?" questioned Ho Ion Sang, who then asked the government to consider giving more time to developers, as control over delays sometimes do not lie in their hands.

According to a DSSOPT representative, the government will not include the time spent by developers on administration procedures in the three year limit.

"Our experience tells us that three years is enough for a developer to finish foundation works," the DSSOPT representative said.

Lawmaker Zheng Anting suggested the government should revise the city's land law.

He also hoped the government could add an article concerning who is responsible when delays occur.

Leong, in reply to Zheng, said "we can study it."

MACAU'S IMMIGRATION REQUIREMENTS TO BE DEBATED

ANOTHER MOTION to hold a debate on the city's immigration policies, with a focus on investment immigration and the highly skilled professionals' immigration policy, was passed at the Legislative Assembly (AL), resulting in a debate to be held. "...Society has already been criticizing the abuse of investment

policies, [as applicants] can forge their documents, and forge their education background," said Lei Cheng I, who proposed the debate. "The policy should be evaluated, as many requirements are already far away from [the reality] and standards are too low, which are easy to meet," said Lei.

AL to discuss mutual recognition of driving licenses

THE Legislative Assembly (AL) will have a debate on the mutual recognition of driving licenses between mainland China and Macau, after a motion made by Ng Kuok Cheong was passed at the AL last Friday.

"Mutual recognition of driving licenses between [the] Mainland and Macau should be discussed and should be put out for public consultation," said Ng, who deemed that the government's handling of the policy is "ignoring the public's opinion."

"The potential demand will generate tens of thousands of cars to show up at anytime, [tourists traveling to Macau with cars] can deteriorate Macau's transportation, non-local workers can also [...] work beyond their duty [in terms of driving], which will harm local people's employment conditions. Overall, it will [add]... great pressure [to] Macau's environment," declared Ng.

In the lawmaker's opinion, regional cooperation does not necessarily mean making Macau similar to mainland cities, or making Macau another

Guangzhou or Zhongshan.

Ng also believes that the government should encourage mainland residents to use public transport when they travel in Macau.

Agnes Lam expressed her support of the motion and said that "the government should explain it better to the public."

Ma Chi Seng, in turn, expressed his support of the recognition proposal, noting that "I think it is a big thing, and it follows the trend. It's good to have the government explaining it again to the people."

Leong Sun Lok noted that the recognition's influence in Macau still needs to be evaluated given the fact that 70 percent of Macau's tourists come from mainland China.

This applies "especially to those who live in the tourism district, who will worry about an increase in the number of vehicles [arriving near their district]," said Leong.

Government representatives will be invited to the AL during the debate to answer the lawmakers' questions.

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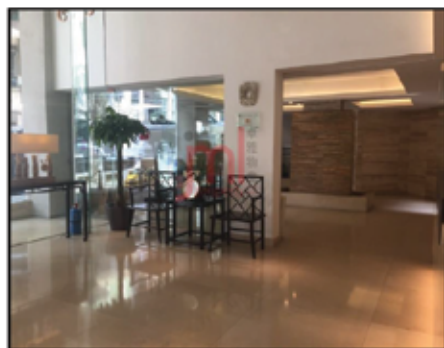
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LYNZY VALLES



A rider competes during the event



Coreen Choi (second from left)

Community calls for wakeboard activity support

Lynzy Valles

THE 2018 Asian Wake Series continued yesterday, with the Macau Wakeboard & Wakesurf Open, a three-day event that featured a total of 90 athletes, of which 10 are from the MSAR.

Hosted in the city for the first time, the organizer of the Open, the Macau Wake Trace Wakeboard Club, hopes to see an increase in the number of its community members, particularly youngsters.

Head of the club, Ricky Sio expressed to the Times that the sport still remains unpopular in the city.

"We hosted this Open because I want to make this sport popular. We want to have [more riders] and train them to become more professional and do better at the sport," Sio said. Currently, the community has around 20 members.

Sio admitted that it took the club over a year to get approval from the government to use the waters near the Fisherman's

Wharf – a move that he wished could become easier next year.

"Organizing this Open is not easy at all. I hope that when we try the second time, it [will] be much be easier to [get approvals]," he said

Echoing the same sentiments, fourth runner of the Women Novice Division Coreen Choi remarked that wakeboarding remains a challenging sport in Macau.

"We're just a small group. It is not an easy sport in Macau," said the participant, who is also

a member of the club.

Choi hoped the government would help the sport target the younger audience, and have them engaged in water activity sports.

With a total prize money of MOP80,500, the open attracted a few younger participants from Taiwan and mainland China.

"At our age, we're about to quit wakeboarding, so we want more young people to join the community. A participant here who is about age 7, from Taiwan, is already [at] a high level, so if

Macau supports this sport, we can have young participants too," she added.

"If we could get more support from the government, like allowing us to practice in the waters of Macau, it would be great. The government only approved us in Hac Sa but the waters there are not so [great]." Choi said, hinting that the waters at Nam Van Lake and Fisherman's Wharf would be better.

We're just a small group. It is not an easy sport in Macau

LOCAL RIDER

According to her, the Hac Sa waters are not conducive to quality wakeboarding. As a result, many members of the club resort to traveling to mainland China or Thailand.

"It would be more convenient for us to practice here but if Macau does not have the place for us, it's pretty hard."

The event is part of the Malibu WWA Asian Wake Series, which also includes stops in the Taiwan region and Kumamoto, Japan, in the month of July.

The final leg is scheduled in Gyeonggi-do in South Korea.

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Alipay's push into Western banks' turf kicks off in Hong Kong

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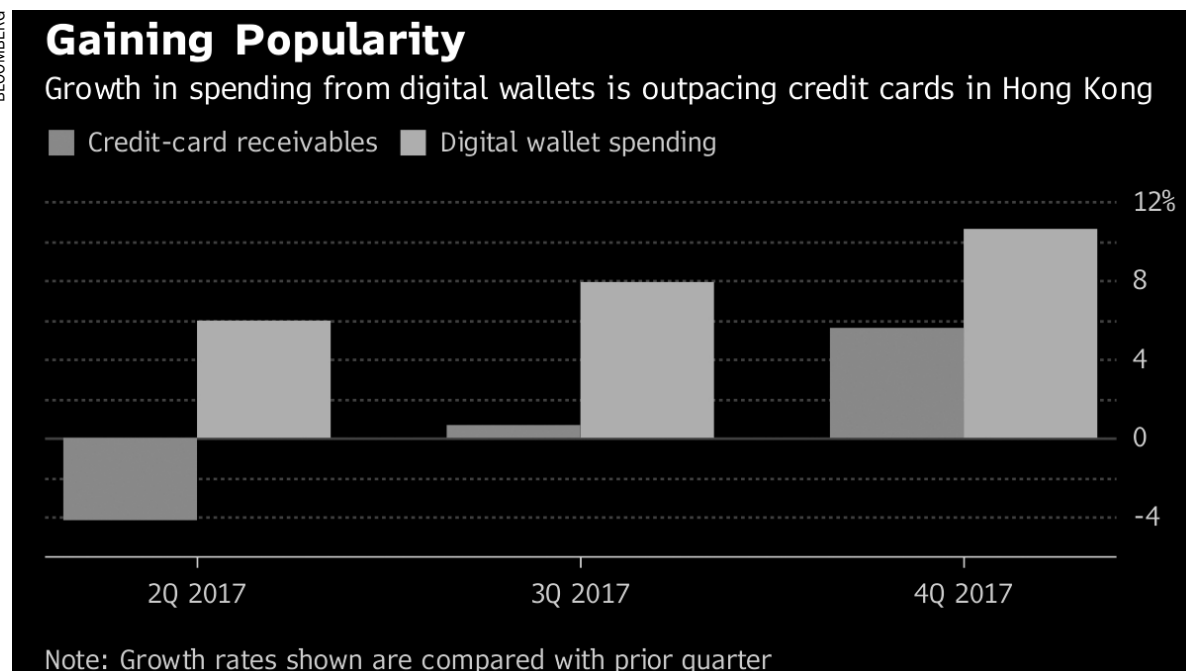
ALIPAY'S azure blue logos began appearing two years ago in Hong Kong's airport, greeting travelers from China who rely on the popular payments app back home. In recent months, taxis got them. Now stores and boutiques have them.

They're all signs of a battle brewing in Hong Kong that will test whether a Western-style financial system - based on banks, credit and debit cards - can fend off a pair of apps that have come to dominate how people spend and send money throughout China. If Ant Financial's Alipay and Tencent Holdings Ltd.'s WeChat Pay can expand into the city and win new customers there, why not in Europe and the U.S., too?

"It's going to be a battleground here," said James Lloyd, a Hong Kong-based fintech specialist at consultancy EY. "The next 12 to 24 months, we're going to see a very significant shake-up of the consumer payments and retail banking market."

The two payment apps flourished on the mainland by offering millions of people who were underserved by banks an easy way to store and use their money via mobile phone. By last year's fourth quarter, payment apps handled 37.7 trillion yuan (USD5.9 trillion) of spending in China, up 28 percent from just three months earlier, according to research firm Analysys International. Alipay handled 54 percent of that, followed by Tencent's 38 percent.

Hong Kong, in contrast, already has a fully developed Western-style banking system, as well as a popular alternative, the reloadable Octopus card. The brightly colored cards are widely used for public transport and in convenience



stores. Now, the apps from neighboring China are threatening to uproot that status quo.

While Alipay and WeChat Pay started their expansion abroad to ostensibly help Chinese travelers, the expectation across the financial industry is that the apps will use the infrastructure they build to attract locals next - a pattern that's starting to emerge.

In Hong Kong, there's heavy pressure for vendors to accept the apps. People from the mainland accounted for 72 percent of overnight visitor spending in the city in 2017, doling out \$16.5 billion while stocking up on cosmetics, luxury goods and other items, according to the tourism board. As merchants sign up, it opens the way for residents to participate too.

Alipay's local affiliate, AlipayHK, launched last year and has since signed up more than 1 million users in the city. The venture is jointly owned by Jack Ma's Ant Financial and Li Ka-shing's CK Hu-

tchison Holdings Ltd. The billionaires rank as mainland China and Hong Kong's richest people, respectively.

For decades, taxis in Hong Kong only accepted cash, though some began allowing payments through taxi-hailing apps. Alipay and WeChat Pay wooed drivers last year with a variety of incentives including cash rebates, and their logos soon began appearing in more cabs.

"Expanding our offering to ensure a more seamless experience for our users and merchants is one of our top priorities not only in Hong Kong, but right across southern China's Greater Bay Area, and we will continue to look for opportunities," Venetia Lee, general manager of Alipay Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan, said in February. A Tencent spokeswoman declined to comment.

Octopus is fighting back. The card, used at least sometimes by 99 percent of the city's residents, began posting so-called quick res-

ponse, or QR, codes in cabs last year so riders can make mobile payments. More recently, it introduced an app for drivers, enabling their phones to directly scan customers' cards.

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The city's de facto central bank is developing a digital-payment system that will connect with banks and stored valued cards such as Octopus. The program, called the Faster Payment System, is set to launch in September, letting people transfer Hong Kong dollars or China's yuan with settlement in real time.

The brewing battle is being wa-

tched across borders. As tensions began mounting in November, a columnist for Hong Kong's Apple Daily newspaper derided China's payment apps, arguing they were of little use to creditworthy people in "civilized nations." China's state-run media quickly shot back: "Alipay users with high credibility are everywhere."

There's precedent for financial firms to be nervous. After conquering much of China, one of Ant Financial's first international forays was in Southeast Asia, where it set out to win over some of the 450 million people with limited access to banking services. The firm set up partnerships in Thailand, Indonesia and the Philippines to offer services like money transfers and lending, and quickly gained traction.

DBS Group Holdings Ltd., Southeast Asia's largest lender, has been racing to head off the apps, especially in its home market of Singapore. From 2012 through 2016, DBS plowed about \$3.5 billion into upgrading its technology, including the development of its DBS PayLah! payments app, which has about 800,000 users in Singapore. The firm also has a big presence in Hong Kong.

"We are in the front line," Chief Executive Officer Piyush Gupta said in an interview this month.

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Thousands of miles away, U.S. banks are fortifying their own positions for the apps' arrival. Last year, dozens of big U.S. lenders including JPMorgan Chase & Co. and Bank of America Corp. banded together to offer a new person-to-person payments app called Zelle. Credit card companies have sweetened rewards programs, hooking customers on perks that will make them think twice about using apps instead.

At the same time, Alipay has been inking deals with U.S. payment processors that will allow it to expand in America, ostensibly to help Chinese travelers. Late last year, its logos began appearing in New York City taxis. **Bloomberg**

CONSUMERS may do as much as regulators to propel the car sector into the electricity-powered age foreseen by Tesla Inc., according to the European Union's industrial-policy chief.

European Commissioner Elzbieta Bienkowska said the EU has had a "breakthrough moment" since Germany-based Volkswagen AG admitted in 2015 that it fitted diesel engines with software to cheat U.S. checks on smog-causing discharges of nitrogen oxides. This deeply affected "the emotions in society toward emissions and cleaner cars," she said.

"Diesel cars are finished," Bienkowska said in a May

Diesel cars to die out in Tesla-like future, EU regulator says

24 interview in her ninth floor Brussels office. "I think in several years they will completely disappear. This is the technology of the past."

The auto-emissions scandal may help the EU gear up for a technological revolution in road transport. Europe is seeking to retain leadership in the worldwide market for passenger cars in the face of competition from the U.S., where Tesla is based, and China, which accounts for about

half of electric-vehicle sales.

VW's cheating, which the U.S. uncovered and led Germany to order an EU-wide recall of 8.5 million Volkswagen vehicles, pushed the world's No. 1 carmaker into a crisis and left policy makers in Europe scrambling to patch up regulatory holes that threatened a "clean-diesel" strategy dating to the 1990s.

The issue has been politically thorny in Europe because around half the cars

in the region are powered by diesel - which causes more urban pollution than gasoline while having less global-warming impact - and because many member states have struggled to meet clean-air goals meant to reduce human sicknesses and premature deaths. "People have realized that we will never have completely clean - without NOx - diesel cars," said Bienkowska, who comes from Poland.

Last week, EU govern-

ments backed a revamp of the rules for authorizing car models in the 28-nation bloc. The European Commission, the EU's regulatory arm, won the power to fine automakers up to 30,000 euros (\$35,157) per faulty car and order recalls as part of the more centralized market oversight, becoming more like the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Bienkowska said "arrogance" by carmakers, coupled with their traditionally

close ties to national governments, meant the draft law was initially greeted as if the industry wrongdoing had been insignificant. Gradually, she said, attitudes changed.

"I am really a little bit less frustrated than I was a year ago," said Bienkowska. "During this denial phase, it was awful."

Adding to the optimism is an initiative by the commission and industry to spur the development in Europe of batteries for electric cars, including through financing. European companies seeking to get a foothold in the market include BMW AG, Daimler AG, BASF SE and Vattenfall AB. **Bloomberg**

Beijing orders crackdown on large outdoor religious statues

CHINA'S ruling Communist Party has ordered local governments to better regulate the construction of large outdoor religious statues amid increasing restrictions on religious expression of all kinds.

The directive from the United Front Work Department viewed on its website Saturday appears targeted mainly at followers of Buddhism and Taoism, two of China's five officially recognized religions.

"The meeting required all localities to take up the regulation of large outdoor religious statues as their top priority in preventing the further commercialization of Buddhism and Taoism," the directive said.

Thousands of Buddhist and Taoist temples and shrines, along with mosques and churches, were damaged or destroyed under communism, especially during the violent 1966-76 Cultural Revolution.

Although many have been restored and reopened since then, new regulations and a bureaucratic overhaul earlier this year have put the day-to-day running of religious affairs directly under the officially atheistic party.

That's been accompanied by a renewed campaign promoting atheism and loyalty to the party, along with a push to study the works of one of communism's founding fathers, Karl Marx, who famously wrote that religion "is the opium of the people."



The anti-religion drive overlaps with campaigns to promote patriotism and party loyalty, oppose separatism among ethnic minorities and fight Western liberal values.

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Burkina Faso resumes ties with PRC after Taiwan break

THE West African Nation of Burkina Faso formally resumed diplomatic ties with China on Saturday after breaking off relations with Taiwan, which now has just 18 diplomatic allies.

Burkina Faso's decision was the latest blow to Taiwan, a self-governing democracy that Beijing claims as its own territory and has been seeking to isolate on the global stage.

Earlier this month, the Dominican Republic established diplomatic relations with China and severed ties with Taiwan.

A document establishing diplomatic ties was signed Saturday in Beijing between Chinese State Councilor and Foreign Minister Wang Yi and Burkina Faso's foreign minister, Alpha Barry.

The move leaves Taiwan with just one remaining African ally, Swaziland, and Wang appeared

to indicate the small nation in the continent's south was being actively courted by Beijing.

"Now Africa has only one country with which we have not yet established" diplomatic relations, Wang said. "We hope this country can join the big China-Africa family of friendship as soon as possible."

On Friday, Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen tweeted that "China's growing pressure will only strengthen other countries' support for us." She added defiantly, "We will never back down."

Taiwan has previously condemned what it called China's "dollar diplomacy" campaign of luring away Taiwan's allies with promises of vast financial aid and investment.

Tsai has angered Beijing by refusing to endorse its "one-China principle" designating the island as a part of China. AP

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Sands China Launches Latest Horizontal Development Programme for Team Members

First-of-its-kind initiative offers two years of academic coursework at IFT and on-the-job training with three Sands China departments

Sands China Ltd. held a sharing session May 10 at The Venetian Macao to review the achievements of its collaboration with local education institutions in developing professional talent. The company also used the opportunity to hold a kick-off ceremony for its newest horizontal development initiative, the Sands China Manager Development Programme for Integrated Resorts.

With the support and direction set by the Macao SAR government, Sands China has been working to develop Macao's local talent, through initiatives such as proactively collaborating with education institutions in Macao on a wide diversity of professional development programmes.

The May 10 sharing session showcased examples of Sands China's collaboration with various education institutions, with programme types comprising continuing education, professional certification, vocational training, horizontal talent development, elite talent development, responsible gaming, and the professional development of Macao locals, including those not employed by Sands China.

Programmes include the one-year Diploma Programme in Business Management with the University of Macau, the Sands China International Strategic Leadership Programme for Integrated Resorts, the Fast Track Supervisor Programme, and the Sands Retail Academy.

"Sands China considers talent development as crucial to the company's success and for the continued development of Macao as a world centre of tourism and leisure," said Sands China Ltd. President Dr. Wong. "We consider our team members as our most valuable asset, and we will continue to invest resources into offering them a diverse range of career development programmes. We are very thankful for the education institutions we work with for helping us provide a platform for the professional development of Macao locals."

The event also included a kick-off ceremony for the Sands China Manager Development Programme for Integrated Resorts, officiated by Dr. Wong and Dr. Fanny Vong, president of the Institute for Tourism Studies (IFT).

It is the first-of-its-kind horizontal development programme for pit supervisors and pit managers, offering them two years of academic coursework at IFT and on-the-job training with three Sands China departments: food and beverage, front office and housekeeping. During the first 12 months, participants receive one day of paid training at IFT and four days of training at Sands China departments. For the next 12 months, they receive full-time training at one of the departments in order to develop skills to overcome challenges and gain management experience. Qualified participants will be able to obtain international certification from IFT at its conclusion.

The first batch of 23 team members have already started their coursework; upon completion, qualified participants can move to middle management in integrated resort operations. Each participant receives a subsidy of over MOP 16,000 from Sands China for the coursework.

Committed to developing a well-trained workforce, Sands China offers a variety of horizontal and vertical mobility opportunities to its team members through internal promotions and integrated resort career development programmes. The company is also dedicated to the training and professional development of Macao locals, including those not employed by Sands China – such as the staff of partner retailers – with the aim of contributing to Macao's growth as a world centre of tourism and leisure.



Guests of honour attend a May 10 sharing session at The Venetian Macao, which reviewed the achievements of Sands China's collaboration with local education institutions in developing professional talent. The event also included a kick-off ceremony for the company's newest horizontal development initiative, the Sands China Manager Development Programme for Integrated Resorts.



Team members enrolled in the Sands China Manager Development Programme for Integrated Resorts join Sands China Ltd. President Dr. Wilfred Wong and IFT President Dr. Fanny Vong on stage at a kick-off ceremony May 10 at The Venetian Macao.

US-China spat casts shadow over Asia-Pacific free trade drive

Jason Scott

THE U.S. and China's on-again, off-again trade dispute is casting a shadow over Asia-Pacific nations' efforts to further open up global trade, a senior Australian government official said.

Delegates at an Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation forum in Port Moresby this weekend pledged to keep pursuing a free and fair international trading regime, in the face of rising protectionist sentiment. The Papua New Guinea capital in November will also host an APEC summit that will include Donald Trump and Xi Jinping, amid ongoing risks the U.S. and China could unleash tit-for-tat tariffs.

"The two giants in the room are having issues," Australia's Assistant Trade Minister Mark Coulton said on the conference sidelines Saturday. Delegates are "certainly watching closely and are concerned because they don't want to be caught up in the by-wash."

Trump is on a mission to deliver on his election pledge to crack down on unfair trade practices by foreign countries. He proposed tariffs on up to USD150 billion of Chinese imports, prompting



Delegates pose for a family photo during the 24th APEC Ministers Responsible for Trade Meeting

preparations in Beijing to retaliate. While the U.S. appeared to step back from imposing the penalties earlier this week, the president's changeable policy positions mean this hasn't completely allayed market concerns.

Asian economies, which include many APEC members, would suffer more than China if Trump made good on his threats, according to an analysis by Bloomberg Economics. It estimates that for every 10 percent drop in China's exports, growth in Asian economies would be cut by an average of 1.1 percentage points, while

China's would fall just 0.3 percentage point.

Far from Washington and Beijing, Port Moresby played host to representatives of the 21 APEC members, including U.S. Deputy Trade Representative Jeffery Gerrish and China's Vice Minister of Commerce Wang Shouwen. Talks between the pair have been "cordial and generally constructive," Coulton said.

"They've been quite measured in their contributions," Coulton said. "They've both indicated their basic commitment to free trade. They haven't been comple-

te in their endorsement," he said, adding that caveats like "fair" have been invoked quite regularly.

Coulton said his discussions with fellow APEC delegates had revealed some confusion about how the mounting tensions between the world's two biggest economies will play out.

"The elephant in the room is trying to pin down whether they're going down a particular path on this," he said. "If that was understood, maybe countries could work toward that, but maybe the irregular nature of

what's happening at the moment is what's unsettling."

Still, he said, that made other Apec members "even more determined" to ensure they "keep channels open and keep growing the opportunities for free trade and hopefully the storm that's happening at the moment will settle down."

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APEC members reaffirmed a commitment to keep their markets open "and to fight against and to roll back protectionist and trade-distorting measures," chair Rimbink Pato, who is also Papua New Guinea's minister for foreign affairs and trade, said in a statement at the meeting's conclusion.

They also pledged to recommit toward achieving a free-trade area in the Asia-Pacific and to bridge the "digital divide," according to the final communique. **Bloomberg**

A Chinese dissident who founded a website documenting rights abuses will be tried on June 20 for allegedly leaking state secrets, his lawyer said Friday.

Huang Qi was arrested in November 2016. His attorney, Liu Zheng-qing, confirmed his trial date and said he was charged with "illegally providing state secrets abroad."

Huang, 55, has been jailed twice before, including in 2008 after advocating for parents whose children were killed in a massive earthquake in the southwestern province of Sichuan. Thousands of students died when their shoddily built schools collapsed, but the government has never made public the results of any investigation or held anyone accountable.

In 1998, Huang founded the 64 Tianwang Human Rights Center and its accompanying website to chronicle the stories of people alleging abuses by authori-

Trial for dissident who chronicled rights abuses on June 20

ties. Reporters Without Borders, which calls Huang a "cyberdissident," has awarded him its Cyberfreedom Prize.

Huang's mother, Pu Wenqing, said in a letter earlier this week that she worried about her son's ailing health. She urged authorities to transfer him to a hospital to receive treatment for his limited kidney function and severe weight loss, among other ailments.

Pu Fei, a colleague of Huang's, said the activist's supporters believe he should be freed for humanitarian reasons.

"We have called on the authorities to take into consideration his deteriorating health and let him go," Pu said by phone. "Not to mention they have kept him in



In this 2012 photo, veteran rights activist Huang Qi works on his laptop in his home in Chengdu

jail without any evidence."

Since coming to power in 2012, Chinese President Xi Jinping has overseen tightening restrictions on civil society, jailing human rights activists as well as the lawyers who defend them.

Speaking ahead of the

10th anniversary of the Sichuan earthquake earlier this month, Pu Wenqing said: "Huang Qi is innocent. I'm really worried my son will die in prison."

Calls to the courthouse where Huang is to be tried in the Sichuan city of Mianyang were not answered. **AP**

Beijing extends 'Orwellian' compliance deadline

BEIJING has offered to extend the deadline for international airlines to change how they refer to Chinese territories, after many of them said they needed more time in order to comply.

China's Civil Aviation Administration said late last week that only 18 of some 44 contacted airlines had made changes to how they list the territories of Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macau on their company websites. Beijing is demanding that the jurisdictions be clearly labeled as a part of China.

On April 25, 44 international airlines were sent letters stating that they had failed to adhere to the one-China policy and would face "severe consequences" if they did not make changes to their website.

According to some media reports, failu-

re to comply with the demands would result in the matter being referred to "the relevant cyber-security authorities," implying that the airlines' websites would be blocked in China.

The demand prompted a strong response from the U.S. government, who called the push "Orwellian nonsense."

But in a statement published on Friday, the Civil Aviation Administration said that 26 airlines had applied for an extension, citing technical reasons.

Macau and Hong Kong are sometimes identified as separate territories on the promotional materials of foreign companies for ease of distinguishing them from the mainland, where different laws and rules apply. Many companies use the official designation, 'Special Administrative Region of China'.



Moon Jae-in writes on a visitor's book as Kim Jong Un stands at the northern side of Panmunjom in North Korea



Kim Jong Un (right) and Kim Yong Chol wave to South Korean President Moon Jae-in (unseen)

Hyung-Jin Kim, Foster Klug

Seoul: North Korea committed to US summit, denuclearization

SOUTH Korean President Moon Jae-in said yesterday that North Korean leader Kim Jong Un committed in the rivals' surprise meeting to sitting down with President Donald Trump and to a "complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula." The Korean leaders' second summit in a month Saturday saw bear hugs and broad smiles, but their quickly arranged meeting appears to highlight a sense of urgency on both sides of the world's most heavily armed border.

At the White House, Trump said negotiations over a potential June 12 summit with Kim that he had earlier canceled are "going along very well." Trump told reporters that they are still considering Singapore as the venue for their talks. He said there is a "lot of good will" and denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula would be "a great thing."

The Koreans' talks, which Moon said Kim requested, capped a whirlwind 24 hours of diplomatic back-and-forth. It allowed Moon to push for a U.S.-North Korean summit that he sees as the best way to ease animosity that had some fearing a war last year. Kim may see the sit-down with Trump as necessary to easing pressure from crushing sanctions and to winning security assurances in a region surrounded by enemies.

Moon told reporters yesterday that Kim "again made clear his commitment to a complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula," and told the South Korean leader that he's willing to cooperate to end confrontation and work toward peace for the sake of the successful North Korea-U.S. summit. Moon said he told Kim that Trump has a "firm resolve" to end hostile relations with North Korea and initiate economic cooperation if Kim implements "complete denuclearization."

"What Kim is unclear about

is that he has concerns about whether his country can surely trust the United States over its promise to end hostile relations [with North Korea] and provide a security guarantee if they do denuclearization," Moon said. "During the South Korea-U.S. summit, President Trump said the U.S. is willing to clearly put an end to hostile relations [between the U.S. and North Korea] and help [the North] achieve economic prosperity if North Korea conducts denuclearization."

Moon said North Korea and the United States will soon start working-level talks to prepare for the Kim-Trump summit. He said he expects the talks to go smoothly because Pyongyang and Washington both know what they want from each other.

Kim, in a telling line from a dispatch issued by the North's state-run news service earlier yesterday, "expressed his fixed will on the historic [North Korea]-U.S. summit talks." During Saturday's inter-Korean summit, the Korean leaders agreed to "positively cooperate with each other as ever to improve (North Korea)-U.S. relations and establish a mechanism for permanent and durable peace."

They agreed to have their top officials meet again June 1. Moon said military generals and Red Cross officials from the Koreans will also meet separately to discuss how to ease military tensions and resume reunions of families separated by the 1950-53 Korean War.

Saturday's Korean summit came hours after South Korea expressed relief over revived talks for a Trump-Kim meeting.

Despite repeated references to "denuclearization of the Korean

Peninsula" by the North, it remains unclear whether Kim will ever agree to fully abandon his nuclear arsenal. The North has previously used the term to demand the United States pull out its 28,500 troops in South Korea and withdraw its so-called "nuclear umbrella" security commitment to South Korea and Japan. The North hasn't openly repeated those same demands after Kim's sudden outreach to Seoul and Washington.

■ Moon has insisted Kim can be persuaded to abandon his nuclear program

Moon has insisted Kim can be persuaded to abandon his nuclear facilities, materials and bombs in a verifiable and irreversible way in exchange for credible security and economic guarantees. Moon said yesterday that the North's disarmament could be still be a difficult process even if Pyongyang, Washington and Seoul don't differ over what "complete denuclearization" of the peninsula means.

Moon, who brokered the summit between Washington and Pyongyang, likely used Saturday's meeting to confirm Kim's willingness to enter nuclear negotiations with Trump and clarify what steps Kim has in mind in the process of denuclearization, said Hong Min, a senior analyst at Seoul's Korea Institute for National Unification.

"While Washington and Pyongyang have expressed their hopes for a summit through published statements, Moon has to step up as the mediator because the surest way to set the meeting in stone would be an official confirmation of intent between heads of states," Hong said.

Some U.S. officials have talked about a comprehensive one-shot deal in which North Korea fully eliminates its nukes first and receives rewards later. But Kim, through two summits with Chinese President Xi Jinping in March and May, has called for a phased and synchronized process in which every action he takes is met with a reciprocal reward from the United States.

Before he canceled the summit, Trump this past week did not rule out an incremental approach that would provide incentives along the way to the North.

Following an unusually provocative 2017 in which his engineers tested a purported thermonuclear warhead and three long-range missiles theoretically capable of striking mainland U.S. cities, Kim has engaged in a flurry of diplomatic activity in recent months. In addition to his summits with Moon and Xi, Kim also has had two meetings with U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo.

Photos released by South Korea's presidential office showed Moon arriving at the North Korean side of the Panmunjom truce village and shaking hands with Kim's sister, Kim Yo Jong, before sitting down with Kim for their summit.

Moon was accompanied by his spy chief, Suh Hoon, while Kim was joined by Kim Yong Chol,

a former military intelligence chief who is now Kim's top official on inter-Korean relations. The two leaders embraced as Moon departed.

At their first meeting on April 27, Kim and Moon first announced "complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula" and permanent peace, which Seoul has tried to sell as a meaningful breakthrough to set up the summit with Trump.

Ahead of that summit, the Koreans established their first-ever leaders' hotline to enable Moon and Kim to engage in direct communication and defuse crises. But Moon said Sunday he and Kim decided to meet again, rather than have a telephone conversation, as their aides suggested "candid" face-to-face talks between the leaders.

Relations between the two Koreans had chilled in recent weeks, with North Korea canceling a high-level meeting with Seoul over South Korea's participation in regular military exercises with the United States and insisting that it will not return to talks unless its grievances are resolved.

South Korea was caught off guard by Trump's abrupt cancellation of his summit with Kim, with the U.S. president citing hostility in recent North Korean comments. Moon said Trump's decision left him "perplexed" and was "very regrettable." He urged Washington and Pyongyang to resolve their differences through "more direct and closer dialogue between their leaders."

Saturday's summit marks the fourth meeting between the leaders of the two Koreas since they were divided at the end of the World War II in 1945. **AP**

JAPAN

Ex-PM Nakasone, witness to war and success, turns 100

Ken Moritsugu, Mari Yamaguchi

It is somehow fitting in a country known for longevity that one of Japan's most prominent former leaders has reached 100 years of age.

As a World War II naval officer, Yasuhiro Nakasone witnessed the depths of his country's utter defeat and devastation. Four decades later he presided over Japan in the 1980s at the pinnacle of its economic success. In recent years, he has lobbied for revision of the war-renouncing, U.S.-drafted constitution, a longtime cause that neither he nor any successor has achieved to date.

"I feel blissful that I was able to stand up and work with the Japanese people for Japan's reconstruction [from war devastation]," Nakasone said in a statement to mark his birthday Sunday. "As I reflect on 100 years of my life with the changing times, many memories pass through my mind and emotions fill up my chest."

Nakasone, who is cared for by his 71-year-old daughter at their Tokyo home, is slowing down

AP PHOTO



Yasuhiro Nakasone, pictured in 2015

but in fine health, his aide Masaki Donji said. He skipped his annual speech at a May rally in support of constitutional revision, because he had broken his right hand and couldn't use his cane to get up from his wheelchair.

Still, he checks newspapers every morning and reads books, and sometimes drops by his of-

fice, escorted by his family. "Endless hunger for exploration and intellectual curiosity is crucial," Nakasone says.

The son of a lumber merchant, Nakasone was born May 27, 1918, the last year of World War I. He went to Tokyo Imperial University before entering the navy, where he rose to lieutenant commander

during the Second World War.

He began his political career as a fiery nationalist denouncing the U.S. occupation, which lasted from 1945 to 1952. He was a driving force in the 1950s behind building nuclear reactors in resource-poor Japan, a move that helped propel the nation's postwar economic growth and recovery.

During more than a half-century in parliament, he served as defense chief and head of the powerful Ministry of International Trade and Industry.

As prime minister from 1982 to 1987, he strengthened Japan's defense and alliance with the U.S. while tackling vested interests to launch the privatization of the state telephone, tobacco and railway companies. He was also known for his warm "Ron-Yasu" relationship with former President Ronald Reagan, who himself lived until the age of 93.

His nationalist legacy includes the first official visit by a postwar prime minister to Yasukuni shrine, which honors Japan's war dead, among them convicted war

criminals. His visit fueled disputes with China and South Korea over World War II history that persist to this day.

Both nationalist and wrestling with the same issues — stronger military, constitutional revision and even trade friction with the U.S. — Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has been compared to Nakasone by some Japanese media and analysts. But Japan that Abe leads today is no longer at its peak and China is now a rival to the U.S., prompting Abe to be more hawkish toward Beijing's aspirations.

"The important difference between these two leaders is that Nakasone experienced the war, the real battlegrounds and saw his buddies killed. This brought some intrinsic humbleness to Nakasone, though he often looks haughty," said Hiro Aida, an international politics professor at Aoyama Gakuin University in Tokyo.

Nakasone is not the first ex-Japanese leader to reach 100; Prince Naruhiko Higashikuni, the prime minister for 54 days immediately after World War II, lived to be 102. Japan is home to more than 67,000 centenarians, including the world's oldest person, a 117-year-old woman.

Nakasone says he is not done yet.

"I am determined to devote myself to my last service for the country, for the people and for my hometown," he said. AP

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One of the most successful and enduring musical acts of all time, Air Supply will bring their Air Supply Live in Concert 2018 – Macao to The Venetian Macao's Venetian Theatre on June 9, 2018. Tickets are now on sale at all Cotai Ticketing box offices. Originally from Australia, Air Supply formed when singer-songwriter and guitarist Graham Russell and lead vocalist Russell Hitchcock first met back in 1975 during rehearsals for the musical "Jesus Christ Superstar" in Sydney. Seven top five singles later, Air Supply equaled The Beatles' run of consecutive top five hits, while their albums "Lost in Love", "The One That You Love", "Now and Forever", and "The Greatest Hits" have sold in excess of 20 million copies. The group's most famous song



"All Out of Love" has been re-recorded by many different artists over the years, including Hong Kong singer Alan Tam who had a hit with it in 1981. Fans new and old will also love renditions of their other big hits, including "Lost In Love", "The One That You Love", "Making Love Out Of Nothing at All" and many more. This will be the fifth time the duo has played at The Venetian Macao and Sands Macao.

Don't miss the opportunity to catch the sensational Air Supply once again for a night of romance, nostalgia and wonderful music at The Venetian Macao on June 9. ICBC Sands Lifestyle Mastercard cardholders can enjoy 15% discount on ticket prices as well as EARN points when shopping or travelling anywhere in the world and then REDEEM them in Macao within Sands Resorts Macao's integrated resorts.

Australian nun who irked Philippine leader fights expulsion

Jim Gomez, Manila

AN Australian nun who irked the Philippine president by joining political rallies defied an Immigration Bureau order to leave the country and appealed to justice officials Friday to allow her to continue her missionary work for the poor and victims of injustice.

Accompanied by fellow Catholic nuns and priests, Sister Patricia Fox and her lawyers filed the petition before the Department of Justice. Dozens of supporters held placards that read "Hands off Sister Pat" and yelled "No to deportation."

"My wish is to continue the missionary work with the poor and I hope that will be the result [...] and for me to continue working as a missionary, as a human rights defender," Fox, 71, told journalists and supporters.

Her lawyer, Katherine Panguban, said the appeal should stop the Bureau of Immigration and Deportation from enforcing a decision to revoke Fox's missionary visa and force her to leave the country after nearly three decades of missionary work for the poor, workers and tribal communities.

Justice Secretary Menardo Gueverra ordered the Immi-



Patricia Fox (center) surrounded by reporters

gration Bureau to comment on Fox's petition and provide details of her case within 10 days.

President Rodrigo Duterte has been hypersensitive to criticism, especially about his bloody crackdown on illegal drugs and expressions of alarm by foreign governments and human rights watchdogs. His administration barred a critical Italian politician, Giacomo Filibeck, from entering the country last month.

Last month, Duterte also threatened foreigners with arrest if they insult his govern-

ment in rallies. "You come here and insult us, you trample on our sovereignty. That will never happen," said the former city mayor, known for his extra-tough approach to law and order.

"I assure you, if you begin to malign, defame government in any of those rallies there, I will order your arrest," Duterte said.

Lawyer Edre Olalia, president of a legal group backing Fox, said her case is both a litmus test and emblematic of how the present government treats sincere advocates of basic reforms for the poor and oppressed. "It

is also a barometer of how the law serves as a tool of or excuse for repression to silence well-meaning critics and dissenters," Olalia said.

Presidential spokesman Harry Roque has said there was no crackdown against dissent and immigration authorities found out Fox violated the terms of her visa after an investigation.

Panguban said Fox's missionary visa remains valid and that she will carry out her religious mission as usual for now.

Immigration Bureau chief Jaime Morente, however, said

Wednesday his agency turned down Fox's appeal for the reversal of an order revoking her visa and ordered her to leave the country in 30 days, adding that no other appeals would be considered.

Immigration spokeswoman Dana Sandoval said Fox has to leave the country on Friday. The Justice Department, however, said Fox can stay up to June 18 because her earlier appeal extended the 30-day period for her to leave.

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Fox's lawyers argue that she has not engaged in political activities as the government claims. She said Wednesday her religious mission brought her to poor communities of people fighting for land, justice and survival, destitute Filipinos who are supporting her now.

"I've always been quiet about it, but faithful to it because I believe that's where church people should be, with the people, who are struggling for their rights," Fox said, fighting back tears. "At this stage I'm sort of a little emotional in part because of the decision and also because it's been really special to have people say that they don't want me to go." **AP**

THAILAND

Police probe suspected illegal e-waste recycling

Tassanee Vejpongsa, Bangkok

THAI police have raided several factories near Bangkok that allegedly were using a loophole to illegally import and process electronic waste.

Police and industry ministry officials said Friday that they were still investigating after raids this week on at least four factories in industrial parks in the outskirts of the capital that found nearly 100 tons of electronic waste such as discarded computers, computer display screens, old mobile phones and other items.

"These factories have not received permission to operate and will be closed pending further investigation into the cases," said Weerakit Runthakithanarat, a ministry official in Chachoengsao province, which is adjacent to Bangkok. Another 10 factories



Factory workers process electronic waste in Lat Krabang, outside Bangkok

are due to be inspected by June 15. He said police were examining the companies' import permits and bringing in experts to determine what sorts of materials were being processed at the sites.

The police said in a statement that the factories that were raided this week were ordered to get all the waste stored outside indoors within a week. No charges had been filed yet.

Television and newspaper reports showed vast

industrial sites filled with big bags of waste and big factories where workers in cloth gloves and simple face masks were taking apart the electronics equipment.

Police were questioning managers of a Taiwan company about the how the factories, which were authorized only to handle domestic recycling, obtained such large quantities of foreign e-waste. The suspicion was that they used a legal loophole allowing

Electronic waste creates huge health hazards. Many components are laden with lead and mercury, cadmium and other toxins

imports of second-hand appliances.

"Thailand does have this loophole where it allows imports of electronic goods — for reuse purposes — when in fact they are mining materials from these old machines without any regard for the environmental and health impacts," Somnuck Jongmeewasin, a professor at Silapakorn University who has done research on hazardous waste disposal, told The Associated Press.

He said Thailand had eased restrictions on such waste processing and recycling plants last year to help cope with the domes-

tic garbage and waste problem. Instead, some factories are using the opportunity to illegally process waste from overseas.

Electronic waste creates huge health hazards. Many components are laden with lead and mercury, cadmium and other toxins. Lax controls mean that facilities often burn plastics to release encased copper and use unsafe methods to extract precious metals.

Somnuck said Thai authorities lack the capacity to adequately regulate such facilities. The police raids followed complaints from residents living near the factories over bad

smells, overflowing waste and burning sensations on their skin.

"Factory owners have to give assurances to local communities that if there are impacts on environment, like water pollution, they will take preventive measures and be able to pay compensation for any damages," said Suwit Kumdee, governor of Chachoengsao.

For years, Chinese waste processors, often working in extremely hazardous conditions, have handled a huge share of the world's e-waste despite a ban on imports of such materials. A ban on other types of waste that took effect Jan. 1 has left many countries struggling over how to cope.

The Thai waste processing facilities were employing mostly migrant workers from Myanmar, officials said. **AP**



A woman from the "Yes" campaign reacts after the final result was announced in Dublin

‘Quiet revolution’ leads to abortion rights win in Ireland

Gregory Katz, Renata Brito and Leo Enright

IN the end, it wasn't even close. Irish voters — young and old, male and female, farming types and city-bred folk — endorsed expunging an abortion ban from their largely Catholic country's constitution by a two-to-one margin, referendum results compiled Saturday showed.

The decisive outcome of the landmark referendum held Friday exceeded expectations and was cast as a historic victory for women's rights. Polls had given the pro-repeal "yes" side a small lead, but suggested the contest would be close.

Since 1983, the now-repealed Eighth Amendment had forced women seeking to terminate pregnancies to go abroad for abortions, bear children conceived through rape or incest or take illegal measures at home.

As the final tally was announced showing over 66 percent of voters supported lifting the ban, crowds in the ancient courtyard of Dublin Castle began chanting "Savita! Savita!" in honor of Savita Halappanavar, a 31-year-old dentist who died of sepsis during a protracted miscarriage after being denied an abortion at a Galway hospital in 2012.

With exit polls showing a win for abortion rights campaigners, Prime Minister Leo Varadkar called the apparent victory the "culmination of a quiet revolution." Later, he hailed the momentous outcome as a victory for Ireland's future.

"I said in recent days that this was a once in a generation vote. Today I believe we have voted for the next generation," said Varadkar, who is Ireland's first openly gay leader as well as its first prime minister from an ethnic minority group.

The next battleground is likely to be Ireland's parliament, where the government led by Varadkar hopes to capitalize on the fresh momentum and enact legislation spelling out the conditions under which abortions will be legal for the first time by the end of this year.

The plan is to allow abortions during the first 12 weeks of pregnancy and in special cases after the first trimester, likely ending the trail of Irish women

who go elsewhere mostly to neighboring Britain — by the thousands each year for abortions they can't get at home.

"Under the Eighth Amendment, the only thing we could say to women in this country was 'Take a flight or take a boat,'" Health Minister Simon Harris told Irish broadcaster RTE. "And now the country is saying, 'No, take our hands, we want to support you.'"

Some called for the new abortion legislation to be named, "Savita's law." Her father, Andanappa Yalagi, said he has "no words" to express his gratitude for Ireland's "yes" vote. "We've got justice for Savita," he told the Hindustan Times. "What happened to her will not happen to any other family."

It is not yet clear how hard the soundly defeated "no" forces will fight for restrictive laws in parliament in light of the overwhelming appetite for reform. Opponents of the repeal movement conceded defeat Saturday morning after exit polls from the night before suggested they had no hope of victory.

John McGuirk, spokesman for the Save the 8th group, told RTE that many Irish citizens would not recognize the country in which they were waking up. The group said on its website that the referendum was a "tragedy of historic propor-

tions," but McGuirk said the vote must still be respected. "You can still passionately believe that the decision of the people is wrong, as I happen to do, and accept it," he said.

The final tally showed that just over 66 percent of voters who cast valid ballots wanted the Eighth Amendment abolished. Exit polls indicated that both men and women strongly opposed the abortion ban, and that opposition to it was strong in rural areas, not just cosmopolitan Dublin.

The support for lifting the ban highlights the liberalization of traditionally Catholic Ireland, marking the diminishing influence of the Church hierarchy and a desire to align Irish secular laws with the other countries of Europe.

First it was same-sex marriage, approved here in 2015, and now it will be the consignment to history of the Eighth Amendment, which banned nearly all abortions and turned women seeking them into pariahs.

"This is a monumental day for women in Ireland," Orla O'Connor, co-director of the Together for Yes group, said. "This is about women taking their rightful place in Irish society, finally."

The vote is a "rejection of an Ireland that treated women as second-class citizens," she

said, adding: "This is about women's equality and this day brings massive change, monumental change for women in Ireland, and there is no going back."

The mood was jubilant at Dublin's Intercontinental Hotel, where supporters of the Together For Yes group spent hours watching the vote tally come in from the country's 40 districts. In the end, 39 voted for repeal.

Some supporters had tears of joy running down their cheeks, and many women hugged each other. Cheers erupted every time partial results were shown on two big screens transmitting the latest television news.

When the final count was announced at Dublin Castle, more than 1,000 people were gathered outside singing, chanting and toasting each other with champagne despite an intermittent light rain.

They cheered when leaders of the "yes" campaign surfaced and they cheered for the prime minister when he arrived. For many, the victory was vindication after years of opposing the abortion ban, which required Irish authorities to defend the lives of a woman and a fetus as equals under the law from the moment of conception.

In practical terms, the amendment outlawed all abortions until 2014, when terminations in rare cases when a woman's life was at risk started being allowed.

Irish Minister for Children and Youth Affairs Katherine Zappone said she was deeply moved by the vote.

"I'm especially grateful to the women of Ireland who came forward to provide their personal testimony about the hard times that they endured, the stress and the trauma that they experienced because of the Eighth Amendment," she said.

The vote in the Republic of Ireland may increase pressure on Northern Ireland to follow suit. When abortion becomes legal in the Republic of Ireland, it will become the only part of Britain and Ireland to ban the procedure.

There were roars of approval Saturday when two women leaders of the Sinn Féin party raised a sign that read, "The North is next."

Abortions approved by doctors are allowed in the rest of Britain until the 24th week of pregnancy, but not in Northern Ireland, where the procedure is limited to cases when a woman's life is at risk.

Ireland's prime minister noted that Saturday's win for legalizing abortion could not right past wrongs, but could prevent future ones.

"The wrenching pain of decades of mistreatment of Irish women cannot be un-lived," Varadkar, who backed repeal, said. "However, today we have ensured that it does not have to be lived again." **AP**

■ The support for lifting the ban highlights the liberalization of traditionally Catholic Ireland

GERMANY

Nationalists march in Berlin, face counter-protests

SUPPORTERS of the nationalist Alternative for Germany party marched through central Berlin to protest against Chancellor Angela Merkel's government yesterday, while a heavy police presence kept the marchers away from a raft of counter-demonstrations.

Police said several thousand people turned out for the demonstration organized by Alternative for Germany, known by its German acronym AfD. A variety of counter-demonstrations attracted several thousand participants each, police said.

The AfD event opened with German flags, placards such as "No Islam in Germany" and chants of "Merkel must go" at Berlin's central train station. The party's supporters marched from the rally toward the landmark Brandenburg Gate.



Some of the counter-protesters took to rafts on the Spree river, within sight of the train station. Groups organizing protests against AfD included artists and a coalition of Berlin music clubs hoping to "blow away" the party with loud techno beats.

About 2,000 police officers were in place to prevent trouble, including reinforcements from other parts of Germany.

AfD won 12.6 percent of the vote to enter Germany's national parliament last

year on anti-migrant and anti-establishment sentiment. It is now the largest of four opposition parties after the country's two biggest parties finally agreed to continue a centrist "grand coalition" under Merkel earlier this year.

Its march Sunday, an unusual move for a German political party, was headlined "Germany's Future." An AfD regional leader, Andreas Kalbitz, proclaimed that "this is a signal" and argued that it shows "AfD is the center of society."

YEMEN

New bout of heavy fighting kills dozens

HEAVERY fighting in Yemen between pro-government forces and Shiite rebels has killed more than 150 people in the last four days, Yemeni officials and witnesses said yesterday. Government forces have been trying to seize rebel-held areas along the western coast, while an allied Saudi-led coalition has been targeting the rebels with airstrikes in the northwestern Saada province, a rebel stronghold.

The offensive is being waged by ground troops carrying sophisticated weapons, including shoulder-fired missiles, with air cover from the coalition, the officials said.

Security officials say a Saudi-led airstrike near a gas station in the capital, Sanaa, killed four civilians on Saturday and wounded 10.

The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not

authorized to brief the media, while the witnesses did so for fear of reprisals.

In March, an international rights group said fighting along Yemen's west coast has displaced 100,000 people in recent months, mostly from the Red Sea port city of Hodeida. Amnesty International warned that the "the worst could be yet to come."

The port is a vital lifeline from which most of the Yemeni population's food and medicine comes. The coalition accuses the Houthis of using Hodeida and other ports to receive weapons and ammunition from Iran, which denies arming the rebels.

Yemen has been embroiled in a civil war pitting the coalition against the Iran-backed Houthis since March 2015. The coalition aims to restore the government of self-exiled President Abed Rabbo Mansour Hadi.

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CATALOGUE EXHIBITION IN CELEBRATION OF THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF MACAU MUSEUM

TIME: 10am-6pm (closed on Fridays)

UNITIL: August 30, 2018

VENUE: Kun Iam Ecumenical Centre

ADMISSION: Free

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TREASURE OF SACRED ART OF ST. JOSEPH'S SEMINARY

TIME: 10am-5pm daily (closed on Wednesdays, open on public holidays)

VENUE: St. Joseph's Seminary and Church, Rua do Seminário

ADMISSION: Free

ENQUIRIES: (853) 2835 7911

MANDARIN'S HOUSE

TIME: 10am-6pm daily (last admission at 5:30pm; closed on Wednesdays, open on public holidays)

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TIME: 10am-6pm daily (Except on Thursdays; open on public holidays)

VENUE: Macau Science Center

ADMISSION: MOP25 (Exhibition Centre)

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sky shows)

MOP80 (Planetarium 3D dome or 3D

sky shows)

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Offbeat

AP PHOTO



LEGEND OF LOCH NESS MONSTER WILL BE TESTED WITH DNA SAMPLES

The stories seem as tall as the lake is deep. For hundreds of years, visitors to Scotland's Loch Ness have described seeing a monster that some believe lurks in the depths.

But now the legend of "Nessie" may have no place left to hide. A New Zealand scientist is leading an international team to the lake next month, where they will take samples of the murky waters and conduct DNA tests to determine what species live there.

University of Otago professor Neil Gemmell says he's no believer in Nessie, but he wants to take people on an adventure and communicate some science along the way. Besides, he says, his kids think it's one of the coolest things he's ever done.

One of the more far-fetched theories is that Nessie is a long-necked plesiosaur that somehow survived the period when dinosaurs became extinct. Another theory is that the monster is actually a sturgeon or giant catfish. Many believe the sightings are hoaxes or can be explained by floating logs or strong winds.

Gemmell said that when creatures move about in water, they leave behind tiny fragments of DNA. It comes from their skin, feathers, scales and urine.

He said his team will take 300 samples of water from different points around the lake and at different depths. They will filter the organic material and extract the DNA, he said, sequencing it by using technology originally created for the human genome project.

He said the DNA results will then be compared against a database of known species. He said they should have answers by the end of the year.

"In our lives we want there still to be mysteries, some of which we will ultimately solve," Gemmell said. "That's part of the spirit of discovery. And sometimes, what you find may not be what you were expecting."

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15:40	Miscellaneous
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18:40	Non-daily Portuguese News (Repeated)
19:50	Portuguese Serie
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:00	TDM Sports
22:10	Brazilian Soap Opera
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Champions League 2017/2018 Magazine
00:05	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)
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SOLO: A STAR WARS STORY

ROOM 1

2:30, 4:45, 7:30, 9:30pm

Director: Ron Howard

Starring: Alden Ehrenreich, Woody Harrelson, Emilia Clarke

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 135min

THE CRIMES THAT BIND

ROOM 2

2:30, 4:45 7:00pm

Director: Katsuo Fukuzawa

Starring: Hiroshi Abe, Nanaki Matsushima, Junpei Mizobata

Language: Japanese (Chinese & English)

Duration: 119min



AVENGERS: INFINITY WAR

ROOM 2

2:30, 6:00, 9:00pm

Director: Anthony Russo, Joe Russo

Starring: Robert Downey Jr, Chris Evans, Chris Hemsworth

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 149min



I CAN ONLY IMAGINE

ROOM 3

2:30, 4:30, 9:45pm

Director: Jon Erwin & Andrew Erwin

Starring: Dennis Quaid, J. Michael Finley, Madeline Carroll

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 110min

DESTINY: THE TALE OF KAMAKURA

ROOM 3

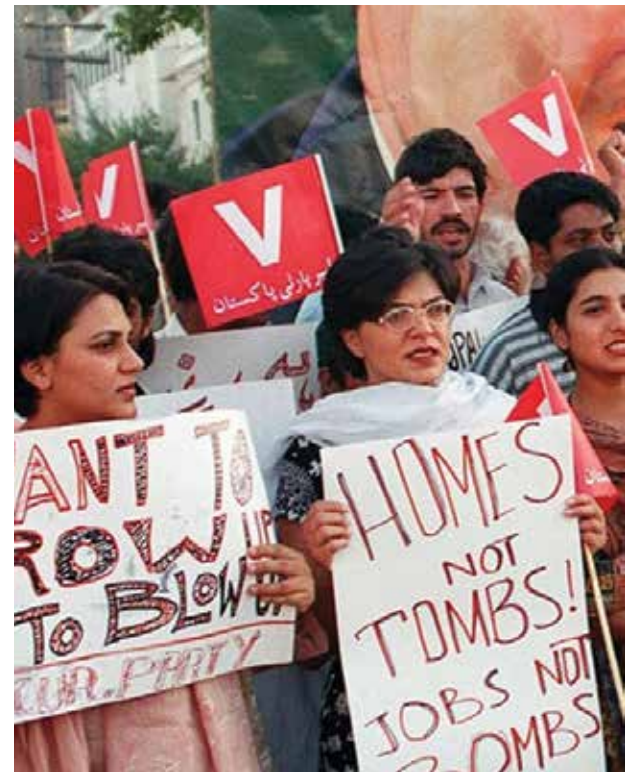
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Starring: Masato Sakai, Mitsuki Takahata

Language: English (Chinese)

this day in history



1998 WORLD FURY AT PAKISTAN'S NUCLEAR TESTS

Pakistan has exploded five underground nuclear devices in response to India's nuclear tests two weeks ago.

The move has provoked worldwide condemnation and fears of a nuclear conflict in one of the world's most volatile regions.

Pakistani officials said the devices were detonated underground at 1030GMT in the Baluchistan region near the border with Afghanistan.

Shortly afterwards, Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif addressed the nation on television and said the five tests by India had made the action "inevitable".

"Today's day is history in the making," he said. "Today God has given us the opportunity to take this step for our country's defence which is inevitable. We never wanted to participate in this nuclear race. We have proved to the world that we would not accept what was dictated to us."

The prime minister said Pakistan's response was fully supported by its people and attacked the international community for a weak response to India's tests.

But after his national address, he said he was ready for more talks with India on a non-aggression pact.

There was uproar in the Indian parliament when the news was announced. The Indian Prime Minister, Atal Behari Vajpayee, said Pakistan's action vindicated India's decision to conduct tests of its own.

The western nations were quick to condemn Pakistan's action. US President Bill Clinton said Pakistan had missed "a truly priceless opportunity" by not showing restraint. He said Pakistan would now face sanctions.

Nato said the tests were a "dangerous development" and also warned of sanctions.

Ever since the partition of the sub-continent in 1947, when Britain dismantled its Indian empire, India and Pakistan have been arch rivals. The animosity has its roots in religion and history, and is epitomised by the long-running conflict over the state of Jammu and Kashmir.

Now they have not only entered a new nuclear arms race but expanded the club of nuclear powers across the globe which includes the US, Russia, China, Britain, France, North Korea and Israel.

Optimists hope India and Pakistan's nuclear parity will now lead to serious and constructive peace talks.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

In February 1999 relations between the two Asian rivals eased after they signed the Lahore accord pledging to "resolve all issues" including that of the disputed regions of Jammu and Kashmir.

But conflict broke out just three months later when India launched air strikes on Pakistani-backed forces that had infiltrated Indian-administered Kashmir. Pakistan insisted those forces were in fact "freedom fighters" demanding their own state.

The ensuing military build-up in the region led to at least 30,000 people to flee their homes.

Under US pressure, Pakistan ordered the infiltrators out of the region. October 1999 saw a military coup in Pakistan with General Pervez Musharraf taking power.

In 2002 Pakistan and India came close to all-out war but talks between the countries' two leaders in January 2004 led to hopes of peace.

YOUR STARS

Aries
Mar. 21-Apr. 19
They'll sit down across from you, or stand right there in front of you, cross their arms and look you straight in the eye. Then they'll ask if you'd please share your opinion of the current situation with them.

Gemini
May 21-Jun. 21
We all have friends in our lives who are a bit over-the-top - and some who are a lot more so. Someone who fits into that category will say or do something that will leave you scratching your head now.

Leo
Jul. 23-Aug. 22
Okay, now we're talking. You've been waiting for days - actually, for more than a week-- for astrological weather like this. Basically, what you're finally due to enjoy is a whole lot of fire.

Libra
Sep.23-Oct. 22
From the very moment you got up this morning, you've been in a rather odd mood. You don't want to do anything the way you used to do it, and you don't particularly care if anyone is offended by it.

Sagittarius
Nov. 22-Dec. 21
At this point, your friends are pretty well-trained. Most of them don't even bat an eyelash when you get going on one of your favorite subjects - even if it's in a public place.

Aquarius
Jan. 20-Feb. 18
Well, you're going to be even more verbally reckless than you usually are. Now, it's not like you've ever needed any help getting inspired to say exactly what you want to say - the heck with the consequences.

Taurus
April 20-May 20
You were absolutely certain you'd never mention this to anyone, but suddenly, it's just impossible to resist talking about it. Oh, and needless to say, it's most likely involves someone you find endlessly appealing.

Cancer
Jun. 22-Jul. 22
You've been waiting for the right moment to let them know that you're not a child anymore, that you're perfectly capable of making your own choices and that you don't need their advice.

Virgo
Aug. 23-Sept. 22
You've never been fond of blind dates. Well, after one too many interesting experiences, to say you're less than fond of them wouldn't quite cover your sentiments.

Scorpio
Oct. 23 - Nov. 21
It's just your nature to wonder, but when you do too much of it, it can easily turn to obsession. Keeping that in mind, might it not be time to stop worrying if there was a deeper meaning behind a comment...

Capricorn
Dec. 22-Jan. 19
Still feeling solid, practical and responsible? Not to mention grounded? Good, because with what tumbles out of your mouth today, you're going to need to be feeling confident.

Pisces
Feb.19-Mar. 20
Telling you not to go out and spend every dime you have on a lark with absolutely no thought for the future isn't going to work. Asking you not to do anything even a bit less drastic won't work, either.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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Harbin	10	23	cloudy
Tianjin	20	31	cloudy
Urumqi	19	31	clear
Xi'an	16	31	overcast
Lhasa	10	20	shower/drizzle
Chengdu	16	29	cloudy
Chongqing	18	27	overcast/cloudy
Kunming	13	21	shower
Nanjing	20	29	cloudy
Shanghai	19	29	overcast/cloudy
Wuhan	20	30	cloudy
Hangzhou	20	30	overcast/cloudy
Taipei	25	33	overcast/cloudy
Guangzhou	26	35	cloudy/thundershower
Hong Kong	28	33	cloudy
WORLD			
Moscow	10	18	cloudy/clear
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London	14	23	drizzle/clear
New York	19	26	drizzle/overcast

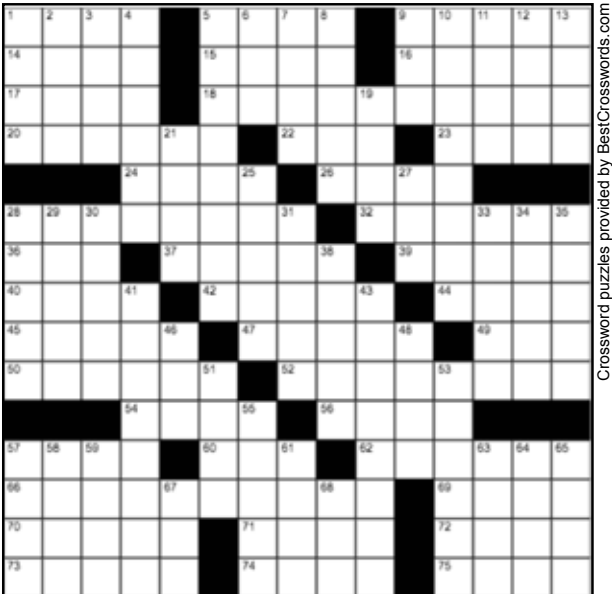
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Wonder-goal, gaffes, injuries as Madrid seals CL three-peat

Rob Harris, Kiev

WITH his back to goal but eyes on the incoming cross, Gareth Bale connected with the ball while leaping in the air and sent a scissor-kick arcing into the top of the net. Fusing athleticism and technique, it was a mesmerizing sight to behold from the Real Madrid forward.

Rarely has there been a finer goal in a European final and Bale followed it up with another to seal Madrid's third successive Champions League title in a 3-1 victory over Liverpool yesterday [Macau time]. Yet with blunders, injuries and intrigue unfolding throughout the night in Kiev's Olympic Stadium, the wonder-goal just enriched this engrossing climax to the European club season and set the tone for weeks of uncertainty.

A weeping Mohamed Salah was forced off in the first half with a shoulder injury that foiled Liverpool's quest for a first continental success in 13 years and left the World Cup hopes of the "Egyptian King" in jeopardy.

Tears also streamed down Loris Karius' face after the Liverpool goalkeeper's mistakes gifted two goals in the biggest match of his career. It might also be his last for Liverpool, which was denied a sixth European title by the



Gareth Bale (right) scores his side's second goal

aristocrats of the continent.

When all they should have been thinking about is celebrating, both Bale and teammate Cristiano Ronaldo also cast doubts on their Madrid careers.

But while Zinedine Zidane was adamant about the need to keep hold of five-time wor-

ld player of the year Ronaldo, the Madrid coach seemed far less concerned about the future of the player whose two goals just delivered the club's record-extending 13th European title.

Bale only came on in the second half. The impact was explosive, scoring the bicycle

kick in the 64th minute. Five years into his Madrid career, the 28-year-old Bale wants to be more than a super-sub.

"I need to be playing week in, week out and that hasn't happened this season for one reason or another," Bale said after lifting the European Cup for a fourth time with Madrid.

Future unclear for Ronaldo, Bale

STRAIGHT after a third successive Champions League title was secured, Cristiano Ronaldo was talking about Real Madrid in the past tense. Real's biggest star hinted he was unsure he'd stay with the club. Its best player in the Champions League final, Gareth Bale, looks more likely to be departing.

"In the next few days I'll give the fans an answer because they are the ones who have always been by my side," Ronaldo said. "It was very beautiful to be with Madrid."

Keeping up the cryptic tone, he added: "The future of any player is not important. We made history."

After soaring to score a magnificent bicycle kick for Madrid's second goal, Bale brought his fans back down to earth with his announcement that he'll discuss his future with his agent this summer.

The Welshman was a substitute in four of seven Champions League games this season, in-



cluding his super-sub display in the final.

Real coach Zinedine Zidane responded very differently to the two players' comments.

On Ronaldo, Zidane was clear yesterday: "He will stay with us at Real Madrid," and predicted the Portuguese star's tone would soon change. "Perhaps in three or four days' time he

might say something else."

On Bale, Zidane was circumspect. "It's a little bit of a complicated situation but everyone has their own interests, their own future to think about," he said. "It's true some players deserve more playing time on the pitch but this is a decision that has to be made by the manager."

The Liverpool goalkeeper's mistakes gifted two goals in the biggest match of his career

While Ronaldo became the first five-time winner in the post-1993 Champions League era, this was a comparatively muted performance in a final for a player who has contributed decisive goals in the three finals Madrid had contested in the previous four seasons.

In the tunnel before kickoff there was a furtive glance across to Salah, who has also scored 44 goals this season. But the showdown between the world player of the year and a contender for his throne never materialized.

Blame Sergio Ramos for that, although the foul that ended Salah's final was not the Madrid captain at his

most cynical. Salah landed heavily on his left shoulder in a twisting fall after 25 minutes. Ramos stepped away from the scene unpunished and Salah soon managed to step up after overcoming the initial pain.

Not for long. Salah's final was over after 30 minutes.

Lying on his back, hands covering his face, Salah rose only to leave the field. An incredible debut season at Liverpool came to a crying end.

Four minutes later, the tears were flowing down the face of Dani Carvajal after the Madrid right back appeared to injure a hamstring while attempting a back-heel. Face-down on the field, Carvajal knew his final was over in the first half for the second successive season.

"Of course it was a little shock to the team," Klopp said. There were bigger shocks to come, from Liverpool's goalkeeping blunders. After collecting a shot six minutes into the second half, Karius rolled the ball out too casually, neglecting the presence of Benzema who stuck out his right foot and dispatched the ball into an empty net.

The immediate impact of Karius' blunder was offset by Mane's equalizer in the 55th. Dejan Lovren rose above Ramos and headed into the path of Mane, who turned the ball into the net.

But then Bale, so determined to prove Zidane wrong, entered this meeting of the Premier League's fourth-place team and Spain's third-place finisher.

"I was very disappointed not to start the game," he said. "I felt like I deserved it. The best I can do is to come on and make an impact."

That was achieved with the goal three minutes after replacing Isco and he netted again in the 83rd thanks to Karius' second gaffe. The German allowed Bale's shot to squirm through his hands into the net in the 83rd.

"I just feel sorry for my team," Karius said. "I know I let them down today." It left Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp reeling from a sixth successive loss in a final, including a 2013 Champions League defeat to Bayern Munich while Borussia Dortmund coach.

For Zidane, victory in Ukraine puts the former France great in an elite field alongside Carlo Ancelotti and Bob Paisley as a three-time European Cup winner. But no one has achieved the feat faster, with each of his three seasons in charge ending by winning the game's biggest club prize.

"I'm still only starting out as a coach," the 45-year-old Zidane said. "You've got to seize the moment and that's what I'm doing." **AP**

F1

Ricciardo overcomes power loss to win Monaco GP

AP PHOTO



Ricciardo celebrates after winning the mythical Monaco GP

Jerome Pugmire, Monaco

RED Bull's Daniel Ricciardo overcame a mid-race power loss to win the Monaco Grand Prix from pole position yesterday. The Australian driver showed outstanding composure and defensive driving to fend off Sebastian Vettel's Ferrari.

Vettel shaved a few points off championship leader Lewis Hamilton of Mercedes, who finished third.

Hamilton made an audacious move by pitting for new tires several laps before his rivals, but was worried they would wear out completely by the end.

The virtual safety car came out for the last few laps after Charles Leclerc lost his brakes and shunted his Sauber into the back of Brendon Hartley's Toro Rosso. Drivers are not allowed to overtake when the VSC is deployed and must maintain a steady speed.

The incident came too late and made no difference to the overall race picture.

Kimi Raikkonen was fourth for Ferrari ahead of Mercedes' Valtteri Bottas and Force India's Esteban

Ocon.

It was Ricciardo's second win of the season after the Chinese GP last month and seventh of his career, pushing him up to third in the title race.

Ricciardo thought he'd won in Monaco two years ago, where he led from pole position only to be undone by a botched pit stop by his team which left him furious.

There was no denying him this time. "Two years in the making and I finally feel redemption has arrived," Ricciardo said. "I lost power halfway and I thought the race was over. Thanks to the team we got it back. I'm stoked."

Ricciardo appeared emotional, even tearful, as he sat in his car moments after crossing the finish line after 78 laps on the winding 3.34-kilometer street circuit.

It was soon time for Ricciardo's typical showmanship. He stood on his car, nodded slowly in recognition of his achievement and then thumped his chest.

"There were a few doubts that came in. But we won Monaco," he said, laughing. "It feels good."

Red Bull team principal Christian

Horner rushed over to him and they hugged. As he usually does after a victory, Ricciardo took off his shoe, filled it with champagne and drank out of it.

He then offered the huge bottle — but not the shoe — to Prince Albert of Monaco, who took a small sip.

Vettel, too, will be in a good mood after reducing Hamilton's championship lead from 17 points to 14.

It is shaping up to be an intriguing season, with Ricciardo, Vettel and Hamilton winning two races each.

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DANIEL RICCIARDO

Ricciardo's Red Bull teammate Max Verstappen finished ninth after starting from 20th and last place having crashed prior to Saturday's qualifying.

Near the end, the Dutchman was on fresher tires and making them count as he zoomed past Renault's Carlos Sainz Jr. with a typically brazen overtaking move. **AP**

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opinion

World Views

Ramesh Ponnuru, Bloomberg

TRUMP IS RIGHT THAT SOMEONE IS OUT TO GET HIM

President Donald Trump, “who has never been convinced that his aides have his best interests at heart, has felt increasingly aggrieved” in recent months. We have that word from two reporters for the New York Times, Maggie Haberman and Katie Rogers, and it fits with what we have seen from him in public.

The reporters explain Trump’s anger as a function of his “sense of paranoia.” But this is typical MSM nonsense. Trump is absolutely right that someone in his administration keeps undermining him.

Haberman and Rogers report that Trump was angry that he’s not getting enough attention for his triumphs, and blames “distractions” like the recent story that one of his press aides, Kelly Sadler, had cracked that Senator John McCain’s opposition to one of his nominees wouldn’t matter because “he’s dying anyway” from brain cancer.

Trump should be mad about that. Somebody created the impression that you could make such comments in his White House. Then somebody — it had to have been a decision made high up in the administration — failed to have anyone in the administration apologize for Sadler’s remark, thus ensuring that the story would linger for days.

Somebody in the administration fired James Comey as FBI director and then couldn’t stick to a straight story about why he was fired, leading to the appointment of a special counsel to investigate it.

Trump has reason to be angry at whoever blew his chance at getting a deal to fund a wall at the southern border. First someone told the Democrats that they could get an amnesty for illegal immigrants who came here as minors without having to agree to any additional measures to enforce immigration laws. Then someone in the administration insisted that there would be conditions, maximalist ones.

Somebody has been stepping all over the story Trump wants to tell about a rising stock market and a strong economy by indulging in scattershot bouts of protectionism that cause the markets to sink and threaten the economy.

Somebody in Trump’s circle hired Rudy Giuliani to represent him in legal negotiations and talk about it on TV. The former New York City mayor has contradicted other Trump lawyers and himself. He even suggested that Trump had Stephanie Clifford (aka Stormy Daniels) paid off so that news of his infidelity with her wouldn’t affect the election - linking a private matter to campaign finances in a way that posed a legal threat to Trump.

Whoever signed him up was not doing the president any favors.

Whoever is undermining Trump has seen to it that he hires people who make him unhappy. This same person, one assumes, is causing Trump to lash out in public against those people but then hold off on firing them. Maybe this is all part of a plot to make the administration a toxic atmosphere where nobody feels any loyalty and everyone leaks?

According to the Times story, the president believes his communications staff is responsible for his disappointments. He’s right that a lot of his problems are coming from inside the White House. There may be a saboteur even higher up than he thinks.

THE BUZZ LIGHTNING STRIKE CAUSES FLIGHT DELAYS AT LONDON AIRPORT

A lightning strike temporarily knocked out the fueling system yesterday at London Stansted airport, the biggest base for Ryanair Holdings Plc, causing flight delays and cancellations.

Engineers restored the system, though flights may still be delayed, diverted or canceled at the airport about 64 kilometers north of central London, according to a statement on Stansted’s Twitter account.

Stansted is the third-busiest airport in Lon-

don and a key hub for the discount airline Ryanair. The Irish carrier canceled a number of flights and is advising customers of their options, including a full refund or a free transfer to the next available flight, it said in an emailed statement.

“We apologize to all customers affected by these disruptions, which are entirely beyond our control,” Ryanair said in the statement, declining to quantify the cancellations.

TAIWAN

Economy slows after fastest growth in years

TAIWAN’S export-dependent economy decelerated after hitting its stride at the end of last year, when it posted the fastest growth in almost three years.

The expansion slowed to 3.02 percent in the first quarter, according to revised data released Friday by the statistics bureau in Taipei. That was slower than the fourth-quarter pace of 3.28 percent, which was the most robust since the start of 2015.

The government upgraded its full-year forecast for 2018 to 2.6 percent from 2.42 percent due to robust growth in domestic demand.

“Taiwan’s economy used to be driven by external demand,” Chu Tzer-ming, head of the official statistics agency, told reporters after the data release. “Internal demand, including both consumer spending and investment, is rebounding this year and that’s the main reason we upgraded our forecast.”

Growth is holding up, albeit at a slightly slower pace, amid a weakening Taiwan dollar that’s making exports more attractive as well as rising oil prices that are helping to lift inflation. Those will be the issues for policy makers at their next gathering on June 21, when they’ll weigh whether to keep the main rate at 1.375 percent, where it’s been since mid-2016.



After a two-year rally against the U.S. dollar, driven by foreign investors buying shares of Taiwanese companies that supply components and services to Apple Inc. products, Taiwan’s currency has reversed gains to fall about 2.8 percent since the end of March. That’s been largely in line with Asian peers as U.S. markets offer increasingly attractive yields.

The currency has also weakened over concerns that the cycle of iPhone production may be losing steam after shipment growth slowed and iPhone X sales missed analysts estimates.

Oil prices this month have touched levels last seen more than three years ago, adding to inflationary pressure across an economy that imports all of its fuel. While the incoming volume of crude has fallen slightly in the first four months of 2018 from a year earlier, government data show Taiwan’s oil bill

increased by about 12.6 percent in the same period.

A 10 percent increase in the price of oil would reduce economic growth by 10 basis points while adding 34 basis points to inflation, Chu said.

Stable economic expansion, a weakening currency and rising oil prices have been helping firm up inflation since October. The consumer price index rose 1.98 percent on- year in April, in line with the central bank’s 2 percent comfort limit, and reached a one- year high of 2.19 percent in February.

Inflation is rising just a few months into the term of Taiwan’s new central bank governor Yang Chin-long, who said at a briefing in March that the acceptable range for the CPI is between zero and 2 percent. He also cautioned about the possibility of a trade war as a potential risk to Taiwan’s export-oriented economy, which emerged from a three-quarter recession in early 2016. **Bloomberg**

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Ambient	25-45 Good	

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WORLD BRIEFS



OMAN A cyclone more powerful than any previously recorded in southern Oman slammed into the Gulf country and neighboring Yemen on the weekend.

GREECE’s fire service says an intercity bus plying a route near the Turkish border has been struck by lightning and burned to the ground. All 12 passengers, the driver and the ticket collector are safe.

GERMANY Supporters of the nationalist Alternative for Germany party marched through central Berlin to protest against Chancellor Angela Merkel’s government yesterday, while a heavy police presence kept the marchers away from a raft of counter-demonstrations. **More on p15**

SPAIN’s maritime rescue service says it has rescued 366 migrants attempting the dangerous crossing of the Mediterranean Sea this weekend.



US It was the moment the #MeToo movement had been waiting for: Harvey Weinstein in handcuffs. His face pulled in a strained smile and his hands locked behind his back, the once-powerful Hollywood figure emerged from a police station Friday facing rape and criminal sex act charge



COLOMBIA Citizens were casting their ballots yesterday in the first presidential election since the signing of a peace accord with the nation’s biggest rebel group.

MEXICO Officials in the central state of Guanajuato say seven bodies have been found in the city of Salamanca and they appear to be members of a criminal organization.

THE DECISIVE MOMENT



Protesters raise a Chinese Communist Party flag with Chinese words that read: “Put an end to one-party Dictatorship” as hundreds marched yesterday in Hong Kong to mark the 29th anniversary of China’s bloody crackdown in Tiananmen Square on June 4, 1989, ahead of a much larger annual candlelight vigil.