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WORLD BRIEFS

SOUTH CHINA SEA China's coast guard has continued to seize the catches of Filipino fishermen at a disputed shoal in the South China Sea despite a protest by the Philippines following an earlier incident, two Philippine officials said.



VIETNAM Authorities released from prison and expelled a prominent human rights lawyer and another dissident, both of whom were sent to Germany, a pro-democracy group said.

THAILAND Four villagers were shot dead in Thailand's south in another case of violence in the insurgency-racked region.



JAPAN A knife attack on a Japanese bullet express train near Tokyo left one passenger dead and two others injured, police said yesterday, as they arrested a suspect who was on top of a man lying unconscious. More on p12



PAKISTAN The party of Pakistan's former military dictator Pervez Musharraf has announced that he will run for a seat in parliament in the July 25 national elections.

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'Paper planes' ruling unlawful, says Sou

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Day of Portugal celebrated with pledges to improve bilateral relations

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MIF's exhibition application process begins

The application period for local enterprises to exhibit at the 23rd Macao International Trade and Investment Fair (MIF) will be open from today until June 23. To be held from October 18 to 20, this year's edition of MIF will continue to feature the "Macao SME Pavilion." Around 100 booths will be set up to showcase products that are "Made in Macau", with "Macao Brands" or branded products distributed by Macau enterprises. According to a statement from the Macao Trade and Investment Promotion Institute, priority will be given to products from Portuguese-speaking countries. It also added that a simplified administrative procedure will be introduced at this year's MIF to save participating enterprises from having to submit a number of application documents.

Company records sales surge in Paris, Macau

Booming sales at new stores in Paris and Macau has helped to treble profits at Graff Diamonds, The Sunday Times has reported. The London jeweler recorded a surge in its pre-tax profits to USD69.6 million last year, up from USD22.1 million. Overall sales rose from USD569.6 million to USD692.8 million, according to recent filings at Companies House. Graff Diamonds expanded in Asia in 2012 with the opening of its first local store in Wynn Macau. The London jewelry retailer has stores in Wynn Macau, Studio City and Wynn Palace.

Sulu Sou declares last month's conviction 'null and void'

LAWMAKER Sulu Sou has declared last month's conviction to be unlawful, arguing that his prosecutorial immunity protects him from standing trial for any crimes other than the one for which he was suspended. Sou says that his lawyer, Jorge Menezes, has described the judgment as both "null and void."

On May 29, Macau's Court of First Instance found Sou guilty of the crime of unlawful assembly and sentenced him and fellow political activist Scott Chiang to 120 days worth of fines.

Lawmakers in the Macau SAR normally enjoy prosecutorial immunity that prevents charges from being brought against them. However, Sou was suspended by Legislative Assembly (AL) intervention in December last year, which lifted his immunity and permitted him to stand trial, as he was accused of the more serious crime of aggravated disobedience.

This accusation was thrown out during the course of the proceedings, and Sou was ultimately found guilty of a different crime, for which he was not suspended.

But the young activist-turned-lawmaker is arguing that the deliberation that led to his suspension was based specifically on the crime of aggravated disobedience and cannot be extended to include other crimes.

"I was suspended by the Legislative Assembly so that my immunity as Legislator could be lifted,



Immunity is not lifted as a 'blank check'.

SULU SO

ted, allowing me to undergo trial for an alleged crime of aggravated disobedience to a police order," he wrote in a statement released yesterday.

"However, I was not found guilty or tried for that purported offence. [My lawyer and I] learned that the court tried me for, and found me guilty of a different

offence: of organizing an illegal protest."

"There is no deliberation of the AL lifting my immunity to be tried for a criminal offence of organizing an illegal protest," the statement continued. "In this context, my lawyer informed me that the trial and the judgment breached the law, being null and void, because I had my immunity in place regarding any other offence, but the one the Legislators faced when they casted their vote. I could not have undergone trial for a different offence. And I was not found guilty for the offence pursuant to which my immunity was lifted."

The lawmaker added that, if the court wanted to change the charge against him, prosecutors should have informed the Legislative Assembly and waited for Sou's immunity to be lifted concerning the other offence. Without such legislative approval, Sou argued, the court does not have the lawful ability to swap the charges presented against him.

"Immunity is not lifted as a 'blank check'," argued Sou. "Legislators have discretion regarding whether to suspend a peer or not, and they vote in light of the specific offence at stake, as the debate [last year] showed." **DB**

ASK THE VET

by Dr Ruan Du Toit Bester

CAN A DOG VIRUS BE TRANSMITTED TO HUMANS

NORMALLY a human cannot get a dog virus like canine influenza or parvo. However, people can catch viruses through exposure to dog faeces and the unsafe handling of sick or infected dogs.

RABIES

The dog virus a human can get is rabies. A bite from an infected dog is usually how the virus is transmitted. Though it is rare, a person can also get rabies if the saliva from an infected animal gets into their eyes, mouth or an open wound.

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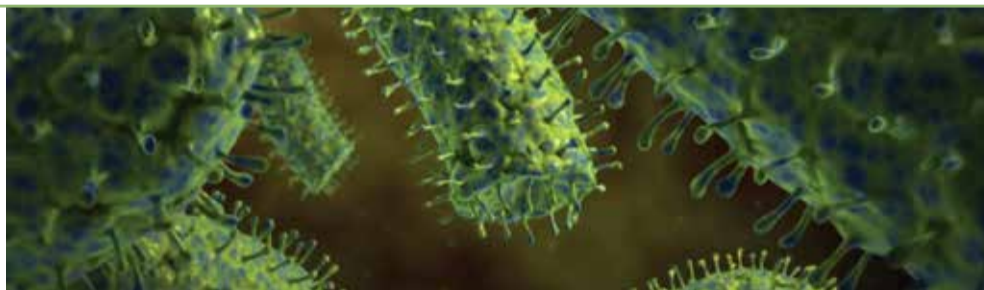
When handling dogs, be aware that you

can get parasites such as ring or tape worms, too. Humans can contract worms if they accidentally ingest material contaminated with dog stool that contains the worms. These are a baby form of the parasite, but they can migrate into your blood stream and lodge in your liver and spread to other vital organs.

BE SAFE AROUND CONTAMINATED MATERIALS

Those handling sick pets need to follow safety procedures like wearing gloves and protective clothing, and washing their hands frequently. In some cases vaccinations are necessary.

It's important to give your dog medica-



tion to prevent heart-worm disease and parasites, and to have him on a yearly vaccination schedule.

VIRUSES MAY AFFECT HUMANS IF THEY MUTATE

Type-A Influenza is a virus that results in a respiratory disease in dogs. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), there have been no instances of the canine influenza virus infecting humans. Dog viruses are constantly changing, and if something did

cause the virus to mutate, only then could it affect humans.

Hope this info helps
Till next week
Dr Ruan Bester

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Hong Kong to hold joint Belt and Road conference in Beijing

Eric Lam

HONG Kong's government will hold a joint conference with other officials in Beijing on June 12 to discuss the city's involvement in China's sprawling Belt and Road infrastructure initiative.

The conference will detail Hong Kong's "full participation in and contribution to the Belt and Road Initiative, the work priorities and initiatives to be implemented for the year," according to an announcement yesterday from the Government of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region.

Teresa Cheng, Hong Kong's secretary for justice, Edward Yau, the secretary for com-

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merce and economic development, and Patrick Nip, the secretary for constitutional and mainland affairs, will

lead the group heading to Beijing, which also includes officials from the Development Bureau, Hong Kong

Monetary Authority and the Hong Kong Trade Development Council.

The National Development

and Reform Commission, Hong Kong and Macau Affairs Office of the State Council and other central authorities will also participate, the release said.

■ The conference will detail the work priorities and initiatives to be implemented for the year

Chinese President Xi Jinping's Belt and Road initiative to connect countries along economic corridors across Asia and Europe has met with increasing acceptance from both developing and developed nations. The plan could boost global trade by as much as 12 percent by halving trading costs, according a June 6 report from an economist at ING Groep NV. **Bloomberg**

Macau associations wanted in BRI implementation

THE president of China's Social Sciences Academic Press, Xie Shouguang, has called on Macau's local associations to participate in cultural exchange and connect with residents of countries involved in China's Belt and Road Initiative.

In Xie's opinion, the easiest method of involving Macau in the strategy consists of "engaging associations into creating social solidarity and promoting exchange and bi-lateral cooperation."

"Associations have advantages of being professional; [...] Macau is a society of associations," said Xie during the International Belt and Road Sym-



Xie Shouguang

posium held last week at the Macau Tower.

Xie, who is also the Secretary-General of the Chinese Sociological Association, thinks that the

four groups of associations (the Macao Foundation, along with philanthropic, academic, and business associations) can become major contributors to the

Belt and Road Initiative.

"Associations such as the China Charity Federation [...] are most likely to show effect," said Xie, who is also a visiting professor at the Institute for Society and Culture of the Macau University of Science and Technology (MUST).

In order to contribute to China's Belt and Road strategy, Xie thinks Ma-

cau's associations should focus on the cooperation with Chinese associations and communities in countries along the Belt and Road Initiative.

"This is the biggest advantage of Macau. Even though both Guangdong and Fujian share a similar advantage, the connection [between said groups] should be built through Macau associations," said Xie, "in particular, through associations that carry out long-term philanthropy activities, through discovering projects along the Belt and Road countries, and through providing educational, cultural and medical services."

Xie also expressed his hopes that the Macao Foundation can be a platform for cooperation between academic associations and think tanks.

"If China or Macau want to trigger people's com-

munication and connection [between countries involved in Belt and Road Initiative], the first thing we should do is work with local elite associations," said Xie.

"Beijing and [the ministries of the Central Government have already done a lot of work. However, there is still work which can be done. [...] Macau holds many convenient conditions and can be a platform for the cooperation between departments of the Central Government, or even for the communication among different political parties."

Xie suggested that Macau's members of the National People's Congress and the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference submit new proposals as to how Macau associations should participate in the Belt and Road Initiative.

Xie also proposed the establishment of a specific fund relating to social solidarity among the abovementioned groups, and another fund for Belt and Road Initiative research.

"You [Macau] should build a sort of bridge to allow mainland organizations to conduct pre-training in Macau, as well as to invite Chinese associations from the Belt and Road countries to attend professional training sessions in Macau," Xie said. **JZ**

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INDONESIA CONTINUES TO TOP INDEX

INDONESIA CONTINUES to top the Belt and Road Infrastructure Development Index for the second consecutive year, according to a report issued last week. The report, released at the ninth International Infrastructure Investment and Construction Forum, was based on infrastructure development environment, development

potential and development trend of the countries and regions along the Belt and Road Initiative. Singapore, Pakistan, Russia, Vietnam, Brazil, Poland, Turkey, Malaysia and India also rank in the top 10 in the index. The overall infrastructure development in those countries and regions features an upward momentum with fluctuation, the report said.

Cyprus starts building 'Europe's biggest casino resort'

A new casino resort in Cyprus is expected to be Europe's biggest and will be the centerpiece of the Mediterranean island's strategy to become a luxury tourism destination, the country's president said on Friday.

Nicos Anastasiades said the 550 million euro (MOP5.2 billion) City of Dreams Mediterranean casino resort is the biggest investment project ever undertaken in Cyprus.

The project is a joint venture between Macau's Melco International Resorts and Cyprus' CNS Group, a group of companies involved in a variety of sectors on the island.

Lawrence Ho, chief executive of Melco International Resorts and Entertainment, said the first project is his company's first expansion outside of Asia.

"Our project will contribute significantly to the country's efforts for sustainable economic growth and an increase in employment rates," he said.

The resort will offer 136 tables and 1,200 gaming machines, a



Artist rendering of the City of Dreams Mediterranean

five-star, 500-room hotel and luxury villas, 11 restaurants, retail shops, sports and wellness centers and an amphitheater.

Ho said a temporary casino will be opening close to the construction site on June 28 and will operate until the resort is completed. The temporary casino will include 33 tables, 242 slots, and a VIP gaming area.

President Anastasiades said that once it is operational in 2021, the resort will create arou-

nd 6,500 jobs, attract an additional 300,000 visitors to Cyprus each year and pour some 700 million euros (MOP7.8 billion) into the economy annually.

"Our country is much more than just an attractive 'sun and sea' tourist destination," Anastasiades said at a groundbreaking ceremony. "Cyprus has all the prerequisites to be established as a regional and, why not, global premium destination, a genuine point of re-

ference for luxury tourism and responsible gaming."

After a financial crisis that nearly bankrupted the country five years ago, Cyprus has rebounded, with its economy projected to grow at around 3.5 percent annually in the next few years.

Some 3.65 million tourists visited Cyprus in 2017, marking an historic high as they spent an unprecedented 2.6 billion euros (MOP24.6 billion). MDT/AP

Retired police officer charged with fraud

A retired chief police officer from the Public Security Police Force (PSP) has been transferred to the prosecution authorities on the grounds of defrauding an individual of MOP80,000. The suspect, surnamed Ho, is in her 40s and had entered the PSP back in 1991. Ho had allegedly deceived the victim, her former colleague, through a currency exchange scam. The victim had transferred HKD83,000 to Ho in exchange for EUR3,000 and RMB50,000 but did not receive any funds in return. Ho later admitted to the Judiciary Police that she had utilized the money for her own ends.

High roller arrested for laundering over USD660m

A high roller is under investigation for alleged laundering of over USD660 million in Australian casinos alone, with more from Macau, Singapore and the United States. The man, identified as Dan Bui Shun Jin, was arrested in his hotel room in River Rock Casino, located in British Columbia, Canada. Officers found documents in the room pointing to a recent scheme to move large amounts of money through the Vancouver International Airport. The US had also issued a warrant to arrest the man for fraud concerning over USD1.4 million in the state of Nevada.

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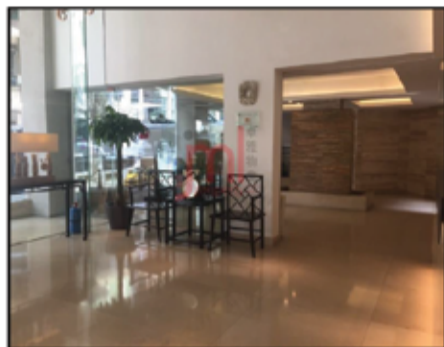
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FOR SALE



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Rate: HKD 7,263

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Rate: HKD 7,993

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Professional drivers oppose heavier fines for traffic offenses

Julie Zhu

A group of professional drivers on Friday delivered a letter to the government headquarters expressing their opposition to the latest proposal of the amendment of the city's Road Traffic Law.

The group, comprising around 50 local drivers, together with lawmaker Lei Cheng I, wants the government to retain existing fines for transit infractions, such as illegal parking.

"It is unfair to us, professional drivers," declared the president of Macau Federation of Transportation, Tong Chak Sam.

Besides having reported their unhappiness towards the proposal for heavier fines, the drivers also called on the government to improve the city's ancillary transport facilities, as well as to increase the number of parking places in Macau.

In turn, in addition to heavier fines proposed for illegal parking, the government also proposed to increase fines for driving under the influence of drugs or alcohol, for speeding, and for driving while using mobile phones.

According to Tong, profes-



sional drivers are unhappy at the prospect of heavier fines for driving while using mobile phones.

"We are expressing our anger. Our operations rely on phones, through which we receive work requests," said Tong, further asking: "If the government does not even allow us to use phones on speaker, how can we get work?"

Moreover, Tong pointed out that there is a severe lack of legal parking areas for commodity delivery vehicles.

"Often, when we make a delivery, we cannot park over the solid yellow lines, therefore we have to park illegally. The fine is MOP900. Isn't this indeed

unfair to professional drivers?" Tong questioned, hoping that the Secretary for Transport and Public Works and the Chief Executive would hear their plea.

"The key is to first increase the number of facilities," said Tong.

Lei Cheng I, adding on to Tong's words, commented that "[the government] want[s] [professional drivers] to obey the law, but how can we obey when there are solid yellow lines across most of Macau?"

According to the lawmaker, the industry already held a discussion with the city's transport authority in order to offer their suggestions.

"[The industry] has suggested

[that] the government, for instance [...] give professional drivers a limited time to park [at certain places], or to establish additional legal parking spots so that the industry can obey the law. However, since this problem has never been solved, the industry can't avoid illegal parking," said Lei.

We are expressing our anger. Our operations rely on phones, through which we receive work requests.

TONG CHAK SAM
MACAU FEDERATION OF
TRANSPORTATION

Later, Tong's association will be collecting signatures from the city's professional drivers to call for the government's attention to their demands.



EDUCATION

USJ's alumni hold cultural exchange tour

THE University of Saint Joseph Alumni Association (AAUSJ) recently held its 2018 Chinese Cultural Exchange Tour in the provincial capital of Sichuan, which is known as the "Land of Abundance."

Led by USJ's vice rector, Vincent Cheng Yang, and chairperson of AAUSJ Tang Cheng Lin, the delegation visited Sichuan University, Southwest Minzu University (SMU) and Southwest Jiaotong University (SWJTU). According to a statement issued by USJ, the delegates had meetings with officials, professors and students to explore the possibility of further exchange and cooperation.

Sichuan Province now has a total of 119 universities, including eight "double first class" universities, and a total of 12,000 overseas students, although only 38 of them hail from Macau. Sichuan University, a "Project 985 University", hosted round table talks for the delegation to meet with professors and students from its business school, arts and news media school, and school of foreign languages.

At SWJTU, the delegates were invited to tour the State Key Laboratory of Traction Power to further enhance their knowledge on China's high-speed transportation technologies. In addition, the delegation also toured some UNESCO World Heritage Sites, namely, the Dujiangyan Irrigation System and Mount Qingcheng, as well as the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding.

Polytex proposes two options to return money invested

THE company responsible for the development of the project "Pearl Horizon" project - Polytex - has proposed two options for the return of the money invested by the buyers, TDM reported. The proposals come at the light of the recent call from the society and namely from the lawmakers at

the Legislative Assembly for the fulfillment of the responsibilities from the company, since, after the ruling from the Court of Final Appeal (TUI) that decided in favor of the government on the call for return of the land plot due to lack of development during the period of the concession. The company proposes to

return the money invested either in a five-phase plan to run for a period of two years or alternatively in a seven-phase plan running for a three-year period. In the second case, the company proposes not just to return the money invested but to add to an amount equivalent to 15 percent of the amount invested as

compensation.

To TDM, Kou Meng Pok, president of Pearl Horizon Condominium Owners United Association, already noted that such proposals are not satisfactory in his particular case, although admitted that some of the other buyers might accept it.

Due to the fact that the

land plot has been returned to the government it is impossible for Polytex to fulfill the contracts signs with the buyers, delivering the housing units initially contracted.

After the decision of the TUI, the government proposed to specially allow the buyers to acquire a unit on a building that will be built by the government to lodge temporarily residents affected by the urban renewal projects.

The proposal has not interested the buyers. **RM**

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SANDS CARES AMBASSADORS PARTICIPATE IN NATURE WALK



A group of around 30 Sands Cares Ambassadors went on a nature walk in Coloane last week, cleaning up debris along the coast and mountain, Sands China said in a statement.

The group was led by a guide from Green Future, a local non-governmental organization dedicated to enhancing communities' awareness of environmental issues

and promoting a greener living environment.

As they walked the Long Chao Kok Coastal Trail, the group also learned about risks posed by non-native invasive species, which have the potential to harm the environment after being introduced from foreign habitats. The event was in support of the U.N.'s World Environment Day, which occurs annually on June 5 to encourage global awareness and action for the protection of the environment.

Sands China's support of World Environment Day also included a Clean Plate Challenge held from June 5 to 7, which encouraged team members to minimize food waste.

WYNN MACAU PRESENTS STAR-STUDED LINE-UP OF CHEFS



Starting June 21, star chefs from around the world will participate in the 'Wynn Guest Chef Series' to be held at Wynn Macau and Wynn Palace Cotai.

Wynn Macau said it invited a line-up of Michelin-starred chefs and renowned chefs who were recognized at the recent

awards ceremony for Asia's 50 Best Restaurants.

Labyrinth - awarded one star by Michelin Guide Singapore - will showcase avant-garde neo-Singaporean Cuisine at the SW Steakhouse with Chef Li Guang Han. Shoun RyuGin, award-

ded two stars by Michelin Guide Taipei, will present a dining experience at Mizumi, Wynn Macau. Thai chef-proprietor Thitid Tassanakajohn will open a pop-up kitchen at Andrea's.

Il Ristorante Luca Fantin at Bulgari Tokyo, which was awarded one star by Michelin Guide Tokyo, is helmed by Italian Executive Chef Luca Fantin, who will also attend the event.

Chef Alvin Leung from BO Innovation, who has been awarded three stars by Michelin Guide Hong Kong Macau, will also showcase his cuisine at Wing Lei Palace.

DAY OF PORTUGAL

Secretary of State announces improvement to Consulate services

Renato Marques

THE Portuguese Secretary of State for Tax Affairs, António Mendonça Mendes, the official representative of the Portuguese government for the ceremonies of June 10 (Day of Portugal, Camões, and the Portuguese Communities) announced yesterday that the Consulate of Portugal in Macau would soon offer the enhanced services of "Citizen Space" (Espaço Cidadão), a "one stop" service style desk where Portuguese nationals can take care of almost all the formalities related to public services in just one location.

According to the Portuguese official, the measure is one of several that the Portuguese government has been addressing to improve the life of Portuguese nationals living abroad.

"We tried to simplify the relation of the Portuguese living abroad to their country, for example we extended the "Citizen Card's" period [Portuguese Identification Card] from five to ten years and we are planning [to open soon] in the consular services of Macau, a 'citizen space'," Mendes said during his speech at the Consul's Official Residence yesterday evening.

During his speech the Portuguese State Secretary praised the government of Macau for the opportunity given to Portuguese nationals to live and work in the region, noting also the importance paid to both the Portuguese language and culture. In his role as a representative of the Portuguese government, the official recalled the commercial and diplomatic relations between Portugal and China, noting Portugal's commitment to the "Belt and Road" initiative - especially in what concerns the Sines Port, where a system has been established to ease the treatment and



António Mendonça Mendes (left) watches a hug between Vitor Sereno and Chui Sai On

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taxation on goods carried between the Portuguese port and all Chinese ports.

Mendes also had time to reaffirm that the Portuguese community in Macau is an example "being present [and contributing] in all sectors of Macau's society and that has gathered trust among the local authorities," he said, reaffirming the "extremely relevant" work performed by the Consul-general Vitor Sereno.

Meanwhile, the Consul-general, who hosted the event, said that now is the right time for Chinese investment in Portugal to take a more qualitative step, pointing out new fields such as the automotive industry and electric mobility as a field where Portugal possesses advantages that can be explored by Chinese corporations. "It is time to give a qualitative step on [Chinese] investment in Portugal, focusing on the new creation of entrepreneurship in different sectors, namely on the automobile [industry] where we possess great capacity of installation of both European and Japanese brands. The cooperation on 'electric mobility' would be particularly promising," Sereno said adding there is also a Portuguese interest in the participation of the creation of the Greater Bay area.

On a tourism level, he said, "we can help with the creation of multi-destination itineraries on

the China-Portugal exchange."

Similarly to what happened back in 2016, the Consul-general took the opportunity of the soon-to-start Football World Cup to offer yesterday to the Chief Executive (CE), Chui Sai On, a Portuguese national team personalized jersey, expressing hopes that, as in 2016 when Portugal was European Champion, this gesture will bring luck for the Portuguese team in the World Cup.

The CE reattributed then the offering with words of appreciation for the work of Sereno in the six years that he had been leading the Consulate in Macau.

Similarly as in previous years, Chui highlighted the "importance" of the MSAR for the Portuguese and Macanese communities as well as the roles that these communities play "on the multicultural layout of the region." Chui promised to place importance on the Portuguese language and Macanese culture.

Police issues warning on self-proclaimed 'Malaysian Prince'

THE Judiciary Police (PJ) issued a warning on Saturday afternoon calling on citizens to exercise caution when dealing with a self-proclaimed "Malaysian Prince" who was filmed seated in front of a large amount of money at a Cotai casino.

According to videos circulating on social networks and information

that the PJ collected, the man has used a technique to beat the casino; a skill that enables him to win huge sums of money every time he plays.

The same sources also revealed that he had allegedly offered to teach his technique to many other players, charging an hourly fee of USD10,000 for the gambling lessons.

Although no complaints

regarding any illicit activity performed by the man have been received, the PJ is warning citizens to be aware of the possibility that the person is a scammer, as he has previously been involved in an investment scheme with the purpose of raising funds.

In the process, he was said to have used the name of a local junket

operator (Suncity Group), prompting in the company issuing a statement on May 18. The group stated that they have learned that "illegal fundraising and sales activities were running at Crowne Plaza Danang, Vietnam and Paradise City, Incheon, Korea, by a certain individual by the name of Wangzi Suncity," adding that "the

Group, its affiliates and its related companies, have neither signed any partnership agreements nor engaged in any commercial associations or business activities with 'Wangzi SunCity.'" They also added that they never authorized any person to perform any of the mentioned activities under the Group's name.

As TDM reported, in the footage circulating, a large group of people that is surrounding the man is also seen and heard chanting, "We love the Prince (Wangzi), Wangzi Suncity" in Mandarin.

47th Skål congress to be held in the SAR

THE Skål International Macau Club will host the 47th Skål Asia Area Congress - themed "gastronomy tourism" at Fisherman's Wharf from June 21 to 24.

The main highlights of the congress will include the signing of a MoU between Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) and Skål International, as well as talks by industry experts, such as PATA's CEO Mario Hardy, who will discuss "Setting the stage for Sustainable Tourism Development."

Macau Government Tourism Office (MGTO) director Maria Helena de Senna Fernandes will give a talk entitled "Macau, World Center of Tourism and Leisure;" while executive director of the Macau Trade and Investment Promotion Institute Irene Lau will discuss "MICE in Macau". The event will include a panel discussion of tourism and gastronomy, moderated by Cheng Wai Tong, deputy director of the MGTO.

Speakers on the panel include deputy governor for Policy and Planning of the Tourism Authority of Thailand, Chattan Kunjara Na Ayudhya, and the Creative Cities Network Project coordinator of Shunde, China, for the UNESCO Creative Cities Network Project, Fang Li. This year's gastronomy-themed congress also sees attention placed on the selection of menus and restaurants, with Vic's Restaurant, Grand Coloane Hotel and MGM Cotai among the names featured. Delegates will also attend internal Skål Asia Area meetings, while MGTO will invite participants to embark upon tours of the city, focusing on the city's heritage and new tourism infrastructure.

This year will be the third time the SAR has hosted the Skål Asia Area Congress, with the 1994 and 2007 editions also held in Macau.

Joao Lima

EDP says Three Gorges bid is low, will seek more information

EDP-ENERGIAS de Portugal SA's executive board reaffirmed that the 9.1 billion-euro (USD10.7 billion) takeover offer from China Three Gorges Corp. is low and said it will seek more information from the bidder about its plans for the Portuguese utility.

"The executive board of directors notes that there are merits in the strategic intentions of the offeror," Lisbon-based EDP said in a statement on the Portuguese securities regulator's website. "Given the uncertainties regarding the implementation of the plan and potential impact on EDP, the executive board will seek more information from the offeror in order to be in a position to form a more considered view regarding the value of the project."

EDP's executive board, led by Chief Executive Officer Antonio Mexia, had already said on May 15 that the implied premium of the takeover offer was "low" and undervalued Portugal's biggest electricity company.

Shares of EDP have traded above the Three Gorges offer price since the bid was announced on the evening of May 11. The Chinese company is offering 3.26 euros a share, 4.8 percent higher than EDP's closing stock price that day. The bidder is already the biggest shareholder in EDP with a 23 percent stake and is now seeking to raise its stake to more than 50 percent, while retaining the former power monopoly's listing in the Lisbon exchange.

"The executive board cannot



EDP's Chief Executive Officer Antonio Mexia

recommend that shareholders tender their shares at the current offer price," EDP said in the statement released early on Saturday. "Shareholders that wish to tender their shares need to be appropriately compensated for giving up control of EDP."

A phone call to a media director at China Three Gorges outside of office hours went unanswered.

EDP said its executives noted that Three Gorges wants the Portuguese company to lead its growth in Europe and the Ameri-

cas, and that its plan includes the possible contribution of certain assets to EDP.

EDP holds 83 percent of renewable-energy unit EDP Renovaveis, which Three Gorges is also bidding for. It's offering 7.33 euros a share, less than that stock's closing price before the announcement on May 11. EDP Renovaveis said in a separate statement that its board recommends that shareholders don't accept that offer price.

The government in Lisbon has

indicated it's comfortable with the Chinese bid for EDP. Before details of the offer were made public on the evening of May 11, Portuguese Prime Minister Antonio Costa said he "had no objection" to a possible Three Gorges bid for the power company.

The Chinese company would bolster its efforts to expand abroad and give it deeper access to markets in Europe, Brazil and the US

For Three Gorges, which spent two decades building a hydro-power plant spanning China's Yangtze River, the deal would bolster its efforts to expand abroad and give it deeper access to markets in Europe, Brazil and the U.S. EDP is one of Europe's leading developers of renewable energy, building mainly wind farms and hydro plants, and has expanded in markets including

Brazil and the U.S. It has installed capacity of 26.8 gigawatts, including 5 gigawatts of wind energy farms in the U.S.

The deal would add to a wave of investments China has made overseas, both to earn a yield on its cash and to gain expertise in industries ranging from energy to telecommunications and transport. Concern about those deals has been mounting in the U.S. European Union governments have been divided in their response, with Portugal among those most supportive of inward investment.

The bid is subject to several regulatory approvals, including from the Committee on Foreign Investment in the U.S. Three Gorges said in the offer announcement on May 11 that it doesn't rule out accepting some "mitigation measures" from that regulator.

The Portuguese government in December 2011 agreed to sell a 21 percent stake in EDP to Three Gorges for 2.69 billion euros. That privatization and the sale of a stake in energy grid operator REN-Redes Energeticas Nacionais SA to another Chinese company were carried out as part of a bailout program provided by the European Union and International Monetary Fund. **Bloomberg**

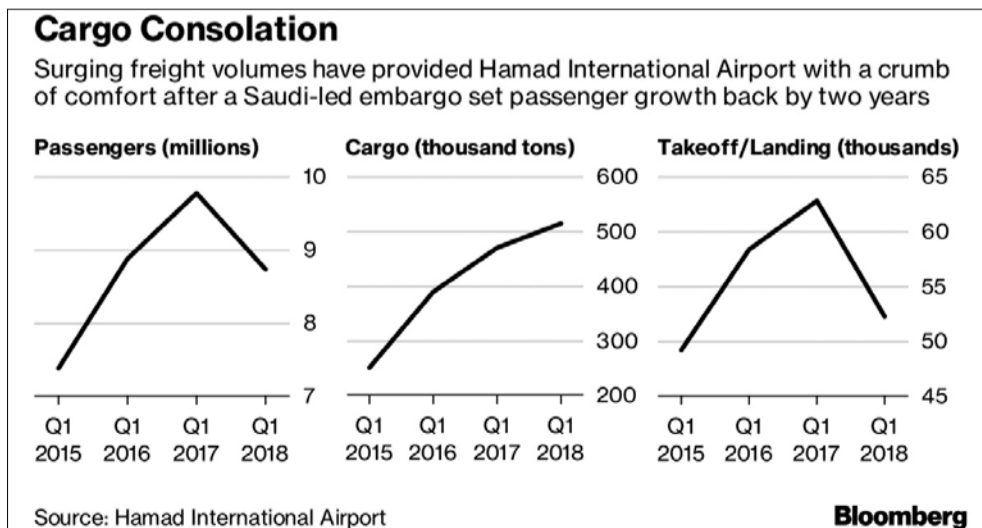
Qatar Airport cargo surge cushions blow from Saudi-led embargo

Mohammed Aly Sergie

QATAR'S Hamad International Airport may be struggling with dropping passenger numbers amid a travel and trade ban imposed by rival Arab states, but the embargo has spurred air-freight volumes to record highs.

The closure of the Mideast nation's only land border with Saudi Arabia has led to an airlift-style operation to safeguard the supply of goods and produce spanning fresh milk to industrial gear previously transported by truck, Badr Mohammed Al Meer, the airport's chief operating officer, said in an interview.

Freight volumes at the hub, which opened in 2014, jumped 10 percent to 514,000 tons in the first quarter, according to the latest available figures. At the same time, the passen-



ger tally slid 11 percent to 8.73 million and the number of aircraft takeoffs and landings tumbled 17 percent to 52,200.

Qatar Airways has scrapped flights to 19 cities in Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Egypt as a result of curbs imposed by the countries on June 5 last year over their gas-rich

neighbor's alleged funding of terrorism and its links to Iran. Qatar denies the charges. The measures also mean carriers including Dubai-based Emirates, Abu Dhabi's Etihad Airways, EgyptAir and Saudi Arabian Airlines no longer serve Hamad.

Prior to the embargo, the airport, which is owned by Qatar Air, had forecast a

20 percent jump in passenger traffic for 2017 versus 2015 levels. "Whatever we expected is not valid anymore," Al Meer said in his office at the USD17 billion hub, which is located on the shores of the Persian Gulf south of Doha.

The surge in air freight has been led by imports from countries including Turkey, Iran, Morocco and

Australia, substituting for loads that would have been flown or shipped from the boycotting states or trucked in from Saudi Arabia. Qatar's new seaport only opened in 2016, and the sheikhdom had largely relied on the trans-shipment of containers from Dubai's main port in Jebel Ali.

Qatar Airways, the world's second-biggest cargo carrier, has 23 freighters, all of them wide-bodies, and in April placed on order for five more Boeing Co. 777Fs each with a capacity of 102 tons and worth a collective \$1.7 billion at list prices. The specialist fleet serves 60 destinations, while the carrier's 200 passenger planes transport so-called belly freight to a further 150 locations.

Hamad airport is also pressing on with plans to double cargo capacity to about 3 million tons a year by 2020, Al Meer said.

In the passenger market, the hub's woes go beyond the canceled regional routes, with Qatar Air's services to African destinations including Khartoum, La-

gos and Nairobi taking far longer as planes are forced into detours to avoid territory over which they're no longer welcome.

Flights to South Africa can take an extra 75 minutes, while timings to some locations in Europe and the Asia-Pacific have also been stretched, according to Al Meer. The airline has had to become adept at switching between aircraft to suit demand and simulated flying conditions, helping to pare losses, he said.

Hamad has also attracted extra flights from India and Gulf states Kuwait and Oman, which remain on equitable terms with Qatar, and is still full at peak hours and operating well above its designed capacity of 24 million passengers a year, with about 35 million expected in 2018.

Plans to increase capacity to 55 million people annually by the time Qatar hosts the 2022 soccer World Cup remain on course and construction of a further terminal could ultimately take the total to 70 million next decade. **Bloomberg**



Xi, Modi hold bilateral talks, agree to improve ties

Iain Marlow

CHINESE President Xi Jinping and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi committed to continue improving ties between Asia's most populous countries in a bilateral meeting on the sidelines of a summit in China.

Xi hosted leaders of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization in the coastal city of Qingdao over the weekend. The China-led grouping includes India, Russia, Pakistan and several Central Asian countries, as well as Iran as an observer state.

"Met this year's SCO host, President Xi Jinping this

evening," Modi tweeted on Saturday. "We had detailed discussions on bilateral and global issues. Our talks will add further vigor to the India-China friendship."

The two nations signed agreements Saturday on the export of non-Basmati varieties of rice from India and information sharing between China and India on the Brahmaputra river in flood season.

The SCO meeting - which also features Russian President Vladimir Putin and Iranian President Hassan Rouhani - comes as the U.S. considers new sanctions on Iran, and immediately before U.S. President Donald Trump's scheduled meeting

with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un on June 12.

In late April, Xi and Modi held an informal meeting in the Chinese city of Wuhan, where they agreed to have their two armies strengthen communication links. The meeting was arranged to help maintain peaceful relations in a tense bilateral relationship that frayed significantly over a border dispute in the Himalayas last year. It was held at a time when global tensions were on the rise from North Korea to a brewing global trade war.

The SCO, which was founded in 2001, is sometimes considered a China-backed, eastern counterweight to the western NATO alliance

because of an emphasis on security and a stated aim of creating a "new international political and economic order." The U.S. was not invited to be a part of the group and officials have worried about the group's influence on democracy and human rights across Asia.

Neighbors India and Pakistan, historic arch-rivals that have fought several wars, joined the SCO as full member states in June 2017. The previous year, India led a boycott of a summit for the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation, or SAARC, over what New Delhi alleged was "increasing cross-border terrorist attacks" by Pakistan. **Bloomberg**

Massive trade surplus shrinks, just not with the US

CHINA'S massive trade surplus with the world shrank in May. Unfortunately for the ongoing tensions with President Donald Trump, the surplus with the U.S. didn't.

The trade gap with the U.S. swelled to USD24.6 billion, making up almost all of the total surplus of \$24.9 billion. Overall, exports rose 12.6 percent in May from a year earlier while imports surged 26 percent, partly due to higher oil and other commodity

prices. Shipments to the U.S. were up 11.6 percent, the most since February.

While the deal to allow ZTE to restart business removes one irritant in the U.S.-China relationship, Trump's main concern is cutting his nation's persistent trade deficit. He has threatened to slap tariffs on at least \$50 billion in Chinese imports shortly after publishing a final list of targets on June 15. The more than \$2 billion expansion of his nation's deficit with Chi-

na in May from April won't improve that situation.

"The optics of the heavy reliance on the U.S. market for surplus generation will be negative in the context of ongoing trade negotiations and could harden the U.S.'s stance and thus reduce odds of a deal," said Dariusz Kowalczyk, senior emerging-market strategist at Credit Agricole SA in Hong Kong.

U.S. data show the goods trade deficit with China rose to a record \$375 billion last

year. Including services, in which the U.S. runs a surplus with the Asian nation, its total deficit was smaller.

China's trade surplus of \$105 billion with the U.S. in the first five months of this year was even higher than its total trade surplus, said Larry Hu, a Hong Kong-based economist at Macquarie Securities Ltd. "China's high trade surplus with the U.S. is partly due to its position in the global supply chain, as its trade deficits with Japan, Korea and

Taiwan amounted to \$102 billion over this period."

The export strength in May may even have been driven in part by the trade tensions as companies book orders while they still can.

"The particularly strong May figures are due to uncertainties from the trade negotiations," said Iris Pang, an economist at ING Groep NV in Hong Kong and the only accurate forecaster of May import growth in a Bloomberg survey. "Exports risks are mounting, so the exporters expedited importing components for re-export." **Bloomberg**

Anti-dumping duties imposed on Brazil chicken products



CHINA plans to impose anti-dumping duties on purchases of broiler-chicken products from Brazil, the country's top supplier, citing a 10-month investigation that said surging imports damaged the domestic breeding industry.

Importers will pay a deposit of as much as 38.4 percent to Chinese customs on purchases effective Saturday, the Ministry of Commerce said in a preliminary ruling following initial findings from an investigation that started in August. Supplies from BRF SA are subject to a 25.3 percent rate and an 18.8 percent duty will be imposed on goods from JBS SA subsidiaries, according to a list published by the ministry. The companies are Brazil's top chicken producers.

The tariffs will reduce exports from Brazil and may lead to more U.S. imports once China and the Trump administration improve trade relations, said Kong Pingtao, general manager at Beijing Pro-Agri Communication Co. In February, China lifted extra duties on U.S. chicken imports, although shipments are still banned amid bird-flu concerns.

The duties are not expected to halt Brazil's exports to China because of ample demand in the Asian nation, but they may inhibit growth for shipments, Ricardo Santin, a director at industry group ABPA, said Friday in a telephone interview.

Brazilian companies are weighing a minimum price deal with China, though a complaint at the World Trade Organization (WTO) is also being considered, he added. Earlier, the group said in a statement the duties signal a "regression" in trade relations.

BRF, which has struggled with an export ban from Europe after a food-safety scandal, fell 7.5 percent in Sao Paulo, the second-worst performance among companies in Brazil's benchmark Ibovespa index. By contrast, JBS rose 4.1 percent, the most among global peers. JBS, the world's largest meat producer, also has chicken operations in the U.S., Mexico and Europe. Both companies declined to comment on the duties.

China's imports of frozen chicken and products from Brazil fell 22 percent in 2017 to 382,052 metric tons worth \$876 million, according to Chinese customs data. The Asian country is the world's biggest consumer after the U.S. **Bloomberg**



U.S. consulate buildings (center bottom) are surrounded by high-rise buildings in Guangzhou

US Embassy in China sends new alert for mystery health issue

Kelvin Chan, Dake Kang

THE U.S. Embassy in China sent its second alert in two weeks Friday to its citizens over unexplained health issues that have prompted the evacuation of a number of U.S. government employees working at a consulate in a southern city.

The alert urged Americans to seek medical help in the event they suffered any "unusual, unexplained physical symptoms or events, auditory or sensory phenomena, or other health concerns."

The alert comes as a U.S. medical team is screening more Americans who work at the Guangzhou consulate. A previous case in Guangzhou, disclosed last month, prompted the tests.

The incidents have raised fears the unexplained issues that started in Cuba in 2016 have expanded to other countries. China says it has uncovered no information that could point to a cause.

The most recent evacuations followed medical testing that revealed they might have been affected. State Department spokeswoman Heather Nauert said "a number of individuals" had been brought to the U.S. but didn't say how many were affected or evacuated.

Friday's alert called for people to be attentive of symptoms including "dizziness, headaches, tinnitus, fatigue, cognitive issues, visual problems, ear complaints and

hearing loss, and difficulty sleeping." It urged them "not to attempt to locate the source of any unidentified auditory sensation. Instead, move to a different location."

The U.S. government has deemed the Cuba incidents "specific attacks" on American workers but hasn't publicly identified a cause or culprit. Most of the incidents were accompanied by bizarre, unexplained sounds that initially led U.S. investigators to suspect a sonic attack.

Asked about the latest incidents, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying said Thursday that the U.S. had not formally raised the matter with Beijing.

"If the U.S. makes formal contact with us, China will continue necessary investigations in an earnest and responsible manner and maintain close communication and cooperation with the U.S.," Hua said at a regularly scheduled news conference.

China earlier said it had looked into the case announced last month but came up with no clues about the cause of the symptoms.

A U.S. official, who wasn't authorized to discuss the situation publicly and requested anonymity, said the evacuated American government workers were being brought from China for testing to the University of Pennsylvania. That's where doctors have been treating and studying patients previously evacuated from the U.S. Embassy in Havana.

The preliminary findings of the medical reports on the 24 personnel affected in Cuba showed they had sensory and memory problems similar to the brain dysfunction seen with concussions.

Most of the incidents were accompanied by bizarre, unexplained sounds

The Penn team said the patients from Cuba experienced persistent disability though rehabilitation therapy customized for them seemed to help.

Canada in April also ordered families of diplomatic staff in Cuba to return home after mysterious health symptoms were detected in 10 Canadians stationed on the island. Canada said the 10 continued to show unexplained brain symptoms and that "medical information raised concerns for a new type of a possible acquired brain injury."

In testimony before the Senate Foreign Relations Committee last month about the first case in China, U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said China had "said all the right things and have demonstrated their willingness to help us identify the vector which led to this medical incident."

The China incidents affect one of the most important of the seven U.S. diplomatic outposts in the country. The Guangzhou consulate opened months after the establishment of diplomatic relations between Beijing and Washington in 1979 and moved to its new purpose-built facility in 2013.

It serves four southern provinces with a combined population of more than 204 million and processes more than 1 million visa applications of all types annually. It is also the only U.S. diplomatic installation in China authorized to process immigrant visas and handle adoptions.

People working in The Canton Place complex, a few kilometers from the consulate, said Thursday they were just hearing about the incidents, reflecting a lack of coverage in China's entirely state-controlled media.

Aled Williams, a British teacher at a kindergarten said Thursday that the reports sounded "sci-fi-ish."

"Hard to get my head around how it works," he said. "Better watch myself."

Linda Chen, who runs a coffee shop in the area, said she was mystified as to why only certain people seemed to have been affected in an area known for its comfort and safety. "For me I feel it's very strange. But I don't feel that there's something to be very afraid of because it's probably a very special case," Chen said. **AP**

opinion

HK DEVELOPERS HAVE A SHINY NEW PLAYTHING

Nisha Gopalan, Bloomberg

Hong Kong developers have a shiny new target in their sights: China's office market. And while the prices they're paying may be breaking records, the prospects for commercial property on the mainland have rarely looked better.

Hang Lung Properties Ltd. last week paid 10.7 billion yuan (USD1.7 billion) for a prime plot in southern Hangzhou, home of Alibaba Group Holding Ltd., beating out more than 300 other bidders, including the tech giant itself. Hang Lung's bid was more than twice the asking price and the sale marked the company's first acquisition of land in China since 2013.

Shui On Land Ltd., meanwhile, is in the final stages of bidding for a plot near Shanghai's Xintiandi entertainment district.

Hong Kong's real estate firms are diving back into China after years of getting squeezed out by cashed-up domestic players such as China Evergrande Group and China Vanke Co.

However, President Xi Jinping's deleveraging campaign has made funding harder to come by, giving Hong Kong developers, with their easy access to cheap credit, an advantage.



Also, as office prices in Hong Kong reach stratospheric levels, China looks a lot more affordable. Prime office yields in the former British colony are about 2.8 percent, compared with 4 percent in Beijing and Shanghai, according to CBRE Research. China is keen for its cities to look the part as the new economy takes off.

Foreign developers are often seen as being of a higher quality and that helps when securing land in tier one cities, according to Joe Zhou, head of research at property group JLL. Hong Kong developers, with their ties to luxury brands and experience in running glitzy malls, have an edge. Bloomberg Intelligence's Patrick Wong says high-end retailers are more willing to open stores in a shopping center run by a Hong Kong firm than a mainland one.

This isn't an all-out investing trend as it was a decade ago, though, when China's economy was expanding at a much faster pace. Now, developers are being more selective, picking the cities they think will benefit most. So that means, Shanghai, for example, as it places more importance on fintech, and Hangzhou, where the tech action is.

Yields also aren't what they used to be, with average prime office returns in China's big cities down to as low as 3.5 percent from around 6 percent five years ago. But according to Zhou, most investors are confident that the growth of new-economy businesses will lead to higher rents down the road.

So long as Hong Kong developers maintain some discipline, this should be a smooth ride to the top.

JAPAN

Knife attack on bullet train leaves 1 dead, 2 hurt



Firefighters are seen at Odawara station as a Japan's bullet train made an unscheduled stop due to a knife attack

Mari Yamaguchi, Tokyo

A knife attack on a Japanese bullet express train near Tokyo left one passenger dead and two others injured, police said yesterday, as they arrested a suspect who was on top of a man lying unconscious.

Police said they apprehended Ichiro Kojima, 22, after the train made an unscheduled stop late Saturday at Odawara station west of Tokyo following an emergency call that there was a knife-wielding man. The Nozomi train was heading to Osaka from Tokyo.

Kojima was on top of a man lying unconscious on the floor of the aisle with a knife stuck in his thigh when officers arrived, police said. The 38-year-old victim was also stabbed in the neck and was later pronounced dead.

Odawara police official Satoshi Oiye said the suspect admitted to police that he had attacked the passengers. Police are continuing to investigate his motives, Oiye said.

Japanese media reported that Kojima said he made the assaults because he was irritated and felt like attacking anyone.

Oiye said investigators also found a machete believed to

be belonging to the suspect at the stabbing scene, though it was not known how it was used.

Police said two female passengers in their 20s were injured in the neck and other parts of their bodies, though their conditions were not life-threatening.

Media reported that Kojima said he made the assaults because he was irritated

Television footage showed some passengers desperately trying to escape to other cars.

Japan is known as one of the world's safest countries, and violent random attacks are rare. In 2005, however, a man set himself on fire while on a bullet train, killing himself and another passenger and injuring almost 30 others, triggering calls for stricter security measures on bullet trains. **AP**

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United Nations

Indonesia wins UN council seat along with Germany, Belgium

INDONESIA defeated the Maldives on Friday in the only contested election for a seat on the Security Council starting Jan. 1 and will join the U.N.'s most powerful body along with Germany, Belgium, South Africa and the Dominican Republic.

General Assembly President Miroslav Lajcak announced the results of the secret ballot vote in the 193-member world body to loud applause. The four countries running without opposition all received over 180 votes.

Indonesia is the world's most populous Muslim nation and has been on the council three times previously. It defeated the Maldives, a small Indian Ocean island nation which has never served on the council, by a vote of 144-46.

Indonesia's Foreign Minister Retno Marsudi told reporters afterward that her country will work on the council to promote peacekeeping and peacebuilding, conflict prevention, and U.N. development and environmental protection goals for 2030.

Indonesia will also make "combatting terrorism and radicalization throu-



The Indonesian delegation reacts after being voted in during the election of five non-permanent members

gh developing a global comprehensive approach that addresses their root causes" a priority, she said.

The Security Council has five permanent members — the United States, Russia, China, Britain and France — and 10 members elected by the General Assembly for two-year terms. Five countries are elected every year.

Winning a seat on the Security Council is a pinnacle of achievement for many countries because

it gives them a strong voice in matters dealing with international peace and security ranging from conflicts in Syria, Yemen and South Sudan to the nuclear threat posed by North Korea and attacks by extremist groups such as the Islamic State and al-Qaida.

Candidates for non-permanent seats are chosen by regional groups, and Indonesia and the Maldives were in a contest for the Asia-Pacific group's seat.

Belgium and Germany, which have each served on the council five times previously, were elected from the Western European and Others group of nations known as WEOG. Israel, which was facing an uphill struggle in a three-way race for two WEOG seats, dropped out last month saying it "decided to postpone its candidacy."

Germany's Foreign Minister Heiko Maas told reporters Friday the result was "a fantastic out-

come" that showed "the high degree of trust" from other nations. "We now want to live up to this trust," he said.

"We want to be a strong voice for peace in the Security Council, but above all, we want a multilateral world order for the future," Maas said. "We will not shy away, but rather stand firm in the face of difficult decisions. We want to contribute to conflict resolution and crisis prevention."

South Africa, which has been on the council twice, was elected from the Africa group.

South Africa's Foreign Minister Lindiwe Sisulu told reporters her country was "honored and humbled" for the support and announced that its two years on the council will be dedicated "to the legacy of Nelson Mandela, our icon, and his commitment to peace."

She said that to mark the 100th anniversary of Mandela's birth this year, the General Assembly will hold "a peace summit" in September where South Africa will unveil a

statue that will remain at the U.N. to honor him.

Sisulu, the daughter of anti-apartheid activist Walter Sisulu who was imprisoned at Robben Island with Mandela, said South Africa will use its seat on the Security Council to advocate for peaceful settlement of disputes and ensure "that we address the root causes of problems," especially in Africa.

"We believe peace can't be achieved without participation of women," she said, stressing that South Africa will insist that "a gender perspective" is included in all Security Council resolutions.

The Dominican Republic was elected from the Latin America and Caribbean group, and the country's Foreign Minister Miguel Vargas Maldonado thanked the region for allowing the Caribbean nation "to achieve our aspiration to be a member of the Security Council" for the first time.

"We hope to promote an agenda centered on the peace, security and development of our countries," Maldonado said. "We accept a greater responsibility with this election to promote the defense of human rights." **AP**



Kim Jong Un (right) arrives at Changi International Airport



A limousine believed to be carrying Kim Jong Un travels past Singapore's Orchard Road

Foster Klug, Singapore

Isolated Kim takes big gamble leaving home for summit

SPARE a moment, as you anticipate one of the most unusual summits in modern history, to consider North Korea's leader as he left the all-encompassing bubble of his locked-down stronghold of Pyongyang yesterday and stepped off a jet onto Singapore soil for his planned sit-down with President Donald Trump tomorrow.

There's just no recent precedent for the gamble Kim Jong Un is taking. As far as we know, his despot father only traveled out of the country by train, and rarely at that, because of fears of assassination. Kim, up until his recent high-profile summit with South Korea's president on the southern side of their shared border, has usually hunkered down behind his vast propaganda and security services, or made short trips to autocrat-friendly China.

While Singapore has authoritarian leanings, it is still a thriving bastion of capitalism and wealth, and Kim will be performing his high-stakes diplomatic tight-rope walk in front of 3,000 international journalists, including a huge contingent from the ultra-aggressive South Korean press — sometimes referred to by Pyongyang as “reptile media” — two of whom were arrested by Singapore police investigating a report of trespassing at the residence of the North Korean ambassador.

While he famously attended school in Switzerland, traveling this far as supreme leader is an entirely different matter for someone used to being the most revered, most protected, most deferred to human in his country of 25 million. Kim is, essentially, upsetting two decades of carefully choreographed North Korean statecraft and stepping into the unknown.

There's wild speculation about

how Kim will perform on the world stage: Will, for instance, his well-armed, well-muscled bodyguards march alongside his armored limousine in a half-sprint, as they did when he met the South Korean leader? But amid the curiosity is an even more fundamental question: Why is he taking this risk at all? Here's a look:

THE LOGISTICS

First the nuts and bolts: How do you protect what many North Koreans consider their single most precious resource, the third member of the Kim family to rule and a direct descendant of North Korea's worshipped founder Kim Il Sung?

Hundreds of North Korean security experts have no doubt been up nights wondering how to safeguard Kim Jong Un since Trump shocked the world by accepting the North's invitation to meet.

Kim arrived yesterday on a Chinese plane, not his official plane, which is called “Chammae-1” and named after the goshawk, North Korea's national bird.

It's not clear if he had shipped over the massive bulletproof and fireproof limousine that became a social media sensation when Kim was shown being driven across the border between the Koreas during his first summit with South Korean President Moon Jae-in, in April, with a dozen staunch bodyguards encircling the auto. He could be seen speeding through Singapore yesterday in a black limousine adorned with large North Korean flags.

Singapore's The Straits Times reported earlier this month that the Singapore government declared that four black BMW sedans with armored bodies that can withstand gunshots, explosives and grenades were exempt from certain traffic rules through June 30. The newspaper said the vehicles weren't from a local authorized dealer, which suggests the cars were brought in specifically for the summit and may be used by Kim.

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Kim's bodyguards will certainly travel with him, providing trusted protection to back up local Singapore security that will control the perimeter and crowds, said Choi Kang, vice president of Seoul's Asan Institute for Policy Studies.

One benefit of Singapore from the North Korean point of view is that there will probably not be any anti-North Korea protests during Kim's stay. “Singapore is like a police state. How can such

rallies take place there? Anyone involved in rallies would be arrested,” Choi said.

Kim arrived yesterday at the St. Regis hotel, where his close aide has been based as he leads a North Korean advance team arranging security and logistics details. South Korea's Hankook Ilbo reported that Singapore recommended the St. Regis, which hosted Chinese President Xi Jinping during his 2015 summit with Taiwanese President Ma Ying-jeou, because it can be easily secured.

WHY'S HE TAKING THE RISK?

The short answer might be that, despite his safety worries, Kim could end up getting much more out of this summit than he will have to give up.

The standard thinking goes that he needs quick help to stabilize and then rebuild an economy that has suffered amid a decades-long pursuit of nuclear bombs, and that the North Koreans see a unique chance to win concessions, legitimacy and protection from a meeting with a highly unconventional U.S. president who's willing to consider options past American leaders would not.

Kim also gets an “obvious and immediate win” by simply meeting with Trump, writes Joseph Yun, who was the top U.S. diplomat on North Korea until March.

It's “a sign of recognition that the North Koreans have sought for decades. In my meetings with North Korea's foreign ministry, its officials have repeatedly emphasized that only a leader-to-

leader dialogue could break the nuclear impasse. At the root of this desire lies their central concern: regime survival,” he wrote.

The summit has been portrayed as a “get to know you” meeting.

“That's a perfect deal for North Korea. They pocket all of it and lose essentially nothing,” said Christopher Hill, President George W. Bush's lead nuclear negotiator with the North. “The North Koreans have already gotten what they need out of this. Their only issue is how much they have to give up. From what I can tell from [Trump's recent comments at the White House], they're not going to be asked to do much.”

Kim may also be seeing the gamble in a light never considered by his autocratic father and grandfather because of “his determination to modernize North Korea,” according to Ryan Haas, an Asia expert at the John L. Thornton China Center.

“Kim confronts rising expectations from within at the same time that he contends with ever-tightening sanctions from abroad,” Haas wrote. “So, according to this logic, in order to satisfy internal expectations, he will need to reduce external pressure, and this dynamic could push Kim down the path of denuclearization.”

Haas offers a useful warning, though, as people around the world settle in to watch the show in Singapore: “Virtually no North Korea analyst inside or outside of the U.S. government” expects Kim to actually give up his nukes. **AP**

HERITAGE

Sculpted head of mystery biblical king found in Israel

Ilan Ben Zion, Jerusalem

AN enigmatic sculpture of a king's head dating back nearly 3,000 years has set off a modern-day mystery caper as scholars try to figure out whose face it depicts.

The 5-centimeter sculpture is an exceedingly rare example of figurative art from the Holy Land during the 9th century B.C. — a period associated with biblical kings. Exquisitely preserved but for a bit of missing beard, nothing quite like it has been found before.

While scholars are certain the stern bearded figure wearing a golden crown represents royalty, they are less sure which king it symbolizes, or which kingdom he may have ruled.

Archaeologists unearthed the diminutive figurine in 2017 during excavations at a site called Abel Beth Maacah, located just south of Israel's border with Lebanon, near the modern-day town of Metula.

Nineteenth-century archaeo-



AP PHOTO

logists identified the site, then home to a village called Abil al-Qamh, with the similarly named city mentioned in the Book of Kings.

During the 9th century B.C., the ancient town was situated in a liminal zone between three regional powers: the Aramean kingdom based in Damascus to the east, the Phoenician city of Tyre to the west, and the Israelite kingdom, with its capital in Samaria to the south.

Kings 1 15:20 mentions Abel Beth Maacah in a list of cities attacked by the Aramean King Ben Hadad in a campaign against the Israelite kingdom.

"This location is very important because it suggests that the site may have shifted hands between these polities, more likely between Aram-Damascus and Israel," said Hebrew University archaeologist Naama Yahalom-Mack, who has headed the joint dig with California's Azusa Paci-

fic University since 2013.

Yahalom-Mack's team was digging through the floor of a massive Iron Age structure in the summer of 2017 when a volunteer who arrived for the day struck pay dirt. The layer where the head was found dates to the 9th century B.C., the epoch associated with the rival biblical kingdoms of Israel and Judah.

In a rare move, archaeologists and curators at the Israel Museum in Jerusalem rushed to put the piece on public display. A detailed report is set for publication in the June edition of the journal *Near Eastern Archaeology*.

Eran Arie, the Israel Museum's curator of Iron Age and Persian archaeology, said the discovery was one of a kind. "In the Iron Age, if there's any figurative art, and there largely isn't, it's of very low quality. And this is of exquisite quality."

The royal figurine is made of faience, a glass-like material that was popular in jewelry and small human and animal figurines in ancient Egypt and the Near East.

"The color of the face is greenish because of this copper tint that we have in the silicate paste," Yahalom-Mack said. But a crucial clue for identifying it as a Near Eastern monarch was its "very interesting hairdo," she said.

The bearded figure's hair is pulled back in thick locks that cover the ears, and is held in place by a striped diadem of gold. Its hairstyle looks similar to the way ancient Egyptians depicted neighboring Near Eastern peoples in art.

"The guy kind of represents the generic way Semitic people are described," she said.

Because Carbon-14 dating cannot give a more exact date for the statue's creation other than sometime in the 9th century, the field of potential candidates is large. Yahalom-Mack posited it could be kings Ben Hadad or Hazael of Damascus, Ahab or Jehu of Israel, or Ithobaal of Tyre, all characters appearing in the biblical narrative.

"We're only guessing here, it's like a game," she said. "It's like a hello from the past, but we don't know anything else about it."

As scholars debate whether the head was a stand-alone piece or part of a larger statue, the Hebrew University team is set to restart digging this month at the spot where the mystery king's head was found. **AP**

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Trump shocks leaders with Trudeau insult to upend G-7 summit

PRESIDENT Donald Trump broadsided his allies and upended a Group of Seven meeting just as it wound up - disavowing a joint statement the U.S. had agreed to, lashing out at Canada's Justin Trudeau and ratcheting up trade tensions.

Trump fired off a pair of tweets several hours after leaving the summit in Canada to fly to Singapore for another on North Korea. Trudeau and other leaders had given closing press conferences and announced a U.S.-backed joint G-7 statement. Minutes after that statement was published online, Trump complained about comments made by Trudeau and revoked his support.

"I have instructed our U.S. Reps not to endorse the Communiqué as we look at Tariffs on automobiles flooding the U.S. Market!," Trump tweeted Saturday evening, saying he was responding to Trudeau. "Very dishonest & weak," he said of the Canadian leader.

His comments undermine the G-7, a bloc that was once a pillar of U.S. foreign policy and has long acted as a defender of the global economic system. It could also cause fresh friction with his northern neighbor as tensions percolate over efforts to redraw the North American Free Trade Agreement. And it could even undercut the upcoming North Korea summit - Trump effectively backed out of a deal with allies while traveling to try and reach a deal with a foe.

"It's a brutal blow to a summit of significant success, both in substance and in presentation," said John Kirton, director of the University of Toronto's G-7 Research Group. The brief glow of this year's summit "has been destroyed, for now and probably for good."

The president's reference to cars is not new. Trump last month directed Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross to initiate a national-security investigation into imports of cars, trucks and vehicle parts that could possibly lead to tariffs. Canada would be among the biggest losers from such a move as the second-largest source of U.S. vehicle imports. The top source is the other Nafta member, Mexico.

But the remarks came shortly after Trudeau, the G-7 host, had projected an image of cooperation. At his closing press conference, he announced all G-7 nations had worked hard to finalize a joint statement, which largely committed them to keep talking on trade. "Those who doubted our capacity to work together will have seen our ability to deliver," he said.

Trudeau also repeated statements he'd made earlier - calling U.S. steel and aluminum tariffs "insulting" and pledging to pro-



German Chancellor Angela Merkel (center) speaks with Trump (seated right) during the G-7 Leaders Summit

ceed with previously announced retaliatory tariffs. Trump said that retaliation is a "mistake," according to Trudeau. Canada is "polite, we're reasonable but we also will not be pushed around," Trudeau added. Trump's tweets cited those comments.

Trudeau's office responded to the tweets with a written statement, saying the prime minister's comments in public and in private with Trump were "nothing he hasn't said before" and that he was "focused on everything we accomplished here at the G-7 summit." Trudeau himself declined to comment during an appearance with Argentina's president. "Good to see you guys," Trudeau said to journalists asking for reaction. "It's a beautiful evening, a great weekend."

A senior U.K. government official said Theresa May's government stands by commitments made in the communiqué, and a similar statement was issued by the German government. "I think they'll all come down on Trudeau's side" with the possible exception of Japan's Shinzo Abe, Kirton said. "This is clearly six versus one."

French President Emmanuel Macron has not responded to Trump's post-summit tweets.

TANGO DANCE

Even before Trump's shock reversal, Macron bemoaned the lack of G-7 unity, giving a hint that the tensions hadn't been put to rest. Trump had at one point proposed that G-7 nations

eliminate all tariffs, barriers and subsidies.

"I heard President Trump say he wants maximum trade and minimum tariffs for G-7 members. Be my guest," Macron told reporters Saturday. "We need seven to dance that tango, and the next move needs to be made by the one who first took a step backward."

In a tweet later, Macron said Trump's isolation from the international community is "contrary to American history,"

Very dishonest & weak,' Trump said of the Canadian leader

Copies of the communiqué stamped with "approve," or approved in French, were being circulated around the G-7 media center in Quebec City as Trump made his order on Twitter. The statement had been published online minutes before Trump's tweets. Before Trudeau spoke and announced the communiqué, a U.S. administration official told a pool reporter Trump had agreed to the communiqué.

NORTH KOREA

Trump left the summit early Saturday to head for a meeting in Singapore with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un on June 12.

"This bodes very poorly for the North Korea summit because it basically underlines the fact that Trump's word means nothing," said Jacob Kirkegaard, a senior fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics.

Trump's tariff hikes and threats to proceed with new duties on Chinese goods have raised the prospect of a trade war - and of congressional intervention. Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Bob Corker, a Republican, introduced legislation this month that would curb the president's executive powers to impose tariffs.

Arizona Republican Senator John McCain tweeted a message to allies, saying the U.S. is pro-free trade and "Americans stand with you, even if our president doesn't."

NAFTA TENSIONS

Kirkegaard said he hopes Congress takes back trade powers from the president. "You cannot conduct international economic policy in this manner. First of all, to not have the guts to do it face to face, that's one thing, but disavowing something you agreed to just a few hours ago is kindergarten stuff," he said. "I don't know what to say. I hope Republicans grow a spine, really."

The G-7 summit included ample discussion on Nafta - Trump said any new agreement will include some kind of sunset clause, which would kill the deal after five years unless all three

countries agree to change or renew it. Trudeau repeated that Canada won't accept a sunset clause.

Laura Dawson, director of the Canada Institute at the Washington-based Wilson Center, said it's too early to know what Trump's tweets mean for U.S. policy.

"This is sound and fury coming up from the president," Dawson said by phone. "The president showed up and played nicely for most of the event" and the Trudeau government is "able to differentiate between reality and rhetoric."

Trump has complained repeatedly - including throughout the summit - about Canada's protected dairy sector, citing 270 percent tariffs he says stand in the way of American farmers accessing that market.

Canada's system of quotas and tariffs for dairy, poultry and eggs, known as supply management, is something of a sacred cow - all major political parties support it, and, given the value of existing quotas, farm groups erupt when changes are discussed. In Nafta talks, Trump has called for the full dismantling of that system over 10 years.

Canada has given up slices of its dairy market in previous talks, including with the U.S. on the Trans-Pacific Partnership, a pact Trump quit. Dawson expects it to do so again. If there is a Nafta deal "you'll see Canada make a significant concession in supply management," she said. **Bloomberg**

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Offbeat

KIM JONG UN IMPERSONATOR QUESTIONED ON ARRIVAL IN SINGAPORE



A Kim Jong Un lookalike was detained and questioned upon his arrival in Singapore on Friday, days before a summit between the North Korean leader and President Donald Trump.

The Hong Kong-based impersonator, who uses the name Howard X, is in the city-state for summit-related promotions by a mall and seafood restaurant.

He said the police officers who stopped him at Singapore's Changi Airport searched his bags and questioned him for about two hours before letting him go. He said he was told to stay away from Sentosa Island and the Shangri-La Hotel.

Kim and Trump are to meet Tuesday at the Capella Hotel on Sentosa Island and Trump is expected to stay at the Shangri-La during his visit to Singapore.

The impersonator, whose real name is Lee Howard Ho Wun, said police asked if he had been involved in protests around the world, including those by pro-democracy activists in Hong Kong. He said he told them he had been at the scene of Hong Kong demonstrations as a musician playing the drums.

"However, I never rioted and don't plan to ever riot. I told him [police officer] that I ... would never do this in Singapore because it is against your rules to protest," Lee told The Associated Press.

In a statement, Singapore's Immigration and Checkpoints Authority said Wun was interviewed for about 45 minutes.

"As part of the immigration clearance process, travelers to Singapore may be subject to additional interviews and/or screening. These procedures are conducted at all Singapore's checkpoints," the authority said.

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THE WALL

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DESTINY: THE TALE OF KAMAKURA

ROOM 2

7:15pm

Director: Takashi Yamazaki

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LOVE CHUNIBYO AND OTHER DELUSIONS

ROOM 3

7:30pm

Director: Tatsuya Ishihara

Language: Japanese (Chinese)

this day in history



1976 MERCENARIES TRIAL BEGINS IN ANGOLA

The trial of 13 mercenaries - 10 of them British - has begun in Angola with the public still in the dark over the exact charges.

The Angolan authorities have described them as "the lowest of human characteristics in volunteering to kill, destroy and commit criminal acts in exchange for adequate payment".

The 10 Britons, 2 Americans and one Argentine were mercenaries in the Angolan civil war but have not been seen prior to their court appearance.

One of the men, ex-paratrooper Costas Georgiou, is also wanted by New Scotland Yard for questioning in connection with the murders of 14 of his own men during the war.

The start of the trial comes a day after tens of thousands of Angolans took part in a march to protest against mercenaries.

Billed as a "spontaneous show of popular feeling against the mercenary phenomenon" it was not officially linked to the trial but the timing and the fact the route went past the courthouse suggest it was.

The good natured event was organised for the benefit of the foreign press who have been accused by Angolans of starting a campaign to discredit the trial.

A British member of the commission of inquiry into the mercenaries criticised the event saying it put extra pressure on the court.

The trial at the Luanda Palace is being translated into Russian, English, Spanish, French and Portuguese to avoid any confusion in the reporting of the case, which has captured worldwide media attention.

The trial could last for up to a week and, according to the Angolan "Revolutionary Penal Legislation" mercenary charges could result in anything from an "oral warning to death by firing squad".

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

At the end of the trial three Britons and an American were sentenced to death by firing squad for their part in the murders of fellow mercenaries. They were killed on 10 July.

The others on trial received prison sentences ranging from 16 to 30 years. Civil war broke out after Angola gained independence from Portugal in 1975.

Rival groups Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola (MPLA) and Union for the Total Independence of Angola (Unita) fought for the right to rule Angola when it separated from Portugal.

In April 2002 the Angolan army and Unita signed a formal ceasefire in Luanda to end the 27-year conflict.

YOUR STARS

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Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 This is not the day to find new goals to conquer or mountains to climb...

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Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 If you sense something new coming today, you are correct - right around the corner, there is an opportunity coming that will challenge and excite you...

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



SUDOKU

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CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Aromatic wood; 6- Composer Bruckner; 11- Pompous sort; 14- Corpulent; 15- -Croatian; 16- ___ room; 17- Frail boat; 19- Rage; 20- Lennon's lady; 21- "The Time Machine" people; 22- Mediterranean arm; 24- Petri dish gel; 25- I've been framed; 26- Commercialism; 30- As ___ resort; 31- O Sole ___; 32- Dog star; 36- Hi-___; 37- Rudimentary component; 41- Human limb; 42- Equinox mo.; 44- "Lord, is ___?"; Matthew; 45- Haunting; 47- Inebriation; 51- Many; 54- Speed contest; 55- Nonbeliever in Islam; 56- Desire; 57- Prospector's find; 60- Put Down; 61- Restaurant below street level; 64- Suffix with meteor; 65- ___ Grows in Brooklyn; 66- Star in Orion; 67- Mediterranean isl.; 68- Inclines; 69- Bobby of the Black Panthers; DOWN: 1- Designer Chanel; 2- Black, to Blake; 3- Art ___; 4- Invite; 5- Banish; 6- Categorize; 7- "M*A*S*H" soft drink; 8- Quattro minus uno; 9- Offering made to a deity; 10- Surprisingly; 11- Disney mermaid; 12- Caravansary; 13- View; 18- Enthusiastic liveliness; 23- Explorer Vasco da ___; 24- Cooling units, for short; 25- Would ___ to you?; 26- Milky Way maker; 27- Robt. ___; 28- File; 29- Mingle; 33- Delhi dress; 34- The Supremes, e.g.; 35- Prayer ender; 38- Able to read and write; 39- School founded in 1440; 40- Tutors; 43- Bandleader Puente; 46- Riviera season; 48- Pertaining to the brain; 49- Van Gogh masterpiece; 50- Barrel; 51- Citrus hybrids; 52- Sporty Mazda; 53- One forking over; 56- At what time; 57- Gymnast Korbut; 58- Stagger; 59- Author ___ Stanley Gardner; 62- Singing syllable; 63- Fail to tell the truth;

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FIFA said to expand USD25b football vision to more clubs

David Hellier

FIFA President Gianni Infantino is weighing inviting as many as 36 teams to participate in a new Club World Cup as the head of global football's governing body seeks to secure more support for a plan to inject USD25 billion into the sport, according to a person familiar with the proposals.

Infantino is working with London-based asset manager Centricus to find corporate investors to back two new tournaments, one for clubs and another for national football teams, the person said, declining to be identified as the deliberations are confidential. He is set to offer an update on the proposal to the body's council members in Moscow, before the World Cup matches begin.

Plans for the two tournaments are currently fluid, and no final decisions have been made on the formats or the investors who may participate, the person said. Representatives for Centricus declined



Gianni Infantino

to comment, while a FIFA spokesman didn't immediately respond to questions beyond pointing to an agenda for the weekend's council meeting.

Widening participation from the 24-club tournament first envisaged may help Infantino win more support for the investment plan, which was initially backed by a consortium of investors including billionaire Masayoshi Son's SoftBank Group Corp. The proposed overhaul, which would reshape global football, has come under fire in recent weeks from some quarters who are concerned about

a variety of issues including a lack of information on the sources of funding.

The current plan is "a competition too far," Richard Scudamore, who is stepping down as the executive chairman of the Premier League, the most lucrative football league in the world, said on Friday. "There's no need to go on expanding in the club world."

SoftBank is interested in underwriting the entire \$25 billion investment plan, but no agreement has been reached yet, the person said. FIFA is consulting with its federations and council

members in order to find the right format and the source of the financing, the person said. A representative for SoftBank declined to comment.

Infantino plans to tap companies and hedge funds for financing while excluding sovereign wealth funds, the person said, which may also help alleviate concern about any wealthy nations winning undue influence over the sport.

Under the current plan that's being evaluated, FIFA would receive \$3 billion from the investor group for each club competition - compared with \$37 million from the existing seven-club tournament - and \$2 billion for each international event in a new Nations League, the person said. If the profits exceed projections, any surplus would be shared with the investors, according to the person. The investor consortium would own 49 percent of a separate new entity that would organize the two tournaments, the person said.

FIFA, which would own the rest

of the joint venture, would continue to be solely in charge of governance as well as arranging the World Cup every four years and its other tournaments, the person said. Potential investors identified by Centricus are being screened by Infantino, the person said.

The FIFA council has also approved plans to expand the World Cup to 48 teams from the current 32, starting with the competition scheduled to be held in 2026, the body said in January.

The FIFA president has been criticized in recent months from groups including the Union of European Football Associations, which governs the sport in the region, as well as the World Leagues Forum and the Professional Football Strategy Council, for not disclosing enough information about the investment plan and for pulling it together too quickly.

Some clubs were initially told they could earn as much as \$100 million from participating in each tournament, though they may receive less if the group is widened, the person said.

"The possibility of increasing the number of teams would make it more attractive in persuading stakeholders to back the competition," said Trevor Watkins, global head of sports at law-firm Pinsent Masons LLP. **Bloomberg**

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TENNIS

Nadal wins 11th French Open title by beating Thiem in 3 sets



The 32-year-old Spaniard onto the No. 1 ranking

Howard Fendrich, Paris

RAFAEL Nadal needed less than a set to take command of the French Open final and overcame a late problem with his racket-holding hand to earn a record-extending 11th championship at Roland Garros by beating Dominic Thiem 6-4, 6-3, 6-2 yesterday.

At 2-1 in the fourth set, Nadal stopped serving during

a game because he couldn't straighten his left middle finger. At the following changeover, Nadal was given a salt pill by a doctor and had his left forearm massaged by a trainer.

But Nadal's form never wavered, and soon enough he was celebrating his 17th Grand Slam title overall, second among men only to Roger Federer's 20.

The victory also allowed the 32-year-old Spaniard to hold onto the No. 1 ranking.

The No. 7-seeded Thiem, a 24-year-old from Austria, was appearing in a major final for the first time. Not much more of a daunting task than doing so against Nadal at the French Open, where he is now 11-0 in finals and 86-2 overall.

If there were any reason for a bit of intrigue entering Sunday's match, it was this: Thiem is the only person to beat Nadal on red clay over the past two seasons, doing so at Rome in May 2017 and at Madrid last month.

Taking on Nadal at the clay-court Grand Slam tournament is a whole other challenge. Thiem stayed with Nadal in the early going on a steamy afternoon. But from 4-all in the opening set, Nadal grabbed five games in a row and was in charge. **AP**

HALEP TOPS STEPHENS TO WIN FRENCH OPEN

MAYBE ALL of those losses in Grand Slam finals helped Simona Halep actually win one. She'd gone 0-3 in matches with a major trophy on the line before facing Sloane Stephens for the French Open title Saturday, so there was plenty to remember: what it felt like to give a lead away, to make a key mistake, to walk away with regrets. "All the experience from

those three finals that I lost [...] was a positive thing," Halep said, "and gave me a little bit more power to believe." Halep added Grand Slam trophy No. 1 to her No. 1 ranking, coming back from a set and a break down to beat Stephens 3-6, 6-4, 6-1 and win the championship at Roland Garros in a match made up of long points and key momentum swings.



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A PUZZLED CHINESE MAN IN LOVE

I met him at a coffee shop near the Nam Van Lake, where he asked my permission to sit at the table. I thought it was an atypical request, given that most people here seem to be foreigner-shy (unlike in other parts of the country), and I continued reading the newspaper until he began the conversation.

He looked like a Korean – as many Northern Chinese do – but told me he came from Shenzhen and was aged 30, although with a much younger appearance. An “uncle” - which I guess means a boss in Cantonese entrepreneur lingo – brought him to Macau to work in a restaurant. Just to do the “easy stuff,” he said.

To him, Macau is definitely not the international capital of gastronomy like the local propaganda makes it out to be. In contrast, it is a place where simple and unsophisticated food is served and where there is a disproportionate quantity of restaurants for the city’s size.

“Good food is in Shenzhen. There you find restaurants with authentic food from Sichuan, Shandong, Xinjiang and other places.” Besides, he considers the menu prices in Macau were “expensive, too expensive.”

He spoke in broken English but tried to make himself understood and that is what matters the most. “I like to speak with foreigner. I need to speak to sleep.”

This guy’s strange behavior spurred my curiosity. I was listening.

He continued saying that his insomnia problems were aggravated by an intense passion for a woman, a colleague at the restaurant where he worked.

What should he do? All the Chinese people with whom he spoke with told him to do nothing because the woman is married. So he did, or tried to do. He went to Zhuhai, where he rented a room and “slept for a month.”

But the crush on the colleague did not end there. She was in a marriage that was “breaking up,” according to him. He described her as “a strong woman, who resisted the calamities around her,” such as the recent death of her parents; the father with a heart attack, the mother not long after with cancer. “In the Chinese mentality, men prefer less strong women. She is very strong, an owner of her own life.” This facet of her personality seemed to add to the confusion in his mind.

What should I tell him, dear reader? He seemed to be eager for advice, particularly coming from a foreigner...

As I sipped my coffee, looking nonchalant, I told a platitude: “Follow your feelings.” This seemed appropriate to say; it fits the situation like an astrologer prediction, vague and open to all possibilities. I wasn’t saying nothing, but what I said seemed to please him. Perhaps it had the valium effect which he needed badly or maybe my advice prompted him to action – I sincerely hope not.

The puzzled Chinese replied: “Yes, follow the flow, like in that hip-hop music.”

He got up looking pleased with the conversation and walked away without even saying goodbye.

I don’t know if he slept that night.

THE BUZZ FOR FIRST ELECTRIC VEHICLE
PORSCHÉ PICKS TAYCAN AS NAME

Porsche AG named its first car to directly compete with electric leader Tesla Inc. the Taycan, as the German manufacturer gears up for what will arguably be its most ambitious and potentially risky vehicle project ever. The moniker roughly translates to “a lively, young horse,” Chief Executive Officer Oliver Blume said Friday. Porsche both needs electrification to comply with tougher emissions rules and is

embracing the technology because it allows for sporty driving that dovetails with the brand, he said.

“We are going to take the next big step next year,” when Taycan deliveries will begin, Blume said at the Porsche museum near the company’s headquarters in Stuttgart, where the brand celebrated the 70th anniversary of its first-ever sports car, the 356 model.

Bourdain’s death means loss of a voice for migrants

ANTHONY Bourdain’s culinary passions went far beyond the cuisine he put on a plate. He also was committed to the immigrant workers who toil in his and other kitchens throughout the restaurant industry.

Bourdain, who died Friday in France in an apparent suicide at age 61, was an outspoken critic of President Donald Trump’s immigration policies and a fierce defender of Hispanic workers.

The chef, global traveler and author, whose popularity grew with his CNN series “Parts Unknown,” often was the first to tip his hat to his employees from Central America or Mexico. He promoted his Mexican-born sous chef, the late Carlos Llaguno Garcia, to run two of his New York restaurants and complained loudly about the United States’ “ridiculously hypocritical attitudes” toward immigration.

“Some, of course, like to claim that Mexicans are stealing American jobs,” Bourdain said in 2014. “But in two decades as a chef and employer, I never had one American kid walk in my door and apply for a dishwashing job, a porter’s position or even a job as prep cook.”

During the 2016 presidential campaign season, Bourdain slammed Trump’s promises to deport immigrants in the U.S. illegally and build a wall along the Mexican border.

“If Mr. Trump deports 11 million people or whatever



he’s talking about right now, every restaurant in America would shut down,” Bourdain said in an interview with SiriusXM radio.

Julian Medina, the owner of eight Mexican restaurants in New York, said he and Bourdain crossed paths a few times at industry events. “The Latino community was very important to him because in the kitchens of New York there are many Latinos,” Medina said.

Saul Montiel, executive chef at the Mexican restaurant Cantina Roof Top in Manhattan, said Garcia, who died of cancer in 2015, always spoke highly of Bourdain. For an episode of Bourdain’s Travel Channel show, “No Reservations,” Garcia gave Bourdain a tour of his hometown, Puebla. Bourdain claimed all the best cooks in his New York restaurants came from there.

Montiel, who started in the business washing dishes 15 years ago, said Bourdain was “one of the few chefs that valued the work of the Latinos in the kitchen.”

“There are many chefs,” he said, “that never recognize the hard work of the Hispanics.”

Mel Mecinas, an executive chef in Scottsdale, Arizona, who was born in Oaxaca, Mexico, remembers when Bourdain featured his home state on “Parts Unknown.” He liked that Bourdain went to smaller villages and wasn’t afraid to sit on the floor and eat, sampling traditional dishes such as tamales with mole negro sauce wrapped in banana leaves instead of corn husks. “When he goes somewhere, he always finds the place where he can find the root of the culture,” Mecinas said.

Latinos weren’t the only minority group that embraced Bourdain. Jason Wang, CEO of Xi’an Famous Foods in New York, planned to donate profits at all its locations on Friday to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline.

In a Facebook post, Wang said Bourdain’s impact on his family’s Chinese street food business was immeasurable. In 2007, Bourdain endorsed the Wangs’ basement food stall, which served lamb noodle soup with hand-ripped noodles on “No Reservations.” AP

THE DECISIVE MOMENT

The Cultural Affairs Bureau



Enter the dragon. A drunken dragon dance is staged by performers at the opening ceremony of Macau’s Intangible Cultural Heritage Carnival held on the weekend.

Station	Air quality
Roadside	80-100 Moderate
High Density Residential Area	55-75 Moderate
Ambient	80-100 Moderate

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WORLD BRIEFS

IRAQ An Iraqi security official says three bombs have exploded in the northern city of Kirkuk killing a woman and wounding 18 others.



SYRIA President Bashar Assad said in an interview published yesterday that the West is fueling the devastating war in his country, now in its eighth year, with the aim of toppling him.

SWITZERLAND Election projections indicate that voters approved by a wide margin a proposal to license online gambling through Swiss companies and to block offshore online gambling sites.



SPAIN Tens of thousands of Spaniards from the northern Basque Country have formed a line that stretched over 200 kilometers to demand a ballot on secession for the wealthy region.

BRITAIN The chairman of the British Parliament’s media committee said yesterday that a millionaire backer of the successful campaign to leave the European Union has questions to answer about his contacts with Russian officials.



GUATEMALA’s Volcano of Fire released a flow of burning sediment and rock, causing authorities to order new preventative evacuations a week after the initial eruption left at least 110 people dead and about 200 missing.

PANAMA The U.S. government has agreed to extradite former Panamanian President Ricardo Martinelli to his home country to face political espionage and embezzlement charges.