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AFGHANISTAN A suicide bomber struck in the eastern city of Jalalabad yesterday, killing at least 19 people in the second attack in as many days targeting Taliban fighters, security forces and civilians celebrating a holiday cease-fire.



SPAIN Ships in the Aquarius aid convoy docked yesterday at the Spanish port of Valencia, ending a weeklong ordeal for hundreds of people who were rescued from the perilous Mediterranean only to become the latest pawn in Europe's battle over immigration. More on p14



PORTUGAL's president and prime minister have attended a Mass in a rural town to mark the anniversary of a wildfire that killed 66 people. President Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa and Prime Minister Antonio Costa joined scores of local people Sunday at a small church in Pedrogao Grande, which is located about 200 kilometers northeast of Lisbon.

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RENATO MARQUES



Dragon Boat races, an opportunity to compete

Renato Marques

THE Macao International Dragon Boat Races, which began on Saturday and ends today, is a highlight of Macau's annual sporting calendar.

Besides the traditional festivity that surrounds the atmosphere of the Tuen Ng Festival, also known as the Dragon Boat Festival (which will be celebrated today on the fifth day of the fifth moon, also marking the Summer Solstice), the races are an opportu-

nity for local participants to compete and put their capacities to the test.

A woman named Suzanne, one of the team's supporter members of Melco Resorts & Entertainment, was on the stands cheering for the company's rowers: "[It's] a good opportunity to compete with other teams and of course other casinos. This time SJM was really strong but it's okay, we are still happy with our result," Suzanne concluded while confirming the 6th position

of the team on the final race.

A man named Marc, a Filipino national and a part of the team that won the Open Category, told the Times that races this year are very difficult due to the very hot weather conditions. "It's really difficult as it is really hot today but we are quite okay in this weather as we have a lot of Filipinos and also a few people from Nepal on the team that are quite strong and resilient so I think that might give us some ad-

vantage," he said ahead of the final race that the SJM Golden Jubilee team eventually won.

Marc also added that this was his second time participating in the Dragon Boat races but his first on the team, which had sought supplementary members this year. His team won at the races on both days (June 16 and 17), which were reserved for Macau local teams and public entities.

Thrilled by the victory achieved in the women's category for standard boat 500 meters was Weng, one of the paddlers from the Wynn team. "I'm very happy; we worked so hard for this. I thank everybody for the great team work and spirit."

The event ends today with the international race levels in three different categories: the Macau University Student

Invitation Standard Dragon Boat Race and the Macau International Invitation Standard Dragon Boat Race, both Open Category, and Macau International Invitation Standard Dragon Boat Race (Women's Category). These categories will decide this year's final winners. The organizers mentioned that the races have the purpose of promoting the modality of Dragon Boat, and strengthening relationships between the local teams and non-local teams as well as promoting the development of sports and tourism activities.

The event, as it has become a tradition, also had presentations of several performances from local groups and there was an area for food and drinks as well as souvenir stalls.

ASK THE VET

by Dr Ruan Du Toit Bester

CANINE BLOOD SUGAR GUIDELINES FOR DIABETIC DOGS

MONITORING canine blood sugar on a regular basis is a critical part of caring for a diabetic dog in order to ensure the dog's diabetes is under good control. Maintaining good blood sugar control helps keep the diabetic dog healthy and avoids potential complications such as vision loss and kidney failure.

Recommended canine blood sugar levels
Blood sugar levels are measured in milligrams per deciliter of blood or mg/dL. Maintaining a good balance allows your dog's systems to function well and avoids the potential damage that elevated blood sugars or low blood sugars can cause. In caring for a diabetic dog, optimal blood sugar range is between 100 to 180 mg/dL. These levels of blood sugar are within the normal range for dogs and help keep your diabetic dog healthy.

Hypoglycaemia or Low Blood Sugar
Hypoglycaemia can be just as problematic as elevated blood sugars in a diabetic dog. 90 mg/dL is considered to be the safe low end of

canine blood sugar levels. As the blood sugar continues to fall, you risk your dog becoming disoriented and unable to function. Low blood sugars can also cause seizures and various systems, such as vision and bladder control, to fail. If the low blood sugar is not resolved by feeding quick sugars, your dog is at risk of death. Once a proper blood sugar level is achieved, your dog should return to normal function.

Hyperglycemia or high blood sugar
Hyperglycemia or high blood sugar levels are readings of 180 mg/dL or higher. If your dog is consistently above this level, there are various systems within his body that are at risk of failure if they continue to have to fight the high blood sugar levels. When your dog's blood sugars are high, he will be lethargic, drink a lot of water and urinate frequently. The excessive thirst and high volume of urine are his body's way of trying to rid itself of the extra sugars in his system. These high levels of sugar put

added stress on his kidneys as they try to flush the high sugar levels out of his system. High sugar levels also make his heart work harder and put a strain on his cardiovascular system. High sugar levels also draw in sugars to the eye, causing the lens of the eye to crystallise and form cataracts.

Frequency of blood sugar testing
Testing your diabetic dog's blood sugar is an important part of maintaining good control of his diabetes. Depending on your dog, his activity level and his overall health, your veterinarian may recommend testing anywhere from once daily to once a week. A dog who is highly active, such as a hunting dog or a dog competing in agility may require once a day testing to ensure his blood sugars are remaining at a healthy level, where a dog who spends most of his days just relaxing around the house may only require testing once a week as his blood sugars will remain at a more consistent level. Maintaining proper blood sugar levels is a ba-



lance of proper medication, proper diet and appropriate exercise. Each of these elements is part of the equation in caring for a diabetic dog and helps him to lead a long healthy life.

Hope this info helps
Till next week
Dr Ruan Bester

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Demonstrators slam gov't for proposed road traffic amendments

THOUSANDS of residents joined a protest criticizing the government's proposal to amend the road traffic law, which includes the surge in fines, in a rally organized on Saturday.

Although the government suspended public consultation on the proposed amendment of the Road Traffic Law, the rally went on with many demonstrators chanting calls for some government officials to step down while they marched from Vasco Da Gama Square to Nam Van.

According to organizers, around 3,500 participated in the march, while police figures

show that there were 2,500 in attendance.

The Transport Bureau (DSAT) recently proposed to double fines, with high fines issued in instances of recidivism (the tendency of offenders to reoffend).

"I know that the government cancelled the consultation, but people are still getting angry," said Luis Leong, from the Macau Community Development Initiative, one of the organizers of the protest, according to a TDM report.

At least three groups representing different sectors handed their petition in to the office of the Chief Executive.

One group was calling on the government to focus on other traffic issues including the limitation on the number of vehicles, while a taxi drivers' group called for the creation of organized and legal drop-off and pickup areas.

Lawmaker José Pereira Coutinho, who was present at the protest, slammed the government for failing to recall the march organized last year, protesting fee hikes for several DSAT-related services, which attracted some 5,000 people.

"The government is making this kind of wrong decision for the second time. The government has not learned its lesson

and it seems that they are out of touch with people's difficulties of living in Macau," Coutinho told the times.

According to him, the suspended public consultation, which was supposed to commence on June 28, was just a "performance."

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PEREIRA COUTINHO

"What is the use of consulting the people when in the government's [agenda], they have already set up and fixed that and took the decision of increasing the fines. It's just a perform-

ance consultation," the lawmaker criticized.

Since the cost of living is high in the city, he remarked that traffic fees would be a burden to many, particularly due to the lack of parking spaces.

According to Coutinho, authorities should have solved the region's problem of vehicle parking spaces, and suggested that government cars should not occupy reserved spaces in public parking spaces – particularly in the public parking in the north area.

"The government should construct buildings to put all their government vehicles inside their premises and not [compete] with the public on these spaces," he said.

The lawmaker told the Times that he has already submitted a public interpellation to discuss the matter and hopes that officials can explain the policies of unrestricted importation of cars.

"We hope that someone will be accountable for this mess," Coutinho added. **LV**

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Artist hopes local arts can be promoted overseas

Lynzy Valles

Local artist Season Lao is showcasing his artworks in his solo exhibition titled "The Art of Silence" – an expression of his photography – at Creative Spot, the gallery's first exhibition.

Currently based in Japan, Lao showcases his artworks through photography, yet uses a series of techniques including the use of raw paper and ink painting.

After the 311 Great East Japan Earthquake, he focused on publishing works in the field of contemporary art.

"It's a very traditional method. It's the kind of paper that [was] originally used for these artworks," the artist explained to the Times.

The artist uses mulberry paper and collaborates with a paper artist to produce his artworks.

Lao said he expresses himself through the artworks he makes, aiming to raise awareness of rapid globalization and the effects of consumerism.

"All these result in several social issues so I want to portray that there are a lot of cities that are rapidly developing because of both globalization and consumerism," said Lao.

Lao is in the region for this solo exhibition and for the exhibition titled "Unknown Asia," in which he curated the artworks of three Japanese artists.

The artist is also set to hold a talk on Saturday at Creative Macau, to speak on exhibition projects in Japan and those concurrent with "Unknown Asia Art Exchange Osaka."

According to Lao, local artists are more privileged to be able to showcase their artworks in Macau due to the support of the local government.

However, he noted that the city should also be promoting local artworks to areas outside of the SAR.



"People always say that Macau is an international city but it's not like that with art. [Local artworks] should not just be in Macau, it needs to be taken to other cities too," Lao explicated.

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SEASON LAO

"Macau government promotes a lot of artists in Macau but the problem is that they just promote them here. We have to bring our own concept and philosophy to

other people and let them see our techniques," he added.

Lao suggested that curators from outside the region should be invited to curate exhibitions in Macau to expand the local artists' connections.

He noted that Hong Kong holds several art fairs and shows in its galleries in Central, yet lamented that it is rare to see the artworks of Macau artists in the fairs.

"Macau is so close yet they do not know about the artists' [artworks]. It is important to [internationalize] the artworks of local artists as well," Lao reiterated.

Lao has 15 exhibitions this year, participating in a series of art fairs including events in Taiwan, Singapore, Japan, United States, Shanghai, Korea and Hong Kong.

He is also set to hold his solo exhibition in cities including Tokyo, Fukuoka, Seoul and Milan. The Macau exhibition will remain at Creative Spot until June 22.

GAMING

Vietnam's ready: First casino allowing local players

The Bai Dai Integrated Resort Project in Phu Quoc, Vietnam's largest island in the southernmost province of Kien Giang, will be the first casino in the country to accept Vietnamese players. The initiative was proposed as a three-year-long trial project and carried out by the government by the Ministry of Planning and Investment (MPI), the Hanoi Times reported.

The proposal is expected to get the green light from the government and is said to be able to, "contribute to local socio-economic development in general and for tourism development in Phu Quoc in particular," said the MPI.

Approval is also expected to help refine the legal and institutional framework on casino businesses, which are considered as 'conditional businesses' in Vietnam, subject to approval from the Prime Minister.

In January Government Decree No. 03 took effect. The 3-year pilot scheme provided a legal framework for casino businesses, a bill that was seen as an effort by government to legalize casino businesses and to grant locals permission to play. Previously, only foreign passport holders were allowed to gamble in the country's

30 casinos and electronic gaming parlors. The decree also allowed local Vietnamese citizens older than 21 and who have a regular income of at least VND10 million (MOP 3,541) per month to access and play at Vietnam-based casinos.

In order to access a casino in Vietnam, locals must buy an entrance ticket costing VND1 million (MOP354) and which is valid for 24 consecutive hours, or a VND25 million (MOP 8,858) ticket valid for one month. All revenue from the tickets go to the budget of the province where the casino is located.

Macau investors are involved in several casinos in Vietnam, such as the

USD4 billion South Hoi An integrated casino-resort located in

the central province of Quang Nam. According to the Hanoi Times, construction was started in 2016 through a collaboration with VinaCapital, Chow Tai Fook Enterprises (Hong Kong) and SunCity Group (Macau). The first phase of the project is expected to be launched by early 2019. Once completed, it will be the second-largest casino in Vietnam after the Grand Ho Tram Strip resort and casino complex.

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HERITAGE

Lai Chi Vun should be listed and revitalized, IC report claims

THE final report regarding the public consultation held by the government on the classification and revitalization of the Lai Chi Vun shipyards acknowledges that an overwhelming majority of opinions expressed agree with the beautification of the area of the shipyards. Most also agree that the site should be listed a heritage site.

Around 80 percent of the opinions valued the importance of the structural and historical value of the site and the need to preserve it in its original form and characteristics.

Even more overwhelming were the results regarding the need to revitalize the area, with over 95 percent of the opinions in favor.

The report also notes that there is a significant gap of between 3

and 15 percent of incomplete or inconclusive answers, and thus places the opinions against as merely residual.

In this report, the opinions collected by the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) clash with the Cultural Heritage Committee June 5 vote, when 82 percent of its members voted against listing the area as heritage. The committee members were reportedly concerned

the possibility of extreme limitations that will stop or prevent any kind of development being implemented at the area.

Following the report and the Cultural Heritage Committee advice, the government needs to make a final decision by the end of this year on what should be done with the Lai Chi Vun area and to what extent, since the procedure was originally initiated in

December last year and expires after one year.

According to the IC, a total of 308 consultation forms were received by the bureau during the public consultation, from which 209 were collected through street enquiries. There were still 59 forms submitted via the internet and another 12 were delivered by hand.

Previously, the Cultural Heritage Committee voted against listing the area as heritage

A total of 18 of these opinion forms were delivered after the public consultation sessions. Less commonly used were the methods of mail and fax that gathered only seven and three forms, respectively. Seven was also the number of opinions collected via paper mail, which the IC said it also considered as valid opinions. The IC also noted that in the three sessions of public consultations, over 200 people were present and there were a total of 163 opinions collected from the public. **RM**

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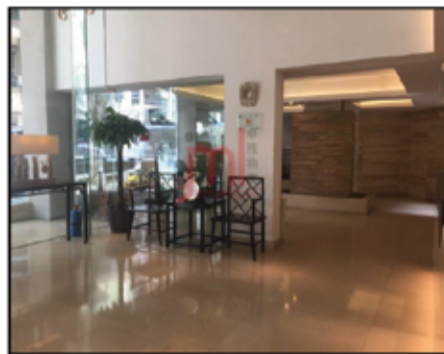
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UK consulate celebrates Queen's birthday, century of women's suffrage

THE British Consulate-General for Hong Kong and Macau commemorated the birthday of Queen Elizabeth II, Queen of the United Kingdom and the other Commonwealth realms, on Thursday at Macau Tower.

Officially celebrated every second Saturday of June, the celebration also marks the region's national day, as well as marking 100 years of women's suffrage.

"I think time has just demonstrated that women are just capable as men in casting their votes well. [...] It has been a major milestone for the UK" said the Consul-General Andrew Heyn, during his short speech.

"We're not there yet by any means. We still have issues such as the gender



The Consul-General for HK and Macau Andrew Heyn (right)

pay gap, [...] social mobility, equal opportunities to express themselves and harness their talents," the official then added.

Meanwhile, Heyn recalled that the consulate has had a series of collaborations with local authorities including its participation in the 2nd International Film Festival & Awards Macao, which showed family movie Pa-

ddington 2 as the opening film.

He noted that the consulate is continually working with both local government and business representatives.

"We're looking at a number of things particularly in the area of financial transparency and fighting money laundering together and also some business corporations as

well. So both government and business," he told the Times.

Questioned as to whether some of the plans will be integrated this year, Heyn noted, "I hope so. We're very hopeful that we're going to get some contracts signed."

Meanwhile Secretary for Administration and Justice Sonia Chan, who also graced the event, said "the partnership between Macau and the U.K. has been growing steadily over the year. [...] Apart from our close trade and economic links, we also share deep cultural connections.

"Macau and the U.K. will continue to cooperate closely to elevate our ties in various fields to new heights," Chan concluded, proposing a toast to the health of the Queen and to the happiness of the people of the U.K. LV

EDUCATION

Leadership development program open for enrollment

Enth the fifth module of the Global Leadership Development Program Series: International Integrated Resort Management is now open. The University of Macau's (UM) Asia-Pacific Academy of Economics and Management (APAEM) and the Faculty of Business Administration (FBA) jointly organize the event. The program will take place in Kyushu and Nagasaki, Japan, from July 21 to 23. Scholars and industry experts from Macau and Japan will give lectures and exchange ideas with the participants during the program.

The three-day module will be focused on the current development of integrated resorts in Japan. Participants will have the opportunity to learn theoretical knowledge from scholars from Macau and Japan, hear industry leaders share their experience and insights, go on site visits, and

take part in group discussions and cultural exchange activities. This module is specially designed for senior executives working in international integrated resorts or the gaming industry; senior government officials; as well as scholars, researchers, senior consultants, and administrative personnel in related fields.

Every year, the APAEM organizes a variety of executive development programs and invites scholars and industry experts to give lectures on various topics, with the aim of nurturing more internationally competitive and socially responsible leaders for Macau and the Asia-Pacific region. The previous four modules, focused on hospitality and MICE, were held in Macau, Hong Kong, Guangzhou, Singapore and Seoul (South Korea). Interested parties may submit their completed enrollment form and required documents to the APAEM by June 30.

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INNOVATION

Tesla-loving nation now wants to be a pioneer in electric planes

Sveinung Sleire

HOME to some of the busiest flight routes in Europe, whisking passengers across a rugged and mountainous landscape, Norway's aviation industry now readies to go electric.

Norway is one of Tesla's biggest markets, with about 8,500 cars sold last year. Now, the country whose tourism sales pitch is "Powered by Nature" wants to be a pioneer in the market for electric planes. Wideroe, a local airline that operates small planes on short haul flights, sees no major technological barriers ahead and plans to launch its first commercial aircraft propelled by some form of electric power within the next 10 years.

"Today, we fly the smallest aircraft on the shortest routes, based on an aging technology that was developed in the 1970's," Wideroe's Chief Executive Officer Stein Nilsen said in an interview. "There's been much development in the aviation sector, but not on the smallest aircraft."

Monday marks the inaugural flight of an electric two-seater plane, which will take off from Oslo Airport with the country's transport minister as a



passenger. The plane, made by Slovenian manufacturer Pipistrel, can fly for up to one hour. Avinor, a state-owned company that operates the country's airports, say the short test flight will demonstrate the feasibility of pollution-free aviation.

Western Europe's largest exporter of oil and gas has pledged to cut emissions of greenhouse gases by 40 percent by 2030. About half of all new cars sold there are electric (Ger-

many only recently leapfrogged Norway as Europe's biggest market for electric cars), and battery-powered ferry boats are also being built. The thrust to electric planes should cut emissions further, though environmentalists are skeptical.

"The growth in both Norwegian and international aviation is one of the big drivers of climate change, which is completely out of control," said Truls Gulowsen, head of Greenpeace

in Norway. "Even if there's a small chance that we'll be able to get some small electric aircraft in the air covering short distances, there's no indication that we'll be able to replace today's medium and long haul distances with electric propulsion."

When large research and development resources move in the same direction, things tend to move fast.

STEIN NILSEN

That message fails to resonate with Wideroe, which likens what's happening in the aviation industry to the rapid transformation currently underway in the automobile industry.

"Those who need to drive fossil fueled cars will still buy these cars, but (the industry's) total emissions are nevertheless coming down," Wideroe's Nilsen

said. "We must have a similar view for the aviation industry."

Norwegian Air ASA, Norway's largest airline and Europe's third-largest low-cost carrier, has already expanded its fleet with fuel-efficient aircraft, such as the Boeing 737 MAX. But like other major airlines has no plans to go electric until the technology matures.

"When electric aircraft are able to replace today's commercial machines, we will of course be interested," spokesman Lasse Sandaker-Nielsen said.

Wideroe is far more ambitious. It currently operates 40 Bombardier Inc. Dash 8 turboprop planes and carries 2.8 million passengers each year. It wants to replace its entire fleet with new technology by 2030. "We have reached out to manufacturers to motivate them to create an aircraft designed for Norway with a new technological platform," the CEO said.

One of those manufacturers is Zunum Aero, a Boeing Co.-backed startup that plans to deliver its first hybrid-electric plane to JetSuite Inc. in 2022. The plane will have a range of 700 miles and seat up to 12 passengers.

"When large research and development resources move in the same direction, things tend to move fast," Stein Nilsen said. But creating an aircraft that will withstand the unapologetic weather conditions of northern Norway may pose a challenge.

"We don't see any technological barriers that will make this impossible to achieve," Nilsen said. **Bloomberg**

GAMING

Caesars workers in Las Vegas approve new contract deal

Regina Garcia Cano, Las Vegas

HOUSEKEEPERS, bartenders and other unionized workers at Las Vegas casino-resorts operated by Caesars Entertainment approved a new five-year contract, ending the possibility of a strike at those properties.

A few thousand members of the Culinary Union voted in two sessions to ratify an agreement that addresses sexual harassment in the workplace, job security, wage increases and immigration status. The approved contract covers 12,000 workers on the Las Vegas Strip and a nearby property.

Employees of Caesars, one of the largest resort operators in the tourist destination, helped authorize a

strike last month over the lack of progress in contract negotiations covering 50,000 union members. The union later reached a tentative deal with Caesars, followed the next day by a separate deal with MGM Resorts International, the other large hotel operator in the city.

The union has declined to provide specifics, but generally, both tentative agreements include wage increases and language that protects the workers' rights in the event that the property is sold.

Some Caesars workers attended the first voting session during their work breaks. A cocktail server walked into the ballroom in her uniform — still carrying a tray — and other workers wore their white chef hats

and coats. Others showed their support for the labor organization with red T-shirts.

"I attended the negotiations, and this is the best contract we've reached in the history of the union, especially for [guest room attendants]," Caesars Palace housekeeper Rocio Puente said Thursday. "I'm really happy. We were telling our co-workers yesterday to come vote today."

Puente, who has worked at the casino-resort for 20 years, said she voted in favor of ratifying the contract because it requires all housekeepers be given a wireless device that would allow them to alert security if they are facing a threat.

The agreement also includes language addressing the beneficiaries of the

Obama-era Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program and immigrants allowed to live and work in the U.S. under temporary protective status.

The Trump administration has sought to end DACA, but court orders have kept the program open. It also has announced it will terminate the special protections of thousands of immigrants from several countries.

Under the contract, workers who lose their work permit and are later able to readjust their immigration status will be able to get back their casino jobs and seniority.

"I'm ecstatic about it. This is something we need for our future," said Olee Stewart, a 57-year-old cook at Harrah's who voted in favor of the contract. "I have



A man takes pictures of Caesars Palace hotel and casino, in Las Vegas

a mortgage, and (the contract) helps get me to the ending goal: Getting it paid before I retire. This guarantees that I can get to the end of the line on that one."

The average worker on the Las Vegas Strip currently makes about \$23 an hour, including benefits such as premium-free health care, a pension and a 401(k) retirement savings plan.

The union would cover the unionized workers at Caesars' Las Vegas Strip properties: Bally's, Flamin-

go, Harrah's, Paris, Planet Hollywood, The Cromwell, The Linq and Caesars Palace, including Nobu. The deal also would apply to the off-Strip Rio All-Suite Hotel and Casino.

The union is now negotiating contracts with smaller companies that operate 15 properties on the Las Vegas Strip and in downtown Las Vegas, including the Tropicana, Treasure Island and The D. Union negotiators met Thursday with the Golden Nugget operator. **AP**

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Pro-democracy lawmakers react after a controversial bill was passed

Bill passage seen as increasing Beijing's hold over Hong Kong

HONG Kong's legislature has passed a bill that will allow Chinese authorities to enforce their own laws within a portion of the semi-autonomous territory, setting off alarm bells among those con-

cerned about Beijing's tightening grip.

Independent lawmakers believe the bill governing the Hong Kong terminus of the rail link from the Chinese city of Guangzhou contravenes the

Basic Law, the city's mini-constitution that was adopted after the former British colony was handed over to China in 1997.

The bill passed late Thursday allows passengers to clear Chinese border checks inside

Hong Kong at the end of the 26-kilometer (16-mile) high-speed rail line, which is to open in the third quarter of 2018. That will permit Chinese police to enforce mainland Chinese laws within the terminus, the

first time such rights have been granted within Hong Kong's territory.

The move comes as Beijing is seen as stepping up pressure on the territory's legal system and civil liberties that are supposed to be preserved until 2047, apart from legal matters related to defense, foreign affairs and national security. Hong Kong residents enjoy rights such as freedom of speech and assembly that are routinely violated on the mainland.

Hundreds of protesters gathered outside the legislature's offices Thursday to watch a live broadcast of the debate and the vote that followed.

Tanya Chan, a member of Hong Kong's legislature, was among those opposed to the move.

"Obviously this co-location arrangement violates the Basic Law, as well as very common legal practices in Hong Kong," Chan said.

Chairman of the Hong Kong Bar Association Philip Dykes said the decision set a worrisome precedent because people entering the zone could be found in violation of mainland Chinese laws they weren't aware of and whisked off to detention.

"And the concern is, in the future, if this can be done for a railway station, it might also be done for some other reasons, some other purposes," Dykes said. **AP**

China's US Treasuries holdings fell USD5.8 billion in April

Randall Woods,
Katherine Greifeld

CHINA remained the largest foreign owner of Treasuries in April even with a slight drop in holdings, as the Asian nation's appetite for U.S. government debt shows few signs of waning amid growing tensions over trade.

China's holdings of U.S. bonds, bills and notes decreased by USD5.8 billion to \$1.18 trillion in April, according to Treasury Department data released in Washington on Friday. The second-biggest foreign holder, Japan, saw its Treasuries drop by \$12.3 billion to \$1.03 trillion, the lowest since 2011. Overall, foreign ownership of Treasuries receded in April, falling to \$6.17 trillion.

While investors grew jittery in March that Beijing would scale back purchases of Treasuries



to retaliate against the U.S. for new tariffs, China has shown little interest in disrupting financial markets over trade. The Asian nation has instead pledged to impose levies of its own on American goods in response to President Donald Trump's plan to slap tariffs on at least

\$50 billion of Chinese imports starting next month.

"So far, we don't see any evidence that China's using its Treasuries as part of the trade negotiations," said Zach Pandl, co-head of global FX strategy at Goldman Sachs. "China continues to be a regular and reliable

purchaser of Treasuries when its reserve assets are rising, and that remains the case today."

Japan's holdings dropped as expensive hedging costs continue to sour them on U.S. debt. For buyers in Japan who use swaps to protect against currency swings, the yield on 10-year Treasuries is a mere 0.38 percent. That compares with the 2.92 percent yield available to those purchasing U.S. 10-year notes unhedged.

The yuan has depreciated about 1 percent against the dollar over the past month amid a broad decline in emerging-market currencies. The nation's stockpile of foreign-exchange reserves fell for a second straight month in May, to \$3.11 trillion, as a weaker exchange rate impacted the valuation of the dollar-denominated stockpile. **Bloomberg**

Chinese immigrant with American family fears deportation

A Chinese immigrant with a young American family in New York fears deportation after being arrested when he showed up for a green card interview.

Xiu Qing You, a 39-year-old Queens resident, was being held Saturday in a New Jersey facility run by the federal Immigration and Customs Enforcement agency.

Also being held there is an Ecuadorian pizza shop employee arrested two weeks ago while making a delivery to an Army garrison in Brooklyn.

You applied for asylum after he first arrived in the United States 18 years ago, saying he feared being persecuted for his Catholic faith if he returned to China, according to the New York Daily News. When asylum was denied, he was issued a deportation order in 2002 with which he didn't comply. The Trump administration has come down hard on such cases.

At home, You has a 4-year-old son and a 6-year-old

daughter born in the United States.

His wife, Yu Mei Chen, an American citizen, told the Daily News that she's been in touch with her husband by phone, and "I have never seen him cry in my life; he misses the kids so much."

You had applied for permanent residency in 2015, and the couple went for an interview on May 23, the day he was arrested.

The couple, who run a nail salon in Connecticut, are represented by the Yee Ling Poon Law Offices in Manhattan. There was no response to calls for comment on Saturday. Yee Ling Poon reportedly has asked for a stay of deportation, while also seeking to reopen his asylum claim.

ICE officials also were not immediately available.

The Ecuadorian pizza delivery worker, Pablo Villavicencio, was granted a stay of deportation last week, pending further court proceedings. **AP**



Corn is harvested in Princeton, Illinois

TRADE WAR

Trump heartland hit as China targets farms and mines

Alexander Kwiatkowski

CHINA'S response to U.S. tariffs aims to hit the Trump administration right in its natural resources.

The world's largest commodities consumer on Friday said it will levy a first round of tariffs on USD34 billion worth of U.S. agriculture products, as well as automobiles, starting July 6. Another \$16 billion in goods, including coal and oil, will be subject to tariffs later. The escalating dispute sent the prices of everything from soybeans to copper lower and hit the shares of U.S. coal producers while boosting the prospects for alternative suppliers like Brazil.

By focusing on agriculture and energy, the tariffs target rural communities in states that voted for Trump in 2016. Beijing's announcement came less than 12 hours after the U.S. released its list of \$50 billion worth of Chinese products subject to tariffs. As recently as May, the Asian nation said it would seek to buy more U.S. agricultural and energy products as part of a tentative trade truce between the two countries.

AGRICULTURE

Farm commodities have been a key battleground in the trade war between the world's two biggest economies. In April, the Asian nation started levying additional taxes on American

fruit, nuts, pork and wine in response to Trump tariffs on steel and aluminum. Products affected include soy, corn, wheat, rice, sorghum, beef, pork, poultry, fish, dairy products, nuts and vegetables.

The list covers almost all farm products imported from the U.S., said Li Qiang, chief analyst with Shanghai JC Intelligence Co. Ltd. "Given China's big trade surplus with the U.S., it will be more difficult and complicated for China" in the future to retaliate if Washington expands the tariff to cover more products, said Li. The new list includes more agricultural produce, including dairy, alfalfa and seafood, than its initial list published in April.

In 2017, China's agriculture imports from U.S. were worth \$24.1 billion, the People's Daily reported on May 24, citing customs data. That's about 19 percent of total farm imports worth \$125.86 billion, according to Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Affairs data.

COAL

The coal tariffs strike at the heart of Trump's energy agenda. Since he was elected, the president has been trying to make good on a campaign promise to revive America's coal industry. They also come as U.S. miners have grown increasingly dependent on foreign markets for growth. U.S. coal exports jumped by 61 percent in 2017

as shipments to Asia more than doubled.

A few weeks ago, China was looking at buying more from the U.S.. While it's pursuing a long-term goal of using less coal, the country still produces, consumes and imports more than any other nation. It purchased 271 million metric tons from overseas last year, according to customs data. The U.S. exported about 3.2 million short tons to China, data from the Energy Information Administration show.

The total value of U.S. coal exported to China last year was about \$395 million, based on an average price of \$122 per ton, according to Bloomberg Intelligence. About 90 percent was metallurgical coal, which is used to make steel.

CRUDE

China has been a key recipient of American oil since a 40-year U.S. ban on exports was ended by then-President Barack Obama in 2015. The Asian nation is helping drive a surge in exports from the U.S. -- China imported 18.4 million barrels of American crude and oil products in March, making it the third-biggest customer behind Mexico and Canada.

For China, the biggest importer of oil in the world, U.S. crude is just a small part of its portfolio, with major suppliers like Saudi Arabia and Russia having the biggest shares. China spent

\$162.3 billion on crude purchases in 2017, with just \$3.16 billion of that going to the U.S.

GAS

China also said it would place tariffs on imports of natural gas, but its list only specifies the fuel in gaseous form, not the liquefied natural gas that it currently imports by ship from the U.S. China is the third-largest buyer of U.S. LNG, after Mexico and South Korea. Record production from America's shale plays has allowed the U.S. to become a net exporter of the fuel for the first time since the 1950s.

The Asian nation is set to become the world's largest importer of LNG in the next decade, and several proposed U.S. export projects are seeking long-term buyers to finance construction. Bloomberg New Energy Finance forecasts China's imports will grow to 82 million tons a year by 2030, but the country has long-term contracts to supply just 42.5 million tons by then.

There have been signs of growing cooperation between the two countries. Earlier this year, China National Petroleum Corp. signed a 25-year deal with Cheniere Energy Inc. to buy U.S. gas. China Petrochemical Corp. has signed a joint development agreement with a proposed export plant in Alaska, and China Gas Holdings Ltd. has agreed to purchase 3 million tons of LNG a year from Delfin LNG's proposed plant in the Gulf of Mexico.

CARS, WHISKEY

While U.S. automakers import few vehicles into China, the tariffs pose a significant threat to BMW AG and Daimler AG's American factories that make vehicles both for domestic buyers and export markets.

Tesla Inc. also builds all of its vehicles in Fremont, California, and the tariffs could compromise affordability in its second-biggest market in the world. Revenue from deliveries to China surged 90 percent last year to \$2.03 billion.

By focusing on agriculture and energy, the tariffs target rural communities in states that voted for Trump in 2016

Other iconic American products on the list, like whiskey, may be more symbolic. Last year, China imported only \$12.8 million worth of U.S. spirits, about 70 percent of which was whiskey, according to the Distilled Spirits Council. Brown-Forman Corp., the maker of Jack Daniel's, doesn't even list China as a top 10 market, though net sales growth there was in the double digits last year.

On Saturday, China's Commerce Ministry announced it will collect anti-dumping deposits on imports of hydriodic acid and ethanolamine from the U.S., of which Iofina Chemical Inc. and Dow Chemical Co. are major suppliers. **Bloomberg**

Summit does not deal with North Korea's hacking

Tami Abdollah, Washington

AMONG the subjects President Donald Trump apparently didn't discuss with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un in Singapore — the regime's human rights abuses, its exports of missile technology and its mistreatment of U.S. prisoners — there's one more: its long record of dangerous cyberattacks against sensitive targets in the U.S. and allied nations.

Experts warn that the country's hacking skills have become increasingly sophisticated and dangerous in recent years. North Korean exploits have included the damaging 2017 WannaCry ransomware attacks, intrusions into banks in more than a dozen countries to heist millions of dollars over the last few years, and continually brazen cyberattacks on South Korean computer networks.

The historic Singapore meeting focused on "denuclearization" of the Korean peninsula, although it didn't yield a detailed agreement for accomplishing that goal.

In the run-up to the June 12 meeting, the Department of Homeland Security warned of an ongoing threat by North Korean government hackers, who have attacked critical infrastructure and media, aerospace and financial companies since at least 2009, infecting networks in at least 17 countries and the United States. Days after the summit, DHS sent a fresh notice describing malware variants used by North Korea.

But there is no indication that the two leaders discussed



cybersecurity, worrying experts who warn that North Korea's cyberwarfare capabilities pose an immediate threat to U.S. interests that warrants high-level attention.

Few know the impact of a North Korean cyberattack like former Sony Pictures CEO Michael Lynton. More than three years ago, the American movie studio owned of Sony suffered a crippling hack prior to its release of "The Interview," a film centered on a screwball satire of Kim.

The unprecedented corporate cyberattack cost Sony more than USD100 million — destroying more than 70 percent of the computers at the then-7,000-person studio, Lynton told The Associated Press in an interview Wednesday. It took the company roughly a year to recover. Lynton left Sony in 2017 to

become chairman of Snap Inc.

"Denuclearization is great, but we also have to concern ourselves with what the cyber capabilities are, so we can make sure that doesn't happen to our businesses and other assets in the United States," Lynton said.

The Associated Press made efforts to determine whether the subject came up in Singapore, but the White House declined official comment for this story. The subject wasn't mentioned in official statements out of the summit or by the president in his post-summit press conference.

Dmitri Alperovitch, co-founder of cybersecurity firm CrowdStrike Inc., said North Korea's recent cyberactivities have focused on "traditional espionage" aimed at gathering intelligence from nations involved in the summit, as well as destructive

attacks and cybercrime to raise money for the regime.

North Korea has slowly joined the small group of nations, along with China and Russia, with both the hacking mojo and a proven willingness to attack U.S. interests. Following the attack on Sony, the FBI publicly blamed North Korea, the first time it had done so. The Obama administration imposed sanctions as a result.

An Obama-era agreement with China aimed at curbing economic cyberespionage was reaffirmed by the Trump Administration last year. But earlier this year, Trump accused China of continuing to conduct and support cyber intrusions into U.S. computer networks "to gain access to valuable business information so Chinese companies can copy products," costing the

economy "hundreds of billions of dollars" annually.

DHS officials have carried on with their cybersecurity mission outside of the main focus of the Trump-related political sphere, often out of public view. But the results of that China-U.S. pact have left many a little jaded about the efficacy of diplomacy on this issue.

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MICHAEL LYNTON
SONY PICTURES CEO

Trump's cybersecurity efforts have been largely overshadowed by immigration, health care and ongoing investigations. Still, last year the Justice Department announced sanctions and criminal indictments against an Iranian state-sponsored hacker network that had targeted hundreds of U.S. and foreign universities, U.S. companies and government agencies, and the United Nations.

The Trump presidential campaign has also benefited from embarrassing disclosures in hacked emails stolen from the Democratic National Committee, Hillary Clinton's campaign staff and others. Trump also openly invited Russian hackers to find and release tens of thousands of personal emails that Clinton had deleted from the private server she had used to conduct government business as secretary of state. **AP**

Troops fire at anti-India protesters in Kashmir

AT least one person was killed and about two dozen others wounded on Saturday as protests against Indian rule followed by clashes erupted in Indian-controlled Kashmir shortly after Eid prayers, police and residents said.

Meanwhile, the Indian military said a soldier was killed early Saturday after its patrol came under fire from Pakistani soldiers along the highly militarized Line of Control that divides disputed Kashmir between India and Pakistan.

Shouting "Go India, go back" and "We want freedom," hundreds of people began marching in the southern Anantnag



area but were confronted by government forces firing tear gas, leading to clashes with stone-throwing protesters.

The use of force intensified as the protesters barged police and paramilitary

soldiers with a hail of stones while the troops fired shotgun pellets, injuring at least 17 people.

One young man among the injured died at a hospital. He suffered pellet injuries in his head and

throat while at least nine other men among the injured were hit by pellets in their eyes, medics said.

However, police said in a statement that a "preliminary investigation" revealed that the young man died when a hand grenade exploded in his hand, a claim refuted by local residents.

Protests and clashes also were reported at several places across Kashmir, including the main city of Srinagar, after Eid prayers concluded. At least seven protesters also were injured in southern Shopian area.

Muslim Kashmiris on Saturday were celebrating the Eid al-Fitr holiday to mark the end of the

holy month of Ramadan and its daytime fasting.

The Indian military said one soldier was killed after Pakistani soldiers fired mortars and guns and called it an "unprovoked" violation of the 2003 cease-fire agreement between the rivals.

Pakistan did not immediately comment. In the past, each country has accused the other of initiating border skirmishes and violating the cease-fire agreement.

Anti-India sentiment runs deep in Kashmir, a disputed Himalayan territory divided between nuclear-armed rivals India and Pakistan but claimed by both in its entirety. In recent years, the

Indian-controlled portion has seen renewed rebel attacks and repeated public protests against Indian rule.

Rebels have been fighting Indian control since 1989, demanding that the territory be united either under Pakistani rule or as an independent country.

India accuses Pakistan of arming and training the rebels, a charge Pakistan denies.

Most Kashmiris support the rebels' cause while also participating in civilian street protests against Indian control. Nearly 70,000 people have been killed in the uprising and the ensuing Indian military crackdown. **AP**

Australia to start free-trade negotiations with EU

AUSTRALIA will begin negotiations with the European Union on a free-trade agreement covering a market with 500 million people and worth USD17.3 trillion, making it one of the country's biggest potential deals.

Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull's government will start negotiations with EU Trade Commissioner Cecilia Malmstrom in Brussels next month to secure better access for Australian agricultural products, Trade Minister Steve Ciobo said in an emailed statement. Trade on commodities including beef, sheep meat, sugar, cheese and rice are "significantly constrained" by EU tariffs.

"This is significant for Australian businesses. We're opening the door to the world's largest markets and giving them a competitive advantage," Ciobo said. "We will now have agreements, or negotiations underway, with all of our top 10 trading partners."

The negotiations come



Steve Ciobo, Australia's commerce minister

amid a developing trade war between the U.S. and China, with President Donald Trump last week slapping duties on \$50 billion of Chinese imports and drawing a swift in-kind response from Beijing. The EU is also embroiled in a difficult negotiation

with the U.K. over Britain's plans to leave the European bloc.

In addition to reducing specific European tariffs on products including almonds, silicon and automotive parts, Australia wants to lock in access for services exporters in

sectors including education, financial and professional services, Ciobo said.

"While countries are building barriers, we are knocking them down to create new opportunities for Australian businesses," Ciobo said. **Bloomberg**



King Maha Vajiralongkorn

THAILAND King now holds Crown Property Bureau's billions in assets

Sunil Jagtiani

THAILAND'S Crown Property Bureau said its assets are now held in the name of King Maha Vajiralongkorn, clarifying how a legal change last year affects billions of dollars of holdings.

The law enacted in 2017 means that "Crown Property Assets" are to be transferred and revert to the ownership of the king and that the bureau's investments "will now be held in the name of His Majesty," the bureau said in an undated statement on its website.

All shareholdings will now be held in the king's name and crown property assets will be subject to tax, a change from the bureau's exempt status, according to the statement. The full value of the bureau's real estate and other holdings isn't clear. Its stakes in Siam Commercial Bank Pcl and Siam Cement Pcl, two major listed Thai firms, are worth more than USD7 billion combined, according to data compiled by Bloomberg.

The registration of the king's name as a shareholder in Siam Commercial Bank and Siam Cement shows that the monarch intends to "contribute to the administration of the enterprises to ensure that they will continue to thrive and prosper for the future benefits of Thailand," according to the statement.

Vajiralongkorn ascended to the throne in 2016 after the death of his father, King Bhumibol Adulyadej. He increased his control over the eight-decade-old bureau in July last year, when he was given discretion over the crown's assets.

In October, the bureau transferred a 3.3 percent stake in Siam Commercial Bank, worth more than \$500 million at the time, in the name of the king. In March 2018, the monarch emerged with a shareholding worth more than \$100 million in Siam Cement, with the bureau's stake dropping by a similar amount.

Siam Commercial Bank, established over a century ago by royal charter, is Thailand's oldest homegrown lender and the nation's second-largest by assets. Siam Cement was set up in 1913 following a royal decree to produce more of the building material. It's the sixth-biggest firm in Thailand by market capitalization. **Bloomberg**

CAMBODIA

Former PM hurt in car crash; wife killed

FORMER Cambodian Prime Minister Prince Norodom Ranariddh was seriously injured yesterday in a road crash that killed his wife and injured at least seven other people, officials said.

The 74-year-old Ranariddh was in a convoy along with senior figures of his FUNCINPEC party heading toward Sihanoukville in southwest Cambodia when a taxi traveling in the opposite direction slammed into his SUV, said a senior party member in the group.

Cambodia will hold a general election next month in which both Ranariddh and his wife were standing as candidates.

Sihanoukville police chief Gen. Chuon Narin said Ranariddh — a son of the late King Norodom Sihanouk — suffered head injuries. He was sent to Phnom Penh for urgent treatment. Chuon Narin said Rana-



Ranariddh's mangled car sits on the side of a road after a collision with another vehicle outside Sihanoukville

riddh's wife, Ouk Phalla, died in a hospital.

Ranariddh was Cambodia's co-prime minister for four years in an uneasy power-sharing arrangement with current Prime Minister Hun Sen after his party won a United Nations-organized election in 1993. His party's popularity was largely due to its royal-

ist credentials, although Ranariddh's personal relations with his popular father were often strained.

He was ousted in July 1997 and then fled abroad when long-simmering tensions between him and Hun Sen exploded into two days of bitter fighting in Phnom Penh between his

forces and those loyal to Hun Sen.

Ranariddh was allowed to return to contest elections the following year but failed to repeat his success at the ballot. He slid into political irrelevancy, as FUNCINPEC became co-opted by Hun Sen, a much more savvy and tougher politician than Ranariddh.



An Italian Coast Guard boat approaches the French NGO "SOS Mediterranee" Aquarius ship

Rescue ships dock in Spain as migrant debate roils Europe

SHIPS in the Aquarius aid convoy docked yesterday at the Spanish port of Valencia, ending a weeklong ordeal for hundreds of people who were rescued from the perilous Mediterranean only to become the latest pawn in Europe's battle over immigration.

The Italian coast guard vessel Dattilo was the first of the three boats bearing the 630 migrants to touch land just before 7 a.m. yesterday. The 270 migrants on board soon began to disembark after medical staff had made a preliminary inspection.

The rescue ship Aquarius came in at 11.00 a.m. with another 106 migrants. Another Italian navy ship, the Orione, will arrive in the coming hours.

The Aquarius, operated by the aid groups SOS Mediterranee Sea and Doctors Without Borders, was stuck off the coast of Sicily on June 9 when Italy refused it permission to dock and demanded that Malta do so. Malta also refused.

After days of bickering and food and water running low on the rescue ship, Spain stepped in and offered to grant the rescue boat entry. The 1,500-kilometer journey across the Mediterranean from Sicily to Valencia took nearly a week.

David Noguera, the head of Doctors Without Borders in Spain, said he was glad that Spain allowed these migrants in but he's worried that more European nations will close their ports to those rescued at sea in the future.

"I have mixed feelings," he told The Associated Press yesterday as the first boat arrived. "I am happy that the journey (for the Aquarius migrants) is over — a journey that was too long — and I am worried for the situation in the Mediterranean and the closing of European ports."

The migrants were met by emergency workers, health officials, Red Cross volunteers and psychologists at the city's marina. Each were assigned to a transla-

tor and authorities worked to determine their identities before they were sent to welcome centers. The first migrant was a 29-year-old man from South Sudan.

Valencia emergency official Jorge Suarez said some migrants were in a state of shock.

"They are very shaken," Suarez said. "Put yourself in their position, you get off a ship and the first people who greet you are wearing masks."

Spanish authorities say they will examine the migrants case-by-case to see who may qualify for asylum. Spanish national police official Bernardo Alonso said that, due to their ordeal, the migrants from the Aquarius have been granted a special authorization to remain in the country for 45 days before they must begin resolving their legal situation.

"They will be dealt with according to our laws, without exception," Spain's minister of public works, Jose Luis Abalos, said Saturday. "Spain will act with

sensitivity and at the same time within the law, and with a message to Europe that it doesn't have an immigration policy up to the challenge at hand."

The boatload of migrants that was forced to spend days crossing the western Mediterranean includes 123 unaccompanied minors, 11 children and as many as seven pregnant women. After Spain invited the Aquarius to land, Italy sent the Dattilo and Orione to help transport the migrants.

The refusal by Italy and Malta to allow the Aquarius to dock has reignited a continentwide battle over how to handle immigration. Under the EU's asylum laws — currently the subject of a major political dispute and under revision — migrants must apply for asylum in the country where they first enter Europe. In practice, the policy has placed a heavy burden on Italy and Greece, where hundreds of thousands of asylum-seekers have arrived in recent years.

Spain's new Socialist government has taken up the cause of the migrants to demonstrate its commitment to protecting human rights.

But overall, the European Union's 28 members have not agreed in the least how to handle the influx of refugees and migrants to Europe. The issue has put strong domestic pressure on German Chancellor Angela Merkel, created a spat between France and Italy, and prompted eastern nations like Hungary and Poland to refuse to take in any migrants.

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Immigration will be a top issue at the EU leaders' June 28-29 summit and a new populist government from Italy — one whose interior minister has vowed to deport tens of thousands of migrants as soon as he can — will make any compromises on migration policy even more difficult.

The warmer weather has caused a spike in desperate migrants taking off from North Africa for Europe. Spain's maritime rescue service pulled 986 people from 69 small smuggling boats near the Strait of Gibraltar between Friday and Saturday, and also recovered four bodies.

At least 792 migrants have died crossing the Mediterranean so far this year, according to the United Nations. Through the first five months of 2018, some 35,455 migrants reached European shores, with 11,792 of them arriving in Spain. **AP**

RUSSIA

Taxi driver questioned after injuring 8 near Red Square

MOSCOW police are investigating a taxi crash that injured eight people, including two Mexican World Cup fans, when the driver plowed into pedestrians on a sidewalk near Red Square.

Video circulating on Russian social media and some news websites showed the taxi veering onto the sidewalk Saturday and striking pedestrians. The source of the video was unclear.

City police released a video Sunday of an interrogation session with a man identified as the Kyrgyz taxi driver, in which he says he briefly fell asleep at the wheel in the crash and accidentally hit the gas. It was unclear whether the man spoke under duress.

The man says he hadn't slept in 20 hours, and ran away after the accident because he was afraid that angry bystanders would

kill him. He was later detained.

Moscow police would not comment Sunday on whether the crash would affect security measures for the World Cup, which is being held in 11 Russian cities over the next month. Among the security concerns has been the possible use of vehicles as weapons.

The Mexican Embassy told The Associated Press that the two injured fe-

male fans met with embassy representatives and were not hospitalized. The Mexican national soccer teams plays against Germany yesterday in Moscow.

Details on other victims weren't immediately released. The accident took place on Ilinka Street, about 200 meters from Red Square and Moscow's famous GUM shopping arcade, an area popular with tourists. **AP**



A taxi driver, right, runs away from the scene after he crashed his taxi into pedestrians on a sidewalk near Red Square

ANALYSIS

Le Mans: A dream that is never repeated

Sérgio de Almeida Correia,
Le Mans*

LOCATED in the region of the so-called Pays du Loire, in the department of La Sarthe, one of the rivers that runs through and from where the circuit was named, the city of Le Mans could be just that: a dream that is never repeated. Le Mans is another picturesque place with about 150,000 inhabitants cementing its status as a city of arts, a gothic cathedral in a historical centre where it is pleasant to stroll around, enjoying the façade of the ancient buildings, having a drink in the late afternoon or a meal among the preserved walls.

Over the years, since May 26, 1923, when the Automobile Club de la Sarthe organized the first race, and the Lagache/Léonard team, driving a Chenard and Walker, completed 128 laps of the circuit at an average of 92 kilometers per hour, no one would have imagined that Le Mans 24 Hours would become the biggest motor sport event in the world and an example to follow.

From then until now, everything has evolved. Europe and France experienced two world wars in the 20th century, the world became globalized, smaller, technology evolved and the track became much faster. In 1923, nobody would have dared to think that in 2018 the record of the track, in the most recent version, would be an amazing 3'14"791 (an average of 251,882 kilometers per hour, with speeds above 330 kilometers per hour). Fixed in 2017, it belongs to the Japanese Kamui Kobayashi, who at the wheel of a Toyota of Gazoo Racing dethroned the previous record of Neel Jani, for the new track, as well as the record of Hans Stuck, realized in a trajectory still without the chicanes and that lasted for 32 years.

Moving millions of euros and a huge audience, live and on television, the race and everything that it involves is a spectacle.



This is present throughout the year, starting with the preparations of the teams, the development of the cars that will be there, the choice of the drivers, the entire registration process and the qualifications limited to 60 cars on the starting grid.

The formula has come to fruition and the 24-hour races have broadened to the bikes and classic cars, but it is the main race that usually takes place on the second or third weekend of June that makes the city unbeatable. It receives thousands of visitors and is involved in its organization and hosting. From the volunteers to the races, there is nothing left to chance. Although hotels are usually sold out for the teams and its guests, there are always other options, including renting a house or a room during race week, with one of the most popular sites for this purpose being Airbnb. Many choose to camp on well-tended lawns along the 13-kilometer circuit, setting up true villages, where flags of countries and teams flit, barbecues are organized and all incidents of the race are followed.

Next to the circuit is the His-

torical Museum of the Grand Prix, which is open during the 24 hours of the race (normally it costs EUR8.50 but in the week of the races it is included in the ticket price and children under 10 years old do not pay). But beyond the race, other points of interest are not lacking. There are recreational spaces for children, go-karting, and top-notch racing simulators for adults as well as pop-rock concerts in the live stage of the circuit: between Wednesday and Sunday Arcadian, Dr. Feelgood, Jamiroquai and Texas perform.

During the week, the historical city centre is overrun by the teams, as the technical inspec-

tions of vehicles and documents, the weighing of these and of the pilots, the verifications of the equipment, including suits and helmets are carried out for everyone in a perfect interaction between the city, visitors and teams.

Then there are navettes between the various points on the track that allow you to be in the Haunaudières, go to Arnage or live the emotions of Mulsane, Indianapolis or the Tertre Rouge, mythical places for endurance-racing enthusiasts.

Everything is extraordinarily well organized (including pit lane access for fans), accessible in several languages, and clean,

starting with the bathrooms (about which Macau has so much to learn), and the prices of meals and transport (taxis, buses and surface metro) are not excessive. A taxi ride into the city from the railway station runs at EUR7 or 8, and there is no need to tell the driver where to go before entering the vehicle, or argue for a reasonable price. A three-day pass for the trams and buses costs EUR10 (no trip limit), a meal with drinks included (starter, main course and dessert, half bottle of red wine and coffee) runs at EUR30 (around MOP300,00), with impeccable quality, in the historic centre or in one of the excellent restaurants inside the circuit, where official t-shirts go for EUR20, and even the excellent program costs only EUR6.

On Friday morning, shortly before the start of the race, Jean Todt, the FIA president, spoke of the new regulations for the coming years (the objective is to bet on hydrogen fuel to have clean races, with the prediction of the 1st World Endurance Championship to take place in 2024) at the press conference and mentioned that the world does not stop. It is necessary to make it more inclusive (there is a new FIA Women's Commission that has Michèle Mouton as head), more accessible, and more pleasant. Le Mans does not want to stay attached to the past and the 24 Hours proves it with each passing year, a race made of dreams where emotions are never to be repeated.
*Special to MDT

ALONSO WINS ON DEBUT IN 24 HOURS LE MANS RACE

TWO-TIME Formula One champion Fernando Alonso won the 24 Hours Le Mans on his debut in the classic endurance race yesterday. The Spanish driver, together with teammates Kazuki Nakajima of Japan and Sebastian Buemi of Switzerland, completed 388 laps in their Toyota hybrid car, two more than Mike Conway, Kamui Kobayashi and Jose Maria Lopez in the other Toyota hybrid. Alon-

so is now a step closer to matching British driver Graham Hill's feat of completing motorsport's unofficial Triple Crown, including wins at the Monaco Grand Prix and Indianapolis 500. It's Toyota's first victory at the 20th attempt, and the first win for a Japanese manufacturer since Mazda's success in 1991. Some 60 factory and private teams competed in the 86th edition of the race.



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SCULPTURE – A JOURNEY, EXHIBITION BY ANTONIO LEÇA

TIME: 3pm-8pm (Mondays)
12pm-8pm (Tuesdays to Sundays)

UNTIL: October 21, 2018

VENUE: A2 Gallery, Albergue SCM

ADMISSION: Free

ENQUIRIES: (853) 2852 2550

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

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

UNTIL: August 30, 2018

VENUE: Kun Iam Ecumenical Centre

ADMISSION: Free

ENQUIRIES: (853) 2875 1516

TREASURE OF SACRED ART OF ST. JOSEPH'S SEMINARY

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

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

ADMISSION: Free

ENQUIRIES: (853) 2835 7911

MANDARIN'S HOUSE

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

ADDRESS: No. 10, Travessa de António da Silva

ADMISSION: Free

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

VENUE: Macau Science Center

ADMISSION: MOP25 (Exhibition Centre)

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sky shows)

MOP80 (Planetarium 3D dome or 3D

sky shows)

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Offbeat

VOWS IN THE AIR: GERMAN COUPLE MARRIED IN TIGHTROPE WEDDING



A couple in eastern Germany have gotten married in a swing dangling from a motorcycle atop a tightrope, 14 meters above the ground.

The German news agency dpa reported that a pastor standing in a cage atop a fire service ladder presided over the wedding of Nicole Backhaus and Jens Knorr in the town of Stassfurt on Saturday. The couple exchanged rings in the air but, for safety's sake, waited until they were back on the ground to kiss.

More than 3,000 people watched the wedding in the sky, which took place during a local festival.

The tightrope was stretched between the town wall and a tower, and the motorbike was ridden by Falko Traber, a member of a family of artists.

TV canal macau



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13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
15:00	Miscellaneous
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17:50	Brazilian Soap Opera (Repeated)
18:40	Non-daily Portuguese News (Repeated)
19:50	Portuguese Serie
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:00	TDM Sports
22:10	Brazilian Soap Opera
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Champions League 2017/2018 Magazine
00:05	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)
00:40	RTPi Live

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JURASSIC WORLD: FALLEN KINGDOM

ROOM 1

2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45pm

Director: J.A. Bayona

Starring: Chris Pratt, Bryce Dallas Howard, BD Wong

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 135min



OCEAN'S EIGHT

ROOM 2

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

Director: Gary Ross

Starring: Sandra Bullock, Cate Blanchett, Anne Hathway

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 110min



DEATH WISH

ROOM 3

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

Director: Eli Roth

Starring: Bruce Willis, Vincent D'Onofrio, Elisabeth Shue

Language: English (Chinese)

this day in history



1956 TRUMAN REJECTS ANTI-STALIN TALK

The former President of the United States, Harry Truman, has shrugged off suggestions Moscow may be about to reject its Stalinist past.

He was speaking at a news conference in London shortly after arriving at the start of a 10 day visit to Britain, during which he is to receive an honorary doctorate of civil law from Oxford University.

More than 200 press, radio and television reporters had gathered for the half-an-hour question and answer session with the man who played such a key role in preventing the expansion of the influence of the Soviet Union during his time in office, 1945-53.

The former President was asked what he thought of the Soviet leader, Nikita Khrushchev's, surprise attack on Joseph Stalin. He replied: "I have no faith in the Khrushchev disclosures. When they show some action on the lines on which they are talking now, I will begin to believe them."

In a sensational speech to the 20th Congress of the Communist Party in February, Mr Khrushchev described the regime of fear, suspicion and terror that had existed under Joseph Stalin. He described how Stalin had carried out purges to get rid of politicians who had fallen from his favour - and had many of them shot. The Soviet leader went on to say he wanted to break the "Stalin cult".

News of the speech was not made public in the Soviet Union - and details were only released in mid-March in Belgrade and Washington. Mr Truman said: "The thing that strikes me is that one of the men who helped to carry out those policies is the one who is now denouncing them. That is one of my reasons for being careful in believing in what he has to say."

"He was one of Stalin's right-hand men, and he helped carry out these things that he's denouncing now for our benefit."

This is also the year for presidential nominations in the United States - and Mr Truman's personal endorsement of one of the Democrat candidates could determine who runs for the White House - but he refused to be drawn on who he would be backing.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

Former President Truman was one of six people to be awarded honorary degrees at Oxford University on 20 June.

The award angered some because it was Mr Truman who ordered the atomic bombs to be dropped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki.

At the degree ceremony, he was praised for his firm leadership in the post-war period. He helped shape policies such as the Marshall Plan which led Europe away from economic disaster and he was also instrumental in the formation of NATO.

Truman's policy of containment of the Soviet Union, by assisting countries resisting communism, became known as the Truman Doctrine. He demonstrated it by sending American support to Greece and Turkey, then under pressure from the USSR.

Harry Truman retired from the presidency in 1953 to write his memoirs. He was succeeded by the Republican Dwight Eisenhower.

He died on 26 December 1972.

During Nikita Khrushchev's time in power, he instigated the notion of "peaceful co-existence" - but he came close to war with the US over the Cuban missile crisis in 1962 and resigned in 1964.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 You may not wake up this morning expecting a surprise, but there's definitely one on the agenda.

Taurus April 20-May 20 It's rare that your sign doesn't feel confident. That alone might mean you'd be tough to get along with.

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 In your opinion, the astrological weather today is fine. Actually, it couldn't be better.

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 The urge to hibernate has hit all of us, but the way you're feeling now, you're not only in the mood to get away from the maddening crowd.

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 The universe has a big day planned for all of us, full of unexpected arrivals, surprise messages, and at least one last-minute turnaround.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 You're the perfect person to share a secret with. So now, when it falls to you to decide what to do about either letting someone in on it or keeping it hidden, you'll do the right thing.

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 At certain times, it's perfectly safe to give over care of your belongings to the powers that be.

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 These are surprising times when even someone like you, who's in close-to-complete control of their intimate emotions, can be caught off guard.

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 You're far more of a fan of sudden, drastic change than you are of anything even remotely resembling boredom.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Surprises are fun for some folks, but for you -- well, you'd rather have everything that's been penciled into your day-timer go just as you'd planned it.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Someone you've been amazingly fond of for some time will suddenly let you know that the feelings are extremely mutual.

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 A group of scientists (who some might say have far too much time on their hands) recently announced that love is biologically the same as eating large quantities of chocolate.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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Tianjin 22 30 overcast/thundershower
Urumqi 17 25 cloudy/drizzle
Xi'an 20 25 moderate rain/drizzle
Lhasa 12 25 drizzle/shower
Chengdu 20 29 drizzle/cloudy
Chongqing 22 26 moderate rain/drizzle
Kunming 17 26 cloudy
Nanjing 22 31 overcast
Shanghai 23 30 overcast
Wuhan 24 32 cloudy
Hangzhou 22 33 cloudy
Taipei 26 31 drizzle
Guangzhou 26 33 shower/thundershower
Hong Kong 26 33 cloudy

WORLD

Moscow 14 28 clear
Frankfurt 14 23 cloudy
Paris 13 23 cloudy/drizzle
London 11 20 drizzle
New York 15 33 cloudy

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Capital of Italy; 5- Like Fran Drescher's voice; 10- Agricultural implement; 14- Irish island group; 15- Chew the scenery; 16- Describes a gently cooked steak; 17- Gilda of Israel; 18- Squander; 19- Mtn. stat; 20- One playing alone; 22- Inspiring awe; 24- Women's ___; 25- Devoured; 26- 1000 times 1000; 30- Radioactive, metallic element; 34- Slaughter of baseball; 35- Give up; 37- Throw; 38- It paves the way; 39- Jailbird; 40- Bit; 41- Feminine ending; 43- Kidney-related; 45- Palm starch; 46- Go in again; 48- Nasal cavities; 50- Man's best friend; 51- Ingot; 52- Evergreen oak; 56- Fragment; 60- On the main; 61- Stun gun; 63- "A Death in the Family" author; 64- Robert of "The Sopranos"; 65- Iota precursor; 66- PC alternatives; 67- Workout count; 68- Slippery as ___; 69- Lodge members;

DOWN: 1- Super Bowl XXXIV champs; 2- Cream-filled cookie; 3- Letters, e.g.; 4- Registers; 5- Paperboy; 6- Amo, amas, ___; 7- Sea plea; 8- ___ girl; 9- Lee side; 10- Gift; 11- "Le Roi d'Ys" composer; 12- Utah city; 13- ___ Only Just Begun; 21- "Rocky ___" (1982); 23- LAX posting; 26- Taxi's ticker; 27- Silly; 28- TV producer Michaels; 29- More pleasant; 30- Arm bones; 31- Smidgens; 32- Grammarian's concern; 33- Windows predecessor; 36- Ages; 42- Makes beloved; 43- Boat race; 44- Open-minded; 45- For Americans, it's always last; 47- Likewise; 49- "Miss Saigon" setting; 52- Lion's den; 53- ___ of Man; 54- Prez's backup; 55- Actress Madeline; 56- Nerve network; 57- I've Got ___ in Kalamazoo; 58- Bottle part; 59- Hardy lass; 62- Get it?;

Friday's solution



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Water Supply - Report 2822 0088
PJ (Open line) 993
Telephone - Report 1000
PJ (Picket) 28 557 775
Electricity - Report 28 339 922
PSP 28 573 333
Macau Daily Times 28 716 081
Customs 28 559 944
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WORLD CUP | ANALYSIS

Tiny Iceland neutralizes Messi and Argentina

John Leicester,
AP Sports Columnist

WHEN the final whistle blew, Lionel Messi angrily kicked away the ball like it was poison and tore off his captain's armband as though it was cursed.

A superstar of football knocked off his pedestal at the World Cup. By a bunch of guys from Iceland.

Back on the volcanic, wind-swept island bashed by Arctic seas, in winters to come when storms are blowing and the sun is on strike, Icelanders will draw warmth from the memory of the 1-1 draw in this, their first-ever World Cup match. They and the team celebrated the result like a victory. And rightfully so.

By neutralizing two-time World Cup winner Argentina, who had Messi on the field, a cigar-puffing Diego Maradona wat-

ching from the VIP seats and the pope on its side, Iceland blazed a trail for small countries and territories everywhere.

Luxembourg, Malta, Hong Kong, Scotland and the like, are you paying attention? Because this was no fluke. It was Iceland's reward for two decades of thought, investment and ambition lavished on football, so all Icelandic boys and girls who want to play now have an abundance of pitches and qualified coaches.

Although Iceland has a pool of just 100 or so full-time professionals to draw from, its team is only getting better and growing in stature, no longer just a cute story of overachievement but a bona fide outfit to be reckoned with. And it has developed a real taste for bringing the great and good of football down a peg or two.

First was Cristiano Ronaldo,

sulky and frustrated after Iceland restricted his Portugal to a 1-1 draw at the European Championships in 2016, in what was Iceland's first experience of a major tournament. Then followed a milestone victory against England, sent packing 2-1 in the first knockout round of those championships. The upset made Iceland the darling of underdog-lovers everywhere.

And now Messi, the latest star extinguished by a blanket of sturdy Icelandic defending, physicality, organization, teamwork and self-sacrifice.

He had a penalty saved. He fired shots wide. Iceland's players stuck to him like chewing gum on a shoe. When two or three of them followed his runs, others stepped into the gaps he opened in Iceland's defense, plugging them. There always seemed to be a head, leg or other Icelandic body part in his way. Nine of

Iceland's starting 11 stood 6-foot (1.83 meters) tall or more. Nine of Argentina's starters were under 6-foot. Iceland used every spare inch.

With Argentina pressing for a second-half winner, Messi sublimely controlled a long pass and was primed to shoot. The defender who stopped him from doing so, with an outstretched foot, was Birkir Saervarsson. When he's not playing football, Saervarsson works a day job packing salt into jars in a warehouse back in Reykjavik, the Icelandic capital.

Forming blocks of blue up in the stands, the Icelandic fans never let up their din. This was David vs. Goliath stuff.

None more so than when goalkeeper Hannes Halldorsson stopped Messi's penalty in the 64th minute. Halldorsson plays his football in Denmark. His market value, surely rising now, is less than Messi reportedly earns in a week at Barcelona. Halldorsson used to hone his reflexes by kicking a ball hard at a wall and catching the rebound. He plays with a surgically reconstructed shoulder that was damaged when snowboarding in his teens. When he isn't keeping goal, he works as a film

director.

And he does his homework.

He plunged to his right when Messi kicked and punched the ball away. Halldorsson said he studied footage of previous Messi penalties and "had a good feeling that he would go this way."

Truth is, the penalty was poor. Weakly struck, badly placed. Ronaldo did far better from the spot the previous night against Spain. His hat-trick in that 3-3 draw means that, already, so early in the World Cup, Ronaldo is winning the bragging-battle between the five-time winners of the Ballon d'Or.

"It hurt missing the penalty. It could have given us the lead and that could have changed the match," Messi said. "It would have changed their game plan, too. They probably would open a little bit more and we could get more space."

Maybe. Maybe not. Halldorsson told a different story.

"Our game plan worked really well," he said. "We could feel it right away in the first half that the game was playing out as we wanted."

Iceland. Wow.

Croatia and Nigeria, the other teams in Group D, be warned.

Brazil coach Tite adored for turning around national team

Derek Gatopoulos,
Rostov-On-Don

REVERED by his players and credited with turning Brazil's national team around, Tite knows he's not perfect.

Brazil, which will play its first World Cup match since its humiliating 7-1 loss to Germany in the 2014 semi-finals against Switzerland on Sunday, has lost only once in 21 matches since

Tite took over as coach in June 2016.

"There is a lot of pressure when we play because the world of football is looking at us," Tite said Saturday. "But I am happy with the way we've been performing. We've been building up for a long time and it's gone well. That gives us some feeling of peace."

But talk of a sixth World Cup title may be a little premature for the 57-year-old

coach, whose team has outscored its opponents 47-5 over the last two years.

"I don't think about that. And not everyone (in Brazil) likes me," Tite said, chuckling. "There are people who don't like my decisions or me personally. And there are some people I don't like, too."

His players, however, are firmly on his side. Tite has gained a reputation of building a team uncharacteris-

tically compact for a South American side while bringing back goal-scoring flare with young players like Gabriel Jesus, a Manchester City striker who scored the most goals in qualifying.

"I have said it on many occasions — our teacher has changed the face of the national team," Brazil captain Marcelo said. "He breaks everything down for us and that makes out job easier." **AP**



James Ellingworth, Moscow

WORLD CUP

Mexico beats defending champion Germany 1-0

GERMANY became the third defending champion in the last 16 years to lose its opening match at the World Cup, falling to Mexico 1-0 today [Macau time].

Hirving Lozano scored the lone goal in the 35th minute, picking up Javier Hernandez's pass inside the penalty area and beating Mesut Ozil before shooting past Manuel Neuer from 10 yards.

"I don't know if it's the biggest victory in [Mexico's] history, but one of the biggest for sure," Lozano said. "It's great to start on the right foot when you are playing the world champions."

France in 2002 and Spain in 2014 were the other defending champions to lose their opening matches. Neither of those teams advanced from the group stage.

After Lozano's goal, Mexico

goalkeeper Guillermo Ochoa pulled off a spectacular save to keep the score even, palming Toni Kroos' shot onto the crossbar.

The Germans are bidding to become the first team to retain the World Cup title since Brazil in 1962. They hadn't lost an opening game since the then-West Germany succumbed 2-1 to Algeria in 1982.

Mexico supporters outnumbered Germany fans at the Luzhniki Stadium and made almost all of the noise, roaring their team forward.

Lozano, a 22-year-old forward from the Dutch league nicknamed "Chucky," got Mexico going with a deflected shot over the bar in the first minute. That set the tone for Mexico to torment Germany on the counterattack, with Lozano taking full advantage of right back Joshua Kimmich's tendency to go forward.

In his first competitive start since Sept. 16 because of injury, Neuer was kept busy saving a stinging long shot from Hector Herrera in the 10th, then a header shortly after a free kick.

Timo Werner could have scored



Mexico goalkeeper Guillermo Ochoa (right) jumps for the ball during the group F match between Germany and Mexico

when he picked up a ball near the penalty spot, but his shot went straight to Ochoa.

With key players tiring in the second half, Mexico pulled back

and substituted both Lozano and Carlos Vela. Germany then dominated but when it broke through the Mexican defense, the shooting was poor.

Seeking defensive reinforcement, Mexico coach Juan Carlos Osorio brought on 39-year-old veteran Rafael Marquez to play in his fifth World Cup. AP

KEYS TO SUCCESS

KIMMICH'S charging runs far up the field can be a blessing and a curse for Germany. Lozano reveled in the space left for him on Mexico's left flank and was a constant threat on the counterattack. Kimmich's absence meant Ozil was left trying to stop Lozano for Mexico's opening goal. Germany registered 25 shots to Mexico's 12, but many were from long range and failed to seriously test Ochoa.

PREVIEW

Poland, Senegal return to World Cup with Lewandowski, Mane

FOR unfashionable teams, Poland and Senegal feature quite glamorous stars. Poland captain Robert Lewandowski led European qualifying with 16 goals, one more than Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo, and scored five goals in a nine-minute span for Bayern Munich against Wolfsburg in February.

Senegal's Sadio Mane scored 20 goals this season for Liverpool, including 10 in the Champions League, and had the fastest hat trick in Premier League history when he got three goals in a 176-second span for Southampton against Aston Villa in May 2015.

Led by dynamic attackers in their prime, both nations return to the World Cup on Tuesday night after lengthy absences. A winner would have a good chance to advance from a group that includes Colombia and Japan.

Under coach Adam



Poland's Robert Lewandowski (left)

Nawalka, who played for his nation at the 1982 World Cup, Poland has improved from 76th in the FIFA rankings in 2013 to eighth — one shy of the

nation's high set last year. Poland finished third in the 1974 World Cup with Grzegorz Lato and in 1982 with Zbigniew Boniek. It was knocked out in the

round of 16 in 1986, then didn't qualify until 2002, when it lost its first two games and already was eliminated before beating the U.S. in its group stage

finale. The Poles lost their first two games again in 2006 before a meaningless match against Costa Rica and have not been back since.

Senegal, a former French colony that gained independence in 1960, made one previous World Cup appearance and debuted with a shocking victory: 1-0 over defending champion France 1-0 in the 2002 opener. The Lions of Teranga advanced to the quarterfinals before a 1-0 extra-time loss to Turkey.

After upsetting France in Seoul, South Korea, on a goal by Papa Bouba Diop, thousands of people danced in the streets of Dakar after the final whistle at 1:30 a.m. local time and President Abdoulaye

Wade declared a national holiday.

Diop ran to the corner flag after scoring, took off his jersey and put it on the field and formed a circle with teammates to dance around the garb. Poland's goalkeepers include former Arsenal teammates Wojciech Szczesny and Lukasz Fabianski

Senegal, coached by 2002 captain Aliou Cisse, has a roster stocked with regulars based in England who include midfielders Idrissa Gueye, Cheikhou Kouyate, Cheikh N'Doye, Alfred N'Diaye and Badou Ndiaye. Forwards include Mame Biram Diouf.

World Cup's Group H match between Poland and Senegal is scheduled for 11 p.m. tomorrow. (Macau time). MDT/AP

LATEST RESULTS

Russia	5	0	Saudi Arabia
Egypt	0	1	Uruguay
Portugal	3	3	Spain
Morocco	0	1	Iran
France	2	1	Australia
Peru	0	1	Denmark
Argentina	1	1	Iceland
Croatia	2	0	Nigeria
Costa Rica	0	1	Serbia
Germany	0	1	Mexico

opinion

Rear Window

Severo Portela



DRIVING WOES

Today we would like to lighten up your usual Legco and Courts column with a social affairs theme: cars, cars and cars. A little will be... with a moody musical score and lyrics written by ancient band The Cars: "Who's gonna tell you when it's late/Who's gonna tell you things aren't so great?"

According to the figures, despite the new roads and spaces the surge of economic development has brought to MSAR, the city still maintains a global record vehicle-to-kilometer ratio, and is always facing the threat of clogging, or worse, driving with no parking.

Long ago, Macau was constrained, coerced to strike a liberal balance between the right to buy and sell private cars, the right to drive safely, the right to create a sound environment and abide by international city health and safety standards.

However, we do have to bear in mind that to strike the liberal balance mentioned above, the government should supply a comprehensive transportation system like the Light Rail solution and then "invite" the population to demand more social mobility alternatives. People have a good understanding of what is at play when the Transportation Bureau (DSAT) announces it is willing to amend the Road Traffic Law.

DSAT "invites" people, citizens, society, if you prefer, to understand that the aim of the regulatory intervention is to address traffic offences to improve road safety. The people take such a noble idea as hefty penalties coming to burden the less affluent... besides the unbearable costs of parking, public or private.

In other words, instead of communicating directly to society, the DSAT is promoting social Darwinism of the survival of the fittest... meaning the fattest wallets!

Society is generally challenging the upcoming costs of driving, and DSAT is on the brink of a faux pas and had to backtrack from its own two-month public consultation period, which was to begin on June 28. The reason for halting and abandoning a public consultation period will be recorded as clumsy politics: "As the public had already expressed a lot of views..." Just imagine.

Still in the category of automobiles, we have to notice that the same people, who were eager to challenge the DSAT, had allegedly intended to be off the Macau roads and less affluent drivers were indifferent to the proposed scheme of the limited 300 Macau license plate holders crossing the bridge across the Pearl River Delta. Perhaps sensing it is out of bounds as a Bay issue or because they know a thing or two about lucky draws.

Finally, something ironic related to that pointless strategy to address matters indirectly, obliquely, foggy, as we tried to show did not fool Macau's poorest drivers at all. Secretary for Transport and Public Works, Raimundo do Rosário, had to face the queries from veteran pro-democracy legislator Ng Kuok Cheong. Ng challenged the mutual driving license recognition leading Rosario to a poignant intervention to contest Ng, whose aim was not obviously to be taken in a sovereignty sense. Ng meant traffic, economics, employment, autonomy indirectly; Rosário meant to argue directly for the obvious: it is about recognizing our own country's driving license, our compatriots' driving licenses. Undisputedly, Rosario had his day, though rare, on the right side of things.

THE BUZZ 1 DEAD, 22 INJURED IN SHOOTING AT NEW JERSEY ARTS FESTIVAL

Two gunmen opened fire at an all-night arts and music festival yesterday, sending people running over each other in the scramble to safety, authorities said. One suspect was killed and 22 people were injured.

Of 17 people treated for gunshot wounds, four of them, including a 13-year-old boy, remain in critical condition, said Mercer County Prosecutor Angelo Onofri.

The shots rang out around 2:45 a.m. during the Art All Night Trenton festival that showcases local art, music, food and films. Onofri said a 33-year-old man was killed, apparently by police, and the second suspect is in custody. He said a "neighborhood beef" is behind the shooting.

A spokeswoman for St. Francis Medical Center in Trenton said 10 men and women, ranging in age from 17 to 48, were being treated for minor injuries.

WORLD CUP

Maradona responds to report of racist gesture to Asian fan

Graham Dunbar, Moscow

DIEGO Maradona has given his version of an exchange with an Asian fan at a World Cup game in Moscow that witnesses perceived as racist.

British television staff working in Spartak Stadium during Argentina's 1-1 draw with Iceland on Saturday reported seeing Maradona respond to South Korea fans calling his name.

Maradona "obliged with a smile, kiss and wave. Then pulled his eyes to the side in a clearly racist gesture," broadcaster Jacqui Oatley posted on Twitter. A second British broadcaster wrote she also saw the incident.

The Argentina great is an official FIFA ambassador and attended the game in a VIP section as part of a group of former players branded as "FIFA Legends." On Maradona's Facebook account, a message was posted yesterday in Spanish, English and Italian seeking to explain the incident, which seemed to break FIFA anti-discrimination rules.

"I understand better than anyone that in the World Cup people are looking for news everywhere," Maradona wrote, adding that he



Maradona smokes a cigar while watching the group D match between Argentina and Iceland

saw "an Asian boy wearing an Argentina T-shirt."

"I, from afar, tried to tell them how nice it seemed to me that even the Asians cheer for us. And that's all, guys, come on."

FIFA statutes prohibit acts of discrimination by teams, officials and fans at games it organizes.

In a response to The Associated Press, FIFA referred to its rules without commenting on the incident, and included a link to Maradona's Facebook page.

A similar gesture last year in a game against South Korea led to a Colombia player being banned by FIFA for five friendly games.

Edwin Cardona later apologized for the gesture during the game in Seoul,

and was also fined 20,000 Swiss francs (USD20,050) by FIFA. Cardona was not selected for the World Cup.

In Major League Baseball's World Series last year, Yuli Gurriel of the Houston Astros made a similar gesture toward Japanese pitcher Yu Darvish, then pitching for the Dodgers. Gurriel apologized and was suspended for the first five games of this season.

Maradona also apologized on Facebook for smoking a cigar Saturday, despite a FIFA ban on smoking at World Cup stadiums.

"Everyone has their way of feeling things," he wrote, citing tension at the game. "I honestly did not know that no one can smoke in the stadiums." AP

THE DECISIVE MOMENT



Children play with toys during the 4th Hong Kong Toy Festival. The three-day festival ended yesterday.

Station	Air quality
Roadside	45-65 Moderate
High Density Residential Area	70-100 Moderate
Ambient	70-100 Moderate

WORLD BRIEFS



GREECE-MACEDONIA The neighboring countries signed a deal that, if ratified, will resolve a decades-old dispute concerning Macedonia's name. Under the agreement, Greece's northern neighbor will be renamed North Macedonia — move the two countries' leaders said would be the beginning of closer, friendly relations.

GERMANY's interior minister insisted that his party has no intention of bringing down Chancellor Angela Merkel and her government, amid uncertainty yesterday over chances of a solution to a bitter standoff over migration.



YEMEN The Saudi-led coalition fighting Shiite rebels in Yemen carried out airstrikes on the airport in the rebel-held port city of Hodeida, witnesses said yesterday, as fighting raged on for the fifth day in the port city that's a lifeline to most of Yemen's population.

SYRIA Jewish artifacts, including ancient parchment torahs from one of the world's oldest synagogues, have gone missing from the Syrian capital amid the tumult of ongoing civil war, with some precious items reportedly surfacing abroad.

HOLIDAY TIMES

Macau Daily Times will not be published during the holiday. The Times will be back on the stands on Wednesday June 20. However the MDT website will be updated with breaking news during the recess period. We wish our readers, advertisers and friends the best of times.