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MALAYSIA Former Prime Minister Najib Razak said yesterday that a huge haul of jewelry and valuables seized from properties linked to him as part of a money-laundering probe were mostly gifts and the police valuation was likely grossly inflated.

PHILIPPINES A communist rebel leader said yesterday that the insurgents can no longer hold peace talks with President Rodrigo Duterte's administration and that it is better to help oust him and negotiate with his successor.

INDIA A small chartered plane crashed yesterday in a busy area of Mumbai, India's financial and entertainment capital, killing at least six people including two on the ground, police said.

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AACM approves 183 extra flights for summer vacation

To meet demand from both Macau residents and tourists who consider the region a point of transit when traveling, the Civil Aviation Authority (AACM) has approved a total of 183 extra flights to Taiwan, China, Vietnam and Japan during the summer vacation, in accordance with the application submitted by Air Macau. The extra flights will operate from July 1 to August 31, of which 71 flights will be to Taipei, 62 to Kaohsiung, 33 to Danang and 17 to Osaka. According to a statement issued yesterday by AACM, "air transport has become one of the vital channels for passengers who make outbound travel. Whenever the peak travelling season comes, airlines usually provide extra capacity to satisfy the travelling need of the passengers." AACM has pledged to "approve the flights in a timely manner to cope with the market demand." The number of extra flights this summer represents a 28.9 percent increase over the last year.

Young musicians competition ongoing

The Chinese and Western instruments category of the "36th Macao Young Musicians Competition" has kicked off at the Institute for Tourism Studies and will be held until July 15. According to a statement issued by the Cultural Affairs Bureau, five contests have taken place so far and the respective winners were selected during the first and second day of the competition. Several contests took place June 23, including the Guzheng Elementary and Guzheng Intermediate categories. On June 24, the contest for the Yangqin Elementary, Yangqin Intermediate and Guzheng Advanced categories were held. Other prizes were awarded to several participants in the same categories.

81 cases of leaking air-con units prosecuted

Eighty-one cases of leaking air-conditioning units were prosecuted between January and May this year, according to the Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau (IACM). A total of 300 complaints were filed to the IACM. In the abovementioned 81 cases, the relevant parties were prosecuted for a failure to make improvements despite follow-up by the IACM. These cases mainly relate to neighborhoods in the Freguesia de Nossa Senhora de Fátima and the Freguesia de Santo António. In 2017, the IACM received a total of 1,350 complaints related to dripping air-conditioning units. Some 500 cases were prosecuted.

THE Macao Polytechnic Institute (IPM) yesterday held the graduation ceremony for the academic year 2017-2018, where 660 students were bestowed with a bachelor's degree. The ceremony was initiated with a flag-raising ceremony accompanied by the national anthem.

Acting Chief Executive of Macau, Sonia Chan, officiated the ceremony, and reiterated the SAR government's strategies of "Developing Macau with Education" and "Constructing Macau with Talents".

The graduation ceremony was held at the IPM Sports Pavilion in the afternoon.

The distinguished guests, graduating students and their family members and friends, altogether numbering 3,000, attended the ceremony.

In her speech, Chan stated that the SAR government was resolute in integrating efforts from all walks of life in the society to escort higher education to a

EDUCATION

IPM holds graduation ceremony

new stage. She added that the SAR government will continue to support IPM to exploit its advantages of nurturing practical talents and support the institution in optimizing its educational review preparations.

Chan also urged the graduates to strive, to participate and to develop in the new era, actualizing their dreams and personal values with diligence and intelligence.

IPM President Prof. Lei Heong Lok said in his speech that the university has become a favorable higher education institution among the local and overseas students, and has produced since 1999 about 18,000

graduates jointly or independently recruited by its 37 degree programs.

He attributed the success of the institution to guidance from the local government, adding that "the achievements of IPM, one public higher education institution, mirror authentically the continual development and progress of higher education in Macau - as well as those of society, culture and economy in Macau - since its return to the Motherland."

Lei wished all the graduates a bright and promising future and anticipated more concern and support for talent-training from the society.



IPM President Lei Heong Lok

UM Graduate School's dean detained for sexual offense

JOHAN Mo Shijian, dean of the University of Macau's (UM) Graduate School, and former Dean and law professor at the UM Faculty of Law has been detained for sexual abuse, the Judiciary Police (PJ) reported in a statement released yesterday.

A statement released by the Prosecution Office indicated that a man, surnamed Mo, had been arrested on charges of sexual abuse and referred to the Public Prosecutor's Office (MP).

"After the first judicial interrogation, according to the seriousness of the fact that the suspect was reported and the actual situation of the case, the judge from the criminal prosecution court accepted the prosecutor's proposal and ordered the suspect to be taken into custody," the MP's statement reads.

According to the PJ's statement, a female university student from mainland China reported a case of rape to the police on June 24.

"After investigation, there was [factual] evidence pointing to the existence of crime [...] On June 26,

the PJ referred both the case and the suspect to the Prosecution Office," the PJ statement reads.

The UM page containing Mo Shijian's contact information is not accessible Yesterday, the university issued two statements in response to media enquiries.

"In regard to the case of a professor being taken into custody reported by the media, the University of Macau attaches great importance to it. Given that legal proceedings have already been initiated, the university is not in a position to comment at the moment," the UM statement reads.

"Because the case did not happen at the UM campus, the university only learned

of it after being informed. UM adopts a 'zero tolerance' policy towards any misconduct or violation of rules and regulations," it added.

"UM has long ago established the Personnel Statute and the Guideline on the Professional Conduct for Academic Staff, to regulate the professional conduct of its staff. UM hereby reiterates that it will never tolerate any misconduct or violation of rules and regulations, and will take immediate steps and disciplinary actions towards this misconduct and violation."

Mo Shijian is an arbitrator of the China International Economic and Trade Arbitration Commission, and the China Maritime Arbitration Commission.

UNIVERSITY ENDS CONTRACT WITH MO

THE UM issued a statement last night saying it has "already terminated the employment contract of the individual implicated in the case as well as his position as the dean of the Graduate School." The UM has "subse-

quently appointed an interim dean of the Graduate School to ensure that work at the Graduate School can proceed smoothly." In addition, the university has submitted a report to the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture.

Pac On building expected to be complete in July

THE Pac On multi-function government building is expected to be completed in July, with estimated construction costs of MOP270 million.

The building will provide 25,000 square meters of storage and office space, alleviating the government departments' shortage of warehouse and parking space. It is also expected to reduce public expenditure on the government's external leasehold on private properties.

Originally scheduled to be completed in May, workers have already begun the demolition of the building's scaffolding.

The internal electrical and mechanical engineering and basic decorations are close to completion, and are expected to be ready next month.

Located in the Pac On district, the building is being constructed on a plot of land which was recovered by the government.

The height of the building is approximately 50 meters.

The building's ground, first and second floors will serve as workshops for individual departments.

Departments which currently have a severe shortage of office space will be relocated to these floors.

The third and fourth floors of the building are parking facilities, while the fifth floor and above will become warehouses to provide large-scale storage space to public departments.

The government is said to save nearly half of its expenditure on storage rental once the building is in use.

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PUBLIC CONSULTATION LAUNCHED

Civil Protection Law includes new 'crime for false social alarm'

THE government launched a Public Consultation yesterday on the new rules that aim to shape the "Civil Protection Basic Law."

The proposal, which the authorities submitted for public scrutiny, includes the establishment of a new crime of "false social alarm."

Those who spread false rumors during "crisis periods" such as catastrophes, accidents, outbreak of diseases or terrorist attacks might be subjected to a new regulation that adds harsher penalties to the ones currently established by the Macau Penal Code.

Under the proposed regulation, the current punishment would be increased from six months' imprisonment to three years.

The proposed change is part of the "Civil Protection Basic Law", which was presented and launched by the Secretary for Security Wong Sio Chak yesterday morning.

"We would like to aggravate this penalty for cases [in which the disclosure of false rumors occur] during catastrophe or emergency situations," said Wong, noting that such sensitive matters can cause social unrest and that people should "join forces" to help instead.

The task of contributing to "social harmony" and the enforcement of more rules also apply to media, with the government addressing the "added responsibility of support on the disclosure of information by the media outlets" in the proposed change.

"I think the media outlets all have freedom of expression but in situations of public risk, I believe that the media also has its [share] or responsibility, that is, of disclosure information that is correct and precise," explained Wong, adding, "I hope [that] with the current law revision, we can do that."

"Excluding these risky situations, the way media comments on the governance is not a problem and the media has freedom to do that, but in situations of risk or emergency I think we need to unite the efforts [...] by the society, government and media to help the government [manage] the aftermath and reduce the impact of the catastrophe. I believe this is a responsibility to be assumed by everyone," he continued, reaffirming that "to disclose false or irresponsible information is not [the] right way to react."



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Wong also added that this topic will be separated into two levels of responsibility, noting that "the first level is [regarding] the members of the structure of the civil protection and [those] must follow the government guidelines while disclosing information."

"As for the others that are not part of the civil protection structure, we are incentivizing and encouraging them to follow the government guidelines. That is, for the first level is mandatory... for the [others] we are incentivizing them to prioritize the news disclosed by the government because these are correct, precise and simple," the Secretary concluded.

Regarding the behavior of the population, the government has proposed changing the crime of disobedience – which carries the penalty of a one-year imprisonment or a fine of 120 days – to "aggravated disobedience".

Individuals may be charged with aggravated disobedience in situations where the level of security is of "immediate prevention" or above, with an increased penalty of two years' imprisonment or a fine of 240 days.

Excluding these risky situations, the media's opinion on the governance is not a problem.

WONG SIO CHAK

In line with the media's added responsibilities outlined previously, "public servants or responsible people by the companies, concessionaires of television and radio broadcasting are subjected to special duties", according to the public consultation document in

the chapter dedicated to the "Definition of Duties and Responsibilities."

Non-compliance with these regulations "constitutes the crime of aggravated disobedience and severe disciplinary liability," the document continues.

The bill, which includes the new Civil Protection structure, named the Secretary for Security as the main party responsible for such a group, which will be equivalent to a Bureau. It also proposes other measures such as the inclusion of a fourth category in the classification of incidents that the Civil Protection would address. In this sense, a "Public Security Incident" is classified under natural catastrophes and accidents as well as "Public Health Incidents", which are separate from the previous "Catastrophes and Disasters" category.

The document will be in public consultation for 45 days from June 28 to August 11. Responses and opinions can be delivered by mail via the Unitary Police Services, the Internet (in the government official website) and also by telephone and fax.

Special powers given to CE to suspend gambling activities

ONE of the "Special Measures" introduced by the government as part of the new "Civil Protection Basic Law" in the public consultation document yesterday grants the Chief Executive (CE) special powers to act in cases of emergency. Among this is the power to suspend the operation of casinos in the region. The measure is proposed in the chapter dedicated to the "Introduction of New Special Measures," noting that the CE, in the use of non-delegable competencies, can decree the "suspension, or cancellation, of public activities of entertainment, gambling or other large-scale [activities] that have been authorized or carried out by concessionaires."

As the text notes - and the Secretary for Security Wong Sio Chak also reaffirmed in the press conference held yesterday - this suspension or cancellation can occur in cases where these activities occur and are "vulnerable to incidents or threats of collective risk."

As Wong explained, such conditions and situations will have to be evaluated "case-by-case" and according to the particular situation, are not subjected to a "simple" hoisting of any warning signal.

The same competencies are also extended to the closure of border checkpoints. The same rules also propose to "request [...] telecommunication operators to give priority to the disclosure, free of charge, of civil protection information."

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RENATO MARQUES



New luxury mall to open in city center

THIS summer, a new retail development will bring luxury retail to the heart of the city's UNESCO-listed historical center.

The new mall will be located a stone's throw from Senado Square and next to heritage-listed property Lou Kau Mansion, which was damaged back in late February 2016 and later repaired by the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC).

Named "Yellow House", the project is the result of a partnership between Circle Property Development Limited and Hong Kong's Henry iAN Investment Limited. According to the developers, it has been transformed from a residential building into a four-storey premium retail venue, presenting a trendy interior with a mixed façade that merges modernity with the traditional lines and outlook of the old buildings around that part of the city.

The architectural design was created by two companies: the local office of Aedas, managed by Chan Leung Choi and CAA City Planning & Engineering Consultants Limited, a company established and owned by the Macau Legislative Assembly's lawmaker and the Chief Executive's cousin, Chui Sai Peng.

On the development project's website, Chan stated that his interest in the project had to do with "an obligation to contribute to the other pillar of Macau's architectural development [after being involved in several mega projects in Co-

ta], which is the contextual intervening approach to existing historical architecture," adding that his work's inspiration came from "university excursions in 1984, and yes, Macau's vision of conservation started in the 1980s."

From an architectural perspective, the project "is located in one of the most historical neighborhoods as well as in the heart of the most vibrant tourist area of Macau. With careful control of building volume and preservation of the existing facades, it will be weaved into the urban fabric where local Macanese as well as tourists can immediately tell the story behind its evolution."

Also in the same location, the developer highlighted their exponential growth in their investment portfolio in Macau that now totals HKD12 billion and an area of 308,605 square feet, a success that they attribute to "our history of successful partnerships with luxury and renowned brands, as well as our eye for investing in strategic locations."

The same statement said the developers "appreciate and respect the city's rich culture and heritage. Which is why we strive to integrate design elements and aesthetics of Macau's historical architecture in our properties," also remarking on the "excellent relationship with Macau's Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) and working with them to preserve properties of ours that have historical and cultural significance." **RM**

NGOs promote services at Sands China

SANDS China has featured a total four non-government organizations in support of the Social Welfare Bureau's Happy Family Month, organizing roadshows to promote the association's services.

The gaming operator has been participating in this annual event since 2015.

For this year's activity, team members of the gaming operator had access to information booths manned by representatives from the Gaming Employees' Home, the Sheng Kung Hui Gambling Counseling service and We Point of the Christian New Life Fellowship at various times since June 11.

The aged care service network office of the General Union of Neighborhood Associations of Macau kicked off their services promotion this week, attracting a number of applications.

The Home Safety Assessment and Funding Program for the Elderly is being featured at Sands China properties for the first time.

Acting head of the group Ho Wai San said that the organization aims to enhance public awareness of home safety for the elderly and to reduce accidents at home.

Thus, the program offers free home safety assessments and guidance for the elderly, and provides installations of handrails, light bulb replacements, electrical socket replacements, the supply of complimentary non-slip mats and other services.

"Since the organization [began] operating in 2015, we have accommodated some 5,000 households," said Ho.

"We are happy to join hands with



Ho Wai San speaking to Venetian Macao staff members

Sands China to promote these services and help residents understand the importance of taking care of [the] elderly," she added.

Ho noted that the organization has been reaching out to different groups to promote their services.

On average, it takes a month to process an application, she said.

According to Ho, only 5 percent of the applications are rejected due to unmet criteria.

The NGOs have set up their booths at the back-of-house areas of Sands Macao, The Venetian Macao, Sands Cotai Central and The Parisian Macao, with the last of the roadshows ending on June 29. **LV**

SANDS COTAI CENTRAL LAUNCHES PHASE 4

SANDS COTAI Central has announced the official opening of its Phase 4 development, adding almost 100,000 square feet of retail space and more than 25 stores, according to a statement from the gaming operator. The phase includes several new brands to Macau, including Calvin Klein Performance and Razzle. Other new stores include MLB, Esprit, Guess, Watson's, Noble Mart, Levi's, Florsheim, Timberland, The North Face, Boy London, Zaxy and Bauhaus.

Another significant addition is the opening of Apple Cotai Central. The company also plans to open a restaurant with a "modern yet authentic Portuguese concept" developed in partnership with celebrity chef Henrique Sá Pessoa. Sands Cotai Central celebrated its sixth anniversary this April. Sands China has plans to transform the resort into The Londoner Macao, which will feature replicas of some of London's most recognizable landmarks.

Coimbra to offer course on China, Lusophone countries relations

THE University of Coimbra is offering an advanced course on the relationship between China and the Portuguese-speaking countries, the university announced in a statement.

Entitled "China and the Portuguese-Speaking Countries in World Trade: Commerce, Tourism, Cooperation and Development", the course offers an understanding of institutional structures and the highly complex and ever-changing business environment within the two worlds.

It also covers how they are inter-related and has a special focus on areas such as business culture, intercultural management and commercial relations.

The university said in a statement that it already educates both Chinese and Portuguese speaking students together in its various faculties, adding that it has more recently been receiving Chinese students who come to Coimbra to



Macau students at the University of Coimbra

study Portuguese with the aim of working as diplomats, translators or for business.

As well as basic Chinese, the course offers four separate areas of study that are organized into modules and are taught by the very best national and international specialists in the field.

Themes addressed include the political systems in place in China, Portuguese-speaking coun-

tries and the European Union, as well as tourism, investment and Sino-Lusophone commercial relations.

The Chinese initiative "One Belt One Road," which serves as a link between China and the West will also be addressed.

The lessons will take place on Friday afternoons between the end of September and December and between February and May.

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The 13 Hotel delays opening until July

THE company responsible for the development of The 13 Hotel has once again delayed the resorts opening, this time until July 31, 2018.

Citing problems highlighted during inspections by the Macau Government Tourism Office (MGTO), South Shore Holdings – formerly known as The 13 Holdings – reported the latest delay in a filing yesterday to the Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

“Based on the current status of the hotel’s development,” wrote the firm, “the directors of the Company believe that they could obtain all the licenses for the operation of hotel business from the relevant authorities by the end of July 2018.”

The property’s name, The 13 Hotel, is an abbreviation of the 17th century French King Louis XIII. It was originally scheduled to open by the end of the first quarter of 2017, but the operating firm has postponed the property launch at least six times in little over a year.



In the filing, South Shore Holdings said it needed more time to resolve problems detected by government inspectors, who began probing the hotel only on June 4.

“The Company has focused on completing [the] remaining

works and installation of furniture, fixtures and equipment and operating supplies and equipment in preparation for hotel licensing inspections by the MGTO,” it wrote.

“Due to additional time being required for completing defec-

tive works after the inspection by MGTO, the Company has further revised the expected opening date of the Hotel to July 31, 2018 (which may be further revised according to the actual circumstances in respect of the development).”

Even when the hotel opens its doors to the public, it is still unknown if it will be permitted to operate a casino, nor which gaming operator might be willing to part with the scarce resource that is live-dealer tables.

In February 2018, the company said that its casino would probably not start operating until March 2019. A later statement noted that the property was prepared to open this year with or without a casino.

Also in the filing, South Shore Holdings reported losses before tax surpassing HKD1.57 billion for the year ending March 31, nearly 35 times more than in the previous 12-month period.

Its consolidated assets amounted to some HKD13.9 billion, against almost HKD8.5 billion in consolidated liabilities.

The company recorded an increase in gross profit from HKD247 million in the previous year to HKD299 million in the year ending March 2018. **DB**

Severe traffic expected during San Ma Lou roadworks

THE Transport Bureau (DSAT) expects San Ma Lou’s traffic to be heavily affected by roadworks which will start tomorrow and end on August 31.

The DSAT stated that the traffic condition will become “very serious” because route changes for both buses and private cars will lead to traffic jams at multiple points.

According to the DSAT, bus services will be severely affected. There are currently 13 day buses and two night buses running through Av. do Infante Dom Henrique, San Ma Lou and Av. da Praia Grande.

These bus routes are used by a total of 160,000 passengers on a daily basis and approximately 1,200 vehicles.

The length of each bus journey is projected to increase by about 20 to 30 minutes.

The number of locations where traffic jams might arise will increase from one to four, with the number of busy roads increasing from three to six.

Journey times along Av. do Dr. Rodrigo Rodrigues, Praça de Jorge Alvares, and the Inner Harbor are expected to increase as well.

The DSAT will arrange two additional bus routes, 26A and 26AT, in addition to a free shuttle bus identified as 88T.

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What's hot and what's not in the UK?

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With all the talk of Brexit, a weak pound and recent stamp duty rises of 3%, are there still safe opportunities to invest in the UK real estate market and make healthy returns?

Simply put, there are probably more opportunities now than ever in the UK. Investors may just have to work a little harder and think slightly outside of the box to find them.

JML's Managing Director Keith is back and forwards to his mother country on whistle-stop tours to explore new investment opportunities for both JML clients and himself.

Here are three 2018 UK real estate opportunities that are particularly interesting;

HOLIDAY HOMES - CORNWALL

The UK's most southwesterly county has always enjoyed a buoyant real estate market, even in times of trouble elsewhere in the country. A massive long-term undersupply of housing coupled with rising demand for second homes from out of county holiday-home buyers keep prices steadily rising and rental values high.

A project called Hilgrove Mews has properties available in the popular holiday town of Newquay, Cornwall from as little as HKD 2,500,000. Demonstrating rental yields of 5%, local house price growth in the last five years was an index beating 23.9%. Using both historic house price growth

and current rental yields as a guide, this property could return investors a whopping \$1,222,500 over five years.

Top tip - Choose a property near the ocean to take advantage of high yields and the potential of holiday letting for additional rental premiums.

SECURED PROPERTY LENDING

In the last 10 years the UK the concept of crowdfunding real estate investments has become popular. Crowdfunding companies essentially cut out the middleman, in this case the bank, by linking investors and property developers together without taking the huge margins that the banks ordinarily take and simply charging an arrangement fee.

In general, UK crowdfunding investors have enjoyed consistent, property based returns of up to 8% per annum. Some savvy developers have now gone a step further by cutting out the crowdfunding company altogether and passing on the fee savings directly to the investors using Secured Loan Notes and paying interest as high as 10% per annum.

UK SLN investors enjoy the benefits of having no Stamp Duty, legal fees, property maintenance or bad tenants to worry about, as well as a fixed timeframe for repayment.

Top tip - Choose a developer with a proven track record of completed projects and with an FCA regulated

security trustee appointed to act as custodian of the pledged assets.

JOINT VENTURE PARTNERSHIP

Developers in the UK have been using the Joint Venture model for years and it is probably the most recognised and well trodden method of investing in property developments.

In a nutshell, a developer sources a property to develop, invests the initial seed funding and then reaches out to other investors to make up the difference to acquire and develop the property. All of the investors and the developer have equity in the project and make a profit in line with the financial success of the project.

Investors can take a complete back seat and leave the developer to manage the project entirely, or be more actively involved day-to-day.

Because your money is not secured against a property in a JV investment as it is with a Secured Loan Note, both the financial rewards and risks are higher. However, risks can be minimized by conducting thorough due diligence and working with a developer who you can trust.

Top Tip - Getting involved in an investor in JV projects can give you an 'inside look' into how projects are carried out and can be a great way to learn about real estate investing and developments.

Visa, Mastercard said to be close to swipe-fee agreement

VISA Inc. and Mastercard Inc. are getting close to settling a 13-year-old lawsuit over fees charged when merchants accept card payments, according to a person familiar with the agreement.



The two card companies and banks including JP-Morgan Chase & Co., Citigroup Inc. and Bank of America Corp. would pay merchants about USD6.5 billion under the terms of the settlement, the person said, asking not to be identified because the deal hasn't been made public.

The lawsuit, brought on behalf of 12 million merchants nationwide, was filed more than a decade ago. A federal appeals court in 2016 rejected a \$5.7 billion settlement of the claims, which center on whether companies improperly fixed credit-card swipe fees, the charges also known as interchange that are paid by merchants when consumers use credit or debit cards.

Mastercard said in a filing on yesterday that it will boost its reserves by \$210

million this quarter "as a result of advances in negotiations related to the monetary damages claims." Earlier this week, Visa said in a filing it had added \$600 million to its litigation escrow account. Representatives for both companies declined to comment beyond the filings.

Visa already had about \$884 million in its litigation escrow account as of March 31, the company said in a quarterly regulatory filing. Mastercard reported that it had reserved \$737 million for the merchant litigation as of that date.

The new agreement doesn't include provisions that held up the 2016 settlement attempt, including wording that would prevent merchants from ever suing again over interchange rates even if they

don't take money from this settlement, the person said.

"The parties worked with two well regarded mediators for more than a year to reach this agreement and I do not expect it to be controversial," said Mitch Goldstone, president and chief executive officer of ScanMyPhotos.com, one of the most active class representatives in the swipe-fee litigation. The Wall Street Journal reported the agreement earlier Thursday.

Lawyers for both sides asked the judge for more time to reach an agreement, according to a June 27 written request filed with the court. They had previously agreed on April 17 to try to reach a settlement by June 25. In the latest filing, they set a July 17 deadline. Bloomberg



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Youkyung Lee, Seoul

Korean Air chair questioned on suspicion of embezzlement

KOREAN Air's chairman apologized yesterday before being questioned by prosecutors investigating alleged wrongdoing by him and his family, deepening woes at South Korea's largest airline company.

Cho Yang-ho, chair and chief executive of Korean Air Lines Co., said "sorry" and bowed his head before entering a Seoul prosecutors' office. He said he will fully collaborate with the investigation.

Cho joins his wife and two daughters who were questioned by authorities since April on a variety of charges including tax evasions, obstruction of business and violating an immigration law.

The 69-year-old leader at the South Korean flag carrier is suspected of embezzlement and breach of trust. Local media said prosecutors are also looking into Cho's alleged evasion of inheritance taxes when he received millions of dollars in assets from his late father and founder of Hanjin, Korean Air's parent group. An official at a Seoul prosecutors' office did not confirm the reports. Korean Air declined to comment on the allegations.

Korean Air employees have taken to the streets to demand Cho's resignation as public anger mounted against the family's



Cho Yang-ho (center) arrives for an investigation over allegations of embezzlement at a Seoul Prosecutors' Office

behaviors.

Hyun-min, the younger of Cho's two daughters, was investigated for allegedly hurling a cup of water during a business meeting. Hyun-ah, the older daughter of Cho, was questioned by South Korean immigration officials on suspicion she unlawfully hired housekeepers from the Philippines. Hyun-ah won global notoriety in 2014 when she delayed a Korean Air flight because she got

angry over the way nuts were served. She was released from jail in South Korea in May 2015 after the top court suspended her sentence over the case. She returned to leadership briefly before resigning again this year.

Immigration officials also investigated their mother, Lee Myeong-hee, suspecting that she unlawfully recruited and hired about 10 to 20 housekeepers from the Philippines by docu-

menting them as Korean Air trainees. Under South Korean law, foreign nationals must obtain visas given to marriage migrants or people of Korean heritage to work as housekeepers.

The disgraced Korean Air family touched off anger among South Koreans critical of the unruly behaviors by their business elites that control the big conglomerates dominating the economy. While families like Cho

have a minority stake in publicly traded companies, they have often acted like emperors and exercised outsized influence over the businesses founded by their father or grandfather.

■ The 69-year-old leader at the South Korean flag carrier is suspected of embezzlement and breach of trust

South Korea's President Moon Jae-in took office in 2017 on campaigns to rein in "chaebol," as the family-controlled business conglomerates are known. His predecessor was impeached over political corruption scandals involving chaebol like Samsung and Lotte. **AP**

Huawei boss attacks 'closed-minded' American lawmakers

HUAWEI Technologies Co. has lately become a prominent target for U.S. factions seeking to raise alarms over alleged Chinese espionage and technology theft. Now Huawei's striking back.

Eric Xu, the company's current rotating chairman, minced no words in an unusually pointed riposte to American lawmakers who raised concerns about Huawei's ties to U.S. colleges. He singled out Congressman Jim Banks and Senator Marco Rubio, saying they persuaded peers to write to the Education Secretary and call for an inquiry into whether Huawei steals American research through projects with dozens of universities.

"The two congressmen are quite closed-minded and ill-informed. It seems that their bodies are in the information age, but their minds are still in the agrarian age," Xu said, according to a company statement. "Their behavior shows not just an ignorance of how science and in-




novation works today, but also their own lack of confidence." He added that Huawei merely sought to contribute to academic research and openly shared its findings.

American politicians have for years labeled Huawei - one of the world's largest telecoms gear makers - a potential security threat because of perceived ties to the Chinese government, something the company's repeatedly denied. That stems in part from its founding by former military engineer Ren Zhengfei. But that scrutiny has sharpened this year as the Trump Administration

threatened to levy punitive tariffs on billions of dollars in Chinese imports and slapped a life-threatening ban on ZTE Corp., a Huawei rival.

The company is also the world's largest maker of smartphones after Samsung and Apple Inc. and has poured billions of dollars into the development of fifth-generation wireless - an effort that places it in prime position to benefit from the next generation of mobile technology. At the same forum in Shanghai, Xu promised not to squeeze other companies on 5G royalties. **Bloomberg**



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China digs in on trade as tariffs near, economy deepens slowdown

CHINA reiterated its opposition to new curbs on investment in the U.S., as White House officials tussle over trade policy and the imposition of tariffs approaches.

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Restrictions on U.S. exports to China - of sensitive technologies that the government wants to protect - will backfire, hampering President Donald Trump's intention to lower his nation's trade deficit, according to statements made yesterday by Commerce Ministry spokesman Gao Feng yesterday.

Beijing is monitoring the impact of the proposed strengthening of the Committee on Foreign Investment in the U.S., after Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin won an internal fight to stave off an even tougher approach to curbing Chinese investment in U.S. technology. Even so, there's little sign of a broader detente between the two sides, as a July 6 start-date for tariffs on USD34 billion of Chinese imports approaches.

"The U.S. wants to expand its exports and narrow the trade deficit. It has huge potential in high-tech products and services

trade. However, the move to restrict exports can only backfire," Gao said. He also argued that a protectionist U.S. has become a major drag on global cross-border investment and economic growth, and repeated the threat that China will fight back with "quantitative and qualitative measures" should the U.S. roll out a new tariff list.

China looks more exposed to the impact of worsening trade relations with the U.S. than just a few months ago. Economic data for May came in below expectations, and the slide looks likely to continue in June.

A sharp deceleration in credit expansion may have weighed on the economy, according to Fielding Chen at Bloomberg Economics, who aggregates the earliest available indicators into one reading. The impact of slower credit growth amid a government campaign to clean up the financial system has, along with the escalating trade war, hurt sentiment for smaller companies as well as stock and property investors.

Trade frictions and concerns about whether the economy is slowing down more have sent Chinese stocks into a bear

market and its currency sliding past 6.6 per dollar for the first time since December. The central bank has intervened verbally to calm markets, and also increased policy support for the economy by cutting the amount of money banks have to lock away, letting them lend more.

China has substantially opened its market to the world, and delivered mutually beneficial and win-win outcomes on a wider scale.

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"Authorities are supporting smaller enterprises and keeping liquidity sufficient to react to the downward pressure," Chen said. "The trade war has hurt market sentiment, but its impact on the economy hasn't yet materialized."

China's yuan fluctuated yesterday, for the longest run of declines in more than a year. The MSCI Asia Pacific Index sank 0.4 percent to the lowest in almost nine months.

Relations between Washington and Beijing have deteriorated, with both sides now threatening to increase tariffs from early July and also retaliate for the other's actions. The two nations are promising to impose tariffs on \$34 billion of each other's exports from next Friday, with more to come.

China issued a stout defense of its trade and business practices yesterday, responding to the persistent accusations from the White House that it steals American technology and shuts foreigners out of its economy.

"China has been a strong advocate for free trade," according to the white paper entitled 'China and the World Trade Organization,' issued by the State Council Information Office. "China has comprehensively fulfilled its commitment to the WTO, substantially opened its market to the world, and delivered mutually beneficial and win-win outcomes on a wider scale." **Bloomberg**

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Knife-wielding man kills two boys in Shanghai, injures others

A man used a kitchen knife to attack three boys and a mother near a school in Shanghai yesterday, killing two of the children, police said.

They said a 29-year-old man carried out the attack at about 11:30 a.m. and was caught with the help of passersby. Two of the boys died at a hospital, the Xuhui district public security office said on its official Sina Weibo microblog page.

Another boy and the woman survived and did not have life-threatening injuries, it said.

Shortly after, a row of uniformed police stood guard on the sidewalk where the attack took place while street cleaners used sprays to hose the area down.

People gathered in small huddles and some placed bouquets of flowers against a tree and on a fence. "Child," read a hand-written note on one bouquet of white chrysanthe-

mums. "There is no suffering in heaven. Hope that everything will be well for you in heaven."

Police said the man, surnamed Huang, arrived in Shanghai earlier this month and was unemployed. They said he carried out the attack "to take revenge on society." The suspect could not be reached for comment.

Chinese law restricts the sale and possession of firearms, and mass attacks are generally carried out with knives or homemade explosives.

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

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



A bouquet of flowers left for the victims in a school knife attack in Shanghai

Court hands US football coach four-year prison sentence

Gerry Shih, Beijing

A Chinese court sentenced former American football player Wendell Brown to four years in prison yesterday for being involved in a bar fight, a punishment his lawyer and an activist called excessive.

Brown, a native of Detroit who played for Ball State University in Indiana, had been teaching American football in southwest China when he was arrested in September 2016 and later charged with intentional assault. He has denied hitting a man at a bar and said he had raised his arms in self-defense after being attacked.

A judge in the city of Chongqing issued the sentence after a brief hearing, Brown's lawyer Wu Junmei said by phone. Brown intends to appeal, she said.

On the night of September 24, 2016, revelers at a nightclub threw a bottle at Brown and an altercation followed, his supporters say. Afterward, a local man accused Brown of seriously injuring his eye, which had to be removed. The man demanded more than USD100,000 in compensation or else he would



In this Nov. 25, 2008, file photo, Ball State linebacker Wendell Brown (left) stands with cornerback Trey Buice

pursue the case in court.

"Four years for a fight in a bar is extremely unjust and excessive," said John Kamm, a San Francisco-based activist who frequently meets with senior Chinese officials to seek clemency for political prisoners in China and had lobbied them on Brown's behalf.

China sometimes departs foreigners following their conviction but it was unclear whether deportation was a possibility

for Brown, said Kamm. Brown has already been detained 20 months while awaiting the verdict.

Brown's supporters say the White House, the State Department and Michigan state officials have raised the case with China. The U.S. Embassy did not immediately respond to a request for comment yesterday.

Brown, 31, played linebacker for Ball State between 2004 and 2008 and went on to play in the Canadian

Football League before moving to China to coach.

Similar disputes are often settled out-of-court in China — where the conviction rate is 99 percent — but Brown did not reach a settlement with the plaintiff and pleaded not guilty.

"I still don't understand: he is guilty of what?" Brown's mother, Antoinette, said by phone after the verdict. "It was all about the money. It was a clear shakedown. It's unfair justice." AP

US request to discuss airline 'Taiwan' demand rebuffed

Joe McDonald, Beijing

CHINESE officials have rejected a U.S. request to discuss their demand that airlines describe self-ruled Taiwan as part of China, an order Washington opposes, the American Embassy in Beijing said yesterday.

American officials have told Chinese authorities the United States "strongly objects" to the demand by President Xi Jinping's government to call the island "Taiwan, China" on maps and internet menus, the embassy said in a statement.

"We are disappointed that China has refused our request for consultations on this issue," the embassy said. It said the Trump administration was deciding how to respond.

The Communist Beijing government claims Taiwan, separated from the mainland since 1949 following a civil war, as its own territory. China is using its growing economic importance as leverage to isolate the

island's democratically elected government.

The issue adds to intensifying strains in U.S.-Chinese relations amid a growing trade dispute. A tariff hike on USD34 billion of Chinese goods threatened by President Donald Trump is due to take effect July 6. Beijing has issued its own list of American goods of the same value to be targeted for retaliatory tariffs.

Some 20 airlines including Air Canada, British Airways and Lufthansa have begun referring to Taiwan as part of China to avoid penalties from Beijing.

The Trump administration called the order "Orwellian nonsense" last month.

"We have told China that the United States strongly objects to China's attempts to compel private firms to use specific language of a political nature in their publicly available content," the embassy statement said. "U.S. airlines should not be forced to comply with this order." AP

MDT EXPLAINS

Why cave search for Thai boys is so complicated

A team of Thai soccer players — 12 boys aged 11-16 and their coach — have been missing inside a flooded cave in the country's far north since June 23. Rescuers led by elite navy divers have found signs of the boys inside but have been unable to locate them. Here's a look at what's complicating the search:

HUGE CAVE COMPLEX

Tham Luang Nang Non cave in Chiang Rai province has an impressive entrance area that is easily walkable and has become a tourist attraction. The entire cave is much larger and far more inaccessible. The complex stretches for up to 10 kilometers, much of it a string of narrow passageways that lead to wide chambers and then back to narrow passageways. There are several changes in elevation along the way. It is thought that the boys and their coach went inside and got trapped when the cave flooded in heavy rain. The cave is known to flood during Thailand's rainy season from June to November. Rescuers have found some of the boys' belongings in chambers farther back from the entrance

and it is believed the boys have gone deeper into the cave to seek dry ground.

NO ROOM TO MANEUVER

Quite simply, flooding and tight spaces are hampering efforts. Divers are trying to make their way through narrow flooded passageways often with little visibility. Interior Minister Anupong Paojinda said: "Divers are in dark areas that are not flat and there's mud and rocks everywhere. Therefore, for the SEAL team that's there, when they dive, sometimes one tank can only go as far as 30 meters and they have to turn back." Because of the limited space, slow going and danger of the dive, authorities don't want divers going through long passageways that are completely filled with water. The want divers to be able to surface for oxygen should they need to.

A FEW OPTIONS LEFT

According to Anmar Mirza, national coordinator of the National Cave Rescue Commission in the U.S. and editor of the book Manual of U.S. Cave Rescue Techniques, in a situation like this

there are likely only two things that can be done: pump the water down and search for alternative entrances. Thai authorities have been doing both, but pumping efforts have been frustrated by incessant rain and the search for other entrances have so far been dead ends. Mirza said if there was a high-quality map, drilling could be a possibility, but it is extremely difficult for a number of reasons, especially in mountainous terrain, and could also take days to weeks. Thai officials have said that they are considering drilling and are hopeful that limestone will be easier to drill through than some other types of rock.

HIGH-TECH LACKING

Mirza said there is "no current technology that can sense people deep underground, or even more than a few feet underground, nor is such technology likely to be developed in the near to middle future."

SURVIVAL CHANCES

According to Mirza, the boys' youth and health is to their advantage and if the cave is not too



cold, they should be able to survive four to five days with no water and a month or more with water but no food. "The biggest concern is them getting desperate and trying to enter swift moving water," he said. Authorities have said the cave is warm enough inside that hypothermia should not be an issue.

WHAT HAPPENS IF THEY ARE FOUND?

Thai authorities have said they even if the boys are found, getting them out could take some

time and could even require them to learn the basics of scuba due to the flooding. Mirza said that while such decisions are best left to a divemaster on site, in general it is very dangerous to take untrained divers through flooded cave passages even for short distances. He said the safest course of action may be to provide them with food and other supplies where they are and wait for the water to go down or to create another entrance, even if that could take weeks or months. **AP**

TWO people were killed and two are missing after gunmen attacked police and civilians in a mountainous region of Indonesia's easternmost Papua province during local elections, police said yesterday.

An official was killed Wednesday and two police officers are missing after gunmen shot at their speedboat, which was transporting them from Torere subdistrict where they observed local elec-

INDONESIA

Police say 2 dead, 2 missing in Papua attacks

tions, said Papua police spokesman Ahmad Musthofa Kamal.

Seven other police officers swam to safety. Separately, Kamal said a motorcycle taxi driver who was a migrant from Java died after being shot in the head in Waegi subdistrict on Wednesday.

A pro-independence insurgency has simmered in the formerly Dutch-controlled Papua region since it was annexed by Indonesia in 1963.

Police have pointed to regional-level elections held across Indonesia on Wednesday as a catalyst for this week's violence in Papua, but it's unclear

if there's any connection. Indonesian security forces regularly clash with armed Papuans and are also accused of perpetrating violence against unarmed civilians in the region.

On Monday, gunmen killed three people and injured two others including a pilot in an attack

that occurred after a plane transporting paramilitary police landed at Kenyam airport in Nduga district.

The civilians killed in the Monday attack were migrant traders from South Sulawesi province, including a husband and wife, who were shot and stabbed as the attackers

fled the airport.

Under Indonesian rule, indigenous Papuans have been largely shut out of their region's economy, which is dominated by extraction of natural resources by Indonesian and foreign companies including the giant U.S.-owned Grasberg gold and copper mine. **AP**

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TWO Southeast Asian women on trial for killing the estranged half brother of North Korea's leader are trained assassins who used "criminal force" to rub the toxic VX nerve agent on Kim Jong Nam's eyes and face, prosecutors said in their closing arguments yesterday.

The women's claim that they were duped by North Korean agents into thinking they were playing a harmless prank for a hidden camera show was an "ingenious attempt [...] to cover up their sinister plot in order to obscure the eyes of the public and the court," prosecutor Wan Shahrudin Wan Ladin told the court.

Indonesia's Siti Aisyah and Doan Thi Huong of Vietnam, who face the death penalty if convicted, have pleaded not guilty to murdering Kim in a crowded airport terminal in Kuala Lumpur on Feb. 13, 2017. Kim died within two hours. The women are the only suspects in custody, although prosecutors say they colluded with four North Korean suspects who fled the country on the day of the assassination.

Doan called herself an actress, while Aisyah was a masseur. Wan Shahrudin said it was "not impossible for someone to lead a double life."

"This type of assassination can only be seen in James Bond mo-

KIM JONG NAM MURDER

Prosecutor: Suspects in North Korean death are trained killers

vies and the two girls were not randomly picked as a scapegoat. They knew what they had to do and they achieved in doing it," Wan Shahrudin said. "There is no room for failure. Only selected and trained individuals can ensure success."

Defense lawyers said the women had no motive to kill Kim nor were they aware they were handling poison. They said their clients were innocent pawns in a high-profile political assassination by North Korea. The judge set a ruling for Aug. 16 to decide whether the women should enter their defense or be acquitted.

Wan Shahrudin said that the women were in the know because they deliberately targeted Kim's eyes and hastily washed their hands after the attack. An expert has testified that the eyes are the best route of entry for the poison to spread, and that VX can be washed off within 15 minutes of exposure without causing any symptoms.

With Kim weighing nearly 100



Indonesian Siti Aisyah (right) is escorted by police as she leaves court

kilograms and standing at 1.7 meters tall, the prosecutor said the women had "used their bodily power" to forcefully smear the poison on his eyes and face.

"Criminal force was used," he said. "The conduct of the two accused was to get the attack done quickly without timely reaction from Kim [...] therefore they must be aggressive otherwise [Kim] might block the act of applying the dangerous substance and

their mission would eventually fail." He said it could be inferred from security video footage that the two attacked at the same time to ensure "their plan succeed with flying colors."

He said the women were not coerced nor under duress when they attacked Kim. Despite their claims of pranks, he said their facial expression and conduct during the attack didn't reflect any humor.

Although the operation may have been planned by the North Korean suspects, Wan Shahrudin said the women were the actual killers as they had executed the plan and directly caused Kim's death. He acknowledged police investigations were not perfect but urged the court to ask the women to answer why VX was found on their clothing and on Huong's fingernails, and why they had attacked Kim if they were really carrying out a prank.

"If they remain silent, all the questions that are lingering in the court's mind will remain unanswered and they should be convicted," he said.

Aisyah's lawyer Gooi Soon Seng said in his rebuttal to the prosecution that the case was based on "flimsy evidence" with many "doubts and gaps". Huong's lawyer Naran Singh said the women would not have just walked fast but would have "run for their life" to wash their hands after the attack if they knew they had poison on their hands. **MDT/AP**

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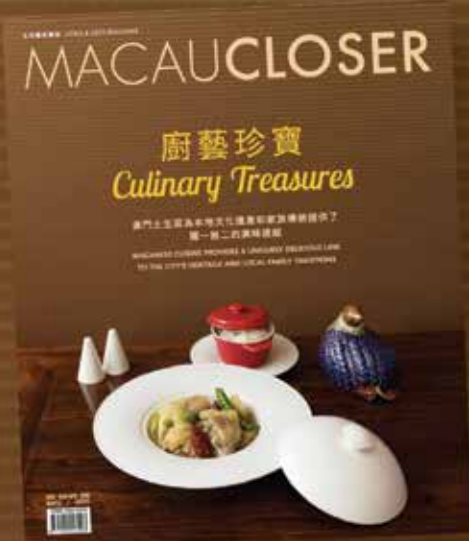
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In this March 15, 2005 file photo, Pop star Michael Jackson leaves the Santa Barbara County Courthouse with his father

OBITUARY

Joe Jackson turned his children into stars, but at a price

Nekesa Mumbi Moody, New York

JOE Jackson once had his own dreams of success. He tried to be a boxer and then played guitar with a group called The Falcons. But he realized early on that there was an overwhelming pool of musical talent in his children, particularly a little bright-eyed boy named Michael.

He channeled his ambition through them, creating one of the greatest pop vocal groups, The Jackson Five, and launched the career of one of entertainment's greatest legends in Michael Jackson, as well as another superstar talent, daughter Janet.

Yet the legacy of Jackson, who died Wednesday in Las Vegas at the age of 89, was steeped not only in the brilliant guidance of his children into the world's premiere entertainment dynasty, but the iron fist with which he did it. Michael described beatings with the switch of a tree branch, and a fear so great of his father that he would sometimes vomit at the sight of him. His children called him Joseph — they weren't allowed to call him by fatherly terms.

"You call me Joseph," Janet Jackson recalled her father telling her once when she called him dad. "I'm Joseph to you."

By the time they were all adults, his children severed professional ties to him, preferring to let others guide the careers he once nurtured. Still, in times of turmoil, it was Joe that they continued to turn to. When Michael Jackson stood trial on allegations

that he sexually abused a child (he was acquitted), it was Joe Jackson who was at his side on most days. Janet Jackson rationalized that her father wanted the best for his children, even if he didn't go about it the right way.

And La Toya Jackson, who once accused her father of physical and sexual abuse, later blamed her abusive former husband for coercing her to say it. In later years, relished her time with her father.

On Wednesday, she delivered a loving tribute to him. "I will always love you! You gave us strength, you made us one of the most famous families in the world. I am extremely appreciative of that, I will never forget our moments together and how you told me how much you cared," she wrote on Twitter.

Joseph Walter Jackson was born in Fountain Hill, Arkansas, on July 26, 1928. He was the eldest of four children to a high school teacher and a house wife. When he was 12, his parents split and he moved with his father to Oakland, California. At 18, he moved to Indiana to live near his mother in East Chicago.

It was in Indiana that he met and married Katherine Scuse, with whom he settled in Gary. He worked as a welder and crane operator, sometimes holding as many as three jobs at a time to support his family.

He abandoned his musical ambitions in part because of his burgeoning brood, which would eventually swell to include nine

children — Rebbie, Jackie, Tito, Jermaine, La Toya, Marlon, Michael, Randy and youngest sister Janet — all living in a three-room house in Gary. (A 10th child, Brandon, was stillborn.) He kept his guitar — but made it clear it was off limits to anyone but him.

Joe was not mentioned in Michael's will. That led him to wage a fruitless legal war seeking compensation from various entities

His children didn't listen. One day, the older brothers broke a string on the beloved guitar, as Michael Jackson described in his autobiography "Moonwalk." Fearing a beating, Tito Jackson hid in fear, but when his father demanded he show what he could do with the guitar, he did — and Joe Jackson was awed. And a musical group was born.

Michael joined the group at age 8, and was its showstopper from the beginning. A bundle of energy with a high-pitched voice, amazing dance moves and a smile that wouldn't quit, he quickly became the lead singer.

His father invested in professional equipment for the children, booked tour dates and became their manager. That eventually led to a contract with Motown Records for his five oldest boys, a deal that launched them into superstardom with their bubble-gum pop-soul sound.

Years later, he helped maneuver their exit from Motown to Epic Records when he felt that the legendary label was stifling his sons' creativity. They became The Jacksons, with Jermaine staying with Motown and brother Randy joining the group. They eventually wrote their own music, leading to Michael Jackson's growth as a singer-songwriter.

Michael Jackson credited his father with making sure his children weren't cheated by industry vultures, and noted that unlike some child stars, his parents didn't take their children's money to enrich themselves.

"I'd say we're among a fortunate few artists who walked away from a childhood in the business with anything substantial — money, real estate, other investments. My father set all these up for us," Jackson wrote in his 1988 autobiography. "But still I don't know him, and that's sad for a son who hungers to understand his own father. He's still a mystery to me and may always be one."

The relationship with many of his children never improved. Janet Jackson said in a CNN interview in 2011 that she rarely spoke to her father, and by adulthood, they had severed ties with Jackson as their manager.

When Michael Jackson died of an overdose of the anesthetic propofol in 2009, he had been estranged from his father, and his bodyguards recall not allowing Joe Jackson in when he attempted to see the superstar at his estate.

Joe was not mentioned in Michael's will. Jackson only provided for his three children and mother Katherine, who was named as the children's guardian. That led Joe Jackson to wage a fruitless legal war seeking compensation from various entities.

In his own autobiography, Jackson acknowledged being a stern parent, saying he believed it was the only way to prepare his children for the tough world of show business. But he denied many of the claims of physical abuse.

No longer involved in his children's careers, Joseph Jackson launched a boot camp for aspiring hip-hop artists, promoting lyrics without vulgarity and sponsoring competitions for young artists from across the country. He spent most of his time at a home in Las Vegas and traveled the country auditioning talent for the competition.

"He was never given the credit he deserved," the Rev. Al Sharpton wrote on Twitter following the death. "He influenced the world of music with the Jackson 5, Michael Jackson, Janet Jackson and others. May history correct his legacy."

Jackson, a green-eyed dandy who wore a pencil-thin mustache and huge diamond pinky ring, faced allegations by his wife of infidelity. She accused him of fathering a child by another woman — a daughter named Joh'Vonnie Jackson. Katherine filed for divorce twice but never followed through.

"We just let our troubles die out," Joseph Jackson said in 1988, following a reconciliation. "We survived. We love each other, and we have children. That's why we're together."

The family also came together in 2010, when Michael's physician, Conrad Murray, stood trial on Michael's overdose death. Joseph, Katherine and several of Michael's siblings watched as Murray was convicted of involuntary manslaughter, a verdict that provided some comfort for the family.

While his death drew plenty of tributes, others criticized the Jackson patriarch for his abusive behavior.

"Disgusted by some of the comments I'm reading about my grandpa Joe by those who didn't even know him. Please don't just regurgitate what you were spoon fed by the press," tweeted Taj Jackson, Tito Jackson's son. "Joe was loved by our ENTIRE family and our hearts are in pain. Let us grieve without the nastiness."

Joe Jackson is survived by his wife, eight of his children with Katherine, daughter Joh'Vonnie Jackson and more than two dozen grandchildren. **AP**

Trump-Putin meeting to follow NATO gathering at tense moment

Catherine Lucey, Jonathan Lemire, Matthew Lee

PRESIDENT Donald Trump's meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Finland next month comes after what will likely be a tense gathering with NATO allies and follows Trump's repeated calls to improve relations with Russia.

The White House and the Kremlin announced yesterday that the two leaders would meet July 16 in Helsinki, with the White House saying they will "discuss relations between the United States and Russia and a range of national security issues."

Trump expressed enthusiasm for the sit-down Wednesday.

"I've said it from day one, getting along with Russia and with China and with everybody is a very good thing," Trump said. "It's good for the world, it's good for us, it's good for everybody." He said they would discuss Syria, Ukraine and "many other subjects."

Earlier this month, Trump



called for Russia to be reinstated in the Group of Seven industrialized democracies. Russia was ousted from the elite group in 2014 as punishment for Putin's annexation of Crimea and its support for pro-Russian separatists in Ukraine. In the U.S., special counsel Robert Mueller is investigating whether Trump's campaign colluded with Russia in a bid to sway the 2016 presidential election in his favor.

Ahead of the Finland summit

announcement, Trump tweeted, "Russia continues to say they had nothing to do with Meddling in our Election!"

Trump has continually parroted the Kremlin's denial of election interference, a move that has put him out of step with the findings of the U.S. intelligence community, a bipartisan consensus in Congress and Trump's own appointees who say there is clear evidence of Russian efforts to influence the 2016 presidential campaign.

Senate Minority Leader Chuck Schumer, D-N.Y. jumped on Trump's tweet, saying: "Why do you trust Putin more than your own Republican DOJ officials and the Republican special counsel that was appointed by a Republican?" Schumer also encouraged Trump to sit down with Mueller for an interview.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo told the Senate Appropriations Committee Wednesday that he was confident that when Trump meets with Putin "he will make clear that meddling in our elections is completely unacceptable."

Pompeo also said Trump views

Moscow's return to the international fold as inevitable and that "trade-offs" could allow it to rejoin the G-7 without giving Crimea back to Ukraine.

Putin and Trump had two brief meetings on the sidelines of international summits last year and both men spoke of a mutual desire for a full-fledged one-on-one summit during a March telephone call. But planning for the meeting was delayed amid the investigations into whether Trump's campaign colluded with Russia.

The summit would offer Putin a chance to try to persuade Washington to lift some of the sanctions imposed on Russia over its annexation of Crimea, interference in eastern Ukraine's separatist fighting and alleged meddling in the 2016 U.S. presidential election. Pompeo said the administration continues to support those sanctions. **AP**

NATO CHIEF WELCOMES SUMMIT

NATO SECRETARY-General Jens Stoltenberg is welcoming the meeting between U.S. President Donald Trump and his Russian counterpart, Vladimir Putin. Stoltenberg told reporters in Brussels yesterday that NATO's approach to Russia is one of defense and dialogue, so it's important to talk to the biggest country in the

European neighborhood. He says "It's absolutely, totally in line with NATO policies to talk to Russia, to meet with Russian leaders. We don't want a new Cold War. We don't want to isolate Russia. We want to strive for a better relationship." Trump holds talks with his NATO counterparts in Brussels on July 11-12.

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- 19:10 World Cup Diary
- 19:35 Portuguese Serie
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- 21:15 Portuguese Mini Serie (100% Portuguese)
- 22:10 Brazilian Soap Opera
- 23:00 TDM News
- 23:30 Movie
- 01:25 Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)
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- 10:30 Comedy
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- 23:30 Portuguese Talk Show
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- 01:10 RTPi Live

SUNDAY

- 10:25 Kids Serie
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Offbeat

CAN DOGS PERFORM CPR? MADRID POLICE WOULD HAVE YOU THINK SO

Can dogs perform CPR? Probably not, but a video posted by police in Madrid sure makes it seem so. In a video posted on Facebook, Poncho the dog springs into action when his partner falls to the ground and pretends to be unresponsive. The dog's actions mimic CPR. The dog pounds up and down on the officer's chest and pauses to place its ear on the officer's neck. Poncho continues until the officer stands up. Police write that Poncho "did not hesitate for an instant" to save a life.

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ROOM 1
2:30, 9:30pm
Director: Jeffrey Chiang
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Language: Cantonese (Chinese & English)



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



ESCAPE PLAN 2: HADES

ROOM 2
2:30, 4:30, 9:30pm
Director: Steven C. Miller
Starring: Sylvester Stallone, Dave Bautista, Huang XiaoMing
Language: English (Chinese)
Duration: 96min



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



COLORS OF WIND

ROOM 3
2:30, 4:45, 7:15pm
Director: Kwak Jae-Young
Starring: Furukawa Yuki, Fujii Takemi
Language: Japanese (Chinese & English)



HOTEL ARTEMIS

ROOM 3
9:30pm
Director: Drew Pearce
Starring: Jodie Foster, Dave Bautista
Language: English (Chinese)
Duration: 94min

this day in history



1974 FIRST FEMALE PRESIDENT FOR ARGENTINA

Maria Estela Isabel Martinez de Peron has been sworn in as interim leader of the Argentine Republic. Her husband President Juan Peron delegated responsibility after doctors said he required 24-hour medical attention and rest. Mrs Peron, a former cabaret dancer, is now Argentina's first female president and at 43 the youngest Latin American head of state. Her 78-year-old husband has not been seen in public for two weeks and is reported to be seriously ill with bronchitis and influenza. In a state broadcast, Mrs Peron said her husband was "conscious that his state of health prevents him from directly attending to government affairs until his recovery". Mrs Peron, known to the Argentine public as 'Isabelita', is Juan Peron's third wife and became vice-president after his return to power in September 1973. The couple met in a night club in Panama during Juan Peron's years of exile after being ousted from power in a military coup in 1955. Argentina's main power groups, including the armed forces and labour unions, are understood to have pledged Mrs Peron their support. But regional experts say Isabelita will be inheriting a weak economy in a country suffering from political violence and civil unrest.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

Juan Peron died on 1 July 1974. He had helped restore some stability to Argentina after winning a landslide presidential election upon his return from exile. Isabel Peron's presidency lasted until 1976 when she was deposed by a military junta led by Jorge Rafael Videla. During her term in office the country was racked by labour strikes and political violence including hundreds of political murders. Isabelita failed to win the hearts of the Argentine public. She lived in the shadow of Eva Peron, Juan Peron's second wife. 'Evita' was adored by a majority of Argentines but she never became president and died of cancer in 1952.

YOUR STARS

Aries

Mar. 21-Apr. 19

The energy around you today is powerful, so take it seriously! Keep in mind that everything will be magnified 10 times at least ... tiptoeing around the house could cause walls to crumble.

Gemini

May 21-Jun. 21

Your growing list of goals is getting a bit out of control. Are you sure you're not taking on more than you can handle? No one's going to give you a prize for having the greatest number of ambitions.

Leo

Jul. 23-Aug. 22

Every time you turn a corner, you expect to see the finish line looming ahead, giving you the encouragement you need to keep going. If these corners have disappointed you lately, have faith!

Libra

Sep.23-Oct. 22

You've heard about those powerful lobbyists in Washington, D.C., right? You know, the people who push their political agenda, usually by wining and dining those in power?

Sagittarius

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Take your life back to basics today, starting as soon as you wake up in the morning. Select one of your more demure outfits, skip the fancy coffee drink and just go for a cup of java, and try brown bagging it for lunch.

Aquarius

Jan. 20-Feb. 18

You have control over most of the elements in your life right now, but a few are still beyond your capacity to deal with. This may be a very frustrating fact, but it's a fact nonetheless.

Taurus

April 20-May 20

Sometimes your accomplishments must come in stages. You won't be able to see full completion of a goal today, but you'll move past one stage and into another, more exciting one - so stay positive.

Cancer

Jun. 22-Jul. 22

Exciting opportunities are tantalizingly close, but still just out of reach. To inch yourself closer, just stretch out a bit! Move out of your comfort zone and let the powers that be realize that you're up for anything.

Virgo

Aug. 23-Sept. 22

When things get unstable, you should be prepared. Get your priorities in order so if you need to act quickly, you can. You might have to cancel some fun evening plans to take care of business.

Scorpio

Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

You've seen a lot in your lifetime, and it has given you a varied background to draw from when you're faced with an unfamiliar situation. This is a very good thing.

Capricorn

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

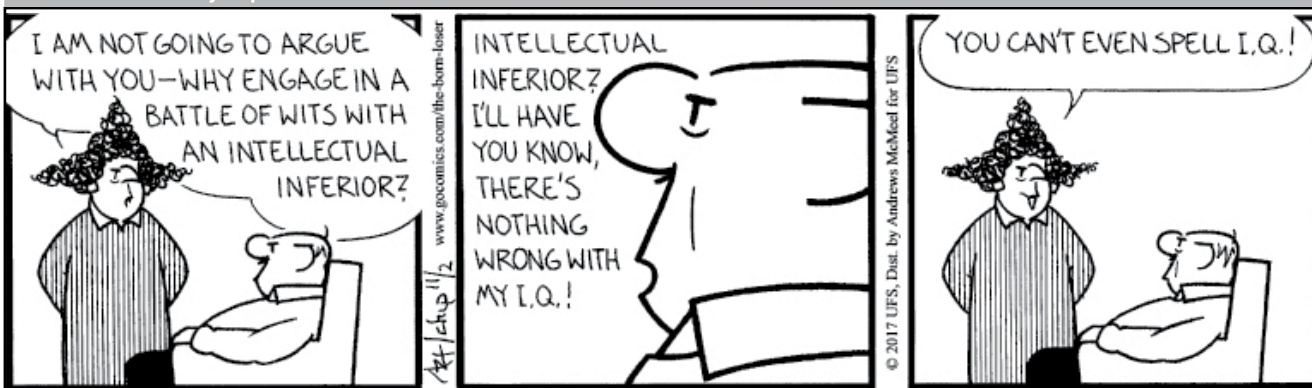
You're not a mind reader, but you do have a strong sense of what motivates people. This helps you greatly today. You'll be placed in some very interesting situations with strangers or people you don't know very well.

Pisces

Feb.19-Mar. 20

After an extended period of hustling and busting, it looks like today you finally get a chance to slow down a bit. The dramatic change in your day might cause some confusion.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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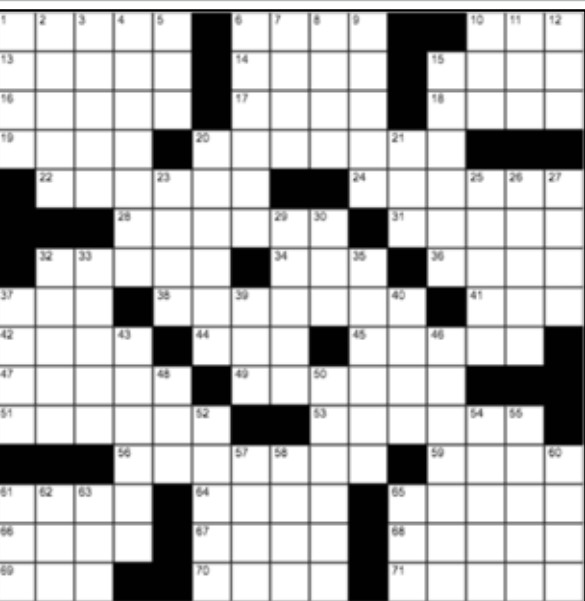
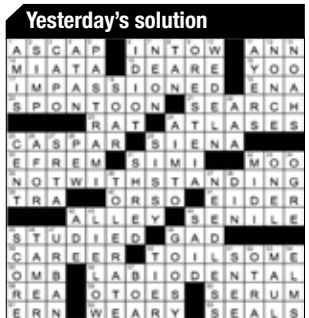
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Harbin	17	28	cloudy/thundershower
Tianjin	26	37	clear
Urumqi	24	33	clear
Xi'an	22	33	overcast
Lhasa	15	24	thundershower/drizzle
Chengdu	24	29	drizzle/moderate rain
Chongqing	27	37	clear/cloudy
Kunming	18	25	shower/cloudy
Nanjing	24	33	thundershower/cloudy
Shanghai	25	31	heavy rain/drizzle
Wuhan	25	32	moderate rain/drizzle
Hangzhou	25	31	heavy rain/thundershower
Taipei	26	33	cloudy
Guangzhou	27	35	cloudy
Hong Kong	28	33	cloudy
WORLD			
Moscow	14	30	clear/cloudy
Frankfurt	15	28	overcast/cloudy
Paris	18	28	clear/cloudy
London	11	24	clear
New York	22	32	moderate rain/clear

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Singer LaBelle; 6- ___ sow, so shall...; 10- Deface; 13- D-Day beach; 14- Author Urin; 15- Singer McEntire; 16- Caesar's tongue; 17- Frat party purchases; 18- Work with acid; 19- ¿cãmo ___ usted?; 20- Dance based on the samba; 22- Emblem; 24- Mischievous person; 28- Mischievous; 31- Code name; 32- Capital of Vietnam; 34- Winning tic-tac-toe line; 36- Turner and others; 37- Parisian possessive; 38- Overhead interior surface; 41- Univ. aides; 42- Consumes; 44- Outback hopper; 45- Enthusiastic; 47- Narrow groove; 49- Familiar with; 51- Tara family; 53- Roman general; 56- Quickly; 59- Dregs; 61- It's blown among the reeds; 64- Horne solo; 65- Name; 66- Queue; 67- Me neither; 68- Type of sanctum; 69- Bodybuilder's pride; 70- Lulu; 71- Glass marble;

DOWN: 1- Tent stick; 2- Gather; 3- Tawdry; 4- Vitamin B1; 5- 007 creator Fleming; 6- Acid neutralizer; 7- Fortuneteller; 8- Hanna-Barbera bear; 9- Belgian painter James; 10- Assembled; 11- 1970 Jackson 5 hit; 12- Encouraging word; 15- Logic; 20- Replicator; 21- Engine part; 23- Univ. hotspot; 25- Box; 26- ___ Is Born; 27- To a smaller extent; 29- Flies alone; 30- ___ polloi; 32- Moor; 33- Latin stars; 35- Eventually; 37- You've Made ___ Very Happy; 39- Acknowledgment of debt; 40- Fence opening; 43- Yes ___, Bob!; 46- Young goose; 48- Battery type; 50- Cream cake; 52- Joe of "Hill Street Blues"; 54- State Farm rival; 55- Subleaze; 57- Golf club which can be numbered 1 to 9; 58- Urgent; 60- Shrivelled, without moisture; 61- Pay stub?; 62- Front part of an apron; 63- Switch positions; 65- Spanish aunt;



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South Koreans express pride, heartbreak after Germany win

Kim Tong-Hyung, Seoul

SOUTH Koreans yesterday spoke of pride and heartbreak after watching their national football team knock off defending champions Germany in the biggest upset of this year's World Cup, but one that still failed to qualify them for the next round.

The dense apartment complexes that shape capital Seoul shook with roars an hour after midnight yesterday as South Korea scored two stoppage time goals to stun Germany 2-0 in what became both teams' final match in Russia.

Many Seoul residents, including thousands of screaming fans gathered in front of jumbo screens in downtown Gwanghwamun, stayed up late cheering for the team even after it became certain they would not qualify for the round of 16.

South Korea needed to beat Germany and then have Mexico defeat Sweden to have a chance at advancing from the group



Mexico fans celebrate with a South Korean man at the Sol square in Madrid

stage. But Sweden killed all hope with three unanswered goals that sealed the game midway into the second half in the other Group F finale.

After momentarily celebrating their win, South Korean players dropped to the grass, several of

them shedding tears, apparently after learning that Mexico lost.

But for many fans, beating Germany was as good as a moral victory could get.

"Honestly, I had no expectations at all, but the players did well as they overcame crisis after

crisis to seal the win," said Lee Shin-young, a 39-year-old office worker in Yongin, near Seoul, who watched from home. "It didn't look good after two straight losses, but I think we restored some of the pride in Asian football by finishing with a win."

Kim Hyun-tae, who was South Korea's goalkeeper coach for the World Cups in 2002 and 2010, the only times the country made it to the knockout stages, said the win over Germany was crucial because it restored confidence in the future of South Korean football.

South Korea has a relatively young core, with key players in their early and mid-20s. They can now build off the counterrattacking identity they established during the Germany match, Kim said. In goalkeeper Cho Hyun-woo, who Kim rated as "tremendous," South Korea may have also found a world-class player who is capable of keeping them in any game.

"This is how South Korea should always play — build a solid

defense first and attack with pace and purpose on the counters," said Kim, now a scouting director for South Korean club FC Seoul. "It's so frustrating and mind-boggling that we didn't play like this against Sweden and Mexico. We needed a miracle entering the Germany match and we nearly pulled it off."

The next major tournament for South Korea will be the Asian Games in August, where several young players would be chasing a gold medal that would exempt them from military services that are mandatory to able-bodied South Korean males.

Following South Korea's disappointing group-stage elimination from the Brazil World Cup four years ago, angry fans waited at the airport to pelt the players with candy upon their return home. The win against Germany almost assures that the reception would be warmer this time around.

"Advancing to the best-of-16 was a long shot in the first place, but beating Germany is still something special," said Choi Ji-hye, a 40-year-old office worker in Seoul. "The players had been heavily criticized and it would have been painful to live through all that. So it was heart-breaking to see them crying and embracing each other after the match." AP

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WORLD CUP 2018

Japan advances on yellow cards despite losing

AMID a crescendo of boos and whistles as neither side tried to score, Japan advanced to the knockout round at the World Cup because of a newly implemented tie-breaker — fewer yellow cards.

The Japanese, barely playing for the final 15 minutes of the match, lost to Poland 1-0 yesterday. But they still reached the round of 16 because Colombia beat Senegal 1-0 in the other Group H match.

Both Japan and Senegal finished the group phase with four points, had the same goal difference and the same amount of goals scored. Starting at this year's tournament, disciplinary records — known as fair play — were added by FIFA as a tiebreaker. Japan had four yellow cards in its three group matches while Senegal had six.

It's the first time since 1982 that no African team has advanced from the first round at the World Cup.

Poland, which had already been eliminated, got its goal from defender Jan Bednarek in the 59th minute. He beat his marker at the far post and volleyed in a swerving free kick from Rafal Kurzawa.

When Bednarek scored, Japan was facing elimination. However, Colombia's goal in the 74th minute of the other group match in Samara meant Japan was in second place and would advance.

As the game continued, it barely got above walking pace, prompting many inside the Volgograd Arena to show their displeasure by whistling and booing.

During injury time, Japan's players softly passed the ball among themselves, while their Polish opponents barely made an effort, content to finish the tournament with a victory following two losses.

Japan coach Akira Nishino made six changes to the starting lineup ahead of the match — all four of Japan's scorers in the previous two games were left on the bench. But the Japanese still had more of the chances in the first half.

Poland had an early chance to take the lead in the 32nd minute when Japan



Jan Bednarek (centre) scores the opening goal during the group H match between Japan and Poland



Sardar Azmoun reacts during the match between Iran and Portugal

Iran striker retires from team at 23 after online insults

ONLINE bullying has just cost Iran one of its top players. Forward Sardar Azmoun said yesterday that he's retiring from the national team. The 23-year-old Azmoun was the target of numerous attacks on social media after failing to score in any of Iran's three group matches at the World Cup.

He was sent obscene messages and mocked for his perceived lack of impact. Azmoun said his mother had been recovering from a serious illness, but the insults caused it to flare up again. Between football and his mother, he wrote on Instagram that "I chose my mother."

The Rubin Kazan striker had been built up as Iran's top goal-scoring threat before the tournament and has scored 23 goals in 36 international appearances.

Another forward, the 30-year-old Reza Ghoochannejhad, said that he's also leaving the Iran team. He was an unused substitute in all three games.

"My mind, my personality and my pride do not allow me" to wear the Iranian national team shirt again, Ghoochannejhad said in his Instagram statement.

Ghoochannejhad didn't say whether he was reacting to the online abuse or to coach Carlos Queiroz's decision not to play him at the World Cup.

Iran missed out on qualifying for the knockout stages by one point. The team beat Morocco 1-0 on an own goal before losing 1-0 to Spain and drawing 1-1 with Portugal. **AP**

LATEST RESULTS

Iran	1	1	Portugal
Spain	2	2	Morocco
Denmark	0	0	France
Australia	0	2	Peru
Nigeria	1	2	Argentina
Iceland	1	2	Croatia
Korea Republic	2	0	Germany
Mexico	0	3	Sweden
Serbia	0	2	Brazil
Switzerland	2	2	Costa Rica
Japan	0	1	Poland
Senegal	0	1	Colombia

Group A	PL	W	DRAW	L	GF-GA	PNT
Uruguay	3	3	0	0	5 - 0	9 Q
Russia	3	2	0	1	8 - 4	6 Q
Saudi Arabia	3	1	0	2	2 - 7	3
Egypt	3	0	0	3	2 - 6	0

Group B	PL	W	DRAW	L	GF-GA	PNT
Spain	3	1	2	0	6 - 5	5 Q
Portugal	3	1	2	0	5 - 4	5 Q
Iran	3	1	1	1	2 - 2	4
Morocco	3	0	1	2	2 - 4	1

Group C	PL	W	DRAW	L	GF-GA	PNT
France	3	2	1	0	3 - 1	7 Q
Denmark	3	1	2	0	2 - 1	5 Q
Peru	3	1	0	2	2 - 2	3
Australia	3	0	1	2	2 - 5	1

Group D	PL	W	DRAW	L	GF-GA	PNT
Croatia	3	3	0	0	7 - 1	9 Q
Argentina	3	1	1	1	3 - 5	4 Q
Nigeria	3	1	0	2	3 - 4	3
Iceland	3	0	1	2	2 - 5	1

Group E	PL	W	DRAW	L	GF-GA	PNT
Brazil	3	2	1	0	5 - 1	7 Q
Switzerland	3	1	2	0	5 - 4	5 Q
Serbia	3	1	0	2	2 - 4	3
Costa Rica	3	0	1	2	2 - 5	1

Group F	PL	W	DRAW	L	GF-GA	PNT
Sweden	3	2	0	1	5 - 2	6 Q
Mexico	3	2	0	1	3 - 4	6 Q
Korea Republic	3	1	0	2	3 - 3	3
Germany	3	1	0	2	2 - 4	3

Group G	PL	W	DRAW	L	GF-GA	PNT
England	2	2	0	0	8 - 2	6 Q
Belgium	2	2	0	0	8 - 2	6 Q
Tunisia	2	0	0	2	3 - 7	0
Panama	2	0	0	2	1 - 9	0

Group H	PL	W	DRAW	L	GF-GA	PNT
Colombia	3	2	0	1	5 - 2	6 Q
Japan	3	1	1	1	4 - 4	4 Q
Senegal	3	1	1	1	4 - 4	4
Poland	3	1	0	2	2 - 5	3

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TEACHING HISTORY: WHAT FOR?

It is not an easy thing to win the heart and mind of the people for government officials in peaceful times.

Being elected is a good start, as elected representatives embody an ideal(ised) form of popular sovereignty. When you are chosen, by a majority nonetheless, then it is easier to build on that initial legitimizing public endorsement.

Sure, it is not perfect — the tyranny of the majority, pitfalls of populism or confiscation of power by professional politicians ring a bell? — but as Winston Churchill famously said: “Democracy is the worst form of government except all those other forms that have been tried from time to time.” In a nutshell, elected officials do not get to decide on the validity of their mandate.

And then, for public support to endure, one needs to do a good job. This is what we now call “good governance,” meaning that public policies need to not only effectively address issues affecting society but also anticipate on these issues and nurture the community — and its position in a wider globalized world. Sensible public policies do not only help create jobs, but motivate a community of individuals to grow together. Meaningful urban planning, for example, is not only a question of making economic agents more productive, it also impacts territorial integration and thus the social construct of our community perceived as a “we”.

Splashing money around helps too, but it does not earn respect, or even loyalty: at best it delays things for a while, and at worst and more often it only soothes angers superficially, leading to abrupt backlashes made worse by the inability of officials to face the reality of the situation.

Education aims at the long term and is crucial in building a sense of belonging for any community. Language is prime, as your mother tongue — or rather your education language — determines the way you engage with others — family, friends, neighbors, fellow citizens and even foes! Language also shapes the way you think and argue.

When it comes to content, the teaching of history, the history of one’s own community as well as the rest of the world, is crucial for a community. When history was not a science, historical chronicles were the cradle of national (or imperial) narratives that served as a justification for the hold on power of ruling monarchs and governments. Even today, despite the triumph of logos and scientific reasoning, history is instrumentalized to create a “national narrative” or even a “national story”. This is true in Communist-led China, in which freedom of expression is heavily curtailed. This is also true, in more subtle ways, in democracies: the recent debate around a new “World History of France” authored by Patrick Boucheron perfectly illustrates that. The big difference, though, is that in France — the same goes for the United States, Sweden, Portugal, etc. — there was and still continues to be a debate. History as a science dictates that a public discussion, shaped by historians and experts, takes place. This is also true and even more so for textbooks.

What is indeed shocking in the recent superficial buzz (clearly not a controversy) regarding the publication of new history textbooks for secondary pupils in Macao is not the content of the textbooks (the three chapters on Macao, out of 18, do not strike me as indignant), but rather the absence of debate about them, the inability to mix historiographies (that would indeed give substance to the “East meets West” narrative), the personal intervention of Alexis Tam to remove supposedly offensive wording, and the very fact that critical Chinese commentators have to remain homonymous when talking to the press!

In the latest poll by Hong Kong University regarding whether or not Hong Kong people are proud of having become national citizens of China, only a meagre 16% of those aged 18 to 29 express a sense of pride! Can a propaganda-like master narrative turn things over in an open society? What would it then mean in terms of identity and the preservation of the “one country, two systems” formula? And is Macao not an open society as well?

THE CHINESE NAVY HOSPITAL SHIP'S BUZZ 11-NATION TOUR INCLUDES VANUATU

China says it is sending a navy hospital ship to visit 11 countries including Vanuatu, where Australia has warned Beijing against building a military base.

Beijing’s defense ministry said the People’s Liberation Army Navy ship, “Peace Ark,” is leaving Thursday to provide humanitarian assistance and free medical aid and to conduct exchanges, including opening the ship for visits.

In May, China and Vanuatu denied media reports that Beijing had approached the South Pacific nation, which has a population of 280,000, about building a permanent military presence there.

Australian Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull said on Monday that Australia will negotiate a security treaty with Vanuatu, just weeks after he warned China against building a military base there.

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Atlantic City welcomes two shuttered casinos back to life

MANY sweet rides have pulled up to Atlantic City casinos over the years, but this one was the King.

Joe Emanuele, whose vast portfolio at Hard Rock International includes finding and securing music memorabilia, had located Elvis Presley’s Rolls Royce, bought it at an auction and drove it to the Atlantic City casino whose opening Hard Rock is celebrating.

It is one of two shuttered casinos that reopened Wednesday afternoon, ahead of schedule, after being cleared to do so by New Jersey gambling regulators. Hard Rock, the former Trump Taj Mahal, and the Ocean Resort Casino, the former Revel, were both scheduled to have grand opening ceremonies yesterday.

After a brutal two-year stretch in which five of its 12 casinos closed, Atlantic City now has nine. The reopenings have generated cautious optimism that better days are ahead for the seaside gambling resort that once was the only place in America outside Nevada with casinos, but which has struggled mightily as gambling spread in states all around it.

Elvis’s car is one of the first things patrons see after they pass underneath the giant replica of a Gibson Les Paul electric guitar (cherry sunburst model) at the casino’s front entrance.

“I’ve been an Elvis fan forever,” Emanuele said. Driving (very carefully, with a police escort) from a warehouse in nearby Pleasantville, New Jersey, to the casino site, Emanuele parked his derriere in the same leather seat that once supported the King of rock ‘n’ roll.

“You feel a little bit of prestige behind the wheel,” he said. “This is Elvis’s car that he picked the Beatles up in when they first came to Los Angeles.”

The car is part of a vast trove of memorabilia on display at the Hard Rock. There are gowns worn by Stevie Nicks and Whit-



Those who remember the heavy-handed decorating taste of Donald and Ivana Trump from the Taj Mahal days won’t recognize the place

ney Houston, and guitars played by Roy Orbison, Bob Dylan and Katy Perry. There’s a leather stage outfit worn by Aerosmith lead guitarist Joe Perry.

There’s even a New Jersey memorabilia room, including the handwritten lyrics to “Dreaming” by Blondie’s Debbie Harry (a Hawthorne native,) along with stuff from Bon Jovi, Wyclef Jean, Southside Johnny, and a Western Union telegram confirming a USD20,000 payment for Ray Charles to perform a concert on Atlantic City’s Steel Pier in 1978. And no one forgot the Chairman of the Board; Frank Sinatra

has a presence there, too.

Those who remember the heavy-handed decorating taste of Donald and Ivana Trump from the Taj Mahal days won’t recognize the place: The row after row of chandeliers dominating the view as patrons would ride the main escalator down to the casino floor are gone, supplanted by a giant silver illuminated guitar suspended from the ceiling. Video screens surrounding the escalators play clips of Bruce Springsteen, Eric Clapton, Nirvana and Johnny Cash as customers descend to the casino floor.

At the Ocean Resort, owner Bruce Deifik has fixed most of what Revel’s former customers said they didn’t like about the place. It now allows smoking, will have a buffet within a few months, has reconfigured the casino floor to make it easier to get around, and glass safety barriers have been installed on the main escalator that made many patrons uncomfortable.

It has a golf simulator, a restaurant where kids and their parents can order cereal at any time of day, and six swimming pools. Popular features from Revel that are coming back include an outdoor pool day club, and a rock ‘n’ roll burlesque club. **MDT/AP**

Station	Air quality
Roadside	80-100 Moderate
High Density Residential Area	50-70 Moderate
Ambient	80-100 Moderate

WORLD BRIEFS



IRAN says it has restarted production at a “major” uranium facility involved in its nuclear program, though it still pledges to follow the terms of the country’s landmark atomic deal now under threat after President Donald Trump pulled America out of the accord.

ISRAEL-PALESTINE The Palestinian health ministry in Gaza says a teenager has died after being wounded in Israeli shelling along the border.



KENYA A fire swept through one of Nairobi’s largest open-air markets yesterday, killing 15 people and sending 70 injured to hospitals, an official said, as traders who lived there struggled to wake their families and flee.

MALTA An aid ship carrying 234 migrants has docked in Malta’s capital after eight European nations agreed to accept the passengers who qualify as refugees.



MEXICO Citizens fed up with corruption and violence say their country is poised for a historic transformation in Sunday’s presidential election, while others fear the vote will bring a freefall into populism and autocratic rule.

VENEZUELA U.S. Vice President Mike Pence met with some Venezuelan migrants Wednesday and pledged that the U.S. will support Venezuelans who have fled their homeland until “democracy is restored” in the South American country.