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Q&A PENNY LAM
FILMMAKER & FESTIVAL CURATOR

'Documentaries trendier with viewers, not so much filmmakers'

Daniel Beittler

THE 3rd Macau International Documentary Film Festival will return to the Cinematheque Passion on July 14 for three weeks of celebrated documentaries sourced from around the world.

Featuring around 30 documentaries, many of which are premiering in Hong Kong and Macau, the Festival launches just one day after the "Encounter in Macau – Arts and Cultural Festival between China and the Portuguese-speaking Countries" concludes on Friday evening.

Ahead of the launch, returning Festival Curator Penny Lam sat down with the Times to talk about what's new in this third edition.

Macau Daily Times (MDT) - This is your third year serving as festival curator. What's different in this edition from the previous two?

Penny Lam (PL) - After the experience of the first two editions, we realized that this festival should focus more on Macau – this city and its people. When I considered the theme of this edition, I realized we wanted to have a better conversation between the festival and the people of this city, and question what sort of life we want to live in Macau. It's a good time to reflect on the city [...] and a good time to



Rita Wong (left) and Penny Lam

reimagine the future of our city.

This year the Portuguese section is a bit different because we expanded our location to all Portuguese-speaking countries or former colonies – so not only Portugal, but also Brazil and Cape Verde and others. We think it will be interesting for Macau to see what other ex-colonies of Portugal are doing now.

MDT - This year there are some big, high profile documentaries. What is your selection process and why did you want to include these more well-known productions?

PL - Every year we start looking for films between November and February. We focus on choosing the films that fit the

theme of the year. Usually we have a lot of programs from the last two years from all the festivals in the world.

People have this kind of idea that we will show some of the big documentaries that were screened earlier this year in Asia. I think it's quite healthy for us to have these people coming to the festival to see these [particular] films. So we also select these types of films to [satisfy] this audience.

MDT - Renowned Japanese director Kazuo Hara is this year's Director in Focus. How do you think this provocative, anti-mainstream director will be received in Macau?

PL - Kazuo Hara will come

for two Q&A sessions, and of course we will have the masterclass again to talk about his style. I can say that he is one of the most famous and important Asian documentary filmmakers in the world. If you study filmmaking around the world, Hara will be in the textbook.

We are quite lucky to have him come to Macau because he is in his seventies. He released a new film last year – in fact his first film in 23 years.

We are showing five of his films, which tend to showcase the outsiders of society in Japan.

[...] I think in Japan you have so many taboos and mainstream values, so he tries to question these [norms], including sensitive subjects like the Emperor.

All of his films are very controversial, and so it will be interesting to see the reaction of the Macau audience to this... provocation.

MDT - Is the documentary genre becoming trendier in Macau?

PL - More and more local audiences are interested in the documentary genre – that's not exactly the same when it comes to production... but definitely for viewership. Documentaries are getting trendier around the world. Again, in Macau it might be trendier for local viewers, but not so much the filmmakers.

Organizers' Pick

PENNY LAM picks *Die Tomorrow* (2015), a 75-minute film directed by young Thai filmmaker Nawapol Thamrongrattanarit.

Die Tomorrow combines techniques of both fiction and documentary filmmaking to tell six different stories of death, as recounted by the deceased's friends and families.

"I want to recommend this film because it fits all the values that we want to introduce to Macau through this festival," said Lam. "This is a fiction film actually, but [the story] is adapted from the real memories of the friends of six people in Thailand who died. The film imagines what these people did on the day before they died, without knowing that they will die tomorrow."

The film was screened earlier this year in international film festivals in Berlin, Hong Kong and Shanghai.

RITA WONG, Cinematheque Passion chief operating officer, recommends *Stranger in Paradise* (2016), in which Dutch actor Valentijn Dhaenens portrays a teacher who alternates between holding two extreme views on the refugee crisis as he delivers a lecture. On the one hand he is staunchly anti-refugees and on the other he is sympathetically calling for them to be welcomed into Europe.

Meanwhile, the class that receives this polarizing lecture consists of not actors, but real refugees.

The film forces viewers to reflect on the refugee crisis in the Mediterranean and to confront their discomfort when reflecting on this divisive topic.

"It is a very provocative film that stays in your heart after you finish watching it," said Wong. "You can't help but keep thinking about it."

HONG KONG

Official sees 'most opportune time' for foreign investors

HONG Kong predicts unprecedented business opportunities lying ahead in the Belt and Road Initiative and the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Bay Area, an official of the HKSAR said this week.

"This is the most opportune time for foreign investors to come and leverage Hong Kong's advantages to drive business growth arising from the huge opportunities," said Stephen Phillips, director-general of Hong

Kong's investment promotion department, according to Chinese state media outlet Xinhua.

The Belt and Road Initiative promotes long-term intercontinental connectivity, with the aim of giving rise to

rewarding business prospects via new air, sea and land routes, additional ports, rails and roads connecting different regions, economic and trade pacts, and increased investment flow, Phillips said.

The official also remarked that the Bay Area might serve as a powerful connection point for the Belt and Road Initiative.

Through its "one country, two systems" arrangement, Hong Kong can help connect the country with the rest of the world, as well as transform the Bay Area into an international innovation and technology hub, he added.

The Hong Kong official is traveling to Japan and

South Korea, where he is scheduled to speak at two upcoming seminars on Hong Kong's role in the Bay Area.

He will also meet with local business leaders from a wide range of sectors to "update the local business communities on the opportunities Hong Kong has to offer in the Bay Area development," Hong Kong's investment promotion department said in a press release. **MDT/Xinhua**

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1MDB FINANCIAL SCANDAL

Malaysia police request arrest of Jho Low

THE Royal Malaysia Police sent a formal request to Macau authorities requesting the arrest of businessman Low Taek Jho, also known as Jho Low. Malaysian authorities are now waiting for the response from the Macau police.

Confirming previous media reports, Malaysian Inspector-General of Police Mohamad Fuzi Harun said yesterday that the businessman is believed to have fled from Hong Kong to Macau on a ferry. Low is considered to be the mastermind of the 1Malaysia Development Berhad (1MDB) financial scandal, which led to the arrest of former Malaysian prime minister Najib Razak.

Mohamad Fuzi Harun said Malaysian police sent a written request to Ma-



Jho Low

cau through the Interpol liaison office. "We were initially alerted when he was in Hong Kong and we sent a team there to bring him home," he said. "When we arrived there, however, we learnt that he had left by ferry to

Macau," he told reporters after attending the Koperasi Polis annual general meeting yesterday.

Earlier this week, the South China Morning Post reported that Low was able to enter the MSAR because an Inter-

pol notice alone was not enough to compel local authorities to intervene.

"Jho was in Hong Kong for a couple months," the source told the SCMP. "He was staying at an apartment in Pacific Place with his family and his entourage. They moved out of Pacific Place and travelled to Macau a few days ago, despite Low being the subject of an Interpol red notice."

"Hong Kong police have no obligation to arrest, even if he is on an Interpol red notice," the source added. "They are only obligated if there is an accompanying formal request from the country of origin, which there wasn't."

The Macau Judiciary Police issued a statement yesterday noting that it has received the Interpol request and is reviewing it.

HEALTH

90 percent of patients already contacted for drug replacement

THE contingency plan for the recall and replacement of six antihypertensive medicines that were found to contain N-Nitrosodimethylamine impurities in the drug valsartan is on track, according to the Health Bureau (SSM).

The impurity is said to affect approximately 1,238 patients. Approximately 90 percent of affected patients who had been prescribed "Valsartan Tablet" the 80 mg and 160 mg, "Valsartan + Hydrochlorothiazide Generis" 80 mg and 160 mg and "Valsartan tablets HCT" 80 mg and 160 mg have already been successfully contacted by the SSM in order to proceed with the replacement of medicines, which started today and will continue for the next

two days.

According to the director of public hospital, Conde S. Januário Hospital (CHCSJ), Kuok Cheong U, they were only unable to reach approximately 120 patients. Kuok made the comment during a press conference on new technologies for less invasive surgeries on Monday.

The director of the CHCSJ was also hopeful that all patients would be able to exchange their medications smoothly today. The SSM have a recall notice on all batches from these two brands after it was found that the main ingredient in these drugs – valsartan – contained impurities that exceeded permissible levels, leading manufacturers to recall and replace the affected batches.

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New central library design expected this year

The Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) hopes to announce the design for the new central library this year, the head of the Department of Public Library Management of the IC, Tang Mei Ling, said yesterday. On Monday, the IC received nine proposals to develop the city's new central library, just as the deadline for their submission expired. The tenders were opened yesterday. IC hopes to announce the results of the tenders this year. The project is to be developed on the Old Court Building and former Judiciary Police headquarters site.

MOP11m in subsidies used for housing maintenance

In first half of 2018, the Housing Bureau (IH) granted MOP11 million in subsidies for the maintenance of Macau's buildings, according to a statement released by IH yesterday. In total, IH approved 170 maintenance applications. Last year, IH approved 71 applicants (MOP7.69 million in subsidies) seeking assistance for the repair of facilities in building common areas, including gates, water, electricity and sewage facilities. An additional MOP2.78 million in subsidies was approved for other building maintenance programs for the repair of elevators, fire control systems and other structures.

PSP conducts special anti-drink driving campaign

Since Monday, the Public Security Police Force has been carrying out a seven-day special operation against drink driving. The PSP will conduct the campaign near bars in all districts in Macau. According to the PSP, so far, a total of 21 drink driving cases have been recorded during this year's World Cup period, resulting in two injured. During the last World Cup, 67 drink driving cases were recorded. In the first half of 2018, 145 drink driving cases were registered, representing a 30 percent decrease year-on-year.

Flights canceled as typhoon nears Taiwan

TAIWAN warned businesses and schools to prepare for extreme conditions as Severe Typhoon Maria closes in on the island, disrupting flights and curtailing futures trading.

The typhoon could bring strong winds and heavy rains to northern and central Taiwan, the Central Weather Bureau said in statement yesterday. Several local governments in northern Taiwan including Taipei City, the island's political and business capital, have announced closures of offices and schools from 4 p.m.

In Macau, due to the influence of the typhoon, a total of sixteen flights departing or arriving to the local airport have been canceled yesterday and today. The airlines affected were Air Macau, TigerAir Taiwan and Eva Airways.

Taipei-based Civil Aeronautics Administration said by text message that many other airlines, including Cathay Pacific Airways Ltd., Air China Ltd. and EVA Airways Corp., have

canceled 161 international flights and 117 on domestic routes as of 10 a.m. yesterday,

The weather authority issued a sea warning and a land warning Monday, advising residents to take precautionary measures given risks of floods and landslides. It is currently unclear whether the storm will make direct landfall in Taiwan. The weather bureau forecasts it to be at its closest on Tuesday evening and early Wednesday.

Maria, with sustained winds of up to 191 kilometers per hour and gusts of up to 234 kilometers per hour, was categorized as a typhoon by the U.S. Joint Typhoon Warning Center.

The storm was heading west-northwest with decreasing speed of 28 kilometers per hour and comes amid extreme weather in other parts of Asia. Japan is grappling with the fallout from historic rainfall in the country's west which killed at least 110 people and pushed more than 23,000 into evacuation centers.



LOCAL AIRPORT RECORDS PASSENGER GROWTH

MACAU INTERNATIONAL Airport recorded significant passenger growth in first half of 2018. The local airport handled 4 million passengers, an increase of 20 percent compared to the corresponding period in 2017. Flight movements increased by 12 percent to over 31,000 landings and takeoffs compared to the

same period last year. In the first half of 2018, the passenger traffic from the three major markets of the Macau airport included mainland China, Taiwan and Southeast Asia, which recorded growth of 37 percent, 4 percent and 16 percent respectively over the same period last year. MIA has an average of 22,000 passengers per day.

CE continues to tour 'Greater Bay' cities

A delegation from the Macau government led by the Chief Executive (CE) Chui Sai On continues to tour cities that compose the "Greater Bay Area", visiting Zhaoqing and Foshan on Monday, a statement from the Government Information Bureau informed. About the opportunity, the CE stated,



Chui Sai On shakes hands with the Mayor of Huizhou

"Zhaoqing is the only city within the Greater Bay Area that serves as a gateway to southwest China," also noting that "Zhaoqing and Macau maintain a close geographical, social and cultural relationship, and together, formed one of the earliest platforms for exchange between Chinese and Western cultures," further calling for the broadening of such relations and co-operation between the two in several fields, including the economy, culture and tourism.

Regarding the advantages of development listed by the CE, Chui

said that heritage, cultural and tourism resources, and other areas can be explored to further co-operation for future projects and implement innovative cooperation models.

On the other hand, both areas should leverage their respective advantages to boost co-operation with Portuguese-speaking countries, an advantage provided by Macau.

The CE also noted the need for joint efforts from Zhaoqing and Macau "to enhance environmental protection measures, in order to build a greener Greater

Bay Area" as Zhaoqing is known for promoting developments which incorporate green concepts and aim to foster sustainable, low-carbon industries. The CE invited the People's Government of Zhaoqing Municipality to organize delegations to visit Macau, and participate in the upcoming Macao International Environmental Co-operation Forum (MIECF) and other related events with the aim of exploring new green business opportunities.

The delegation also toured Foshan, appreciating what is considered one of the most important manufacturing hubs in the Greater Bay Area.

Other areas where Macau and Foshan can deepen co-operation are education, culture, trade and technology, the CE said, further noting that the Macau government attaches great importance to co-operation on young entrepreneurship.

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Hong Kong makes special arrangements for greyhounds' importation

HONG Kong's Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department (AFCD) has agreed with the Macau Authority to a special arrangement for the importation of greyhounds by Hong Kong residents.

According to the agreement between Hong Kong and Macau, greyhounds to be imported to Hong Kong must be vaccinated against rabies, as well as other infectious diseases, including canine distemper, infectious canine hepatitis and canine parvovirus by registered veterinarians with records.

The dogs must also undergo blood tests conducted by the Macau Authority for submission to an AFCD-approved laboratory for rabies antibody levels testing.



DANIEL BEITLER

If antibody levels meet the AFCD's requirements, import applicants will then arrange for the dogs to stay within the territory of Macau for at least 90 days after the blood test.

Applicants must also obtain export health certificates issued by the Macau Authority. Applicants will submit

each dog's rabies antibody level and vaccination record to the AFCD on or before August 31 this year to apply for the special permit. The dogs must comply with the terms stated in the special permit when arriving in Hong Kong and undergo home quarantine for no less than 30 days.

Yesterday, the Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau said that it had not received any applications for export health certificates.

The Macau Canidrome has a scheduled deadline of July 21 to vacate the racetrack which is being dismantled. Meanwhile, the greyhound adoption process is ongoing. **JZ**

Advisor: Gas accidents often happen through negligence

LEO NG In Pong, deputy-coordinator of the advisory committee of the Northern district, said that most accidents relating to gas leaks happen because of owners' negligence.

This week's TDM outdoor program, Macau Forum, debated the blast that occurred last week at the Areia Preta district restaurant.

The explosion happened when a gas bottle was being replaced, leaving one dead and six injured as well as significant damage to the restaurant and in the building where it was located. Leong noted that there is "negligence from many residents" who "often acquire gas bottles and [gas appliances] in the mainland and install them by their own means," although this goes against the laws and regulations

of Macau.

Leong says that this happens because "it's cheaper to buy across the border," recalling previous incidents in other buildings in the same area where it was proven that there was inadequate ventilation and the owner had installed equipment without enough knowledge and in unsuitable areas of the house.

Another advisor recalled that in the neighboring region of Hong Kong, there are licensing stickers that must be used on such equipment to prove it has been inspected and is suitable for use. In addition, all gas bottles used in restaurants and other commercial spaces must mandatorily be acquired from registered gas retailers, noting that Macau "should take this as a reference."

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New Era and TCM to merge on August 1

BUS companies TCM and New Era will merge beginning August 1. The merged bus operator will remain named TCM, according to Leong Mei Leng, General Manager of TCM.

Yesterday, Leong revealed that the merger will see all its relevant procedures completed by the end of this month.

According to Leong, besides the adoption of TCM as the name of the new company, the two companies' entire fleet will be unified under the same TCM bus color.

Leong believes that the outcome of the merger is bigger than the sum of its parts.

She also claimed that the merger will not negatively impact current employees at both bus operators. Likewise, all bus routes run by TCM and New Era will remain unchanged.

In addition, TCM and New Era have already installed network nodes on 136 buses, which will allow the supervi-

sion and recording of traffic data.

The network nodes will also reportedly be able to identify a total of 36 unsafe driving behaviors, including speeding and sudden acceleration.

■ Leong said the merger will not negatively impact current employees at both bus operators

The nodes are said to correct the poor driving habits of some bus drivers. In the past, over 50 bus drivers have received training due to bad driving habits.

Moreover, this week, TCM will introduce two sets of auxiliary braking systems which will stop the vehicle automatically in an emergency.



GAMING

Elaine Wynn backed Harrah's ex-CEO Satre for Chairman role

IN the latest sign of tension between Elaine Wynn and the casino company she co-founded, the billionaire said she backed a candidate for chairman or vice chairman that Wynn Resorts Ltd. rejected.

Phil Satre, the former chief executive officer of Harrah's, now called Caesars Entertainment Corp., confirmed to Bloomberg News that he withdrew his name from consideration for a Wynn Resorts board seat. He declined to elaborate.

The candidate was offered a position on the board, but not the role of chairman or vice chairman, Elaine Wynn said in a regulatory filing this week. Wynn said the nominee wasn't a close associate of hers and that she had no agreements over direction of the company.

Elaine Wynn, the former wife of longtime CEO Steve Wynn, has been trying to reshape the board since her ex-husband stepped down in February. Steve Wynn was accused of sexually harassing multiple female employees, charges he denied. She successfully knocked one board member off the board by mobilizing shareholders ahead of the annual meeting in May.



In the latest filing, Wynn repeated an earlier request to have the entire Wynn Resorts board face election every year. She also urged the company to seek outside counsel in negotiating the separation of former General Counsel Kim Sinatra. Elaine Wynn suggested the termination could be for cause and that the company could withhold severance payments from Sinatra if she didn't cooperate with re-

gulatory investigations.

Wynn Resorts, based in Las Vegas, is being investigated by regulators in Nevada, Massachusetts and Macau in connection with the harassment allegations. A spokeswoman for Elaine Wynn declined to comment.

Wynn Resorts is continuing its efforts to refresh the board, including reviewing candidates submitted by Elaine Wynn, the company

said in an emailed statement. One-third of the board is new this year and additional members are expected by the end of the summer.

Satre, 69, is president of the National Center for Responsible Gaming. He ran Harrah's Entertainment for decades and is currently chairman of both retailer Nordstrom and slot machine maker International Game Technology. **Bloomberg**

CRIME

Two blacklisted persons found over the weekend

THE Public Security Police Force (PSP) has found two blacklisted people dwelling in Macau. The two men, found in separate and unrelated situations, had both illegally entered the region because they were banned from entering for periods of two and three years, respectively, the PSP spokesperson said.

The first case occurred in the area of the Avenida de Horta e Costa, when PSP officers chased a man who rode his bicycle through a red light at an intersection. When asked to provide documents, the man admitted to the officers that he had entered Macau illegally from Zhuhai.

He stated that he had been helped by a man in Zhuhai who brought him to Macau by boat in exchange for RMB3,800.

He said that his purpose in entering the region was to find a job, but the police found in their records that he had been banned from entering Macau for a period of two years.

In the second case, the police said that a man was acting suspiciously in Rua de Foshan, where an officer asked him to provide documents. He tried to flee but was caught a few minutes later.

Upon questioning, he admitted to being in Macau illegally, saying that he entered the region by swimming from Hengqin Island to Coloane.

This second man was also banned from entering Macau for a period of three years. **RM**

BLOOMBERG

Xiaomi gains USD6b in a rebound from weak Hong Kong debut



XIAOMI Corp. surged 13 percent a day after its disappointing debut, gaining roughly USD6 billion of market value as investors begin to pile into the world's third-largest listed smartphone maker.

The Chinese company finished yesterday at HKD19, well above its HKD17 initial public offering price. About HKD9.7 billion (\$1.2 billion) worth of shares changed hands,

more than the value traded during its debut. That rebound more than made up for Monday's 1.2 percent decline: the worst first-day performance by a \$1 billion-plus Hong Kong IPO since 2015.

In the long run, Xiaomi still needs to convince investors it's capable of shedding a reliance on cheap phones and becoming an internet giant. The company now faces intense scrutiny while it tries to prove

it should be twice as expensive as Apple Inc. It'll need to show in future financial results that it can squeeze more profit out of non-smartphone businesses from rice-cookers and scooters to online content.

"It's mostly a smartphone company, or hardware company because they do other things as well," said Daniel Baker, an analyst with Morningstar Investment who's got a sell rating and a target price of just HKD10 on Xiaomi. He wouldn't speculate on yesterday's spike. But "if they can develop some sort of ecosystem across the IoT spaces as well as the smartphone spaces, then it might well develop some sort of switching cost and a real way to increase returns and margins."

Xiaomi had priced its IPO at earnings multiples higher than more established tech giants, including Apple, Tencent Holdings Ltd. and Facebook Inc., arguing it was an internet services company even though most of its revenue comes from hardware. It then suffered a number of setbacks, from being forced to jettison plans to sell Chinese depository receipts in Shanghai to the onset of global trade tensions.

On the brighter side, it was announced that Xiaomi would join the Hang Seng Composite Index on July 23 and a clutch of FTSE indices from July 16, as proposed earlier. **Bloomberg**

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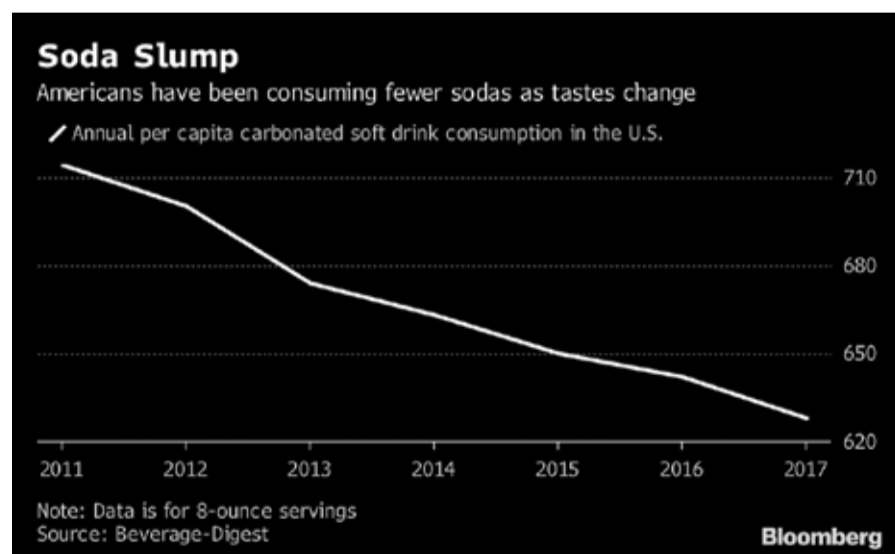
PEPSICO Inc., grappling with a slumping soda business, got another boost from its food operations.

The maker of Mountain Dew posted second-quarter profit that topped analysts' estimates, helped by strong sales of Frito-Lay chips and Quaker oatmeal, according to a statement yesterday. Core earnings per share were USD1.61, 9 cents above analysts' consensus estimate.

The results sent the company's shares up 1.6 percent in early trading. The stock closed Monday at \$107.76 in New York, down 10 percent for the year.

PepsiCo, like rival Coca-Cola Co., is looking beyond sugary soda to drive growth as consumers become more health-conscious. Chief Executive Officer Indra Nooyi has said fixing the struggling North American beverage

Pepsi gets another boost from salty snacks



unit is a top priority, but in the meantime the company is getting a boost from its food brands.

Consumer giants ranging from PepsiCo to Nestle SA are wrestling with changing tastes as shoppers turn away from sugary foods and drinks and seek out healthier fare. Consumption of carbona-

ted soft drinks fell to a 32-year low in the U.S. last year, according to Beverage-Digest, a trade publication.

While chips have been less affected than sodas, PepsiCo has also introduced organic versions of some of its biggest snack brands, in addition to buying startup competitors like

baked fruit and vegetable snackmaker Bare Foods Co.

Profit in the company's Frito-Lay North America unit, which makes Cheetos and Doritos, was up 5 percent in the quarter.

Overall, revenue in the latest quarter was \$16.1 billion, slightly ahead of estimates. **Bloomberg**



Tesla plans China plant with 500,000 vehicle capacity

TESLA Inc. is planning a factory in China with a capacity for 500,000 vehicles a year, according to people familiar with the matter, making its biggest push outside the U.S. to date.

Tesla is due to sign a memorandum of understanding with local entities in Shanghai, the people said, asking not to be identified as the information isn't public. Chief Executive Officer Elon Musk was to be in the city for an event with the government on Tuesday, Bloomberg reported earlier. A Tesla representative in China didn't immediately respond to a request for comment.

Tesla said a year ago it was working with the Shanghai government to explore local

manufacturing. Since then, production in China has become even more compelling: Last week, in response to tariffs imposed by the U.S., China increased the import duty on U.S.-made cars to 40 percent, compared with 25 percent last year, prompting Tesla to raise prices. A plant in China also reduces shipping costs and potentially makes sourcing components more economical.

The company has boosted of Model S sedans and Model X crossovers in China by as much as \$30,000 after Beijing imposed additional duties on American-built autos, putting its vehicles beyond the reach of more consumers in its No. 2 market globally. **Bloomberg**

MOZAMBIQUE

Air transport has new competition rules

THE civil aviation sector in Mozambique, which is in the process of liberalization, as of the end of August will have new competition rules, under legislation recently approved by the government.

Fastjet, a consortium from South Africa and the United Kingdom, last year became the first foreign-owned company to offer regular domestic passenger flights in Mozambique at the end of last year, linking the cities of Maputo and Beira, and Tete and Nampula.

So far, only state-owned Linhas Aéreas de Moçambique (LAM) has been operating domestic flights, but management problems and lack of airplanes and money to pay for fuel have caused delays and re-scheduling of flights.

At the end of May, the government approved the new Regulation on Competition in Mozambican Air Transport Services, which will



Maputo airport

enter into force on 28 August, establishing rules for good competitive practices in transport and air services, and sets out practices, agreements or conduct, which have an anti-competitive effect, according to the Regional Coordination of LegisPalop+TL.

The new legislation aims to prevent agreements between airlines and any concerted practice/cartelization which adversely affects the liberalization of air transport services in Mozambique and is aimed at obstruction, restriction or distortion

of competition.

The decree stipulates illegal anti-competitive practices and agreements including agreements, decisions of associations between air operators and any concerted practice that directly or indirectly determines conditions of purchase or sale or any other commercial conditions, including the prices charged on the routes.

Other types of anti-competitive practices outlined are agreements that limit or control markets, technical development or investment, adding excess capacity or fre-

quency of services, dividing markets or sources of supply, by distributing passengers, territories, or specific types of services and applying unequal conditions for similar operations with other airlines, putting them at a competitive disadvantage.

According to the Regional Coordination of LegisPalop + TL, this Regulation also prohibits the abuse of a dominant position by one or more air operators.

Finally, it provides that the Regulatory Competition Authority, which is also the competent authority for receiving complaints, may exempt companies, air operators and company associations from any specific practices, agreements or decisions which may have been considered unlawful or prohibited, by means of a clarification and proof of market adjustment to air operators and company associations operating in the air transport sector.

In June, during the 6th session of the Joint Commission between China and Mozambique, the Chinese government committed to donate about USD100 million to fund four development projects in Mozambique, including the construction of Xai-Xai airport, in Gaza province. **MDT/Macauhub**

BRAZIL

Chinese companies invest USD1.343b in first half

THE confirmed investment projects of Chinese companies in Brazil during the first half of the year totaled USD1.43 billion, an increase of 343 percent compared to \$302.9 million reported in the same period of 2017, according to the Bimonthly Bulletin on Chinese Investments in Brazil for the May/June period.

The newsletter from the Office for International Affairs of the Ministry of Planning, Development and Management also said the figures disclosed for announced projects are relatively similar, with \$286.49 million in the first half of 2018 and US\$198.87 million in the same period of 2017.

From 2003 to June 2018, Chinese companies announced 161 investment projects in Brazil with a total investment of \$71.5 billion, of which 102 projects worth \$53.9 billion were confirmed.

Most focused on mergers and acquisitions or acquisition of concessions worth a total of \$48.01 billion, while projects built from scratch were limited to 30, with a total investment of \$5.95 billion.

In May June 2018, three projects were announced, with the highest value related to CPFL Geração de Energia (controlled by the China State Grid group), which won a lot auctioned by the National Electric Energy Agency (ANEEL), with a two-kilometer transmission line, a substation and 450 MVA of power located in Ceará, that represented an investment of US\$2.02 million. **MDT/Macauhub**

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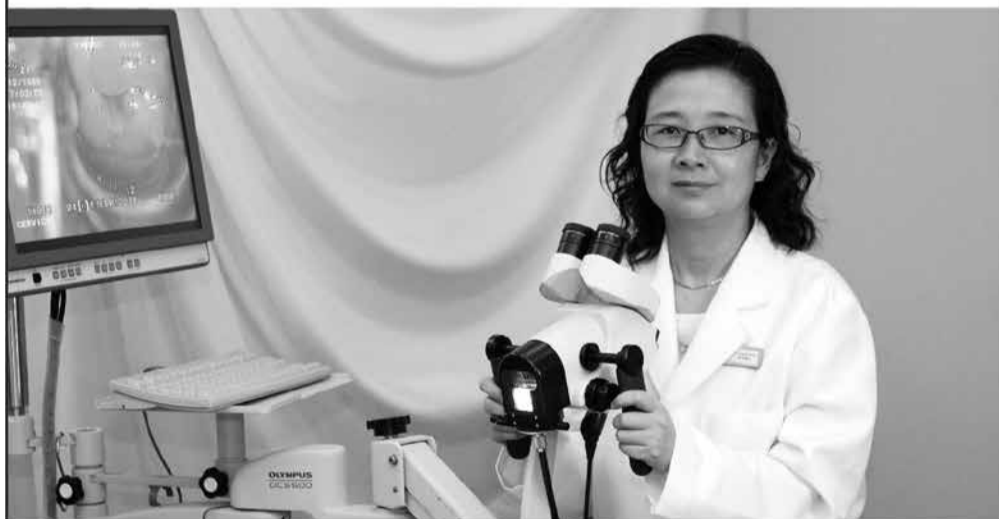


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ANALYSIS

How China could hurt US once it ran out of imports to tax

Joe McDonald, Beijing

IN his trade war with China, President Donald Trump wields one seeming advantage: The United States could ultimately slap tariffs on more than USD500 billion in imported Chinese goods. Beijing has much less to tax: It imported just \$130 billion in U.S. goods last year.

Yet that hardly means China would be powerless to fight back once it ran out of U.S. goods to penalize. It possesses a range of other weapons with which to inflict pain on the U.S. economy.

Indeed, China's Commerce Ministry has warned of "comprehensive measures" it could take against the United States. It has given no details but possible

tactics could include harassing automakers, retailers or other American companies that depend on China to drive revenue to selling U.S. government debt or disrupting diplomatic efforts over North Korea.

Some of those steps might harm China's own interests. But Beijing might still be willing to deploy them, at least temporarily, if its trade war with Washington were to drag on.

On Friday, Washington imposed its first tariffs in response to complaints Beijing steals or pressuring companies to hand over technology. China swiftly announced retaliatory tariffs on a similar amount of U.S. goods.

A look at some of China's options:

TARGET AMERICAN COMPANIES

China's state-dominated and heavily regulated economy gives authorities an arsenal of tools to disrupt U.S. companies by withholding licenses or launching tax, anti-monopoly or other investigations.

Also open to retaliation are services such as engineering and logistics in which the United States runs a trade surplus.

"The U.S. focus is on goods, while China could very well look at services, as well as the operation of U.S. companies in China," said Taimur Baig, chief economist for DBS Group.

In one prominent case, U.S. chipmaker Qualcomm Inc. has waited for months for word on

whether Chinese regulators will accept its proposed \$44 billion acquisition of NXP Semiconductors. All other major governments have approved the deal.

China's entirely state-controlled media have encouraged consumer boycotts against Japanese, South Korean and other products during previous disputes with those governments.

Last year, Beijing destroyed Korean retailer Lotte's business in China after the company sold land in South Korea to the Seoul government for an anti-missile system opposed by Chinese leaders.

Beijing closed most of Lotte's 99 supermarkets and other outlets in China. Seoul and Beijing later mended relations, but

Lotte gave up and sold its China operations.

FINANCIAL LEVERAGE

Nationalists point to China's \$1.2 trillion holdings of U.S. government debt as leverage. Beijing might suffer losses if it sold enough to influence U.S. debt financing costs — but such sales might become necessary.

China's yuan has sagged against the dollar this year, which might require the central bank to intervene in currency markets.

To get the dollars it needs, the People's Bank of China might "become a net seller of U.S. Treasuries," said Carl B. Weinberg of High-Frequency Economics in a report.

"Punishing the U.S. Treasury market is one of the tactics China has available to retaliate against unilateral U.S. tariffs," said Weinberg.

DIPLOMATIC PRESSURE

Beijing can appeal for support to U.S. allies that are miffed by Trump's "America first" approach and the U.S. withdrawal from the Paris climate pact.

Trump's unilateral actions have allowed China to position itself as a defender of free trade despite its status as the most-closed major economy. That could help Beijing win over governments that have criticized Trump for acting outside the World Trade Organization.

"China could strike a common ground with the EU, Canada, Japan and other economies impacted by the U.S. tariffs," said Citigroup economists Li-Gang Liu, Xiaowen Jin and Xiangrong Yu in a report.

Chinese leaders have tried, so far without success, to recruit European and other governments as allies.

More broadly, Chinese commentators have suggested Beijing also could disrupt diplomatic work over North Korea's nuclear and missile programs or other initiatives. But political analysts say that would risk setting back work Chinese leaders see as a priority. **AP**

BELT AND ROAD

Xi pledges billions in loans, aid to Arab nations

CHINA'S President Xi Jinping pledged more than USD23 billion in lines of credit, loans and humanitarian assistance to Arab countries yesterday in a major push for influence in the region from which China sources much of its energy needs.

Xi told participants in a conference of Arab leaders in Beijing that Syria, Yemen, Jordan and Lebanon would receive \$91 million in humanitarian assistance.

Another \$151 million was earmarked for aid projects, with the remaining \$23 billion designated for financial and economic cooperation, Xi said. No details were given about how or when the money would be dispersed.

"China and Arab states must synergize our development strategies in pursuit of our respective dream of rejuvenation," Xi said.

China has expanded its influence among Arab sta-

tes both for economic purposes and to counter the influence of Washington and Europe.

Saudi Arabia was China's second-largest source of crude oil last year and Iraq was its third biggest supplier at the start of 2018. The Middle East is also a key node in China's "Belt and Road" initiative that envisages linking Beijing to other parts of Asia, Europe and Africa via a network of ports, railways, economic development

zones and power plants.

China "supports the construction of a future logistics network connecting Central Asia with east Africa and the Indian Ocean with the Mediterranean," Xi told the conference.

Politically, China has sought a role as an intermediary between Israel and the Palestinians and provided diplomatic cover for Syrian President Bashar Assad in the country's seven-year civil war. **AP**



Kuwait's ruling emir, Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmad Al Sabah (left) and President Xi Jinping in Beijing

Gerry Shih & Yanan Wang, Beijing

CHINA allowed the widow of Chinese Nobel Peace Prize laureate Liu Xiaobo to be freed from house arrest and leave for Berlin yesterday, ending an eight-year ordeal that drove the poet into depression and drew intense criticism of Beijing's human rights record.

The release of Liu Xia, who has never been charged with any crime, is the result of years of campaigning by Western governments and activists and comes just days before the one-year anniversary of the death of dissident Liu Xiaobo while he was serving a prison sentence for inciting subversion.

Liu Xia's brother, Liu Hui, wrote on a social media site: "Sister has already left Beijing for Europe at noon to start her new life. Thanks to everyone who has helped and cared for her these few years. I hope from now on her life is peaceful and happy."

Chinese Premier Li Keqiang is visiting Germany, a country that in May said it would welcome the widow after a recording was released of her crying in desperation and indicating she had lost hope of being able to leave China.

Liu's close friends Gao Yu, a veteran journalist in Beijing, and Wu Yangwei, better known by his pen name Ye Du, said Liu Xia was on a Finnair flight to Berlin that left yesterday morning. Wu said he spoke to Liu Xia's older brother, Liu Tong.

"Liu Xia has been kept isolated for so many years," Wu said by phone from the southern city of Guangzhou. "I hope that being in a free country will allow Liu Xia to heal her long-standing traumas and wounds."

Friends say Liu Xia has expressed a preference for going to Germany, where she has a circle of friends from China's dissident and literary circles. German Chancellor Angela Merkel meets regularly with dissidents during visits to China and has raised Liu Xia's case with Chinese officials, including during a visit in May, people familiar with the matter said.

When Liu Xiaobo died, German Foreign Minister Sigmar Gabriel urged the Chinese government to let Liu Xia and her brother leave the country for Germany.

China sentenced Liu Xiaobo in December 2009 to 11 years in prison on charges of inciting subversion of state power after he helped write a manifesto calling for political and economic liberalization.

Days after the Nobel Committee awarded him the Peace Prize in 2010, infuriating Beijing, Chinese authorities put Liu Xia under house ar-

AP PHOTO



Liu Xia gestures yesterday as she arrives at the Helsinki International Airport

LIU XIA

Beijing frees Nobel widow from house arrest that drew outcry

rest. State security assigned guards around-the-clock outside Liu's Beijing home and restricted her access to the internet and the outside world, allowing her only occasional phone calls with a small circle of friends.

The news of her release was a rare piece of good news for China's beleaguered community of activists, who have been at the center of an expansive crackdown on civil society, rights lawyers and other independent groups the administration of President Xi Jinping has deemed a threat to the ruling Communist Party's grip on power. The last time a high-profile political prisoner was allowed to leave China was in 2012, when Beijing permitted the blind activist Chen Guangcheng to fly to New York after he escaped from house arrest and hid for six days in the U.S. Embassy in Beijing.

Several expressed concerns about the fate of Liu's brother, Liu Hui, who has previously

been convicted of fraud and sentenced to jail in a case supporters said was a form of retaliation against the attention the Nobel laureate was getting.

"This is fantastic news, something we have all been hoping against hope for a long time," said Hu Jia, a family friend and Beijing-based activist. "But we still fear for Liu Hui, who is being kept in the country as a guarantee so that Liu Xia does not speak out abroad."

A Chinese foreign ministry spokeswoman, Hua Chunying, confirmed that Liu had left for Germany, saying she was seeking "medical treatment on her own accord."

China has previously criticized calls by Western governments for Liu's release, saying that foreign countries were making "improper remarks" over what Beijing sees as a domestic affair.

Officials have also insisted that Liu Xia was a free citizen — a clear contradiction of the

reality on the ground, according to her friends and people who encountered guards blocking their attempts to visit her at her home in Beijing.

Liu's friends in recent months have said her mental condition has steadily deteriorated, particularly since the death of her husband.

"If I can't leave, I'll die in my home," Liu Xia had said during a recent phone call with her close friend Liao Yiwu, a writer who documented their conversation in an essay published in May.

"Xiaobo is gone, and there's nothing in the world for me now," Liu said tearfully. "It's easier to die than live. Using death to defy could not be any simpler for me."

An accomplished artist and poet, Liu told Associated Press reporters during an unexpected visit to her home in 2012 that she had anticipated China would punish her for her husband's Nobel award, but she had not expected to be kept under "Kafkaesque" house arrest.

Rare images of Liu Xia were released by the authorities last year as she cared for Liu Xiaobo in his final days fighting liver cancer in a hospital under police custody.

The pale, bespectacled poet,

who had long sported a shaved haircut, appeared gaunt and somber in most of the images. She was depicted attending Liu's closely staged funeral dressed in black and wearing dark sunglasses as she clutched a photograph of her husband.

Her husband was only the second Nobel Peace Prize winner to die in police custody, a fact pointed to by human rights groups as an indication of the ruling party's increasingly hard line against its critics. The first, Carl von Ossietzky, died from tuberculosis in Germany in 1938 while serving a sentence for opposing Adolf Hitler's Nazi regime.

Frances Eve, a researcher for Chinese Human Rights Defenders, said Liu Xia's "long-awaited" release was an "easy win" likely intended to stem the criticism around the upcoming anniversary of Liu's death in custody.

"I think the government wanted to try and save face, and make it seem as though it is a country ruled according to law when everything about her case has shown demonstrably that it is not," Eve said. "She has been an unwilling symbol of the brutality of China's treatment of human rights activists." AP

■ Chinese Premier Li Keqiang is visiting Germany, a country that in May said it would welcome the widow

JAPAN FLOODS

Many out of power, water; over 150 dead

Haruka Nuga
& Mari Yamaguchi, Hiroshima

AKIRA Tanimoto says his apartment narrowly survived the floods and mudslide at his residential complex over the weekend, and even if he wants to go back there with his wife and two pet birds, he can't because there is no water, power or food available.

After their desperate run from floods that had hit the apartment complex where about a dozen of his neighbors were found dead, he returned to his place Monday to check on his apartment, which was almost intact. He also had to bring with him his beloved birds, which he initially had to leave behind.

Tanimoto wants to go back there with his wife, Chieko, and their yellow and green parakeets, Pi-chan and Kyako-chan, but said it would take a few weeks until they get the utility services back and clean the place.

"I can't go back if I wanted to," the 66-year-old retired Self-Defense serviceman said, holding a bird cage, in which the birds chirped as he spoke. "Electricity is out, water is cut off and there is no information there."

Rescuers were combing through mud-covered hillsides and along riverbanks yesterday searching for dozens of people missing after heavy rains unleashed flooding and mudslides in southwestern Japan, where the death toll has exceeded 150.

More than 50 people were unaccounted for as of yesterday evening, many in the hardest-hit Hiroshima area. At Tanimoto's apartment complex, about a



A car is covered with mud as houses are damaged after a mudslide caused by heavy rains in Hiroshima, southwestern Japan

dozen victims have been found. He and his wife grabbed the minimum necessities and walked about 1.5 kilometers to a fire engine Sunday after the floods and mudslides hit the complex. Debris and mudslides had stopped right outside the couple's apartment door.

Tanimoto thinks he and his wife are the lucky ones. "Some of our neighbors had their apartments destroyed, others are still looking for their families. So we are lucky. Our parakeets even survived," he said.

Work under the scorching sun was hampered by mud and heat, and shipments of relief goods were delayed by damaged roads and transportation systems, especially in areas isolated by the disaster.

Residents sheltering at the Yano school were provided with water, blankets and cellphone

chargers. But a local volunteer, Yuki Sato, 25, said local convenience stores were obviously in short supply, so she didn't buy anything there because she wanted to save them for the evacuees or others who can't drive out of town.

Water and other relief supplies were scarce in some of the other disaster-hit areas.

"No water, food, nothing gets here," Ichiro Tanabe, a 73-year-old resident in the neighboring port city of Kure, told the Mainichi newspaper. "We are going to be all dried up if we continue to be isolated."

Delivery companies Sagawa Express Co. and Yamato Transport Co. and cargo service Japan Freight Railway Co. said some of their shipments to and from the flooded areas have been suspended or reduced. Regional supermarket chains such as Every

Co. said one outlet is closed and several other outlets shortened service hours due to delivery delays and supply shortage.

Thousands of homes were still without clean water and electricity in Hiroshima and other hard-hit areas. Residents lined up for water under the scorching sun as temperatures rose to 35 Celsius (95 Fahrenheit), raising risks of heat stroke.

In another hard-hit town, Ozu in Ehime prefecture, water supplies were entirely cut off and residents could not clean their mud-stained homes, or even their clothes. At a major supermarket in town, employees sold bottled water and tea, cups of noodles and other preserved foods that survived the floods, while employees cleaned damaged merchandise, throwing items into dozens of plastic bags.

The landslides and flooding across much of western Japan have killed at least 155 people, Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga told a news conference.

Some of the thousands of residents who had been evacuated, some rescued from their rooftops, began cleaning up after the rain stopped Monday.

Suga said the government set up a task force and was spending 2 billion yen (USD18 million) to hasten deliveries of supplies and other support for evacuation centers and residents in the region.

Earlier, the Self-Defense Force ferried seven oil trucks from Hiroshima to Kure, a manufacturing city whose 226,000 residents were cut off from the rest of the prefecture due to the disaster.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, who had canceled a planned trip to Europe and the Middle East this week to oversee the emergency response, will visit disaster-hit areas in the Okayama prefecture, Suga said. The government mobilized 75,000 troops and emergency workers and nearly 80 helicopters for the search and rescue effort, Suga said.

Assessment of the casualties was slowed by the scale of the area affected. Officials in Ehime prefecture asked the government to review its weather warning system, noting that rain warnings were issued after damage and casualties already had occurred. The Japan Meteorological Agency said as much as 10 centimeters (3 inches) of rain per hour fell on large parts of southwestern Japan. **AP**

NORTH KOREA

Trump says he's still confident Kim will denuclearize

PRESIDENT Donald Trump voiced confidence that North Korea's leader would "honor" his commitment to denuclearize, despite Pyongyang's accusation that the U.S. is making "gangster-like" demands in negotiations.

It was Trump's first public response since North Korea gave a harsh send-off to Secretary of State Mike Pompeo after he visited the authoritarian nation last week amid growing skepticism that the North intends to give up its nukes.

Pompeo was seeking progress on the joint statement issued by Trump

and Kim at their historic summit in Singapore in June. Pompeo characterized his talks with North Korean officials as productive, but the North's foreign ministry blasted the discussions, saying the visit — the third by the top U.S. diplomat since April — had been "regrettable."

Trump responded to that setback with a tweet: "I have confidence that Kim Jong Un will honor the contract we signed &, even more importantly, our handshake. We agreed to the denuclearization of North Korea. China, on the other hand, may be exerting negative pressure

on a deal because of our posture on Chinese Trade-Hope Not!"

Robert Gallucci, who led the U.S. in direct talks with North Korea beginning in mid-1993, said while the two statements contrasted he does not see Pyongyang's statement as "devastating in any way" to future talks.

"The statement was to my ear — in a way — much more gentle and careful than I have heard from the North Koreans on any number of occasions over two decades," Gallucci said during a call with reporters organized by 38 North, a well-respected

North Korea-watching website and project of the Stimson Center, a U.S. think tank.

The U.S. and North Korea have actually yet to reach any agreement on the terms under which the North would relinquish its weapons programs, beyond the North's commitment at the summit "to work toward complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula." Pompeo's visit last week was intended to begin more detailed negotiations to flesh out the details.

The president's comments on China appeared to reflect concern that U.S.



U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo (right) and Kim Yong Chol, a North Korean senior ruling party official

imposition of punitive tariffs on Chinese imports last week could make China less cooperative in pressuring the North over its nuclear and missile programs. China is North Korea's traditional ally and main trading partner, and is key to maintaining sanctions on Pyongyang.

Recent reports suggest that despite its commit-

ment to denuclearize, the North has continued to expand infrastructure at nuclear and missile sites. Pompeo has vowed that sanctions would remain until Pyongyang follows through on Kim's pledge to get rid of his atomic weapons.

That clearly remains a point of contention with North Korea. **AP**

THAILAND

Daring rescue saves all 12 boys, soccer coach from cave



Kaweewit Kaewjinda
& Stephen Wright, Mae Sai

ALL 12 boys and their soccer coach have been rescued from a flooded cave in northern Thailand, the Thai navy SEALs said yesterday, ending an 18-day ordeal that riveted people around the world.

The SEALs, who were central to the rescue effort, said on their Facebook page that the remaining four boys and their 25-year-old coach were all brought out safely yesterday. Eight of the boys had been brought out of the cave by a team of Thai and international divers on Sunday and Monday.

"We are not sure if this is a miracle, a science, or what. All the thirteen Wild Boars are now out of the cave," the SEALs said, referring to the name of the boys' soccer team.

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SEALS

"Everyone is safe," they said.

They said they were waiting for a medic and three SEALs who had stayed with the boys in their dark refuge deep inside the cave complex to come out.

Cheers erupted at a local government office where dozens of volunteers and journalists were awaiting news of whether the intricate and

high-risk rescue mission had succeeded. Helicopters taking the boys to a hospital roared overhead.

Highlighting the dangers, a former Thai navy SEAL died Friday while replenishing oxygen canisters laid at regular intervals along the route out of the sprawling Tham Luang cave.

The plight of the boys and their coach has riveted Thailand and much of the world — from the heart-sinking news that they were missing to the first flickering video of the huddle of anxious yet smiling boys when they were found 10 days later by a pair of British divers. They were trapped in the cave that became flooded by monsoon rains while they were exploring it after a soccer practice on June 23.

The eight boys brought out by divers on Sunday and Monday were doing well and were in good spirits, a senior health official said yesterday. **AP**



A day-by-day look at the cave ordeal

June 23 After a morning practice, 12 members of the local Wild Boars youth soccer team bicycle with their 25-year-old coach to the Tham Luang Nang Non cave to explore, when heavy rains begin. When none of the boys return home after dark and cannot be contacted, parents report them as missing. Their bicycles are found parked and locked at the cave entrance as a search begins around midnight.

June 24 Search and rescue teams comprising local authorities, police and rescue workers find soccer shoes and backpacks left behind by the boys near the cave entrance.

June 25 As the search expands, handprints and footprints thought to belong to the boys are found farther from the cave entrance. Parents holding a vigil outside begin prayer sessions.

June 26 About a dozen Thai navy SEALs and others searchers penetrate the cave, but Interior Minister Anupong Paojinda tells reporters they are seriously handicapped by muddy water that has filled some chambers of the large cave to their ceilings.

June 27 More heavy rainfall stymies search efforts, flooding underground passages faster than water can be pumped out. A U.S. military team and British cave experts, along with several other private teams of foreign cavers, join the operation.

June 28 Efforts begin to drain groundwater from the cave by drilling from outside into the mountain. A search for other entrances to the cave intensifies as diving is temporarily suspended for safety reasons.

June 29 Thai Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha visits the cave site and urges relatives of the missing not to give up hope. Efforts to drain the cave with pumps make little progress.

June 30 The effort to locate the missing picks up pace again, as a break in the rain eases flooding in the system of caverns and more experts from around the world, including Australia and China, join the rescue mission. In anticipation of finding the boys, an evacuation drill is held to practice how they will be sent to a hospital after leaving the cave.

July 1 Rescue divers advance into

the main passageway inside the flooded cave and set up a staging area inside. Thai navy SEALs reach a bend where the kilometer-long passage splits in two directions.

July 2 Two expert British cave divers locate the missing boys and their coach. They record video of the boys talking with them.

July 3 The videos are released and show the boys taking turns introducing themselves, folding their hands together in a traditional Thai greeting and saying their names. The boys also say they are healthy.

July 4 Seven navy SEALs and a doctor join the boys with food and medicine. Options are discussed about whether the boys should be taken out of the cave with divers soon or kept in place until conditions improve.

July 5 The boys continue with diving lessons in case a decision is made to extract them through a route that is partially underwater. The effort to pump out water is increased.

July 6 Officials indicate that they favor extracting the boys as soon as possible, fearing further danger if they are forced to stay inside by more rain causing additional flooding. Concern increases about falling oxygen levels inside the cave. A former navy SEAL aiding the rescue effort dies from a lack of oxygen during his mission.

July 7 Officials suggest that an underwater evacuation will be made in the following few days because of predictions of a rainstorm. However, they say the boys' diving skills are not yet where they need to be.

July 8 The official heading the rescue operation declares that "D-Day" has arrived as he announces the start of the operation to bring the boys and their coach out of the cave. Divers take four of the boys out through tight passages and flooded caverns.

July 9 Divers take four more boys to safety during the second day of the rescue operation. This leaves four boys and their coach still inside the cave.

July 10 On the third day of the rescue operation, divers bring out the remaining four boys and their coach, ending an ordeal that lasted more than two weeks.



Trump speaks with (from left) Justin Trudeau, Donald Tusk and Macron, after a group photo at the G7 Summit in Italy last year

EUROPE-US

Friend or foe at NATO? Who knows when Trump comes to dinner

Raf Casert, Brussels

WHEN Donald Trump walks into a NATO summit today, international politics are bound to become intensely personal — again.

Since moving into the White House almost 18 months ago, the U.S. president has been as abrasive with some of America's most trusted allies as he has been warm toward traditional adversaries like North Korea and Russia.

The unpredictable Trump's affinity for the leaders of NATO's 28 other members carries the potential to further blur the lines between who is a friend and who is a foe.

The iconic visual from the military alliance's 2017 summit was Trump shoving aside the prime minister of new member Montenegro, Dusko Markovic, to get in front of the pack for a group photo. The billionaire went on to publicly scold his fellow NATO leaders over defense spending.

Last year's visit to Brussels also produced the famous *mano a mano* handshake between Trump and French President Emmanuel Macron. The two men, who were meeting for the first time, locked hands with grips so intense their knuckles started turning white.

Divisive issues have generated other white-knuckle moments in the year since. Trump still is angry the allies don't beef up their individual military budgets. The Europeans abhor Trump's decision to impose steel and aluminum tariffs on a part of the world

that is supposed to be the United States' partner.

The dynamics between Trump and heads of government with their own predilections could create some volatile chemistry at the two-day summit.

ANGELA MERKEL

Merkel and Trump are a study in contrast. The German chancellor is as careful with her policies and public statements as the U.S. leader is brash and unpredictable. If Merkel is willing to let Germany's pre-eminent position in Europe do the talking for her, Trump wants to push America's No. 1 position on the global stage — and will take care of all the talking too.

Merkel and Trump have had a rocky relationship since the early days of his presidential campaign, when he claimed she was "ruining Germany" after *Time Magazine* picked her as the 2015 Person of the Year instead of him.

Their first meeting, which took place in Washington in March 2017, included the moment when Trump appeared to ignore Merkel's offer of a handshake, a much-remarked upon incident. During her next visit to Washington this year, Trump came out with two kisses on the cheek. But the positions articulated by the two on issues ranging from trade and military spending to climate change and migration have remained far apart.

Going into Wednesday's summit, Merkel is emerging from a battle within her government over migration. It remains to be

seen if scars will be visible on the international stage.

Trump already pounced on Germany in the run-up, sending a tweet that said, "the United States is spending far more on NATO than any other Country." Then he singled out one: "they must do much more. Germany is at 1%, the U.S. is at 4%."

THERESA MAY

British Prime Minister May might be even more politically weakened when she encounters Trump. Her week started with her chief Brexit negotiator and her foreign secretary both resigning in disagreement with May's plan for Britain's post-Brexit relationship with the European Union.

May's relationship with Trump started well enough. Soon after his inauguration, she was the first foreign leader to pay an official visit. The two were seen holding hands briefly as they walked along the White House colonnade. The so-called "special relationship" between Britain and the United States seemed secure.

Since then, Trump waded feet first into Britain's approach to countering terrorism after a string of attacks, upsetting both May and the mayor of London with tweets that came off as put-downs. May last month called Trump's decision to impose punishing tariffs on steel and aluminum imports from the EU "unjustified and deeply disappointing."

EMMANUEL MACRON

After that handshake in Brussels, the Trump-Macron rela-

tionship really took off. The two stayed in touch by phone and shared embraces and kisses when they met again in April.

Macron — who at 40 is young enough to be Trump's son — was the first foreign leader treated to a lavish state visit to Washington. In a gesture that would be scrutinized for its meaning, Trump brushed the shoulders of the French president's pristine suit before one of their photo ops.

"We have a very special relationship; In fact, I'll get that little piece of dandruff off. We have to make him perfect — He is perfect," Trump chattered as Macron smiled, appearing unruffled by the act of...intimacy? Dominance? Protectiveness? Disrespect?

Policy-wise, the relationship clearly is imperfect.

Trump threw cold water on the love fest by pulling out of the Paris climate agreement and a nuclear accord with Iran, two initiatives the Obama administration sang onto in 2015 and Macron strongly backs.

Trump's decision to impose the steel tariffs created more distance. Macron called it "illegal" and a "mistake." By June, Macron was looking to take the lead of a European brigade against Trump, rejecting American "hegemony."

JUSTIN TRUDEAU

The wounds will be still raw when the two meet today, barely a month after Canadian Prime Minister Trudeau organized the Group of Seven summit of ma-

ior economies that ended with Trump calling his North American neighbor "dishonest" and "weak" by Trump.

Trump roiled the G-7 meeting in Canada by first agreeing to a group statement on trade and then withdrawing from it. The president complained he had been blindsided by Trudeau's criticism of the U.S. tariff threats. As so many others before him, Trudeau learned of Trump's ire straight from the president's fingers on Twitter.

THE DONALDS

Relations between Washington and the European Union have sunk so low by now that there will not be a full summit between the two this year.

Trump and EU chief Donald Tusk nevertheless will be in the same room often enough during NATO events this week.

Tusk, a former Polish prime minister who is president of the European Council, let it be known before the 2016 U.S. presidential election that he thought "one Donald is more than enough!" He says time has only proven him more right.

Tusk has described Trump's abrasiveness as a challenge for Europe equal to China's expanding economic power or Russia's belligerence. He called it "a new phenomenon, the capricious assertiveness of the American administration."

"Someone could even think 'with friends like that, who needs enemies,'" Tusk asked this spring after Trump first threatened to slap tariffs on EU steel and aluminum exports and reneged on an agreement to stop Iran from developing nuclear weapons.

At the NATO summit, where leaders will discuss how to counter Russian aggression, Trump's one-on-one summit with Russian President Vladimir Putin days after will be the big elephant in the room. **AP**

Jill Lawless, London

UK

May fights to stop Cabinet exodus over Brexit

BRITISH Prime Minister Theresa May met with her shaken-up Cabinet yesterday as she tried to restore government unity after the resignations of two top ministers over Brexit.

May has spent the past few days fighting for her political life as first Brexit Secretary David Davis and then Foreign Secretary Boris Johnson quit, saying May's plans for future relations with the European Union did not live up to their idea of Brexit.

May, who has tried to keep calm and carry on, said in a tweet that it was a "productive Cabinet meeting" and she was "looking forward to a busy week."

The resignations rocked May in a week that includes a NATO summit starting Wednesday and a U.K. visit by U.S. President Donald Trump that begins Thursday.

Johnson quit Monday with an incendiary letter accusing May of killing "the Brexit dream" and flying "white flags" of surrender in negotiations with the European Union.

May replaced Johnson with loyal former Health Secretary Jeremy Hunt, and gave Davis' job to ambitious mi-



This is a handout photo provided by Downing Street showing a Cabinet meeting in London, yesterday

nister Dominic Raab in a bid to shore up her authority.

Conservative lawmaker Michael Fallon, an ally of May, dismissed Johnson's "Brexit dream" rallying cry.

"Dreaming is good, probably for all of us, but we have to deal with the real world," he said.

Fallon warned Conservative rebels that a challenge to May's leadership is "the last thing we need."

Other pro-Brexit Cabinet ministers said they supported May and would not resign. Asked if he was planning to quit, environment Secretary Michael Gove said "absolute-

ly not."

Two years after Britain voted 52 percent to 48 percent to leave the European Union, May is trying to find a middle way between two starkly differing views — within her party and the country — of the U.K.'s relationship with Europe.

May replaced Johnson with loyal Jeremy Hunt, gave Davis' job to ambitious minister Dominic Raab

Pro-Europeans want to retain close economic ties with the bloc and its market of 500 million people, while some Brexit supporters

want a clean break to make it possible to strike new trade deals around the world.

A plan agreed by May's Cabinet last week seeks to keep the U.K. and the EU in a free-trade zone for goods, and commits Britain to maintaining the same rules as the bloc for goods and agricultural products.

May says the plan will deliver frictionless trade with Europe and avoid a hard border between the U.K.'s Northern Ireland region and EU member Ireland.

But many pro-Brexit lawmakers are furious at a plan they say will stop Britain forging an independent economic course. Davis and Johnson initially backed the plan, before deciding they could not support it.

EU officials say they will respond to the proposals once they have seen details. The British government is due to publish a detailed version of the plans tomorrow. **AP**

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Offbeat

GEORGE CLOONEY RELEASED AFTER MOTORCYCLE CRASH IN ITALY



Actor George Clooney was taken to the hospital in Sardinia and released after being involved in an accident while riding his motorcycle, hospital officials said.

The John Paul II hospital in Olbia said Clooney was released yesterday. Local media that had gathered at the hospital said Clooney is believed to have left through a side exit.

Local daily La Nuova Sardegna said the 57-year-old Clooney had been headed to a film set when his motorbike was hit by a car. Private Mediaset, citing gossip magazine Chi, said the accident occurred near Costa Corallina, in the province of Olbia.

Police had no immediate information. Calls and emails to Clooney's spokesman weren't immediately returned.

Clooney has a home on the Italian mainland, on Lake Como.

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Duration: 118min



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Language: Japanese (Chinese & English)

Duration: 121min

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ROOM 2

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Director: Gary Ross

Starring: Sandra Bullock, Cate Blanchett, Anne Hathway

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 110min



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Director: Steven C. Miller

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ROOM 3

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Director: J.A. Bayona

Starring: Chris Pratt, Bryce Dallas Howard, BD Wong

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 135min

this day in history



Mary Whitehouse

1977 GAY PAPER GUILTY OF BLASPHEMY

The Gay News and its editor Denis Lemon have been found guilty of blasphemous libel in the first case of its kind for more than 50 years.

The case was brought as a private prosecution by the secretary of the National Viewers and Listeners Association, Mary Whitehouse.

She objected to a poem and illustration published in the fortnightly paper last year about a homosexual centurion's love for Christ at the Crucifixion.

After the jury gave their 10-2 guilty verdict at the Old Bailey Mrs Whitehouse said: "I'm rejoicing because I saw the possibility of Our Lord being vilified. Now it's been shown that it won't be".

The poem, The Love that Dares to Speak its Name, by Professor James Kirkup, 54, was distributed to the jury and reporters. However, the judge, Mr Alan King-Hamilton, ordered that it could not be published.

Prosecuting Counsel John Smyth told the court: "it may be said that this is a love poem - it is not, it is a poem about buggery."

The defence argued that far from being "vile" and "perverted" the poem glorified Christ by illustrating that all of mankind could love him.

During the six-day trial columnist and TV personality Bernard Levin and novelist Margaret Drabble testified that the Gay News was a responsible paper that did not encourage illegal sexual practices.

Blasphemous libel is akin to the ecclesiastical charge of heresy - once punishable by death - and in the UK is an offence under common law and the 1697 Blasphemy Act.

The last time a case was brought in the UK was in 1921 when a Mr Gott was sentenced to nine months in prison for publishing a pamphlet that suggested that Christ looked like a clown as he entered Jerusalem.

Represented by playwright and novelist John Mortimer, QC, Mr Lemon, 32, sat silently in the dock as the verdict was given.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

The next day Denis Lemon was given a nine-month suspended jail sentence and a £500 fine. The Gay News was fined £1,000 but with court costs the paper had to pay £10,000.

The paper and its editor appealed against the decision in spring 1978, but the Law Lords upheld the convictions.

A couple of days after the original trial two socialist newspapers published the offending poem as a protest against censorship.

The Gay News was launched by Denis Lemon and a team of five others in 1972 with very little funding or journalistic experience. By 1977 it had a circulation of 20,000.

Mr Lemon fell ill with an Aids-related illness and sold the paper in 1982 - it closed down in 1983.

He died in July 1994.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 Your relationships will be more emotional today, and that's a very good thing - it's time you realized how valuable the people in your life are. Gratitude swells in your heart.

Taurus April 20-May 20 Enough is enough, and you are in a mood today to stop whining and start doing - this 'can do' attitude of yours will give you a lot of immediate energy toward achieving a (seemingly) never-ending goal.

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 Lately, have you been drawn to fairness? Think about it - many of your recent conflicts have been caused by a sense that someone was getting cheated or overlooked. Take your convictions seriously.

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 Polish up your vision today - having a good eye will be invaluable. A dear friend needs your advice on a confusing situation. They're too close and your nonsense detector is more accurate than theirs.

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 You will make better use of your time if you channel your emotions into a creative pursuit - cooking, dancing, singing, even shopping will benefit from the ideas you're dying to get out into the world.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Due to your special brand of know-how, you are a big part of an exciting development in a friend's love life - unfortunately, you can't share the great news with the rest of the world just yet.

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 There's nothing wrong, you just need to check in and make sure you're doing your part to keep the lines of communication open. Watch that you don't get too hard on yourself...

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 Your recent bold behavior wasn't typical, and it took guts to step out of your comfort zone like you did - next time, temper your boldness with charm to achieve a more comfortable balance.

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Today, if you ache for that slower pace, seek out more face-to-face communications. Skip the emails and the text messages - they can't accurately convey what you're trying to say.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Deep inside of you lays all the resolve and ambition you need to make some major headway today - be on the look out for coworkers and other people who may be showing you a shortcut.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 It's good news today - real signs of progress will finally start to show, and you'll get a dose of confidence that will propel you. You definitely deserve a break from the struggle.

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 Today if an unexpected cancellation call arrives, take it as a sign that you need to slow down. Ahhhh! What a welcome relief! Finally, some free time - whether you want to spend it alone or with your best buddy.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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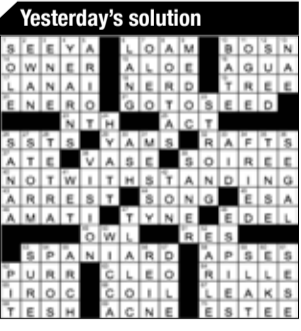
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PHOTO SHOP

Daily life in World Cup's Russia

VISITORS to the World Cup have experienced the beauty and geographic diversity of Russia amid warm temperatures and nearly endless daylight. Associated Press photographers captured these images of daily life in the vast country as the soccer tournament moved into its last stages. Twenty-seven days into the greatest

sports event, there were no major incidents reported and visitors and Russians alike are all set to the finals, in a mostly festive atmosphere. Following a rule of thumb of WC history, the "continentality" norm prevailed and the most sought trophy in sports will be lifted by an European country-team. **MDT/AP**



AP PHOTOS



Ronald Blum, Moscow

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WORLD CUP 2018

Can Southgate rouse England before Croatia match?

IT'S time for Gareth Southgate to come up with a big speech of his own.

After England gave up a tying goal to Brazil in first-half stoppage time in the 2002 World Cup quarterfinals, Southgate felt coach Sven-Goran Eriksson lacked inspirational oratory in the locker room at halftime.

Now the 47-year-old former England international is leading the team, which plays Croatia today [Thursday, 2am] in England's first World Cup semifinal in 28 years. The match is riveting the Land of Hope and Glory, which won its only title at home in 1966.

"Probably 18 months ago I talked to them about if you have success with England, it will be so much bigger than anything you can imagine, and I think that is probably starting to register with them now," Southgate said after Saturday's 2-0 quarterfinal victory over Sweden.

Southgate, who didn't play against Brazil, took a swipe at Eriksson after the 2-1 loss, comparing the cool-speaking Swede to a Tory opposition leader widely regarded as dull.

"We needed Churchill, but we got Iain Duncan-Smith," an unnamed defender, later identified as Southgate, was quoted as saying in a 2004 book by Joe Lovejoy.

No word whether Southgate will offer his "blood, toil, tears and sweat." With the coach keeping his strategies close to his now-famous vest, a young roster led by Harry Kane hopes to succeed where Gary Lineker, Michael Owen, Alan Shearer, David Beckham and Wayne Rooney failed.

England is ranked 12th in the world and Croatia 20th. The winner advances to Sunday's final, which also will be at Luzhniki Stadium.

Croatia lost its only previous semifinal match to host France in 1998. It beat Denmark in the round of 16 and host Russia in the quarterfinals this year, becoming only the second team with consecutive shootout wins in the same World Cup since Argentina defeated Yugoslavia and Italy in 1990.

"It won't be easy for us," Croatia coach Zlatko Dalic said through a translator. "We will focus in the next few days to recover as much as possible. We will look for the best solutions ahead the match, considering we have a few players with minor issues after the match against Russia. It won't be easy, but to get into the semifinals it's a new motive for us."

WAY BACK WHEN

In England's last semifinal match, Andreas Brehme's 60th-minute shot deflected off an onrushing Paul Parker at the penalty arc and looped over goalkeeper Peter Shilton to put West Germany ahead.

England tied the score when Parker's cross bounced off Juergen

Kohler and fell to Lineker, who beat goalkeeper Bodo Illgner to the far post. In the shootout, Stuart Pearce was stopped by Illgner on England's fourth attempt, Olaf Thon converted for a 4-3 lead and Chris Waddle shot over the crossbar.

CHECKERED PAST

Croatia went ahead in the 1998 semifinals only 26 seconds into the second half when Aljosa Asanovic split the defense with a pass, and Davor Suker scored his fifth goal of the tournament. Lilian Thuram tied the score a minute later after stealing the ball from Zvonimir Boban near the Croat penalty area and exchanging passes with Youri Djorkaeff. Thuram scored the go-ahead goal with a curling shot in the 70th minute.

COLORS

Croatia will wear its alternate navy-and-black jerseys and black shorts for the fifth straight match, and England will wear white shirts and white shorts. The Croats have not worn their white-and-red checkerboard shirts since their opener against Nigeria. England wore all red against Tunisia, Colombia and Sweden, and white shirts with blue shorts against Panama and Belgium. The English also wore white in the 1966 and 1990 semifinals.

HEAD TO HEAD

Croatians played for Yugoslavia before splitting off in 1990. England has four wins, two losses and one draw in the matchup, including a 4-2 victory in the group stage of the 2004 European Championship. The teams have not met since qualifying for the 2010 World Cup, when England won 4-1 in Zagreb and 5-1 at Wembley Stadium.

England goalkeeper Paul Robinson kicked at and missed a backpass from Gary Neville, allowing an own-goal in a 2-0 loss in a European qualifier in 2006. Goalkeeper Scott Carson fumbled Niki Kranjcar's shot into the net for the opening goal as Croatia won 3-2 at Wembley the following year, causing England to miss Euro 2008. England coach Steve McClaren held a large red-and-blue umbrella on the sidelines and was mocked as the "Wally with the broly," and he was fired the next day.

WITH THE WHISTLE

Cuneyt Cakir of Turkey will referee his second straight World Cup semifinal match, after Argentina's penalty-kick win over the Netherlands four years ago. Cakir worked Iran's 1-0 win over Morocco and Argentina's 2-1 win over Nigeria in the group stage this year, and he refereed Barcelona's 3-1 victory over Juventus in the 2015 Champions League final. **AP**



England head coach Gareth Southgate (right) celebrates victory of his team over Sweden with England's Harry Maguire

Croatians working extra, say they will have enough to win semi

THEY'VE gone 120 minutes twice in a week. They have endured the emotional tugs of two penalty shootouts, somehow coming out on top on both occasions, the first team since 1990 to do so at a World Cup. They're dealing with injuries to their starting right back, their goalkeeper and a handful of other players who could probably use a week in the ice bath.

There's no way Croatia is going to have any juice left in the tank for England in the World Cup semifinals, right?

"Of course there's power left for the English," Croatia coach Zlatko Dalic said. "We don't want to stop. We want to play our best game then."

What kind of recovery Croatia can muster over the next three days may ultimately determine if it has a chance of taking out England and reaching the World Cup final for the first time when the sides meet in the semifinals today [Thursday, 2am] in Moscow.

Yes, Croatia may have one of the best individual players in the tournament with what Luka Modric has done in matching the deepest run ever by the country. But Croatia is also exhausted. Physically. Mentally.

There's no way they couldn't be after ousting Denmark on penalties in the round of 16, then being forced to extra time again by host Russia on Saturday night. Just before midnight local time, Ivan Rakitic's winning penalty ignited yet another celebration that was a mix of excitement and relief.

The team and the country are



Great Modric (center) and company

riding a wave of adrenaline in matching the 1998 Croatian team and reaching the semis. At some point, that wave could crash.

"At certain times we lacked power but we played two times 120 minutes of football in six days," Modric said. "Of course this will leave a mark on you. You have to pay the toll for such exertions. But thank God we've shown our character."

The emotions were such that Dalic broke down in tears on the sideline after Rakitic's winning penalty.

"It came bursting out of me. I felt really relieved," Dalic said. "We made ourselves happy but we also made everybody back home in Croatia happy. Those emotions just burst out of me. I don't cry often, but I have a good reason."

The team was traveling from Sochi to Moscow over the weekend to set up camp for two days of training ahead of the semifinal. The most immediate worry appears to be starting right back Sime Vrsaljko, who had to be replaced during extra time,

walking slowly off the field with an apparent leg injury.

There's also some concern about goalkeeper Danijel Subasic after he required treatment late in the second half and during any breaks through extra time and the shootout after appearing to injure his right hamstring.

A number of other Croatia players were receiving massages and stretching of their legs before extra time and before the shootout. The unique elements of playing in Sochi with the combination of heat and humidity sapped energy from both teams, creating a fairly lethargic second half. Numerous Croatia players said arriving in Sochi immediately after the round of 16 win over Denmark was a major benefit, but now are facing a rapid recovery.

"It will be difficult," defender Dejan Lovren said. "Hopefully our right-back Sime Vrsaljko is not so injured like he thinks, so hopefully we can manage. But we have a lot of good players on the bench who showed they can change the rhythm of the game." **AP**

opinion

Animal Farm

Albano Martins



JOCKEY CLUB AND THE EIGHTH WONDER OF THE WORLD!

Mathematics teaches, as does common sense, that if a major investment of the magnitude of MOP1.5 billion is to be made in a company indebted by Mop1.44 billion, it will offset little more than the debt. From what is understood, it should be used first to pay down the debt. By installments, as we see! Such an investment-wonder! It will not provide much more than to paying the debts; unless, the debts really don't exist!

The remainder, according to mathematics, has to come from the other side, for a project that nobody knows about at all but is promised to be the eighth wonder of the world, with respect to the seventh, not that I even remember what it is. But I guarantee that I am not it! Even my wife would attest to that!

This particular wonder, however, will last for another 24.5 years! Hallelujah!

What can be expected to be left of the 1.5 billion, or about 56 million, exactly?

Either I am very intelligent, or the 37 years I spent here have made me lose some of the faculties I had in my youth.

Let's be clear and transparent, of course if there are debts, this seems like a methodical debt, I mean a methodical doubt that has been with me since the end of the Portuguese administration!

If you do not understand, it's because you are not going to get there.

We have Lords here: people that could beat blind people and have no one going to their rescue!

Violence against poor people? We shall have none of this. It's an assault against average intelligence. These people never lined up but put others in it! Do the math.

In the previous concession, the Jockey Club was required to have a capital of 3 billion patacas.

Today it looks like it just needs to hit 1.5 billion.

But slowly, very slowly! Now a question for mathematicians. Money depreciates, doesn't it?

Three billion in 1999, to return there for a moment, is worth exactly how much today, knowing that inflation is constantly eating away at its value? If we use the official inflation or even deflation from that date until 2017, three billion only buys today the equivalent of 1,742,767,227 patacas!

Put the question another way, if the Government wanted the value invested by the Jockey Club to buy today the same as the 3 billion in 1999, how much would it have to ask the company to raise?

Well, 5,164,200,854 patacas!

But they are only asking for 1,500,000,000!

Poor people! These new rich are really so poor.

What about the Commercial Code?

It does not apply to these people!



THE BUZZ RONALDO LEAVING REAL MADRID TO JOIN ITALIAN CLUB JUVENTUS

Real Madrid says Cristiano Ronaldo is leaving to join Italian club Juventus, bringing to an end a glittering nine-year spell in Spain.

Madrid says it has reached an agreement with Juventus after a request by Ronaldo.

The 33-year-old Ronaldo is currently on vacation in Greece after Portugal's elimination from the World Cup. Juventus president Andrea Agnelli flew out yesterday to meet the five-time Ballon d'Or winner.

Ronaldo joined Real Madrid in 2009 from Manchester United and was the Spanish club's all-time leading scorer with 451 goals in 438 matches. He helped the club win four Champions League titles and also won the league and cup twice each.



Uber poised to make investment in scooter-rental business



UBER is getting into the scooter-rental business. The ride-hailing company said yesterday [Macau time] that it is investing in Lime, a startup based in San Mateo, California.

"Our investment and partnership in Lime is another step towards our vision of becoming a one-stop shop for all your transportation needs," Rachel Holt, an Uber vice president, said in a statement.

Uber will add Lime motorized scooters to the Uber mobile app, giving consumers another option for getting around cities, especially to and from public transit systems, Holt said.

Financial details of the deal were not disclosed.

Lime co-founders Toby Sun and Brad Bao wrote in a blog that Uber's "sizable investment" is part of a USD335 million fund-raising round led by GV, the venture-capital arm of Google parent Alphabet Inc. They said Al-

phabet is among several new investors. The money will help Lime expand and develop new products.

According to the company website, customers can rent Lime scooters in more than 70 locations in the U.S. and Europe and leave them parked for the next customer to ride. The company is looking to buy tens of thousands of motorized foot-pedal scooters to expand its reach.

The scooters aren't without their critics, however, who consider them a nuisance and a hazard to pedestrians. Officials in cities like San Francisco have been torn between promoting cheap and relatively non-polluting transportation and keeping sidewalks safe and clear of clutter.

For Uber, the Lime investment follows its purchase for an undisclosed sum of Jump Bikes, which rents electric bicycles in a half-dozen cities including San Francisco,

Chicago and Washington.

San Francisco-based Uber Technologies Inc. CEO Dara Khosrowshahi aims to turn Uber into the Amazon.com of transportation, a single destination where customers can go to hitch a ride in a car and on other modes of transportation — even buy rides on city buses and subway systems. Uber also has a food-delivery service.

Rival Lyft is looking for new rides too. Last week, it bought part of a company called Motivate that operates Citi Bike and other bike-sharing programs in several major U.S. cities including New York and Chicago. It will rename the business Lyft Bikes. Terms of that deal were not disclosed either.

While the often brightly colored rental bikes are becoming a more common sight in the U.S., they have already gained widespread use in China and parts of Europe. AP

THE DECISIVE MOMENT

Xinhua/Liang Xu



The Zhuhai Hengqin International Financial Center under construction, with Macau in the background. The main structure of the 333-meter-high building, with construction area of 218,000 square meters, was finished last month.

Station	Air quality
Roadside	45-65 Moderate
High Density Residential Area	40-60 Moderate
Ambient	40-60 Moderate

WORLD BRIEFS

ISRAEL The United Nations has criticized Israel's closure of its only cargo crossing with the Gaza Strip. U.N. Special Coordinator Nickolay Mladenov issued a statement yesterday urging Israel to reverse its decision, saying he was "concerned about the consequences" of the closure.



SYRIA Government forces have surrounded rebel-held parts of the city of Daraa as part of their offensive in the southwestern province, activists said.

SOUTH SUDAN, the world's youngest nation, has canceled Independence Day celebrations for the third year in a row as its devastating civil war grinds on.



GERMANY Families of those killed by a neo-Nazi group that sought to terrorize migrants in Germany called yesterday for the investigation into the case to continue, even as the trial of its only known surviving member and four supporters draws to a close this week.

BRITAIN Peter Carington, a long-serving British politician who was the last survivor of Prime Minister Winston Churchill's government, has died, the government said yesterday. He was 99.



NICARAGUA Masked supporters of Nicaragua's government attacked a group of Roman Catholic priests led by Cardinal Leopoldo Brenes as they arrived to help anti-government protesters trapped inside a church.

BRAZIL President Michel Temer has named a former judge to lead the Labor Ministry following the suspension of the previous minister amid a fraud investigation.