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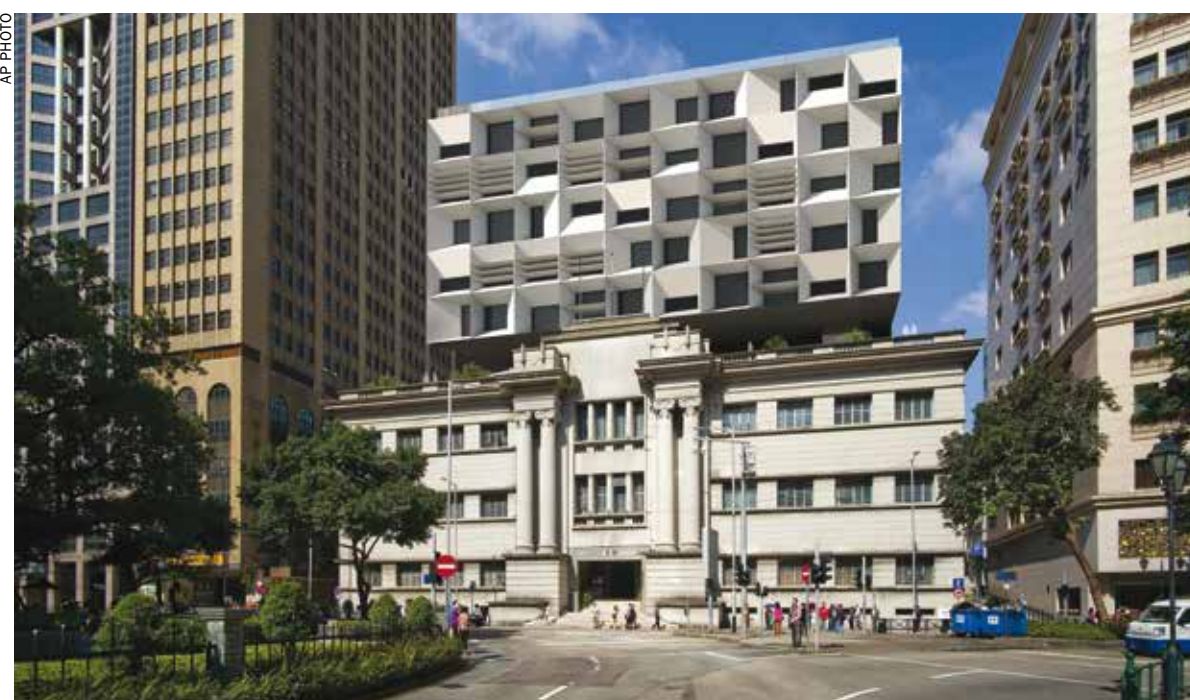
Carlos Marreiros firm wins design bid for Central Library

THE architecture firm of local artist and architect Carlos Marreiros has been selected to design and plan the construction of the New Macau Central Library, and is expected to submit its final blueprint by 2020, according to the government.

MAA Marreiros Architectural Atelier Limited's winning bid was announced at a press conference held by the government on Saturday, at a tender price of MOP18.68 million and for a design period of 268 days.

During the press conference, the vice president of the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC), Leong Wai Man, said that the government intends for the Central Library to become a cultural landmark in the city. Leong said that it would serve as a cultural exchange center that strengthens community bonds and cultivates a local reading culture, as well as a hub for promoting the development of a smart city.

According to the preliminary proposal, the Central Library will consist of the current Old Court Building and former headquarters of the Judiciary Police, together with a separate construction to be built atop. The 11-storey project is expected to reach a maximum altitude of 53 meters above sea level.



A rendering of the design proposal for the New Macau Central Library

A rendering of the design proposal showcased at the government press conference suggests that the building may be divided into as many as three distinct sections. The uppermost part of the building, which will be newly constructed according to the plan, will sit atop the Old Court Building and be further divided into three areas; a section for library collection, a public section and a technical support section.

The uppermost addition features a distinct, modern architectural style inspired by a "card catalogue cabinet" that might be found in an antiquated library. A representative of MAA Marreiros Architectural Atelier Ltd. said that the purpose of a card catalogue cabinet mirrors the library itself in that both allow for the accumulation, organization and extraction of knowledge.

"With this concept, we want

to develop the Central Library into a card catalogue cabinet of knowledge, which welcomes all residents to come over and discover," said architect Long Fat Chi, as cited by public broadcaster TDM.

The Central Library will have 1,120 seats in the main reading areas and as many as 800 more in auxiliary spaces, such as meeting and exhibition rooms and theaters. It will also include a

rooftop garden and solar panels as part of the company's push for sustainable and environmentally friendly features.

The government also reiterated that, given the Old Court Building is classified as a building of architectural interest, the Cultural Affairs Bureau will protect it in strict accordance with the provisions of the Cultural Heritage Protection Law. Specifically, the building will retain the current architectural elements and features of its façade, rooftop, structure, floor slabs and distinctive internal spaces, among other features.

■ The library will have 1,120 seats in the main reading areas and as many as 800 more in auxiliary spaces

The tender notice for the design and planning project of the Central Library was published at the start of March and the tender opened on July 10, 2018. The tender committee accepted a total of nine bids, with the tender price ranging from MOP9.8 million to MOP43 million and the service period from 210 days to 320 days.

ASK THE VET

by Dr Ruan Du Toit Bester

COMMON CAUSES OF CANINE VISION LOSS

CANINE vision loss can occur for several reasons and may occur gradually or suddenly, depending on the cause. Recognizing the symptoms of vision loss and catching the problem early may minimize or prevent blindness in your dog. Vision impaired dogs can go on to live full and active lives with the use of their other senses and some patience and training from owners.

Some symptoms of vision loss

- Clumsiness
- Hesitation before entering dark rooms or unfamiliar areas.
- Difficulty finding familiar objects like food and water bowls.
- Lethargy and excessive sleeping.
- Enlarged eyeball(s)
- Change of pupil color
- Startled or aggressive behaviour, even around familiar faces.
- Scratching, pawing or rubbing of the eyes or head on the ground.
- Watery or inflamed eyes.
- Eye discharge or crusty eyes - KCS

Common causes of dog vision loss

Cataracts: Cataracts cause clouding of the eye lens and vision loss and is usually an inherited condition, though symptoms can develop as a result of eye trauma, diabetes or poor nutrition. Surgery is a common and successful treatment option but can't be used in all cases.

Glaucoma: This painful disease is caused by the buildup of fluids in the eye, resulting in increased pressure. Glaucoma must be recognized immediately in order to prevent vision loss. Owners should look for signs of redness, swelling, squinting, rubbing and watery eyes. Glaucoma can also develop as a result of cataract surgery, injury to the eye, tumors or medication.

Dry eye syndrome: Dry eye is caused when the tear film of the eye is damaged due to medication, infections like canine distemper or a congenital defect. Cocker Spaniels, Bulldogs, Shih Tzus and Lhasa Apsos often develop dry eye as a result of an autoimmune disease that attacks the tear glands.

In-grown eyelids/Entropion: Entropion is a condition that causes the eyelids to roll inwards, often irritating the cornea. This problem can develop due to genetics or repeated

inflammation of the eye that is left untreated.

Corneal ulcers: These ulcers are a common problem in both dogs and cats and can cause vision loss. A scratched cornea due to a foreign object, scratch from another animal or sharp object and cause an ulcer to develop. If this ulcer becomes infected and is left untreated a corneal ulcer can cause blindness.

Progressive retinol atrophy (PRA): PRA covers a group of degenerative genetic diseases affecting the retina that cause gradual vision loss. There is no treatment to stop Progressive Retinol Atrophy. Cocker Spaniels, Labradors and Poodles often inherit this disease so breeders should use blood tests to determine if their dogs are carriers.

Preventing vision loss in your dog

CERF, or Canine Eye Registration Foundation, maintains a database to monitor inherited eye disease in purebred dogs. The CERF certification is only valid for one year so annual check-ups are essential to prevent genetic diseases from being passed on through breeding. We advise to visit vets that use this system in their hospital to monitor this condition.



Vision loss can occur at any age and owners must look for symptoms of eye problems as part of a general health examination routine. Even small scratches to a puppy's eye can result in glaucoma or corneal ulcers so a trip the vet is essential for early treatment and vision loss prevention.

Hope this info helps
Till next week
Dr Ruan Bester

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POLICY ADDRESS

Flyover planned to connect new bridge to former P. Horizon site

Julie Zhu

THE government has planned to build a flyover in the vicinity of Amizade roundabout to improve traffic conditions around the northern area, Chief Executive (CE) Chui Sai On revealed when responding to questions from lawmakers during Friday's Legislative Assembly (AL) plenary meeting.

Chui's information was included in his reply to lawmaker Ho Ion Sang, who urged the government to come up with a solution to solve traffic problems in Macau, especially in the northern district, particularly in the vicinity of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge's (HKZMB) Macau port.

According to Chui, the government has considered building an overpass to connect Av. De Nordeste, Av. de Amizade, and the northern district. One side of the overpass will be located inside the original site of the Pearl Horizon project.

Chui hopes the project can be handed over shortly to the transport advisory committee. He also hopes that the project can be carried out as a special case as soon as possible.

Traffic in the northern district has worsened since the opening of the HKZMB. Chui believes more time is needed for the three regions' governments to observe the traffic flow around the bridge before they divert and guide the situation.

Regarding other transportation developments, Chui said that the draft of the fourth cross-sea channel has been completed and will be tendered before the end of this year, with its construction starting next year.

Besides transportation matters, lawmakers Ella Lei and Lei Chan U accused the government of taking a step backwards in terms of protecting employees. The two lawmakers criticized



the proposed labor law amendment, which determines the selection of three compulsory holidays and consequent change into ordinary holidays.

"First of all, I hereby promise to the employees that the revision of the labor law is unlikely to result in a retrogression of the original labor standards because this is the bottom line the government cannot surpass in guaranteeing the basic rights and interests of workers," said Chui.

Chui further noted that the amendment proposal is still under discussion, and that the bill has not been yet formally submitted to the AL. He reiterated that the government is willing to listen to more opinions.

Due to the fierce reaction in society, the government has suggested that the relevant amendment proposal be sent to the social welfare committee for discussion.

Chui declared that "employers

and employees should be concerned about each other's interests," and added that he hopes the two sides will not expand their disagreements until they reach a consensus.

The CE suggests that the two sides should voice their opinions to each other through the Standing Committee for the Co-ordination of Social Affairs (CPCS).

Chui also outlined a number of measures to be included in

the Policy Address for the Fiscal Year 2019 regarding the development of active cooperation between places covered by the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area (Greater Bay Area).

Chui stated that tourism authorities of the Greater Bay Area had engaged in discussions regarding launching fresh initiatives promoting 'multi-destination travel'.

The Chief Executive said that

the Government would step up support for relevant policies and for incremental expansion of resources, in order to support young people seeking to pursue either a career in innovative fields or to start a business in some other Greater Bay Area city.

Meanwhile, the government leader expressed plans to enlarge the functions of Macau's Youth Entrepreneur Incubation Centre, providing more working spaces for young people in need, information services, consulting services, training, exchange opportunities, and product sales.

The government planned to position – in terms of marketing – the Traditional Chinese Medicine Science and Technology Industrial Park of Cooperation between Guangdong and Macau.

The Chief Executive also mentioned projects such as the construction of a theme park and hotel in Macau, the showcasing of healthcare industries, the cultural aspects of traditional Chinese medicine, medical tourism, and the creation of a museum for innovations in traditional Chinese medicine.

In addition, Chui also pointed out issues to be addressed under the varied regulatory systems within the Greater Bay Area. He said the Government's concern was how to streamline procedures for people in other Greater Bay Area cities in their dealings with Macau, and what welfare benefits would be available for Macao residents living in any other Greater Bay Area cities.

For cross-boundary medical welfare, the Government proposed to set up an insurance mechanism for Macau residents to enjoy medical services in other Greater Bay Area cities.

New accountability rules for top officials

THE government has been doing research on amending Macau's laws to prevent public officials from applying for retirement when they are subject to a disciplinary procedure or their positions are being terminated, Chui told lawmakers on Friday. The research is considering preventing these high officials from reducing their political responsibility or disciplinary responsibility by applying for retirement.

Chui disclosed the information after Agnes

Lam's question regarding transparency in the government and its administration. According to him, the government has been conducting this research since the retirement of former SMG Director Fong Soi Kun.

Chui noted that residents have many ways of expressing their opinions, such as through the organization of demonstrations or assemblies, and that the government is willing to hear their opinions.

factually incorrect.

Wong also expressed that, in his opinion, Lei's articles were not written about Lei himself but were done for the progress of the entire society. The commentator voiced that the lawsuit's evolution will not only make a big difference in terms of social development, but also represents a case worthy of everybody's attention.

The trial will resume on November 23. **JZ**

COURTS

Au Kam San testifies in Son Pou case

LAWMAKER Au Kam San was called to the Court of First Instance last Friday, to provide his testimony regarding the lawsuit between Polytec Asset Holdings Ltd (Polytec) and local Chinese newspaper Son Pou and columnist Lei Kong.

According to Au's testimony, Lei's column

was not insulting. It was just a comment based on common sense, information and news reports. Furthermore, in the lawmaker's opinion, Lei's articles were only meant to urge the relevant governmental departments to solve the Pearl Horizon problem through law-abiding methods.

Despite disagreeing with Lei's opinion, Au does not think Lei should have been careful with the use of specific phrases.

The lawmaker also pointed out that the banners outside the Polytec group's headquarters are "way more serious" than Lei's articles, adding that he never saw Polytec

trying to hide the banners.

The reputational damage of Polytec group is believed to have been caused by how the company has handled the Pearl Horizon incident.

"Unreasonable" and "ridiculous" are the two words Au used to describe his personal feelings when he heard about Polytec fi-

ling the lawsuit.

Current affairs commentator Wong Dong's testimony remarked that Lei's articles came out only after the Pearl Horizon case, which means that the articles were not trying to instigate buyers to disturb the Polytec company. Wong does not think the articles were

Real estate transactions plunge in Q3

A total of 3,151 building units and parking spaces were purchased and sold in the third quarter of 2018 as per the Stamp Duty record, and the total value of transactions was MOP17.86 billion, down by 23.1 percent and 28.0 percent respectively quarter-to-quarter. Information from the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC) indicated that the purchase and sale of residential units decreased by 673 quarter-to-quarter to 2,383 units and the total value dropped by 24.5 percent to MOP14.54 billion. The transaction volume of pre-sale residential units decreased by 279 quarter-to-quarter to 217 units and the transaction value fell by 60.7 percent to MOP1.84 billion. Meanwhile, the purchase and sale of existing residential units decreased by 394 to 2,166 units, amounting to MOP12.70 billion, down by 12.9 percent.

Craft market opens with 220 booths

The "Tap Seac Craft Market" is being held for two weekends until November 25, featuring cultural and creative activities including booths, handicraft workshops, performances and a talk. Featuring a total of 220 booths of participants from mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan, Korea and Malaysia, the craft market offers 38 creative handicraft workshops. The event also hosts 40 performances to present local and foreign original music. Zeng Dejun, known as the "Father of Tube Radio" in mainland China, was invited to host a talk entitled "Originality of a Radio Lover—Zeng Dejun's Dream of Radio", in which he tells his story behind the brand and shares his insights on successful branding and marketing.



Number of approved residency applications decrease

The number of approved applications and applicants at the Macao Trade and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM) decreased in the first half of 2018, as case review and field inspection have been carried out continuously.

The number of renewal applications also dropped dramatically as compared to last year, the bureau noted in a statement.

In October, IPIM president Jackson Chang, as well as two other high ranking offi-

cial including Gloria Batalha Ung, who is member of the Executive Committee, were put under criminal investigation for alleged irregularities regarding the unlawful granting of residency statuses through an investment scheme.

According to the city's corruption watchdog, the officials were "transferred to the judiciary, owing to their alleged commission of duty-related crimes in the process of vetting and approving the applications for immovable

investment immigration, major investment immigration and technical immigration."

In a statement released by IPIM on Saturday, the institute stated that it has been releasing the quarterly, semi-annual and annual data of temporary residency applications and beneficiaries in a bid to enhance its information transparency.

According to a statement, statistics will be further categorized to demonstrate the proportion of the 10 profes-

sions in the five industries which are given priority, namely the financial industry, information technology industry, traditional Chinese medicine industry, Portuguese-speaking market and Chinese-Portuguese translation sector, convention and exhibition industry.

It pledged that it would continue to enhance the information transparency in the future.

According to the statistics and industry classification of approved applications between 2015 and 2018 (January – June), the industries involved mainly include: education (32 percent), hotel and dining (24 percent), construction (10 percent), entertainment and gaming (8 percent).

The financial sector accounted for 7 percent.

In addition, according to the statistics of temporary residency for approved investors, management and technical personnel for the first half of 2018, IPIM received a total of four new residency applications based on "major investment", two applications under the same category were approved, while 10 were denied.

There were 143 new applications based on "management and technical personnel", 21 of which were approved and 127 were denied.

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As the 65th Macau Grand Prix draws to a successful conclusion, the Macau Grand Prix Organizing Committee would like to express our gratitude to all citizens for your support and cooperation! Barrier removal works have been started after the event and the barrier gates are expected to be completely removed on 29 November. The schedule is as follows:

Date	Time	Location
19-22/11/2018	08:00 to 20:00	(1) Remove all movable gates (2) Remove all barrier gates on both sides of the movable gates
19-24/11/2018	08:00 to 20:00	Remove all barrier gates from Avenida da Amizade to Reservoir Bend
22-29/11/2018	08:00 to 20:00	Remove all barrier gates from Rua dos Pescadores to Reservoir Bend
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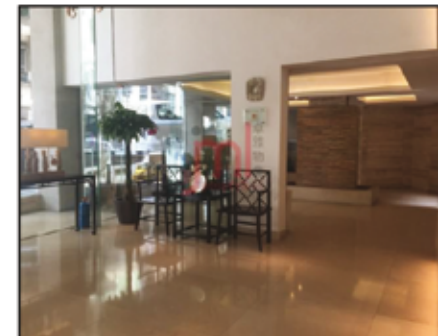
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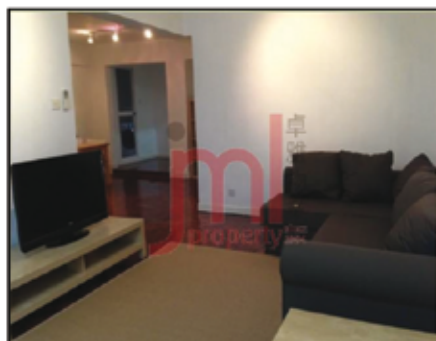
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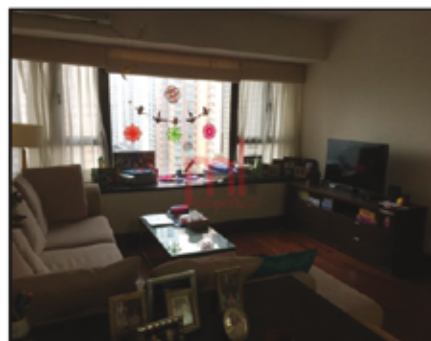
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Growing interest in Macau-related history

INTEREST in Macau-related history is growing in several parts of the world, Rui Lourido, the president of the Observatory for China, told the Times.

The Portuguese scholar has recently lectured at Queens College and Brown University in the US, where he fielded questions about the Silk Road, its relationship with the Belt and Road initiative, and the links between Macau and the Portuguese-speaking countries.

"There is a lot of interest because there was a huge English community in Macau during the 19th century and in the beginning of the 20th century. Hong Kong also developed incommensurably compared with Macau. Scholars view Macau as a contact point with Canton and the Pearl River," said Lourido, who was in Macau give several lectures. He added that there are also several recent master's theses and doctoral dissertations related to these topics in Macau.

Established in 2005, the Observatory for China focuses on multidisciplinary studies rela-



Rui Lourido in Macau

ted to China. Together with the Portuguese National Library, it is currently setting up a digital library of literature on Macau and China, which contains around 200,000 pages of books published between the 16th and the 19th centuries. The library is stored on computer servers

provided by the Portuguese National Library. The complete books, most of them written in Portuguese, are being made available for download.

"The collection is not an accumulation of quotes. It consists of complete books, cover-to-cover," explained Lourido, ad-

ding that many of the digitized works are rare original editions and not the modern editions of the same books. "It is a research tool to support universities and simultaneously to help students attending masters' and doctoral courses."

Lourido, who is also the director of the Union of Capital Cities of Portuguese Language (UCCLA), says that a key project for Observatory for China next year is the launch of a trilingual version (Chinese, Portuguese and English) of the book "Maritime Journals (Hailu)".

The book was written by Chinese adventurer Xie Qinggao, who traveled to Europe – likely aboard a Portuguese ship – and stayed overseas for 14 years, during which he visited the main harbors of Europe, America and Asia. Xie eventually returned to China and lived in Macau, where he died in 1822.

"He travelled through the Portuguese maritime route and he had a huge impact here in the 19th century, during a time when China was being threatened by Britain," Lourido said, adding that a University of Macau student is writing a PhD thesis about Xie's book, which is currently only available in Chinese.

The Observatory for China is planning several other activities for 2019, a year which also marks the 70th anniversary of the PRC, the 40th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and Portugal, and the 20-year anniversary of the Macau SAR.

In May, a puppet theater group from Yangzhou will visit Portugal and take part in an international puppet festival in the city of Évora, among other shows.

In June, there will be a conference at the prestigious Gulbenkian Foundation in Lisbon, focusing on the historical relationship between Portugal and China. Scholars from Beijing, Macau and Guangzhou are expected to attend. A Cantonese opera group will also visit Portugal later in the year.

Belt and Road brings 'continuity and rupture'

DURING an interview with the Times at the Macau Polytechnic Institute, Rui Lourido was asked to comment on the parallels and differences between the Belt and Road initiative and the ancient Chinese Silk Road.

"There is continuity and rupture. The essential dynamic is continuity, meaning to look at the commerce as a way to enrich the participants [...] the rupture project is a new vision to build peace in the world. Many countries in the corridor that links China to the West are highly unstable politically," he said.

Lourido contends that Beijing is fostering the peace by helping to build infrastructure that is essential to the development of those countries, although the effort "naturally has the main aim of having China being able to access natural resources and foreign funds."

What Lourido finds "radically different" in the

Belt and Road initiative is that "China understood that the financial crisis in 2008/2009, created by the US and with implacable repercussions in Europe, meant that the big corporations forced the countries to lose capital in order to save the banks."

Today, he said, those European countries can no longer react to a new crisis and are forced to give up control of key sectors that are of interest to the multinationals, namely social security, education and health. Beijing, he added, is acting differently, "creating policies to share wealth, whilst maintaining the social role of the elite."

"Around five years ago, China established minimum wages for cities and villages. It has taken 700 million people out from poverty and created a middle class which will be the largest [in] the world and is currently the [world's] main consumer of luxury products," he noted.

GAMBLING PROFITS 'MUST BE REINVESTED'

"**MACAU CAN'T** stop with the gaming industry, which is important for its sustainability. But the profit generated by gambling must be increasingly reinvested in the creative industries [...] and in education, transforming Macau into an educational platform between China and the Lusophone countries," said Rui Lourido, adding that "culture must be a priority" for the region. Questioned about the role of

the newly opened Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge in the process of regional integration, Lourido said it was "an opportunity" to potentially enhance Macau's international visibility. However, he added that the excessive control of people's movements, as seen in the current operation of the bridge, is prejudicial. "China controls because of its superstructure. They don't need to control movements so tightly."

MACAU GRAND PRIX

Secretary Tam says safety precautions are standard

WHILE announcing the closing of the 65th Macau Grand Prix yesterday, Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture Alexis Tam stressed that all safety precautions during this year's event were in line with the guidelines issued by the Fédération Internationale de l'Automobile (FIA) and that practice would continue in future in order to guarantee the safety of race competitors and the public.

Tam was specifically



Sophia Flörsch

referring to an accident during the final hours of the Grand Prix yesterday that saw 17-year-old dri-

ver Sophia Flörsch's single-seater car tear through the barrier and strike a photography bunker. Five

people were reportedly injured in the accident, including Flörsch, and all were admitted to the hospital yesterday for treatment though none are in a life-threatening condition.

"There was no life-threatening injury," said Tam yesterday. "I heard that the female driver may need to undergo an operation [...] but it is not life-threatening."

Flörsch was diagnosed with a spinal fracture, but is conscious and her vital signs are stable. She wrote

on social media last night that she is "fine but will be going into surgery tomorrow morning."

Meanwhile, Japanese driver Sho Tsuboi, whose car was struck by Flörsch's during the accident, was diagnosed with lumbar pain and scheduled for future examination. Both drivers were officially declared not fit to race.

Two photographers and a race marshall also suffered injuries during the accident and were admitted to hospital.

The race marshall was diagnosed with face lacerations, an abrasion at his upper abdomen wall and a bone fracture. A Japanese photographer was diagnosed with concussion, while a Chinese photographer suffered liver laceration.

According to the chief medical officer of the Macau Grand Prix event, the five individuals involved in the accident were taken to hospital for treatment, with the Japanese driver having been discharged last night.

EU set to tighten rules on foreign investment to fend off China

Jonathan Stearns

THE European Union is hammering out the first bloc-wide rules to prevent foreign investments from threatening national security, as Chinese acquisitions foster political unease.

Negotiators representing EU governments and the European Parliament may agree on draft legislation to screen foreign direct investments on Nov. 20, according to Franck Proust, a French member of the 28-nation assembly.

Both sides have settled on 95 percent of the text and the goal at the meeting in Brussels is to bridge differences over the remaining part, which includes the politically sensitive matter of how far EU members can push concerns about FDI with their peers, said Proust. The deliberations show how a large degree of EU business is progressing in the shadow of the Brexit drama, which will include a special European summit on Nov. 25 to endorse a divorce deal.

"Everybody has the common will to work in the same direction," Proust, the chief negotiator for the EU Parliament, said in an interview last week at the assembly's headquarters in Strasbourg, France. "I remain positive." Concerns are mounting across the western world about national-security risks tied to foreign investment, particularly by China.

Last year, U.S. President Donald Trump blocked a



Chinese-backed investor from buying Lattice Semiconductor Corp. as a result of national-security worries and Germany moved to shield cutting-edge technologies after a bid by China's Midea Group Co. for robot maker Kuka AG prompted an outcry. Earlier this year, the German government stopped a Chinese bid for the first time by vetoing the potential purchase of machine-tool manufacturer Leifeld Metal Spinning AG.

"We are making up for lost time," Proust said. "All the world's other powers have their own investment-screening systems. Only Europe doesn't have such a tool."

The European Commission, the EU's regulatory arm, proposed in September last year a bloc-wide "cooperation mechanism" for foreign direct investments through a combination of data collection, information exchange and peer pressure.

The law would create an alert mechanism for future

foreign investments in Europe and a centralized database of ones that occur after the system enters in force without taking the ultimate power of approving deals away from individual EU governments. While having ceded power over monetary, competition and trade policies to the EU, member countries still jealously guard their sovereignty in areas including investment and security.

The goal of the proposed European investment-screening framework, according to the commission, is to limit foreign threats to "critical infrastructure," including in the energy, transport, communications, data, space and financial industries, and to "critical technologies" such as semiconductors, robotics and artificial intelligence.

In backing these provisions, the negotiators for EU governments and Parliament have agreed to add such areas as water, health,

defense, media, biotechnology and food security to the scope.

EU governments would be allowed to request information and offer comments on a foreign investment in a particular member country. In addition, the commission could ask for information and issue an opinion.

The nation in which the investment was planned would have to give "due consideration" to any comments and opinion as well as take "utmost account" of any commission view regarding a foreign investment deemed to affect a European project or program.

A key sticking point is an amendment introduced by Proust to bolster these provisions. He effectively wants an extra red flag to be raised when at least a third of EU governments believes a foreign investment in another member country is likely to affect their security.

"We are making good progress in the talks and are confident of wrapping up work by the end of December," Economy Minister Margarete Schramboeck of Austria, which as current holder of the EU's rotating presidency is negotiating on behalf of the bloc's governments, said in an emailed statement. "It will be extremely important that member states continue their support for our efforts. There are still some open issues we need to tackle."

Proust signaled room for compromise exists.

"Attitudes have evolved," he said. "A certain number of countries were fearful of losing decision-making control, were fearful that Europe would impose a decision on them. No. What we are putting in place is a system of information exchange to bring about the best assistance for the national decision." **Bloomberg**

GAMING

Saipan casino closes after typhoon, memo says

Daniela Wei,
Matthew Campbell

THE island casino operated by Imperial Pacific International Holdings Ltd. that caters to Chinese high rollers on the remote U.S. territory of Saipan is closing down until further notice, according to a company memo.

Hong Kong-listed Imperial Pacific said it will temporarily shut down casino operations effective Friday, according to a Nov. 15 memo to employees written by Chairman Mark Brown, which was reviewed by Bloomberg News. The company needs to make repairs after it suffered millions of dollars in damage from a typhoon that struck the island in late October, according to the letter.

Brown did not respond to a message sent over WhatsApp, and calls to his mobile phone were unanswered. The company did not respond to an email seeking comment.

The shutdown is the latest blow for the casino operator, which has stumbled in its effort to turn the obscure island into a gambling hub to rival Macau. In August, the company reported a 51 percent decline in first-half revenue that sent earnings tumbling, while its uncollected debts from gamblers have piled up.

Shares of Imperial Pacific tumbled as much as 6.6 percent in Hong Kong Friday, bringing losses to about 46 percent this year. The benchmark Hang Sang index slipped as much as 0.9 percent Friday.

After Super Typhoon Yutu struck the island, the casino was put under limited operations from Nov. 2 and staffed only by essential employees, according to the letter. In the memo, the company said it hoped the tourism market in Saipan rebounds after the airport fully reopens so the casino can resume normal operations.

Saipan, more than 5,000 miles from the U.S. mainland, closed its airport after the typhoon struck. It is slated to fully reopen this month, according to local media. **Bloomberg**

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SANDS CHINA AWARDS OUTSTANDING TEAM MEMBERS

Sands China Ltd. honoured some of its outstanding team members at the 10th edition of its Because We Care Team Members Awards on Thursday at The Parisian Macao.

Beginning in 2013, the awards recognise team members who exemplify the company's Be-

cause We Care culture of service, which consists of four cultural values: We Are Friendly, We Are Professional, We Are Active Listeners, and We Are One Team.

"Sands China is very pleased to see our Because We Care service culture becoming fully

integrated into the daily work of our team members over the last five years," said company president Dr. Wilfred Wong, as cited in a press release.

Nominees in this 10th edition of the awards represent 24 different departments, which is a 60 percent increase compared

to the first awards ceremony. For this edition of the awards, more than 300 individuals and teams were nominated during the March-August nomination period, with over 1,000 team members nominated in total. Previous editions of the awards comprised more than 2,700 nominations, with over 7,200 team members nominated in total.

CEM ATTENDS SEMINAR ON GREEN AND SMART INNOVATION

In its 23rd edition, the Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macau Power Industry Services Seminar was held last week, with the theme "Green and Smart Innovation · Integrated Development."

Hosted by Guangdong Power Grid Co. Ltd. (GPG) this year in Shaoguan City, Guangdong province, 15 CEM delegates participated in the seminar.

Shaoguan's forest coverage rate reaches over 70 percent, ranking first among cities in Guangdong Province. Shaoguan City also makes full use of its advantages and

is dedicated to building green and smart power.

According to a statement issued by the electric company, more than one hundred insiders and representatives from Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macau attended the seminar and carried out discussion about the application of green and smart power as well as the development of the three places.

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Interpol meets to select new president after China's arrest

Aya Batrawy, Dubai

POLICE chiefs from around the world gathered in Dubai yesterday for Interpol's general assembly to select a new president after the agency's former leader was detained in China.

Meng Hongwei— who was China's vice minister of public security while also leading Interpol — went missing while on a trip to China in September. It later emerged that the long-time Communist Party insider with decades of experience in China's security apparatus was detained as part of a sweeping purge against allegedly corrupt or disloyal officials under President Xi Jinping's authoritarian administration.

Interpol member-states will also be deciding whether to accept Kosovo as a full member, which would allow officials there to file red notices for Serbian officials that Kosovo considers war criminals.

The red notices are alerts circulated by Interpol to all member countries that identify a person wanted for arrest by another country. Interpol says there are 57,289 active red no-



Jurgen Stock, Secretary General of Interpol (left) and commander-in-chief of Dubai Police Abdullah Al Marri

tices around the world.

Interpol acts as a clearinghouse for national police services that want to hunt down suspects outside their borders. The body, however, has faced criticism that governments have abused the "red notice" system to go after political enemies and dissidents, even

though its charter explicitly proclaims its neutrality and prohibits the use of police notices for political reasons.

Two years ago, Interpol introduced new measures aimed at strengthening the legal framework around the red notice system. As part of the changes, an international team of

lawyers and experts first check a notice's compliance with Interpol rules and regulations before it goes out. Interpol also introduced an appeals body for those targeted with red notices.

Chinese authorities say Meng is being lawfully investigated for taking bribes and other crimes. China's beleaguered rights activists point out that as someone with a seat atop the country's powerful public security apparatus, Meng helped build the opaque system of largely unchecked power wielded by the ruling Communist Party to which he's now fallen victim.

Meng's wife has told The Associated Press from France that the bribery accusation he faces is just an excuse for a lengthy detention and that he is being persecuted for political reasons.

As more than 1,000 delegates from 192 member-states began filling the main hall for the annual event, Interpol Secretary-General Jurgen Stock explained to reporters that the agency's rules did not allow for Meng to continue acting as president. Meng had been

serving as president since November 2016, and his term was due to end in 2020.

He said Interpol received Meng's resignation letter from China on Oct. 7 and that Interpol was notified by Chinese authorities that Meng is no longer a delegate to Interpol.

"It sounds a little technical but again that automatically leads to the fact, according to our rules, that he is not the president anymore," Stock said. "We had to take the measures to ensure the functioning of the organization."

Meng's representatives say Interpol accepted an unsigned resignation letter without any resistance and without evidence of his consent.

In Meng's place yesterday, senior vice president of Interpol's executive committee, Kim Jong Yang of South Korea— who was previously named acting president — helped open the ceremony for the general assembly meeting.

A little more than a week ago, Stock told reporters in France— where Interpol is headquartered— that there was no reason for him to suspect that anything about Meng's resignation "was forced or wrong."

He said he "encouraged" Chinese authorities to provide information about Meng's location and legal status but can do no more because the role of Interpol is "not to govern over member states." AP

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Macau Daily Times contest



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Due to the popularity of La Parisienne Cabaret Français, the season has once again been extended through until Feb. 3, 2019 at The Parisian Macao's Parisian Theatre, giving guests and visitors a chance to see this wonderful show over the upcoming holiday season. Featuring an international cast of 38 death-defying stunt performers, illusionists, champion skaters, and dancers, the show is suitable for audiences of all ages. The 65-minute performance blends illusion, dance, acrobatics and comedy with classic acts such as can-can and burlesque dancing, along with gravity-defying basketball acrobatics and the world-renowned Globe of Death motorcycle team.

La Parisienne Cabaret Français is one of the world's most entertaining variety shows for audiences, behind the scenes are committed artists with years



of experience taking calculated risks for the sake of their art. The Globe of Death act is performed by a fourth-generation family from Sao Paulo, Brazil, who have been performing death-defying motorcycle acts around the world since the 1960s. The stunt riders race motorcycles inside a mesh sphere, looping vertically and horizontally at high speed. It takes two years to train to be a rider on the team, first learning the routine on a bicycle. The most dangerous part is when the globe actually splits into two sections, leaving zero margin for error.

Ice Skating Adagio is performed by two hugely talented Russian ice skaters, Aleksandr Popov and Elena Efaeva, who have been partnered for more than four years. They both competed at the European Championships and Olympics, and Aleksandr won a gold medal in the Junior Olympics in Slovenia in 2003.

Have been performing in over 80 countries and for many, their beautiful and romantic act includes a spectacular one-hand lift and a "bow spin" which many ice skaters aspire to. One of the more popular performances of the show is Face Team Basketball, from Budapest in Hungary. With six performers using up to 20 basketballs during their act, they jump, shoot and slam dunk their way around the stage. The team currently holds 10 Guinness World Records, including 'most basketball slam dunks by a team using a trampoline in one minute' (46 dunks) and 'highest slam dunk with a backflip' (4.9 metres). They have performed for celebrities including Simon Cowell, Harry Styles, LeBron James, Kobe Bryant and the Prince of Dubai. Not to be missed, the most challenging part of their act is the backflip from the top of the back board, at a height of around five metres.



IMF managing director Christine Lagarde (left) and Chinese President Xi Jinping



Mike Pence

Pacific summit ends with no communique as China, US differ

Stephen Wright, Port Moresby

AN acrimonious meeting of world leaders in Papua New Guinea failed to agree yesterday on a final communique, highlighting widening divisions between global powers China and the U.S.

The 21 nations at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit in Port Moresby struggled to bridge differences on the role of the World Trade Organization, which governs international trade, officials said. A statement was to be issued instead by the meeting's chair, Papua New Guinea Prime Minister Peter O'Neill.

"The entire world is worried" about tensions between China and the U.S., O'Neill told a mob of reporters that surrounded him after he confirmed there was no communique from leaders.

It was the first time leaders had failed to agree on a declaration in 29 years of the Pacific Rim summits that involve countries representing 60 percent of the world economy.

Draft versions of the communique seen by The Associated Press showed the U.S. wanted strong

language against unfair trade practices that it accuses China of. China, meanwhile, wanted a reaffirmation of opposition to protectionism and unilateralism that it says the U.S. is engaging in.

The U.S. has imposed additional tariffs of USD250 billion on Chinese goods this year and Beijing has retaliated with its own tariffs on American exports.

"I don't think it will come as a huge surprise that there are differing visions" on trade, said Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. "Those prevented there from being a full consensus on the communique."

The two-day summit was punctuated by acrimony and also underlined a rising rivalry between China and the West for influence in the usually neglected South Pacific, where Beijing has been wooing impoverished island states with aid and loans.

U.S. Vice President Mike Pence and Chinese President Xi Jinping traded barbs in speeches on Saturday.

Pence professed respect for Xi and China but also harshly criticized the world's No. 2 economy for intellectual property theft, forced technology transfers and

unfair trading practices. He accused China of luring developing nations into a debt trap through the loans it offers for infrastructure.

The world, according to Xi's speech, is facing a choice between cooperation and confrontation as protectionism and unilateralism grows. He said the rules of global institutions set up after World War II such as the World Trade Organization should not be bent for selfish agendas.

Pence told reporters that during the weekend he had two "candid" conversations with Xi, who is expected to meet President Donald Trump at a Group of 20 summit at the end of this month in Argentina.

"There are differences today," Pence said. "They begin with trade practices, with tariffs and quotas, forced technology transfers, the theft of intellectual property.

It goes beyond that to freedom of navigation in the seas, concerns about human rights."

The U.S. is interested in a better relationship "but there has to be change" from China's side, Pence said he told Xi, who responded that dialogue is important.

China's foreign ministry rejected the U.S. criticism that it was

se of its cooperation with China. Give me one example," he said.

China is a relative newcomer to providing aid, and its loan-heavy, no-strings attached approach has unsettled Western nations that have been the mainstay donors to developing nations and often use aid to nudge nations towards reforms.

In Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea's capital, the impact of China's aid and loans is highly visible. But the U.S. and allies are countering with efforts to finance infrastructure in Papua New Guinea and other island states. The U.S. has also said it will be involved in ally Australia's plan to develop a naval base with Papua New Guinea.

Yesterday, the U.S., New Zealand, Japan and Australia said they'd work with Papua New Guinea's government to bring electricity to 70 percent of its people by 2030. Less than 20 percent have a reliable electricity supply.

"The commitment of the United States of America to this region of the world has never been stronger," Pence said at a signing ceremony. A separate statement from his office said other countries are welcome to join the electrification initiative provided they support the U.S. vision of a free and open Pacific.

China, meanwhile, has promised \$4 billion of finance to build the the first national road network in Papua New Guinea, among the least urbanized countries in the world. **AP**

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MIKE PENCE

leading other developing nations into debt bondage.

"The assistance provided by China has been warmly welcomed by our partners in this region and beyond," Wang Xiaolong, a foreign ministry official, told a news conference.

"No country either in this region or in other regions has fallen into a so called debt trap because

Hotels apologize for cleaning lapses caught on video

LUXURY Chinese hotels run by Hilton, Marriott and several other chains apologized for unhygienic practices after a video went viral on the Internet showing housekeeping staff using the same sponges to clean cups and sinks, and wiping down bathroom surfaces with guest towels.

The statements came after an 11-minute video was posted on Weibo, a popu-

lar social networking site, claiming to show hidden-camera footage of cleaning staff at hotels operated by Shangri-La Asia Ltd., Hilton Worldwide Holdings Inc. and others. The video has gotten 29 million views and elicited tens of thousands of comments and shares.

Hidden-camera videos of housekeeping staff behaving badly at Chinese

luxury hotels surface fairly often on social media. Worker shortages and low pay make it hard for hotels to pressure employees to follow the rules, as they can just quit and find jobs elsewhere.

"If 5-star hotels are this bad, what are the 3-star hotels like?" asked Sam Zhao, an analyst at marketing firm Kantar Worldpanel in Beijing.

Bulgari Hotel Shanghai, which is run by Marriott International Inc., apologized in a statement posted on Weibo, saying it will investigate and take appropriate action. A similar apology came from The Ritz-Carlton Hotel, which said it would strengthen room-check rules, and work with government to respond.

The video, which was posted Nov. 14, shows a

housekeeper at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in Shanghai using a single sponge to clean cups and the sink. The housekeeper then takes the same sponge and cleans the toilet, according to text shown in the video. The hotel chain apologized in a statement posted to Weibo.

At the Bulgari Hotel in Shanghai, a worker is shown reusing a plastic-cup cover fished out of a garbage

bin. A worker at a Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Shanghai uses a gel that the video describes as shampoo to clean cups.

A statement issued last week by China's Ministry of Culture and Tourism said "all levels of cultural and tourism authorities should draw inferences and give high priority to the supervision of tourism service quality." **Bloomberg**

THAILAND

Boat that sank in July killing 47 Chinese recovered

OFFICIALS on Saturday recovered a boat that sank in rough weather off Thailand's southern resort island of Phuket in July, killing 47 Chinese tourists.

Two tour boats sank off Phuket on July 5. Tourists from one boat were rescued, while the sinking of the double-decker Phoenix left 47 Chinese tourists dead.

The accident was one of Thailand's worst tourism-related disasters in recent years.

The boat was raised from the 45-meter-deep sea floor on Saturday by a crane ship operated by a salvage company from Singapore, officials said.

The recovery operation itself faced many obstacles. The first company, hired to salvage the boat, lost a member of its team during the operation and failed to lift the boat.

A group of senior police offi-



cers witnessing the raising of the boat stood in silence for one minute in commemoration of the victims.

The Phoenix, covered in brown algae and sludge, will be towed into a pier in Phuket. Police will inspect it as part of their investigation into the tragedy.

Five people have been charged so far, including the owner and two operators of the

Phoenix. They have been accused of negligence causing death, which carries a maximum penalty of 10 years in prison. Officials said other people are also under investigation, including some at the company that built the boat.

More than 9.8 million Chinese visited Thailand in 2017, accounting for the biggest share of the 35.38 million total foreign tourists. **AP**

US, allies to bring electricity to most of Papua New Guinea

THE U.S., Japan, New Zealand and Australia said they'll bring electricity to 70 percent of Papua New Guinea's people by 2030, boosting the West's response to growing Chinese influence in the South Pacific.

The four countries and Papua New Guinea signed the electrification agreement yesterday at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation meeting behind held in the capital Port Moresby.

U.S. Vice President Mike Pence said it shows how strongly the U.S. and its allies are committed to the region.

"The commitment of the United States of America to this region of the world has never been stronger," he said.

"It's remarkable to think of the impact this will have on people's li-



From left: Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison, Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, Papua New Guinea's Prime Minister Peter O'Neill, New Zealand's Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern and U.S. Vice President Mike Pence

ves across this nation. Electricity will drive economic growth but as others have said, it will simply improve the quality of life for people across Papua New Guinea for generations to come."

Only about 20 percent of Papua New Guinea's 8 million people have electricity and for a significant proportion of them the supply is not reliable. Most Papua New Guineans live in the highlands and other

remote areas.

The announcement comes after the U.S., Japan and Australia in July announced a joint effort to finance infrastructure in Pacific island states which China has aggressively wooed with loans and aid.

New Zealand's Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern said bringing electricity to most of Papua New Guinea would be "transformational" for the country. **AP**

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ANALYSIS

Experts weigh the record of Cambodia's Khmer Rouge tribunal

Grant Peck, Bangkok

AFTER spending nine years and more than USD300 million to prosecute leaders of Cambodia's Khmer Rouge responsible for the deaths of 1.7 million of their countrymen, a U.N.-assisted tribunal has ended up convicting only three people for the communist group's heinous actions.

Was it worth it?

These kinds of proceedings don't run cheap. The longer-running tribunals covering genocide in Rwanda and war crimes in the former Yugoslavia ran up costs of as much as \$2 billion — though both tried many more people than were called to account in Cambodia for crimes committed during the 1975-79 regime of the late Khmer Rouge leader Pol Pot.

On Friday, the tribunal convicted Nuon Chea, 92, and Khieu Samphan, 87, the last surviving Khmer Rouge leaders, of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes, and sentenced them to life in prison. The only other person who has been convicted is Kaing Guek Eav, known as Duch, who as head of the Khmer Rouge prison system ran the infamous Tuol Sleng torture center in Phnom Penh.

Justice is the primary goal. But international tribunals, trying people accused of crimes on a national scale, also serve to promote human rights and establish a historical record, among other targets.

Even the most bullish observers acknowledge the shortcomings of the Cambodian tribunal, officially called the Extraordinary Chambers in the Courts of Cambodia, or ECCC. The rules hammered out in extensive negotiations between the United Nations and the Cambodian government hobbled its proceedings in ways that were not always foreseeable.

The ECCC was set up as a hybrid court, meaning every in-



Khieu Samphan, foreground, former Khmer Rouge head of state



Nuon Chea, who was the Khmer Rouge's chief ideologist and No. 2 leader

ternational prosecutor and judge was paired with a Cambodian counterpart. However, what was a political atmosphere encouraging cooperation when the U.N. agreement was signed in 2003 deteriorated, as democratic space has shrunk under Cambodia's long-serving, autocratic Prime Minister Hun Sen.

"Hybrid courts require domestic and international partners to share the steering wheel. They tend to function well only when the two drivers want to head in the same general direction," said John Ciorciari, a professor at the University of Michigan and co-author of a book about the tribunal. "When they do, mixed tribunals can help fill gaps in otherwise frail domestic systems. When interests clash, these efforts to share sovereignty are prone to crash."

The main case in point: Hun Sen — himself a former Khmer Rouge commander who defected from the group when it was in power — declaring no more suspects should be prosecuted, saying without justification that such action could cause unrest.

It didn't help that the U.N. agreement's vague wording of who could be targeted for prosecution — senior Khmer Rouge leaders and those most respon-

sible for the atrocities — proved to be more restrictive than open-ended.

"All tribunals of this character have political restraints, and so that is not unique to the ECCC," said David Scheffer, a law professor at Northwestern University and former U.S. ambassador at large for war crimes. Other points he mentioned that delayed the proceedings included the protection of due process rights and the unusual combination of a civil law investigating judicial procedure alongside a common law prosecutorial model.

"One can always surmise about more being done," said Scheffer, who also served as the U.N.'s special expert on assistance to the Khmer Rouge trials. "But that was the negotiated reality of this particular tribunal."

Nevertheless, he gave high marks to the tribunal's performance, saying its main contribution has been both domestic and international justice rendered against some of the major figures in the Pol Pot regime.

"The Cambodian people sought justice and the ECCC delivered a significant measure of it," Scheffer said in an email interview. "The ECCC also established a historical record, albeit not comprehensive, that otherwise never

would have been uncovered."

Adama Dieng, the U.N. special adviser on the prevention of genocide, also said Friday's convictions showed that "justice will prevail, and that impunity should never be accepted for genocide and other atrocity crimes."

Political education is an area where the tribunal has succeeded, said Heather Ryan, who has monitored the trials for the Open Society Justice Initiative, an independent international human rights organization.

"The court has made a huge contribution to helping the world and Cambodians better understand what occurred during the Khmer Rouge regime," said Ryan. "It has triggered discussions at all levels of Cambodian society about not only the past, but concepts of impunity, justice and accountability relevant to the current political situation in Cambodia."

Other observers were less impressed.

Theary Seng, a U.S.-trained lawyer, writer and political analyst based in Phnom Penh, Cambodia's capital, who is an outspoken critic of Hun Sen's government, called the tribunal "a complete failure for international justice" because it didn't accomplish any of the estab-

lished goals of reconciliation, symbolic justice and combating impunity.

Seng, whose parents were killed by the Khmer Rouge, pointed out that the hope that at least some of the Cambodian judges, prosecutors and lawyers that the government placed in the tribunal would somehow become champions of judicial fairness and the rule of law has been the opposite of fulfilled: they have all been deeply implicated in government abuse and perversion of the domestic justice system.

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OPEN SOCIETY JUSTICE INITIATIVE

She said her top concern now was for the integrity of the tribunal's documents to be preserved for researchers.

It is likely that the voluminous documentation used by the tribunal will be handed over to the government or institution controlled by the government, she said.

"This means that the printed documents could be selectively destroyed and the electronic version could be subtly altered," she warned. "Future researchers writing the history of Cambodia will not know what's what." **AP**

INDIA

Cyclone kills 33, thousands in relief camps

A powerful cyclone in southern India has killed at least 33 people, caused massive damage to homes and roads and drove tens of thousands of people into relief camps, officials said.

India's navy assigned two

ships and a helicopter for relief work as state authorities rushed drinking water, food and paramedics to nearly 82,000 people who took shelter in more than 400 state-run camps.

They were evacuated from areas in the path of

Cyclone Gaja, which struck six districts of Tamil Nadu state on Friday with heavy rains and winds that reached 90 kilometers per hour.

Rescuers found 13 bodies Friday and an additional 20 on Saturday, said

Edappadi Palaniswami, the state's top elected official. Most deaths were caused by flooding, house collapses and electrocution.

The cyclone uprooted 30,000 electricity poles and more than 100,000 trees, he said. Near-

ly 10,000 workers were trying to restore electricity supply to the worst-hit areas, he said.

Palaniswami said a large number of goats, deer and wild animals had also perished in the flooding over the past two days.

Coconut trees over thousands of acres (hectares) of farmland have been uprooted, according to Tamil Nadu Vivasayigal Sangam, a farmers' organization.

Tamil Nadu state is prone to cyclones that develop in the Bay of Bengal. **AP**

Lawyer for WikiLeaks' Assange says he would fight charges

Eric Tucker, Washington

WIKILEAKS founder Julian Assange will not willingly travel to the United States to face charges filed under seal against him, one of his lawyers said, foreshadowing a possible fight over extradition for a central figure in the U.S. special counsel's Russia-Trump investigation.

Assange, who has taken cover in the Ecuadorian Embassy in London, where he has been granted asylum, has speculated publicly for years that the Justice Department had brought secret criminal charges against him for revealing highly sensitive government information on his website.

That hypothesis appeared closer to reality after prosecutors, in an errant court filing in an unrelated case, inadvertently revealed the existence of sealed charges. The filing, discovered Thursday night, said the charges and arrest warrant "would



need to remain sealed until Assange is arrested in connection with the charges in the criminal complaint and can therefore no longer evade or avoid arrest and extradition in this matter."

A person familiar with the matter, speaking on condition of anonymity because the case had not been made public, confirmed that charges had been filed under seal.

The exact charges Assange faces and when they might be unsealed remained uncertain Friday.

Any charges against him could help illuminate whether Russia coordinated with the Trump campaign to sway the 2016 presidential election. They also would suggest that, after years of internal Justice Department wrangling, prosecutors have decided to take

a more aggressive tack against WikiLeaks.

A criminal case also holds the potential to expose the practices of a radical transparency activist who has been under U.S. government scrutiny for years and at the center of some of the most explosive disclosures of stolen information in the last decade.

Those include thousands of military and State Department cables from Army Pvt. Bradley (now Chelsea) Manning, secret CIA hacking tools, and most recently and notoriously, Democratic emails that were published in the weeks before the 2016 presidential election and that U.S. intelligence officials say had been hacked by Russia.

Federal special counsel Robert Mueller, who has already charged 12 Russian military intelligence officers with hacking, has been investigating whether any Trump associates had advance knowledge of the stolen emails.

Assange could be an important link for Mueller as he looks to establish exactly how WikiLeaks came to receive the emails, and why its release of the communications — on the same day a highly damaging video of Trump from a decade earlier surfaced publicly — appeared timed to boost his campaign.

Assange, 47, has resided in the Ecuadorian Embassy under a grant of asylum for more than six years to avoid being extradited to Sweden, where he was accused of sex crimes, or to the United States, whose govern-

ment he has repeatedly humbled with mass disclosures of classified information.

The Australian was once a welcome guest at the embassy, which takes up part of the ground floor of a stucco-fronted apartment in London's posh Knightsbridge neighborhood. But his relationship with his hosts has soured over the years amid reports of espionage, erratic behavior and diplomatic unease.

Barry Pollack, a Washington lawyer for Assange, said he expected Ecuador to "comply with its obligations" to preserve asylum for him, though he acknowledged a concern that the county could revoke his asylum, expel him from the embassy and extradite him to the U.S.

"The burden should not shift to Mr. Assange to have to defend against criminal charges when what he has been accused of doing is what journalists do every day," Pollack said. "They publish truthful information because the public has a right to know and consider that information and understand what its government and institutions are doing."

The charges came to light in an unrelated court filing from a federal prosecutor in Virginia, who was attempting to keep sealed a separate case involving a man accused of coercing a minor for sex.

The three-page filing contained two references to Assange, including one sentence that said "due to the sophistication of the defendant and the publicity surrounding the case, no other procedure is likely to keep confidential the fact that Assange has been charged."

It was not immediately clear why Assange's name was included in the document. Joshua Stueve, a spokesman for the Justice Department's Eastern District of Virginia said, "The court filing was made in error. That was not the intended name for this filing."

The filing was discovered by Seamus Hughes, a terrorism expert at the Program on Extremism at George Washington University, who posted

it on Twitter hours after The Wall Street Journal reported that the Justice Department was preparing to prosecute Assange.

The case at issue concerns a defendant named Seitu Sulayman Kokayi, a 29-year-old teacher who has since been indicted in Virginia on charges of enticing a 15-year-old girl to commit sex acts and to produce child pornography. There doesn't appear to be any connection between Assange and Kokayi.

The since-unsealed document, a motion filed in late August asking to keep Kokayi's case secret, mentions Assange in two boilerplate sections, suggesting a copy-and-paste error or that his name was inadvertently left in a template used for the common filings.

The filing suggests prosecutors have reason to believe they will be able to arrest and extradite Assange.

Ecuadorian officials say they have cut off his high-speed internet access and will restore it only if he agrees to stop interfering in the affairs of Ecuador's partners, such as the U.S. and Spain. He is allowed to use the embassy's WiFi, though it is unclear if he doing so. Officials have also imposed a series of other restrictions on Assange's activities and visitors, and ordered him to clean after his cat.

Carlos Poveda, Assange's lawyer in Ecuador, said he suspects Ecuador has been maneuvering to kick Assange out of the embassy through the stricter new living requirements it recently imposed.

He said possible U.S. charges, however, are proof his client remains under threat, and he called on Ecuador's government to uphold Assange's asylum protections. He said Ecuador would be responsible if anything happened to Assange.

With shrinking options — an Ecuadorian lawsuit seeking to reverse the restrictions was recently turned down — WikiLeaks announced in September that former spokesman Kristinn Hrafnsson, an Icelandic journalist who has long served as one of Assange's lieutenants, would take over as editor-in-chief. In a brief interview in Reykjavik, Iceland, Hrafnsson called the U.S. news "a very black day for journalism." AP

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IRAQ

War victims turn to social media to find medical help

Sinan Salaheddin, Baghdad

It was spring 2007 in northern Iraq when 6-year-old Saja Saleem raced home from school with the good news about her excellent grades, hoping to receive the gift her father had promised her.

"All of a sudden, I found myself spinning into the air with fire trailing from my school uniform after a loud boom," Saleem, now 17, recounted to The Associated Press.

Saleem lost her eyesight, right arm and an ear in the explosion, set off by a roadside bomb. Months later, her disfiguring injuries forced her to drop out of school after other students complained about her "scary face."

Feeling helpless, Saleem recently turned to social media to find help. Eventually, her appeal grabbed the attention of a surgeon who offered free treatment.

Others have also reached out on social media. Emotional videos and photographs of Iraqis with war wounds and disabilities have overwhelmed social media platforms, mainly Facebook, widely used in Iraq.

The widespread violence unleashed by the 2003 toppling of Saddam Hussein and the 2014-2017 battle against the Islamic State group has wounded hundreds of thousands of Iraqis. Many are



Saja Ahmed Saleem, who was injured in an explosion in 2007

maimed and scarred, their suffering lingering long after the violence subsides.

Poor medical services, scarcity of specialized staff and medical centers, and poverty have exacerbated the suffering. Those who cannot get treatment at state-run hospitals and cannot afford private clinics are looking to social media platforms to make appeals.

Appeals are posted on the personal Facebook pages of patients or on the pages of aid organizations and public figures with tens of thousands of followers. Patients describe their condition along with

contact details. Messages are also distributed on platforms like WhatsApp and Viber.

Saleem and her family recall the explosion that upended her life, and the years that followed as they struggled financially to get her treatment.

"When I hit the ground, I felt severe pain all over my body [...] I was bleeding, a pool of blood around me ... everything turned dark and I lost consciousness," she recalled from her bed at a Baghdad hospital where she is undergoing free reconstructive and plastic surgeries.

Saleem's mother, Khawla Omar Hussein, remembers her daughter's screams when three weeks later, she regained consciousness and realized she had lost her right arm and ear.

"She woke up screaming, crying: 'Mammy, mammy,'" Hussein recalled. "Then she asked: 'Why can't I see and why is everything dark?'"

They told her it was the bandages over her eyes and that she would see after they were removed. When that day came, the doctors told her she had lost both eyes.

Nearly two years later, Saleem's family tried to send her back to school where she was accepted only as a "listener" in class, accompanying her brothers. But that arrangement ended soon as other students and teachers complained that her disfigured face was bothering them.

"I was crying day and night and became a very reclusive person," Saleem said.

After the state-run hospital couldn't go beyond the necessary treatment to save her life, Saleem's family looked for plastic and reconstructive surgery for her at a private clinic, but they couldn't afford the doctor's \$7,500 fee.

Then, late last year, her mother made an appeal, posting photographs of Saleem and details about her ordeal in a public group on Vi-

ber. Days later, Baghdad-based Dr. Abbas al-Sahan, one of Iraq's best plastic surgeons, offered to do free surgeries.

Since January, Saleem has undergone four surgeries — first so her face could accommodate the two glass eyes, or ocular prostheses, then a procedure to reduce some of the scars. She also had a surgery to adjust to a prosthetic arm and is due to have plastic surgery to reconstruct her missing ear, al-Sahan said.

Al-Sahan runs the only state-run specialized hospital for reconstructive and plastic surgery in Iraq. He said that about 40 percent of the monthly surgeries his hospital performs — between 600 to 850 — are for victims of bombings and other war-related explosions, as well as for casualties of military operations.

Saleem's family feels she is lucky. Not everyone gets the help they need through social media.

Iraqi army Capt. Salar al-Jaff was shot by a sniper in January 2017, during the height of the fight to recapture the northern city of Mosul from the Islamic State group. The bullet hit him in the head and left him paralyzed in one side of his body.

Since then, he has been treated for the head wound and for complications from lying in bed all the time, but not for the paralysis. He sold his car and all his possessions to be able to afford three injections a day, each costing \$100, to overcome the pain.

He also appeared in a video, posted on social media, alongside a cleric who asks that someone help al-Jaff.

But so far, there have been no offers for free treatment. **AP**

FRANCE

Protests sparked by gas tax lead to 1 death, 227 injuries

FRANCE was shaken Saturday by the biggest demonstrations since President Emmanuel Macron took office as police responded with tear gas against protesters who blocked traffic in a grassroots movement that coalesced around demands for lower gasoline taxes.

Parisian traffic was snarled as more than 1,000 people marched in the center of the capital, and one protester died in southeastern France after being hit by a car whose driver panicked amid a road blockade. More than 2,000 rallies took place across the country, gathering more than 282,000 protesters, according to the government.

Interior Minister Christophe Castaner said 227 people were injured and dozens arrested amid standoffs throughout the country between protesters who sought to block traffic and



drivers. Demonstrators entered a government building in Troyes, in northeastern France.

The day's events place Macron in a delicate position as he strives to take the heat out of a movement which has morphed from a demand to lower gasoline taxes into a diffuse expression of anger against high unemployment and difficulties to make ends meet. "Our level of concern is at maximal level," Castaner said Saturday morning, according to AFP. He asked demonstrators to take measures to guarantee safety, saying that "the right

to demonstrate is essential in this country and must be protected, but one must also ensure that the minimal organization of this protest avoids a tragedy of this kind."

Protesters interrupted traffic on the A13 highway that links Paris to Normandy and blocked the A4 highway near Metz in eastern France, according to toll-road operator Sanef. Traffic was also slowed down by many blockades on the A1 highway north of the Roissy-Charles de Gaulle airport.

The government had said it wouldn't bar any protes-

ts, but it wouldn't allow any roads to be blocked. Macron refused to back down on higher gasoline taxes, which is part of a long-term goal of weaning France off fossil fuel.

The social-media-driven movement, which branded itself "gilets jaunes" — after the yellow safety vests drivers need to keep in their cars — blames higher taxes on fossil fuels for rising prices at the pump. A petition on Change.org calling for lower gasoline taxes gathered about 860,000 signatures. A website www.blog17novembre.com listed plans for protests in all of France's 95 mainland departments.

In the runup to the protests, opposition parties tried to associate themselves with the movement. Far-left party Unbowed France's leader Jean-Luc Melenchon said the number of protesters was much higher than the

interior ministry's assessment and accused the government of "dramatizing" the movement. Laurent Wauquiez, leader of conservative party The Republicans, took part in a protest in Puy-en-Velay, central France, calling Macron to ditch his tax hike plans.

"This government hasn't understood the anger of the French," Socialist Party secretary general Olivier Faure said in a statement Wednesday. "We were the first party to express our total support for this movement," said nationalist leader Marine Le Pen in an interview Nov. 13 with *Le Parisien*.

Macron said Wednesday he "hears the anger" but said he was "wary because many different people are trying to piggyback on this movement." In earlier interviews, he has said he prefers taxing fuel to taxing labor.

The government increased fuel taxes this year and will

add another 6.5 cents per liter to diesel and 2.9 cents per liter to gasoline at the start of 2019, as it tries to bring diesel and gasoline taxes in line.

Diesel prices at the pump in France have risen 16 percent this year to an average 1.48 euros (\$1.69) a liter, according to UFIP, the French oil industry federation. Gasoline is up 5 percent to 1.47 euros per liter.

France is trying to end its reliance on diesel, fueled by decades of government support. Diesel once represented three-quarters of cars sold in France, but the proportion has declined below 40 percent as it gradually lost its tax advantage. Contrary to its reputation for public transport, about 70 percent of the French drive to work everyday, according to state statistical unit Insee, compared with about 76 percent in the U.S. **Bloomberg**

what's ON



18TH MACAU FOOD FESTIVAL
TIME: 5pm-11pm (Monday to Thursday)
 3pm to 12am (Friday to Sunday)
UNTIL: November 25, 2018
VENUE: Sai Van Lake Square
ADMISSION: Free admission
ENQUIRIES: (853) 2857 5765

TREASURE OF SACRED ART OF ST. JOSEPH'S SEMINARY
TIME: 10am-5pm daily (closed on Wednesdays, open on public holidays)
VENUE: St. Joseph's Seminary and Church, Rua do Seminário
ADMISSION: Free
ENQUIRIES: (853) 2835 7911

MANDARIN'S HOUSE
TIME: 10am-6pm daily (last admission at 5:30pm; closed on Wednesdays, open on public holidays)
ADDRESS: No. 10, Travessa de António da Silva
ADMISSION: Free
ENQUIRIES: (853) 2896 8820

MACAU SCIENCE CENTRE
TIME: 10am-6pm daily (Except on Thursdays; open on public holidays)
VENUE: Macau Science Center
ADMISSION: MOP25 (Exhibition Centre)
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TIME: 4pm & 8pm daily (except on Thursdays)
VENUE: Sands Cotai Theatre
ADMISSION: MOP380, MOP480, MOP680, MOP980, MOP1280
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Offbeat

HOMELESS AUSSIE WHO HELPED THWART ATTACK CHARGED WITH THEFT

A homeless Australian man who shot to fame after using a shopping trolley to help police thwart last week's militant attack in Melbourne has been charged over a series of burglaries.

Michael Rogers was hailed as a hero and dubbed "Trolleyman" on social media after emerging from a crowd with a trolley to try to ram a knife-wielding man who killed one person and wounded two others, as two police officers tried to subdue him.

The man, Somali-born Australian Hassain Khalif Shire Ali, was fatally shot in the chest by one officer, with police later saying his actions were terrorism-inspired.

Rogers, 46, became a media celebrity after the attack, his sudden fame also leading to 140,000 Australian dollars (USD100,000) being raised for him in an online funding drive.

But now his time in the spotlight has been extended for the wrong reasons.

After media reports the police were seeking to question him, Rogers turned himself in on Friday night and was served with five charges relating to recent burglaries in the central Melbourne area.

He was charged with two counts of burglary, two counts of theft, and committing an indictable offence while on bail.

Rogers made a brief appearance in the Melbourne Magistrates Court, and is expected to appear again later this weekend to apply for bail.

Donna Stolzenberg, director of the National Homeless Collective charity, which set up the online fundraiser for Rogers, said he was keen to do the right thing and hand himself in to police.

She told the Australian Broadcasting Corp. the money raised for him will be held in a trust fund for him, and that an accountancy firm had offered to oversee it and give financial advice.

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13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
15:00	Portuguese Soap Opera
15:50	Cartoons
16:15	Portuguese Comedy
19:00	Portugal Fashion
19:35	Portuguese Serie
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:15	You, Me & Apocalypse
22:00	Funny Things To Know
22:25	Portuguese Serie - Liberty 21
23:15	TDM News
23:50	Documentary
00:15	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)
01:30	RTPi Live

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FANTASTIC BEASTS: THE CRIMES OF GINDELWALD
ROOM 1
2:15, 4:45, 7:15, 9:45pm
Director: David Yates
Starring: Eddie Redmayne, Johny Depp, Jude Law
Language: English
Duration: 130min



THE CURED
ROOM 2
2:30, 4:30, 7:30 9:30pm
Director: David Freyne
Starring: Sam Keeley, Ellen Page,, Tom Vaughan-Lawlor
Language: English
Duration: 130min



CODE BLUE
ROOM 3
2:15, 7:00 pm
Director: Masaki Nishiura
Starring: Yamashita Tomohisa, Aragaki Yui, Toda Erika
Language: Japanese (Chinese, English)
Duration: 112min

MY HERO ACADEMIA
ROOM 3
4:45, 9:30 P.M.
Director: Kenji Nagasaki
Language: Japanese (Chinese, English)
Duration: 112min

this day in history

**1985 SUPERPOWER SUMMIT 'OFF TO GOOD START'**

The first meeting in six years between the world's superpowers - the United States and the Soviet Union - has begun in Switzerland.

Early reports indicate the meeting between President Ronald Reagan and the Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev in Geneva has got off to a good start.

Their first get together this morning - at the Villa Water Lily owned by the Aga Khan - lasted four times the scheduled 15 minutes.

The two men were alone apart from their interpreters.

And in the afternoon they unexpectedly went off entirely by themselves for an hour.

However, a key stumbling block to any agreement is expected to be America's Strategic Defence Initiative (SDI) - popularly known as "Star Wars".

Mr Reagan believes a defensive shield of laser gun ships in space would guarantee peace.

But Mr Gorbachev believes SDI could upset the nuclear balance and allow a state with the technology to launch an attack untroubled by the threat of retaliation.

There is a complete news blackout on details until the end of the summit on Thursday.

But the general atmosphere was upbeat at the end of the first day with Mr Gorbachev announcing the two men had got down to "serious business".

"We must achieve decisions together," the Soviet leader said.

The presidents and their wives later dined together.

The summit continues tomorrow when the leaders are expected to discuss arms control, regional conflicts and human rights.

In the absence of hard news regarding the summit, much interest has been focused on the activities of the leaders' wives.

On Tuesday Raisa Gorbachev and Nancy Reagan carried out separate public programmes but met for tea in the afternoon.

Reporters have dubbed the women's alleged desire to be the best-dressed - "Style Wars".

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

Both sides painted a positive picture of the summit but the lack of specific details in the subsequent agreement reflected areas of major differences.

The document signed by the two presidents committed them to work towards a 50% cut in their nuclear arsenals and explore the possibility of an agreement on medium range missiles.

It also said they should try and resolve "humanitarian cases" - believed to refer to the USSR granting exit visas to Soviet Jews.

In October 1986 the two men held another summit in Reykjavik in Iceland.

However, after a positive start the meeting ending without agreement when the US insisted it would not give up the "Star Wars" programme.

YOUR STARS

Aries

Mar. 21-Apr. 19

Avoid the temptation to do your own thing today — even if it's the hottest thing ever! Your friends or family (or maybe coworkers) need you more than you realize, and that karma is irreplaceable.

Taurus

April 20-May 20

Your health may need some adjustment — so get to a gym, see a nutritionist or find a way to think positive thoughts even during that dreaded performance review. It all helps in the long run!

Gemini

May 21-Jun. 21

Is romance in your future — or your present? If today's energy is any indication, the answer is yes! Just look around if you're single, as someone right for you is tantalizingly close.

Cancer

Jun. 22-Jul. 22

Today is all about partnership — but that can be hard to deal with. You should find out if you can get your mate or your business associates to see things your way, but the road is long and hard for now.

Leo

Jul. 23-Aug. 22

Today is all about activity, and you need to make sure that you're not just sitting around. Your social energy is lively and vibrant, so make the most of it and meet some new people or go on a date.

Virgo

Aug. 23-Sept. 22

You are having a hard time figuring out what you want to do next — but you're not the only one! Make sure that your people know your quandary, as you and a friend can help each other in a big way.

Libra

Sep. 23-Oct. 22

Your energy levels are super-high today, and you may find that your friends and family are riding your draft and enjoying every second of it. It's a good day to get out there and mix it up with new people!

Scorpio

Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

It's a good day to hang out on your own and try to do things quietly. Loud parties and raucous meetings just aren't your style now, so try solitary activities and see what new ideas you can come up with.

Sagittarius

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Your great social energy guarantees fun almost all day long — or at least a better mood than you think you deserve. It's a great time to reach out to friends who are going through hard times.

Capricorn

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Try not to worry too much when your plans are challenged today — that's just nature's way of testing your willpower. If you can meet this stress with good humor, you are sure to do well all year!

Aquarius

Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Try something different today — routines don't work for you, at least not right now. Your great mental energy makes you more prone to boredom, and that's something you just can't tolerate!

Pisces

Feb. 19-Mar. 20

Are you having cash flow issues? Now is the time to deal with them — before they deal with you! Your great energy is perfect for handling all kinds of financial burdens, so get on it ASAP!

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



SUDOKU

Easy

9x9 Sudoku grid for Easy level.

Easy+

9x9 Sudoku grid for Easy+ level.

Medium

9x9 Sudoku grid for Medium level.

Hard

9x9 Sudoku grid for Hard level.

WEATHER

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CHINA

Weather forecast table for various Chinese cities including Beijing, Harbin, Tianjin, etc.

WORLD

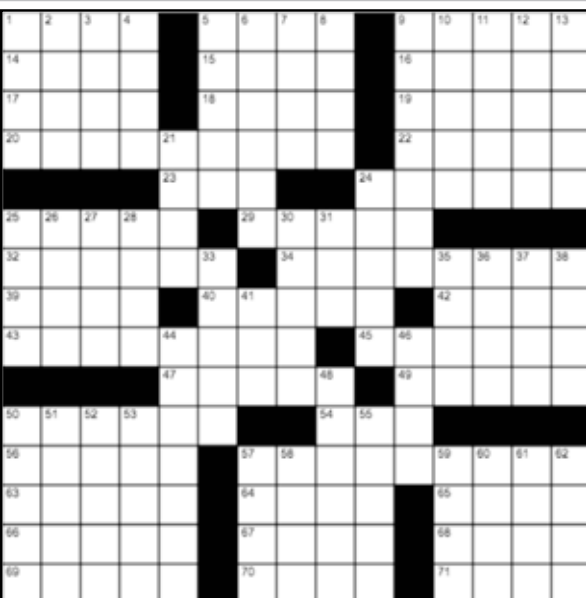
Weather forecast table for various world cities including Moscow, Frankfurt, Paris, etc.

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Little pest; 5- Greek peak; 9- Silhouette; 14- Building block brand; 15- Four Corners state; 16- Chad neighbor; 17- Able was...; 18- Semester; 19- Noted bankruptcy of 2001; 20- Restaurant; 22- Paradises; 23- Live and breathe; 24- Most loyal; 25- Bits; 29- Earth tone; 32- Marshy; 34- African antelope; 39- Room in a casa; 40- Foe; 42- Suffix with buck; 43- Lay eggs; 45- Of the backbone; 47- Conical dwelling; 49- Plantain lily; 50- Los...; 54- Sephia maker; 56- Maritime; 57- Processes for choosing a government; 63- Diciembre follower; 64- Arabian Nights; 65- Arduous journey; 66- Outfit anew; 67- Womanizer; 68- Area of 4840 square yards; 69- Analyze a metallic compound; 70- act; 71- "Shane" star;

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Friday's solution



Crossword puzzles provided by BestCrosswords.com

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- Emergency calls 999
Taxi 28 939 939 / 2828 3283
Fire department 28 572 222
Water Supply - Report 2822 0088
PJ (Open line) 993
Telephone - Report 1000
PJ (Picket) 28 557 775
Electricity - Report 28 339 922
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Italy's **Ciro Immobile** (left) challenges for the ball with Portugal's **Ruben Neves** during the UEFA Nations League soccer match

FOOTBALL

Portugal qualifies for finals, Italy earn positives in draw

Daniella Matar, Milan

No Cristiano Ronaldo, no problem.

Portugal drew with Italy 0-0 on Saturday to pick up the point it needed to qualify for the UEFA Nations League finals and confirm it as host of the first Final Four in June.

Ronaldo is taking a break from the national team and wasn't present at San Siro, just as he wasn't in Portugal's first two Nations League matches — both of which they won.

"There's a lot of satisfaction at having reached the final phase," Portugal coach Fernando Santos

said.

"It was a difficult match, much more than we thought it would be. When we had the ball it was difficult to build and that was difficult to build and that was merit to Italy and demerit to us. Italy had a great game."

Poland has already been assured of finishing last in Group A3 and will be relegated to League B, and Italy will finish second.

All three expressed interest in staging the finals so the winners of the group were always assured of being host. Portugal proposed Porto's Estadio do Dragao and the Estadio D. Afonso Henriques in Guimaraes as host venues in their bid dossier

and they are expected to be ratified by UEFA at a meeting of its executive committee on Dec. 3, when the draw will also take place.

Despite failing to qualify for the finals, there are positive signs for the Azzurri a year after Italian football's darkest moment.

Italy dominated and had the better of the chances in front of a packed crowd in Milan but ended with a sixth successive home draw. The Azzurri have also scored only twice in four matches in the competition — but only conceded as many.

"I don't think there's so many

problems up front, it's a question of five centimeters here, 10 there," Italy coach Roberto Mancini said.

There was a lot of good interplay from the hosts with crisp, efficient passing in the best performance seen by an Italy side in a long time.

It was a far cry from Italy's last match at San Siro, when it drew with Sweden 0-0 last November and failed to qualify for the World Cup for the first time in six decades.

"Little by little we'll manage to sort out the attack, too," Mancini said. "Having so much possession in their half is something

very significant. We're a step further ahead than we thought we'd be. We have to resolve this small problem [of scoring] but we will."

The fans are also starting to fall back in love with the Azzurri, with 73,000 spectators at San Siro.

LEAGUE B

Sweden kept alive its hopes of promotion with a 1-0 victory at Turkey, which was relegated to League C.

Andreas Granqvist netted the only goal with a second-half penalty after Okay Yokuslu brought down Marcus Berg.

Sweden will be promoted on Tuesday if it beats Russia, which leads Group B2.

LEAGUE C

Scotland will win Group C1 if it beats Israel on Tuesday following a 4-0 victory over 10-man Albania in Tirana.

Ryan Fraser scored his first international goal shortly before Albania captain Mergim Mavraj was sent off.

Steven Fletcher doubled Scotland's tally from the penalty spot, and James Forrest netted a second-half double.

Serbia beat Montenegro 2-1 despite Aleksandar Mitrovic missing a penalty and will win Group C4 if it beats Lithuania on Tuesday.

Lithuania lost 3-0 at Romania, which will go up if it beats Montenegro and Serbia fails to win.

LEAGUE D

Kosovo beat Malta 5-0 and Azerbaijan beat the Faroe Islands 2-0. The teams set up a winner-takes-all clash when they meet on Tuesday in Group D3, although a draw would be enough for Kosovo.

The Nations League also offers a second chance to qualify for the European Championship in 2020. The 16 group winners in Leagues A, B, C and D — or the next best-placed teams who have not already qualified via the European qualifiers starting in March — will progress to the playoffs to compete for the last four qualifying places. **AP**

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MOTORSPORT

Ogier wins 6th straight World Rally Championship

SEBASTIEN Ogier won his sixth straight World Rally Championship after a final day of racing at Rally Australia ended the hopes of his only two challengers for the season title.

The Frenchman started a wet yesterday needing to hold his spot ahead of Thierry Neuville, while overnight rally leader Ott Tanak also remained with a chance of moving ahead of Ogier.

Instead it was that pair which failed to finish, with Neuville clipping a tree with three stages remaining and Tanak running off the road on the second-last stage.

Neither was able to recover, with the dual retirements assuring Ogier another title regardless of how he fares on the season's final stage.

The 34-year-old Ogier sealed the title in fashion, though, blitzing the seven-kilometer Wedding Bells final stage to claim his only forest stage victory of the rally and five bonus points.

Toyota's Jari-Matti Latvala claimed Rally Australia honors, beating New Zealand's Hyundai driver



Ogier (right) and co-driver Julien Ingrassia

Hayden Paddon by 32.5 seconds and securing his team their first manufacturers' title since 1999. Ogier was fifth.

Three points behind Ogier ahead of Rally Australia, Neuville's crash and blown tire on Friday cost him 40 seconds and proved to be the decisive margin before his retirement yesterday.

Ogier and co-driver Julien Ingrassia will join Citroen next year after two successful seasons with Ford

and four with Volkswagen.

"The season was so intense and it just happened in between stages," Ogier said. "I'm so proud of what we achieved, so proud of my team, you are the best. I enjoyed my last push in this car; I hope I will not miss it."

Ogier finished the season with 219 points, with Neuville on 201 and Tanak 181. The 24-stage Rally Australia over mostly forestry roads in northern New South Wales state covered 319 kilometers. AP

Dovizioso wins rain-affected Valencia MotoGP

ANDREA Dovizioso of Ducati took advantage of a difficult wet track to win the season-ending Valencia MotoGP yesterday.

Poor conditions forced the race to be interrupted near its halfway point with Alex Rins in the lead on a Suzuki, but Dovizioso took control after the restart to seal his fourth win of the season.

The Italian rider, who had already secured second place in the championship, started third at the Ricardo Tormo circuit. He finished ahead of Rins and Pol Espargaro of KTM, who earned the first podium of his career.

Seven-time MotoGP champion Valentino Rossi started near the back but recovered to second place before crashing with five laps to go. He still secured third place in the championship, ahead of teammate Maverick Vinales, the pole-sitter who was one of the many riders

to go down before the race was red-flagged because of the treacherous track conditions.

Marquez, who claimed his fifth MotoGP title in Japan three races ago, crashed with 21 laps to go after starting fifth. He competed with pain in his left shoulder after also crashing in qualifying on Saturday. Andrea Iannone, who is moving from Suzuki to Aprilia next season, also crashed early in the race.

It was the last MotoGP race for Dani Pedrosa, the 33-year-old Spaniard who is retiring as a full-time MotoGP rider and will test with KTM next season. He finished fifth on Sunday.

Three-time champion Jorge Lorenzo ended 12th in his final race before moving from Ducati to Honda to replace Pedrosa.

Alvaro Bautista, the 33-year-old Spaniard who will race in Superbikes next season, also was among the riders who crashed. AP

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World Views

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THIS ASIAN NATION MIGHT REVIVE FAITH IN DEMOCRACY

Political revolts around the world have targeted what are widely seen as corrupt and unaccountable political and business elites — elites that pursue their own interests globally at the expense of ordinary citizens and regulatory regimes in nation-states. The result has often been the elevation of demagogues stoking xenophobic passions against not only elites, but minorities and immigrants. Yet one case — Malaysia — shows that demagoguery doesn't have to be the inevitable consequence of elite misrule.

The scandal at 1Malaysia Development Bhd., the state investment fund more commonly known as 1MDB, has offered up a classic cast of apparent villains, from former Prime Minister Najib Razak and his wife, accused of siphoning hundreds of millions of dollars from the fund, to the bankers that allegedly helped them. Last month, for instance, the U.S. Department of Justice implicated at least three senior bankers at the Goldman Sachs Group Inc. in the alleged fraud.

Two of them are accused of bribing officials in Malaysia and laundering hundreds of millions of dollars, while underwriting lavish lifestyles. (One, former Southeast Asia chief Tim Leissner, has pled guilty to two counts of conspiracy.) One of their Malaysian associates allegedly paid \$27.3 million to a New York jeweler to design a pink diamond necklace for Najib's wife, Rosmah Mansor. Goldman Sachs, which raised USD6.5 billion for 1MDB and earned hundreds of millions of dollars in fees and commissions, now faces hostile scrutiny from federal prosecutors.

Demagogues tend to profit from the exposure of such blatant venality. And they often do so by feverishly circulating nasty conspiracy theories about rootless cosmopolitans and invoking the rights of the presumably rooted ethnic or racial majority.

Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad, who ousted Najib in elections last spring in part because of public outrage over the 1MDB scandal, would seem tailor-made for that role of rabble rouser. As prime minister during the Asian financial crisis in the late 1990s, Mahathir railed against Western "currency speculators" and blithely played with anti-Semitic stereotypes as he blamed George Soros for Malaysia's troubles.

During his first stint in power from 1981 to 2003, Mahathir was also an unabashed exponent of racial nationalism, elevating the Malay majority over the country's sizable Chinese and Indian minorities. He cracked down on the media, imprisoned his opponents on flimsy charges, and presided over a regime of crony capitalism.

Given this record, his reelection could have stirred fears that Malaysia was following its neighbors — Thailand, Cambodia, Myanmar — down the dark path of authoritarian rule. Instead, a remarkable political alignment has occurred in Malaysia, as the old autocrat and racialist has reinvented himself as a democrat and multiculturalist.

In his election campaign, Mahathir effectively mined discontent among Malaysians of all ethnic and racial backgrounds, especially the young. Presiding over a unique coalition of parties and personalities, including people he had viciously persecuted, the former Malay nationalist delivered his country's first multi-ethnic vote.

In office, Mahathir has sought to reassert his country's political and economic sovereignty. Whether reexamining extravagant Chinese-sponsored projects or demanding refunds from Goldman Sachs, he's doing what every politician today must do: attend to the welfare of the many, as opposed to the enrichment of the few. He has focused on specific cases of malfeasance, rather than demonizing whole segments of society or creating faceless bogeymen. The goal is transparency, not score-settling, and support for him is widespread.

It's entirely possible, if not probable, that in the few months that remain to him in office, Mahathir lapses into his former authoritarian ways. Hopefully, though, the broad-based movement he has led will outlast his worst instincts.

Certainly, it offers an instructive lesson to all those who despair at their polarized societies and their out-of-control hatreds: that angry political movements provoked into being by a venal and dysfunctional ruling class need not start civil wars or trade wars. Instead, the discrediting of the old ruling elite can open up scope for a demographically diverse and politically progressive coalition. It might even give democracy another chance.

THE BARACK SURPRISE GUEST AT BUZZ MICHELLE OBAMA'S BOOK SHOW

Former President Barack Obama practically brought the house down at Michelle Obama's book show in Washington. The former first lady is currently touring the country promoting her memoir, "Becoming," and participated in a conversation Saturday night moderated by her longtime friend and former Obama White House adviser Valerie Jarrett.

When the conversation shifted toward Mrs. Obama's feelings about her husband, Jarrett announced a "special guest" and Barack Obama

came on stage carrying a bouquet of pink roses for his wife. The crowd at Capital One Arena leapt to its feet. Jarrett asked him what about Michelle Obama captured his heart when they met at a Chicago law firm where she was his mentor.

Barack Obama said she was "one of a kind," strong and honest, and someone he knew he could always count on. He also said he knew that if she was the mother of his children their offspring would be "extraordinary."



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WORLD BRIEFS

China's kindergarten crackdown is the latest disaster for stocks

FIRST came the clampdown on shadow banks. Then it was gaming companies and drugmakers. Now education firms are in the Chinese government's crosshairs, roiling stocks and reminding investors how quickly their fortunes can change in a country rife with regulatory risk.

RYB Education Inc. and Bright Scholar Education Holdings Ltd. both plunged by records in U.S. trading, while Vtron Group Co. and China Maple Leaf Educational Systems Ltd. sank in Shenzhen and Hong Kong after the government unveiled new rules that prohibit companies from financing for-profit kindergartens via the equity market. The losses echoed declines in Chinese peer-to-peer lenders, game makers and pharmaceutical companies after regulators increased scrutiny of the industries this year.

While policy makers say the new rules will help protect consumers, they've taken many investors by surprise. That's adding to jitters in a USD5.8 trillion stock market already grappling with a trade war and the weakest economic expansion since 2009. China's benchmark Shanghai Composite Index has tumbled 19 percent this year, one of the steepest declines worldwide.

Read more on China education stocks here.

"The education sector had massive growth potential and was once red-hot among equity investors," said Steven Leung, executive director at Uob Kay Hian (Hong Kong) Ltd. "It's a pity that the government is stepping up regulation. What's more annoying for a lot of sectors which rely heavily on the government is that you can't expect a timeline, and many sudden changes in policies are a surprise."

Chinese parents spend an average of \$42,892 on their children's education, almost double that of counterparts in countries



like Canada and the U.K., according to a report last year from HSBC Holdings Plc. The potential for growth helped propel shares of schooling firms to record highs as recently as June, with recently-listed China New Higher Education Group Ltd. and China Education Group Holdings Ltd. more than doubling in value within six months. Both dropped at least 4.5 percent in Hong Kong on Friday.

In new guidelines for the industry published late on Thursday, China's government said it wants to build more public kindergartens. It called for public institutions to educate half of the nation's kindergarten students by 2020.

"Policymakers were concerned about excessively profit-driven education that may cause social issues," Credit Suisse Group AG analysts Alex Xie and Thomas Chong wrote in a note.

The move comes just a few months after Chinese regulators stopped approving new game licenses, a decision that erased billions of market value from companies including Tencent Holdings Ltd. and NetEase Inc. The government is restructuring how it reviews video games amid concerns about addiction, myopia

and other ills among the country's youth. Tencent said this week it was unable to provide further clarity on the approvals process, which has been the biggest drag on its revenue this year.

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RYB Education was only a year ago at the center child-abuse allegations, suspicions of which led to a teacher being fired from one of its schools and detained by authorities. While Beijing police later said it found no evidence of impropriety, the stock never recovered after the investigation sparked fury on Chinese social media. **Bloomberg**



CZECH REPUBLIC Thousands of Czechs have used the anniversary of their country's 1989 anti-communist Velvet Revolution to rally against Prime Minister Andrej Babis, who has been charged with misusing European Union subsidies for a farm he transferred to family members.



FRANCE One protester was killed and 227 other people were injured — eight seriously — at roadblocks set up around villages, towns and cities across France on Saturday as citizens angry with rising fuel taxes rose up in a grassroots movement, posing a new challenge to beleaguered President Emmanuel Macron. **More on p15**

SPAIN Greenpeace says six of its activists boarded a tanker transporting Indonesian palm oil in the Gulf of Cadiz and were detained by its captain after unfurling "Save our Rainforest" and "Drop Dirty Palm Oil" banners.



US Northern California crews battling the country's deadliest wildfire in a century were bracing for strong winds yesterday that could erode gains they have made in containing the fearsome blaze, which has killed at least 76 and leveled a town.

ARGENTINA Hours after announcing the discovery of an Argentine submarine lost deep in the Atlantic a year ago with 44 crew members aboard, the government said Saturday that it is unable to recover the vessel, drawing anger from missing sailors' relatives who demanded that it be raised.