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# Moody's retains Aa3 rating, forecasts 4.5% growth

**A**MERICAN business and financial services company Moody's has published its latest "Annual credit analysis on Macau" report. In the report the company continues to classify the local credit profile as "Aa3 stable," a rating that the company says results from the "absence of government debt and large and growing fiscal and external buffers that provide the SAR significant capacity to counter future shocks."

As in previous reports from the rating company, Moody's classified local GDP growth as "volatile" due to the characteristics of the region in terms of its size and the concentration of economic factors in the gaming sector. In the report, the company also indicated expect-

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tations for Macau's economy to grow by around 4.5% in 2019 and 2020 following a recovery in gaming and tourism receipts. Nevertheless, the rating com-

pany also continued its warnings regarding the need for "further progress on diversification toward nongaming activities," which, according

to Moody's, will "support more stable Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth." As for challenges, Moody's observed that Macau continues to

be very dependent and exposed to potential changes occurring on the mainland, "particularly those related to economic, financial and policy developments in China that could negatively affect gaming and tourism."

The classification was a result of Macau's stable outlook and also implies that credit risks are balanced. Moody's noted that the rating of Macau could be raised "upon evidence that the government's diversification plans are delivering stronger and durable more stable economic growth than currently projected," the Moody's report states.

As for aspects that Macau should pay attention to in order to avoid a downgraded rating, the company stated, "we would [only] consider downgrading the rating if Macau endured a prolonged economic downturn that led to a significant and lasting erosion of fiscal and external buffers, in part because of an ineffective policy response." **RM**

## TOURISM

# MGTO: residents divided over visitor tax

Julie Zhu

**M**ACAU residents are not showing a clear consensus in favor or against a tax applied to visitors to the SAR, according to the Director of the Macao Government Tourism Office (MGTO), Helena Maria de Senna Fernandes, whose bureau launched a public survey on the matter earlier this month.

The MGTO head reported that about 10,000 questionnaires have been collected but that the results are not conclusive.

According to Senna Fernandes, both pros and cons from supporters and opponents of the tax have been forcefully presented. The authorities will further analyze the results when the period for the questionnaire's circulation finishes.

The MGTO director was also asked about how the questionnaire is set up, as

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it only requires respondents' age and a Macau ID status. Some worry that a single person may fill out the survey multiple times, which may influence the trustworthiness of the results.

However, Senna Fernandes said that the bureau hopes to encourage more people to fill out the

questionnaire without the burden of having to provide a great deal of personal information.

Earlier this week, the Tourism Development Committee held its first plenary meeting for 2019. During the meeting, Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture Alexis Tam made remarks about

the proposed visitor tax. Tam acknowledged that tourism and related industries bring economic benefits to Macau, but the continued increase in tourists also poses challenges to the city.

Tam claimed that the SAR government attaches great importance to the protection of the quality of life of Macau residents and the views of various stakeholders.

The secretary said that the SAR government invites all parties to make recommendations on the issue of the city's carrying capacity.

Regarding a feasibility study on the levy of a tourist tax, the government has been open to opinions and has been listening to them, according to Tam.

However, he highlighted that taxation is just one way to solve the problem of carrying capacity. There are other ways to manage the problem which the government is actively studying.

Tam noted that the SAR government is striving to balance the quality of life of residents with the development of the tourism industry.

## TOURISM

# Package tour visitors rise by 20% in April

**T**he number of package tour visitors to Macau rose by 20.2% year-on-year to 908,000 in April 2019, according to the latest data provided by the Statistics and Census Service, with those from mainland China (724,000), South Korea (60,000) and Taiwan (58,000) increasing by 22.1%, 21.9% and 6.3% respectively, and those from Hong Kong (17,000) surging by 47.6%.

In the first four months of 2019 there were 3.29 million package tour visitors, according to official government data, showing growth of 14.3% year-on-year.

Meanwhile, 128,000 outbound residents in total used the services of travel agencies in April, up slightly by 0.4% year-on-year.

Residents travelling under their own arrangements increased by

1.2% to 83,000 with those going to mainland China (35,000) and Taiwan (14,000) rising 5.8% and 8.3% respectively, whereas those visiting Hong Kong (14,000) decreased by 29.9%.

There were 117 hotels and guesthouses operating at the end of April 2019, two more than in the same month last year. The number of available guest rooms grew by 1.9% year-on-year to 39,000, with the number of 5-star hotel rooms rising by 2.9% to 24,000 (63.4% of total).

In the first four months of 2019, guests of hotels and guesthouses totaled 4.66 million, up by 2.8% year-on-year. The average occupancy rate of hotels and guesthouses rose by 1.5 percentage points to 91.8%, and the average length of stay of guests remained stable at 1.5 nights. **DB**

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ENTERTAINMENT

# MGM's Grant Bowie calls for quality over quantity in Macau

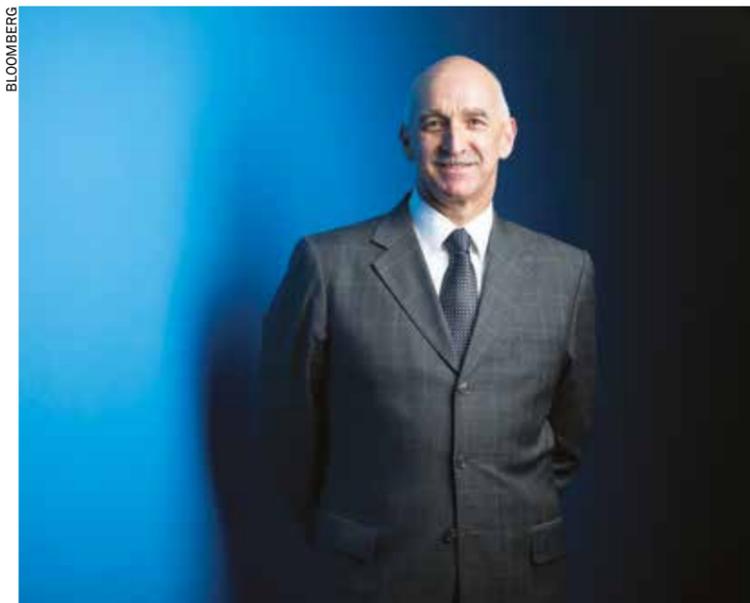
Lynzy Valles

**T**HE CEO of MGM China, Grant Bowie, has called for better collaboration amongst gaming operators to help build Macau as an entertainment brand, adding that the next stage of entertainment offerings will focus on quality over quantity.

During his presentation at an event held by the British Business Association of Macau, Bowie noted that residency shows are challenging to build in the city, recalling the gaming operator's recent decision to axe its in-house resident show.

"At the end of the day, the better thing to do was to cut it [and] accept our mistake. [That is] just why we've been researching what is entertainment within the age of Macau and the future," Bowie said during the presentation.

Although all concessionaires aim to provide a diverse range of offerings at their properties, the



gaming executive stressed that they should focus on providing quality entertainment to guests.

"Diversification is about entertainment because ultimately that's what everybody aspires to achieve. It's not just about pro-

ducts [we] offer but it's about anticipating consumer trends, creating content that engages and sustains," said the executive.

The CEO said that the challenge in Macau is not that gaming

operators are not trying, but that the city is "almost trying too much." He emphasized the need for precision in understanding the taste of Chinese customers.

"We somehow need to try and find this balance. We need to come back and refine ourselves back to our brand that our customers attached to," said the CEO.

Bowie called on a more cohesive collaboration, not just with the government, but with competitors, stressing that they should focus on creating new content as that is what Chinese consumers are looking for.

"We have to motivate more people to build more content because new content is what the Chinese consumer is looking for," he said. "Because that's what's entertaining."

As entertainment needs to be globally relevant and consumer-attractive, Bowie said that some shows, including Broadway shows, do not work in Macau as they are not appealing to

Chinese consumers.

"One thing we understand about China is that the culture is so omnipresent, so relevant, so dominating that at the end of the day, [there is] nothing we can teach them [...] but to just [make entertainment] evolve and develop."

"That's what we need to focus on, bringing a global view on how to create entertainment. Making sure we always maintain the approach and capacity to be entertaining," Bowie added.

He also said that the six concessionaires could work together to lift the common offerings of the city.

"We have to get much more cohesive in the way we work," said Bowie. "We have six concessions. We're competitors but we're not. The reason we're not is because when the right customers don't come to Macau in the first place, none of us can sell anything," he said. "We don't compete with each other. We're competing with the rest of the world, we're competing with the Greater Bay Area first."

Despite the push for entertainment, the CEO said that the region should still be proud to be China's only legal gaming hub. "It's not the coolest thing in the world but it pays the bills," Bowie said.

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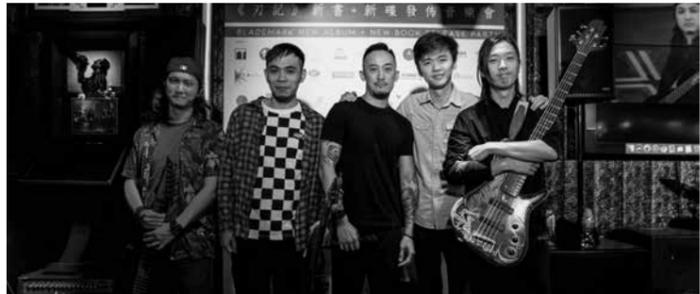
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## ARTS

## Blademark releases anniversary album



Staff reporter

**VETERAN** Macau rock band Blademark released its latest album last week, holding a press conference and an after-party with a performance by the band. The band also celebrated its 15th anniversary.

One of Macau's most well-known, home-grown groups, Blademark has undergone several configurations, with team members coming and going due to various reasons. Currently, Fortes Pakeong Sequeira is the longest serving member of the band. He is a founder and has been the lead vocalist since then.

Releasing songs in Macau

has not always been easy. Even though the band formed 15 years ago, it only released its first album, titled "Personal Era," in 2009.

The latest album shares its name with the band, with its members explaining it "is the mark from all these years."

The album comes with a book of poems and lyrics written in traditional Chinese, with translated texts in English and Portuguese. Ung Choi Kun, calligraphy artist and former lawmaker, has been invited to write the book.

The book, a recollection of the band's memories, also features drawings and illustrations by Sequeira, who is an artist himself.

## FORUM MACAU

## Financial symposium links Hubei, Macau and Lusophone world

Renato Marques

**I**N the second symposium organized this year by the Forum Macau Training Center, a group of 26 participants from seven Portuguese-speaking countries joined a training session that lasted over a week on topics regarding financial cooperation within the bloc.

The symposium was divided into two parts, with the first including a visit to Hubei province where attendees participated in visits to local companies and exchange sessions with local businessmen.

The second part of the symposium included a series of activities in Macau, aiming to clarify and explore topics such as the Belt and Road initiative and the ways that financial cooperation, such as introducing policies in the banking, finance and insu-

rance sectors, can boost the economy of these countries.

Besides Forum Macau, several local institutions and entities, such as the City University of Macau (City U), and the Macao Economic Services and the Monetary Authority of Macao among others, participated in the symposium. The local institutions and entities provided a series of theme-based talks on topics related to the initiatives, and ways to deal with specific issues when seeking support or financing.

At the closing ceremony of the symposium held yesterday at the MGM Macau Ballroom, the Deputy Secretary-General appointed by China, Ding Tian, highlighted that financial cooperation should be used as an agent for increasing cooperation between China and the Portuguese-speaking countries and "an ef-

fective tool for mutual benefits," calling on to the trainees to "continue this work started here back in your countries."

Pro-Rector of CityU Ip Kuai Peng brought attention to the purpose of the symposium, highlighting the idea that the cooperative measures utilized by the Macau Special Administrative Region (MSAR) government effectively contribute to Macau's so-called "platform role" in the relationship.

"The MSAR government has been actively promoting finance and business development policies that would allow Macau to perform better in its role as the bridge between Macau, Portuguese-speaking countries and China," Ip said.

Ip also noted that the 26 participants from the seven countries included "high-ranking government officials, high-ranking

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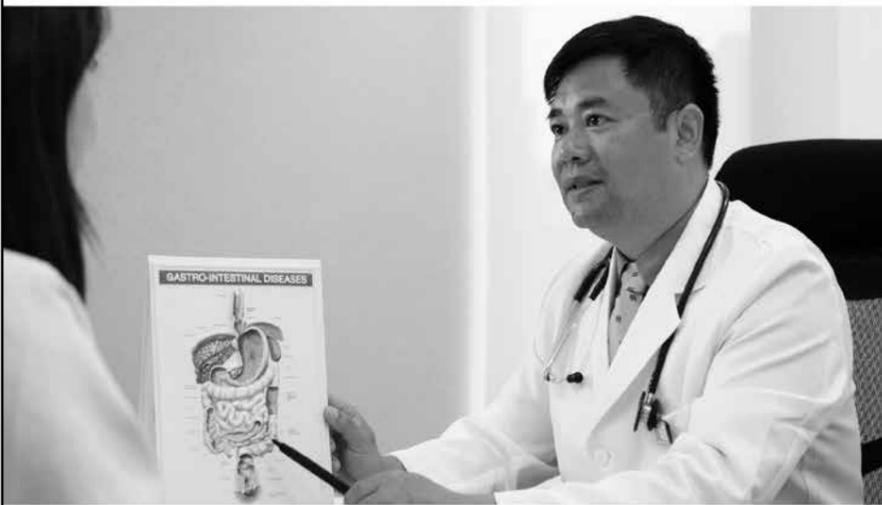
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technicians and company administrators,” noting the importance of the event at several levels, and hinting that its outcomes were expected to have a high degree of utility.

**A NEED FOR TRANSLATORS**

During yesterday’s closing ceremony, Ding Tian revealed that Forum Macau has hired a total of five new Mandarin-Portuguese interpreters and translators. The new employees were hired in a recruitment process on the mainland and three of the five are already working with Forum Macau.

“We currently have three local interpreters and translators. In the previous recruitment process in China, five candidates were admitted and three of them are currently working. The remaining two are awaiting

completion of the necessary formalities,” said Ding. The official explained that the need for additional interpreters and translators comes from new roles attributed to the development and consolidation of Macau’s role as a service platform for trade cooperation between China and Portuguese-speaking countries.

According to a statement issued after the event, Forum

Macau explained, “in the past fifteen years, there has been a steady increase in the activity of the Macau Forum,” which ran a total 90 activities last year. As “the working languages in these activities are Mandarin and Portuguese, requiring a complex level of proficiency in both languages, it is necessary to hire experienced translators and interpreters proficient in both languages,” noting that this was the reason that professionals outside Macau were hired.

Forum Macau also added that they believe that “in the long-term development of the Macau Forum, it is necessary to recruit more Mandarin-Portuguese interpreter-translators to meet this [rising] need,” remarking that the process “will benefit local translators by allowing them to improve their skills.”

The institution also reaffirmed that the recruitment process of non-resident interpreters was conducted following all the rules and high standards. “In the future, we also intend to carry out the recruitment of local interpreters, with more locals being admitted, following the legal procedures, in order to improve the quality of local bilingual talents,” it pledged.

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**Continuing education program served 1 million**

The number of participations in the three phases of the city’s continuing education development program has exceeded one million, the Education and Youth Affairs Bureau (DSEJ) revealed in its reply to lawmaker Song Pek Kei’s inquiry. As of last March, 61% of participants had attended courses for vocational skills. Language translation, business, and management courses are the most popular courses. During the same period, the DSEJ conducted 2,800 on-site inspections to course providers, 1,000 follow-up interviews and over 22,000 random inspections.

**Training wanted for all taxi drivers**

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## DRAGON BOAT RACING

# Veterans think of ways to get youth back into ancient sport

**A**N old tradition to mark the Tuen Ng Festival in the early summer, athletes in Macau are once again gearing up for the Macao International Dragon Boat Races competition, which kicks off with locals-only races tomorrow and Sunday.

According to those familiar with the matter, dragon boat racing is one competitive sport in which local athletes are considered rather competent. Teams from Macau have competed in both regional and global races, including those held in Korea, Canada, Hong Kong and mainland China. The Macau, China dragon boat team participated in the Asian Games held in Guangzhou, in 2010.

And yet, few among Macau's youth show interest in this ancient sport, which traces its origins 2,500 years ago to southern-central China.

Even though the history behind the Tuen Ng Festival is taught to young children at Macau schools, it seems that dragon boating – either the races or the sport – has not received as much attention as other sports. It isn't part of the Olympics, its World Cup is not widely covered on television (even in this part of the world), and only the 2010 and 2018 versions of the Asian Games had dragon boat competitions.

Moreover, few parents opt to enroll their children in dragon boat activities, preferring football, basketball or table tennis for their child's extracurricular sport.

For Ubaldino Couto, lecturer of festivals and events at the Institute for Tourism Studies, the problem lies in part with the high demands on equipment and locations needed for dragon boat activities, compared with other sports.

"Most sports are easier to follow and participate in [than dragon boat activities]," said Couto. "People are less involved in dragon boat races because of its high demands."

## RETAINING THE YOUTH

Two dragon boat racers interviewed by the Times this week said that, in their experience, teenagers with an initial interest in the sport have it quashed by the wide array of alternative entertainment on offer in the modern age. They agreed that it was proving difficult to retain young athletes.

"Young athletes today usually head to their smartphones right after practice," said Racy Leong, a 20-year veteran with the Baía do Mar Canoe Club, which was one of the first local dragon boat clubs. That's the case for those that show up to practice, Leong added. "Many think it's better to play video games at home [instead], where it is air-conditioned."

Stephen Lo, who also boas-



ts two decades in the sport and currently overlooks the dragon boat division of Ngou Cheong Sport Association, said: "Young dragon boat athletes are very fortunate to have a lot of choices. [But], on the bad side, [all of this choice] is disturbing their clear minds."

Recruiting young talent is one thing, but retaining it is an entirely different challenge. Leong explained that in some cases, some talented intermediate-level athletes seeking further development have decided they cannot sacrifice time to train newcomers, and so they leave for other teams.

This talent drain effect occurs not only within dragon boat activities, but also to other sports, which compete with each other to attract sport-minded youth.

"It is hard to retain talent as local sport lovers are usually interested in several types of sport simultaneously," said Lo.

Another difficulty, which is also faced by other sports, is that athletes have to strike a balance between their personal and sporting lives. Both Leong and Lo said that some young athletes have dropped out of the sport, as they couldn't balance it with their studies.

## A REASON TO DIVE IN

There are exceptions, however, and both dragon boat teams have found young athletes capable of striking the balance. The youngest athlete in the dragon boat team of Ngou Cheong is 17 years old, while Baía do Mar has team members as young as 12 years of age.

As for talent acquisition, the most commonly used "marketing strategy" is word of mouth. Both Lo and Leong said the majority of athletes at their clubs were "brought into the team by friends." Some were brought in by their parents, but usually these athletes would not stay long, Leong said.

In order for this sport to flourish, Couto thinks that the younger generations should be shown that dragon boating "isn't something boring or for the older generation, but something which is 'cool' and ensures the continuity of our heritage."

Ar B Chiang, an athlete with Ngou Cheong, echoed Couto's comment, as he first started playing the sport because he thought it was cool and would make him look cool.

Phoebe Leong of Baía do Mar, said she started playing more than 10 years ago as she "just ended a romantic relationship and needed something productive to divert my attention."

Lo said that dragon boat teams can generate interest in the sport by partnering with other organizations and schools to get the word out.

The only problem is that the pool for sponsorship is small in Macau. First, there are not many private companies that are willing to sponsor sports teams, and many of those that do have the resources have already established their own teams.

Couto has been following an Instagram account featuring local dragon boat teams for some time, and suggests social media might be one way to encourage the youth.

"It is important to interact with youth – who see Instagram as the current and trendy social media platform – through online media so that they learn more about the festival," said Couto. "That celebrates sportsmanship and the traditional Chinese sport."



## Chui Sai On hopes Macau infrastructure forum will promote GBA

Julie Zhu

**T**HE 10th International Infrastructure Investment and Construction Forum (IICF) officially kicked off at the Venetian Macao yesterday, with Macau Chief Executive Chui Sai On expressing his hope it would promote the “high quality and efficient interconnection” of the Greater Bay Area (GBA).

During his speech at yesterday’s opening ceremony, Chui said that he hopes the 10th IICF will discuss “the development of the Greater Bay Area, promote the high quality and efficient interconnection of the Greater Bay Area, and build it into an important supporting area for the Belt and Road Initiative [BRI].”

According to the forum’s program, this year there will be one session specifically related to the Greater Bay, which in turn, will involve Macau. Most of the talks address the BRI as well as China’s cooperation with other countries in terms of infrastructure development.

One of yesterday’s major sessions was “Dialogue with Senior Management from MDBs: Investment in Quality and Sustainable Infrastructure.” The five speakers of this session gave talks on China, in particular, on Africa and Asia.

One of the speakers, Lawrence J. Lau, a professor from the Chinese University of Hong Kong, commented on China’s infrastructure development and the BRI from the perspective

of an economist. In the opinion of the professor, the Chinese economic development experience demonstrates the importance of infrastructure.

“In China, interconnectivity facilitates trade and directs investment in the country, and helps to create a large single market,” said Lau. “The first step [of the BRI] is also the building of basic interconnected infrastructure.”

The long-term success of the BRI critically depends on the durability, ease of maintenance, safety and environmental friendliness of the basic infrastructure built, according to Lau, who further stated that “strict quality control is therefore absolutely indispensable.”

## HK rejects US warning on ship breaching Iran sanctions

**H**ONG Kong dismissed U.S. warnings that it could face penalties if it does business with an oil tanker headed for the city that allegedly violated sanctions on Iran.

The city’s government has “strictly” implemented United Nations Security Council sanctions, which don’t impose “any restrictions on the export of petroleum from Iran,” a spokesperson for Hong Kong’s Commerce and Economic Development Bureau said on Wednesday in response to a question about the U.S. warning.

“Certain countries may impose unilateral sanctions against certain places on the basis of their own considerations,” they said. “Those sanctions are outside the scope of the UN Security Council sanctions” implemented by Hong Kong.

Washington wants to put China and the autonomous city on notice that it will aggressively and consistently

enforce its Iran sanctions, a senior U.S. official said on Tuesday, speaking on condition of anonymity. The official said China would be informed that any entity doing business with the ship would expose it to U.S. sanctions.

The attention levied on this single vessel, the Pacific Bravo, underscores Washington’s desire to stymie Iran’s oil exports. Relations between the two sides have deteriorated sharply in recent weeks, following President Donald Trump’s pledge to force Iran’s vital oil exports down to zero and a revocation of key sanctions waivers.

The Pacific Bravo is owned by China’s Bank of Kunlun, according to the senior U.S. official. Reuters reported in October that the bank - once Beijing’s major channel for transactions with Iran - would stop handling such payments due to sanctions pressure. **MDT/Bloomberg**

GUANGDONG

## Trade with Latin America soaring 10% this year

**S**OUTH China’s Guangdong Province saw trade with Latin American countries rise 10.3 percent year-on-year to 92.18 billion yuan (MOP107.88 billion) in the first four months of 2019.

According to Guangzhou Customs, the province’s export volume with Latin American countries went up 6.9 percent to 64.51 billion yuan, and the import volume grew 19.2 percent to 27.67 billion yuan from

January to April this year.

More than 70 percent of exports were mechanical and electrical products, whose volume reached 48.42 billion yuan, up 7.8 percent.

Import and export volume with Mexico, Brazil and Chile, grew 22.9 percent to 30.76 billion yuan, 11 percent to 19.99 billion yuan and 11.2 percent to 14.88 billion yuan respectively over the same period. **Xinhua**

### corporate bits

#### GRAND LAPA HOTEL’S FATHER’S DAY OFFERINGS



From June 14 to 16, Grand Lapa Hotel will be running dining promotions at all its outlets.

At Café Bela Vista a semi-buffet lunch and seafood buffet dinner will be offered,

featuring influences from both oriental and occidental cuisine. Chinese restaurant Kam Lai Heen will have special Father’s Day dishes. NAAM, the Thai restaurant, will offer a special set dinner

for lovers of spicy food.

Fathers with a sweet tooth can be treated to sumptuous pastries prepared by the hotel’s Cake Shop. The Chocolate Whiskey Cake, a special creation, is made with layers of chocolate sponge and chocolate whiskey mousse, topped with cute little bottles of Jack Daniel’s whiskey, chocolate bars and cookies. Only a limited number of cakes are available.

Finally, the hotel’s bar and lounge Vasco will be opening a bit earlier during the month of Father’s Day to serve an afternoon tea set with both sweet and savory items. The afternoon tea set serves two people and comes with either tea or coffee.

#### GALAXY MACAU PRESENTS ‘I LOVE SUMMER’



This summer, Galaxy Macau presents the ultimate, integrated resort experience for all visitors with its “I Love Summer” program from May to September. Guests can escape the bustle of the city with sand, sun, surf, five-star accommodation and luxurious amenities, all under one roof.

Guests can enjoy Galaxy Macau’s unique 75,000-square-meter Grand Resort Deck, with the world’s longest Sky-top Aquatic Adventure river ride, the world’s largest Sky-top Wave Pool and a pristine 150m white sand beach.

In addition, the Grand Resort Deck will also be home

to international award-winning sand artists in July and August as they present giant aquatic and mermaid-themed sand sculptures and workshops for the whole family.

This summer, Galaxy Macau will team up with its partner hotels to curate a dazzling array of culinary experiences, under the name “Dining Under the Stars”.

Moreover, “I Love Summer” offers shoppers the world’s first and only Dior Pink City Pop-up, an immersive experience around Dior’s beauty icons and heritage.

Meanwhile, the UA Galaxy Cinema has recently been upgraded with cutting-edge 4K laser projection for the ultimate movie-watching experience.

**REAL ESTATE MATTERS**

**Top 20 questions on renting a property in macau - Part 3**

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With sales prices at a record high, most people arriving in Macau for the first time are looking to rent a property rather than make purchase.

Here are the top 20 questions we are asked by tenants; this week we discuss questions 11 to 15.

**11. What can a landlord do if a tenant has not repaired damages?**

When a tenant has not repaired damages, the landlord is entitled to take legal action and withhold the return of the security deposit until the outcome of that action.

Usually, when a tenant 'checks out' of a property, the inventory is reviewed and any discrepancy noted along with damaged items.

**12. Must a landlord provide a receipt for a security deposit?**

The law does not require an owner to provide a receipt for the security deposit.

It is a good idea to record the security deposit on the tenancy agreement or a separate piece of paper that can be signed and witnessed to avoid any disputes in the future.

**13. Can a tenant withhold rent because a landlord is not maintaining the premises?**

Unless there is a problem with the premises that makes it uninhabitable, such as a flood, unstable walls or floors, or open electrical wires, the tenant may not withhold rent.

Rents that are more than 8 days overdue are subject to a penalty of 50% under Macau Law, and if they remain unpaid for more than 30 days they are subject to a 100% penalty.

In order to maintain a good relationship with the owner and landlord, we suggest that tenants first inform the landlord that there is a problem that requires fixing.

**14. Does the Landlord have the cash to fund improvements?**

This is a question best asked upfront, before the lease is signed.

Once the answer is established, either in a positive or a negative way, you then have the information you require to make a decision on renting or not.

The landlord is not duty bound to improve a property, only to ensure that the property remains safe.

**15. Can a termination notice be verbal?**

Yes. A termination notice can be verbal provided both parties agree on the terms.

However, it is thoroughly recommended that tenants provide a written termination notice that clearly defines the dates concerned, and refers to the terms in the tenancy agreement.

This will help to avoid disputes, and a potential situation where a landlord can claim that they have not received any notice of termination.



# Gasoline, TVs, cars: the surprising things rare earths help make

Lynn Doan & Will Wade

**W**ASHING machines. Cars. Disk drives - if those are still a thing. The rare-earth minerals that China is threatening to withhold from the U.S. as a trade war escalates are more present in consumer products and manufacturing than people might think. Here are some of the surprisingly common things they're used to make:

**THE GASOLINE IN YOUR CAR**

Oil refineries depend on rare-earth elements as catalysts in units called fluid catalytic crackers. In fact, they're some of the biggest consumers of the stuff. These FCC units basically "crack" apart oil molecules to make gasoline and diesel.

Other energy industries use them, too: They're in wind turbines and may be used to make solar panels and run nuclear power plants. According to the U.S. government, they can also be used in lights, semiconductors, superconductors and batteries. Large-scale energy storage projects, however, may see little impact as they don't typically make use of the elements, according to BloombergNEF.

**YOUR ACTUAL CAR**

They're all over cars - in motors, windshield wipers, anti-lock

breaks, air bags, electric windows, power steering and in the parts that reduce auto-exhaust emissions. Purely electric cars may not be as affected, but hybrid ones make use of magnets that depend on neodymium. They also rely on auto catalytic converters that use cerium, according to BloombergNEF analyst Sophie Lu.

The good news: Some Japanese auto manufacturers have been developing new technologies that reduce the use of these elements in their cars. For instance, Toyota Motor Corp. announced a new magnet for its Prius model in 2018 that cut the need for rare earths, Lu said.

**IN YOUR HOUSE**

Rare earths are predominantly used to make magnets. They actually help make some of the strongest magnets in the world, according to the U.S. Geological Survey. These are, in turn, built into a whole host of electronic products and appliances including televisions, computer disk drives, digital cameras, mobile phones, vacuum cleaners, dishwashers and washing machines.

According to a 2010 federal report, they're also used in mirrors, mini speakers, glass and light bulbs.

**YOUR APPLE PRODUCTS**

Apple Inc. uses several rare earths, including neodymium, pra-

seodymium, and dysprosium. These elements can be found in nearly all of Apple's major products, including iPhones, iPads and Macs. They show up in magnets inside speakers, cameras, and vibrating motors.

Apple doesn't say where it sources those specific minerals, but they typically come from China, the U.S., Australia, and India. It's unclear how much comes from China. The company said two years ago that it eventually wants to stop mining for materials and instead use only recycled components. So far, the latest MacBook Air and Mac mini achieve that, Apple has said.

**THE US MILITARY**

A restriction could deal a serious blow to American weaponry.

Each F-35 Lightning II aircraft - considered one of the world's most sophisticated, maneuverable and stealthy fighter jets - requires approximately 920 pounds of rare-earth materials, according to a 2013 report from the U.S. Congressional Research Service.

Rare earths including yttrium and terbium are also used for laser targeting and weapons in Future Combat Systems vehicles, according to the Congressional Research Service report. Other uses are for Stryker armored fighting vehicles, Predator drones and Tomahawk cruise missiles. **Bloomberg**

# Mahathir urges US to talk with China, accept its greatness

AP PHOTO



**M**ALAYSIAN Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad yesterday called for talks to resolve the ongoing trade dispute between Washington and Beijing and urged the world to accept China's technological prowess.

The U.S. cannot expect to always be at the top in technology, and countries need to talk to deal with a powerful China, Mahathir said at a conference in Tokyo. He also appeared to side with Chinese telecom giant Huawei, which the U.S. has put on a blacklist.

"We try to make use of their technology as much as possible," Mahathir told the Future of Asia conference, noting that Huawei has achieved a "tremendous advance over American technology."

"We have to accept that the

U.S. cannot forever be the supreme nation in the world that can have the best technology in the world," he said.

For months, the world's two biggest economies have been locked in a standoff over trade balances and technology,

**■ The US cannot expect to always be at the top in technology, and countries need to talk to deal with a powerful China**

including allegations that China uses unfair tactics, such as stealing trade secrets.

The Trump administration has imposed 25% tariffs on USD250 billion in Chinese imports and is planning to tax another \$300 billion in imports that have so far been spared. It escalated the stakes this month by effectively barring U.S. companies from supplying Huawei with computer chips, software and other components without government approval.

Mahathir's comments drew praise from China's foreign ministry, which said it hoped all countries would listen carefully to the prime minister's advice and "seek opportunities of mutually beneficial and win-win cooperation."

"All developing countries, in-

cluding China and Malaysia, surely have the right to develop their capabilities and improve their technological progress," ministry spokesman Lu Kang said at his daily briefing. "In fact, against the backdrop of economic globalization today, mutual development and common progress through mutually beneficial cooperation can open up more room for development for all countries."

Lu added that U.S. has provided no evidence that Huawei is a tool of the Chinese government.

"The U.S. has been sidestepping the issue that everyone is most concerned about all along, that is, whether it can present evidence," he said.

In his comments Thursday, Mahathir stressed that nations with differing ideologies must

be able to get along.

"It is worth it to talk to each other and stop this confrontation," he said. He warned that conflict between the U.S. and China would only lead to "greater destruction."

"We want to see reasonable, responsible countries sit down around a table and discuss problems. How do we deal with China, a strong China which is very rich because China has got money," he said.

Mahathir arrived in Tokyo on Wednesday and leaves Friday.

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has meetings with Mahathir and leaders of six other Asian nations this week, part of his administration's policy of courting Europe, the U.S. and other nations in part to counter China's growing global influence. **AP**

## Beijing says laser report 'not consistent with the facts'

**A** report that Australian Navy helicopter pilots were targeted with lasers, apparently coming from Chinese fishing boats, was "not consistent with the facts," China's defense ministry said yesterday.

Spokesman Wu Qian told reporters at a monthly briefing that Australia should "reflect on itself" before pointing the blame at others.

"According to my knowledge, what you have said is not consistent with the facts," Wu said.

Scholar Euan Graham, who was onboard the Royal Australian Navy flagship HMAS Canberra on a voyage from Vietnam to Singapore, wrote that the Tiger attack helicopter pilots were hit by lasers while exercising in South China Sea waters claimed

by China earlier in May, "temporarily grounding them for precautionary medical reasons."

China maintains a robust maritime militia in the South China Sea composed of fishing vessels equipped to carry out missions just short of combat. China claims the strategic waterway virtually in its entirety and is sensitive to all foreign naval action

in the area, especially by the U.S. and allies such as Australia.

Similar incidents involving lasers and the Chinese military have also been reported as far away as Djibouti, where the U.S. and China have bases. Last year, the U.S. complained to China after lasers were directed at aircraft in the Horn of Africa nation that resulted

in minor injuries to two American pilots.

China denied that its forces targeted the U.S. military aircraft.

Graham wrote that bridge-to-bridge communications with the Chinese during the voyage were courteous, but that the Chinese requested the Australian warships to notify them in advance of any corrections to their

course, something the Australian navy was "not about to concede while exercising its high-seas freedoms."

He wrote that the constant presence of Chinese vessels shadowing foreign ships appeared to indicate that the Chinese fleet had grown large enough to allow it to have vessels lying in wait for such orders. **AP**



HUAWEI

# China dangles a potentially harmful new threat in trade war

Paul Wiseman, Frank Bajak & Yanan Wang, Washington

**F**ACING new trade sanctions and a U.S. clamp-down on its top telecommunications company, China issued a pointed reminder yesterday that it has yet to unleash all its weapons in its trade war with the Trump administration.

Chinese state media warned that Beijing could cut America off from exotic minerals that are widely used in electric cars and mobile phones. The threat to use China's rich supply of so-called rare earths as leverage in the conflict has contributed to sharp losses in U.S. stocks and sliding long-term bond yields.

For months, the world's two biggest economies have been locked in a standoff over allegations that China deploys preda-

tory tactics — including stealing trade secrets and forcing foreign companies to hand over technology — in a drive to supplant U.S. technological dominance.

The U.S. claims Huawei is legally beholden to China's ruling Communist Party, which could order it to spy on their behalf. Washington has offered no evidence that the Huawei has done that, however.

Huawei is trying to beat back one punitive U.S. measure in federal court. In a motion filed late Tuesday in eastern Texas, the company argued that a 2018 law that bars it from selling telecom gear to U.S. government agencies and contractors should be struck down as unconstitutional. The move for summary judgment in a case filed against the U.S. government in March says the law violates a constitutional prohibition against "trial

by legislature" of individual entities. Congress thus acted unconstitutionally when it "adjudicated Huawei's guilt and black-listed it," the motion argues.

An attorney representing Huawei in the U.S. case, Glen Nager of Jones Day, asserts that Congress alone cannot constitutionally impose punishment on an individual company — which the punitive law does in singling out Huawei by name.

The law "is intended to drive Huawei out of the U.S. — i.e., to banish it," Nager argued. It "stigmatizes Huawei as a tool of the Chinese government" with no right to a fair hearing, he added.

Steven Schwinn, a professor at John Marshall Law School in Chicago, suggested that Huawei's arguments fall short constitutionally, and "given that this relates to national security,

we can expect the courts to be fairly deferential to the government."

The nationalistic Chinese newspaper Global Times warned that China has plenty of ways to retaliate against the United States, including the threat of cutting off supplies of rare earths. China last year produced 78% of the world's rare earths, according to researchers at Bank of America Merrill Lynch.

If the U.S. fails to exercise restraint, it will see that "China is far from running out of cards, and we have the will and determination to fight the U.S. to the end," the paper's editorial said. An official of China's top economic planning agency did not rule out using rare earths as a countermeasure against "the U.S.'s unwarranted suppression."

President Xi Jinping visited

rare earth-related businesses in southeastern Jiangxi province earlier this month. He called rare earths "an important strategic resource" while stressing the importance of owning independent core technologies, the state-run China Daily reported.

China has used rare earths as a cudgel before. Five years ago, the World Trade Organization slapped down China's attempt to restrict the export of rare earths, rejecting its claim that it just wanted to protect the environment and conserve supplies. Instead, the move appeared to be aimed at hurting Japan with which Beijing was having a diplomatic tiff.

Scott Kennedy, director of the project on the Chinese economy at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, said the Chinese might benefit even less if they try to weaponize rare earths again.

"It's not the threat that it was [...] when the Chinese threatened to cut off the Japanese," he said.

First, users of rare earths have stockpiled the minerals for a "rainy day." Second, they also have figured out how to "use less rare earth to achieve the same results" in such products as lasers and magnets. And third, different minerals and chemicals are increasingly being used as rare earth substitutes.

Kennedy predicts that once investors have "realized the threat wasn't as dire, markets would bounce back."

Still, he isn't optimistic about the U.S.-China trade negotiations, which broke off May 10 after an 11th round of talks failed to produce an agreement. U.S. officials accused the Chinese of reneging on agreements they'd made in earlier rounds.

"The Chinese first are going to have to signal they will talk," he said. Then they will have to go back to where they stood before they backpedaled on earlier concessions. "I don't see any body language from the Chinese that they're about to do that," Kennedy said. **AP**

# Taiwan's military trains for a Chinese invasion on the beach

**T**AIWANESE tanks and soldiers fired at simulated Chinese forces and assault helicopters launched missiles in an anti-invasion drill yesterday on a beach on the island's southern coast.

The live firing was part of annual exercises designed to showcase the military's capabilities and resolve to repel any attack from across the Taiwan Strait. The Han Guang

exercise wraps up today. China and Taiwan split during a civil war in 1949, but China claims the self-governing island as its territory.

Asked about the exercises, Chinese Defense Ministry spokesman Wu Qian said China would strive for peaceful reunification with Taiwan.

"What should be pointed out is that seeking Taiwan independence is

suicide and resorting to force is no way out," he said.

The simulated response to a Chinese beach landing included fighter jets and missiles launched at targets in the sea.

The Defense Ministry said the joint army-navy-air force operation tested the island's combat readiness in the face of the Chinese military threat. **AP**





A woman throws a flower from the Margaret Bridge during a search operation on the River Danube in Budapest yesterday



The Very Good Tour agency senior official Lee Sang-moo (left) bows to make an apology during a press conference at its headquarters in Seoul

# Seven dead, 21 missing after South Korean tour boat sinks in Hungary

Pablo Gorondi  
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**R**ESCUE workers scoured the Danube River in downtown Budapest yesterday for 21 people missing after a sightseeing boat carrying South Korean tourists sank in a matter of seconds after colliding with a larger cruise ship during an evening downpour.

Seven people are confirmed dead and seven were rescued, all of them South Koreans, Hungarian officials said. Hungary's Human Resources Minister Miklos Kasler said four of those rescued have been released from the hospital, while the remaining three are being treated in satisfactory condition. Police launched a criminal investigation into the incident.

The South Korea-based Very Good Tour agency, which organized the trip, said the boat — a 70-year-old vessel built in the former Soviet Union — had been on its way back after an hour-long night tour on Wednesday when the accident happened.

Nineteen South Koreans and two Hungarian crew members — the captain and his assistant — are missing. The tour party had consisted of 30 tourists, two guides and a photographer on a package tour of Europe.

The sunken boat was located early yesterday near the Margit Bridge, not far from the neo-Gothic Parliament building on the riverbank.

Video shown by Hungarian police showed the sightseeing boat, identified as the Hableany (Mermaid), traveling closely side by side and in the same direction as a German-built Viking cruise ship as they approached the bridge Wednesday night.

The Hableany then appeared to steer slightly to its left, into the path of the 135-meter (443-foot) long cruise ship, which continued to sail on at the same speed. The two collided and the sightseeing boat was then seen tipping on its side between the bridge's two supports.

"As the Viking comes into contact with (the Hableany), it overturns it and in about seven seconds, as it turns on its side, it sinks," Police Col. Adrian Pal said.

Pal said it's unclear what caused the Hableany to steer into the path of the Viking. He said several people aboard the Hableany fell into the water after the collision. The South Korean government said none of those on board was wearing a life jacket.

Police said rescue operations were hampered by the rain and the fast flow of the rising Danube. The search for the 21 missing extended far downstream, even into Serbia, where the Danube goes after leaving Hungary.

The river, which is 450 meters wide at the point of the accident, was fast-flowing and rising as heavy rain continued in the city. Water temperatures were about 10 to 12 degrees Celsius.

Hajoregiszter.hu, a local ship-tracking website, lists the Hableany as having been built in 1949 in the former Soviet Union.

CCTV footage recorded on Wednesday night showed that the river was busy with boats of different sizes traveling in both directions.

Budapest has enjoyed a boom in overseas tourism in recent years. Long-haul flights from as far away as Dubai and Beijing increasingly fly visitors from Asia and the Middle East to the Hungarian capital, a relatively affordable but history-rich European destination.

Earlier, the news website Index.hu said one of those rescued was found near the Petofi Bridge, which is about 3 kilometers (2 miles) south of Parliament.

Police have questioned the Ukrainian captain of the Viking ship, but no details have been released. Authorities said both vessels' captains are experienced, with many years of service with their companies. South Korean officials said the tourists were not wearing life jackets.

Relatives and a team of 25 official rescue workers were on their way from South Korea to Budapest. The team of fire, navy and coast guard workers includes some who had been involved in rescue operations for the 2014 South Korean ferry disaster that killed more than 300 people — one of the country's worst maritime accidents.

Seoul's presidential Blue Hou-

se said President Moon Jae-in has called Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban to discuss rescue operations. Moon thanked Orban for the Hungarian government's rescue efforts, and requested further support for efforts to find the missing, treat the survivors and recover bodies.

The Blue House said Orban told Moon that more than 200 divers and medical staff are involved in the rescue efforts and that officials are planning to locate and hoist the ship.

Employees from the South Korean Embassy in Budapest were assisting Hungarian officials in identifying those rescued and the deceased.

Budapest's Disaster Management Office Chief Col Zsolt Gabor Palotai said the Hungarian army is setting up a pontoon near the capsized ship's wreck and divers will go into the Danube from there.

The Very Good Tour agency said the tourists left South Korea on May 25 and were supposed to return June 1.

Most of them were family groups, and they included a 6-year-old girl. Her status wasn't immediately clear but she didn't appear on a list of survivors provided by the tour agency.

Senior agency official Lee Sang-moo disclosed the identities of the seven rescued South Koreans — six women and one man, aged between 31 and 66. The company is arranging for family members of the tourists

to travel to Hungary as soon as possible.

The Hableany is described on the sightseeing company's website as "one of the smallest members of the fleet." It has two decks and a capacity for 60 people, or 45 for sightseeing cruises.

Mihaly Toth, a spokesman for the Panorama Deck boating company, said the Hableany was on a "routine city sightseeing trip" when the accident happened. He told state television that he had no information about any technical problems with the boat, which he said was serviced regularly.

The Margit Bridge connects the two halves of the city, Buda and Pest, with a large recreational island in the middle of the Danube. It is the bridge just north of the famous Chain Bridge, a suspension bridge originally built in the 19th century that, like the Parliament, is a major tourist draw in the heart of the city.

The river flows south, meaning that survivors were likely to be swept through the well-populated, historic part of the city.

Index.hu reported that other riverboats shined spotlights into the water to aid with the search, and that a film crew operating on the Liberty Bridge farther down the river directed its lighting equipment toward the Danube to assist. In recent years, Budapest has emerged as a popular destination for film, television and other commercial video production. **AP**

THAILAND

# Junta chief gives thumbs-up to Orwell's 'Animal Farm'

Kaweewit Kaewjinda & Grant Peck, Bangkok

**T**HE late British writer and social critic George Orwell appears to be back in the good graces of Thailand's military ruler after a spell in the doghouse five years ago.

Deputy government spokesman Werachon Sukondhatipak, summing up Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha's political thoughts as the country prepares to install a new elected government, said his boss recommended reading the Thai edition of "Animal Farm," "which is a book that leaves important lessons on how to live life."

Prayuth's plug this week for "Animal Farm" reflected a more positive view of Orwell's work than the military had right after he seized power in a May 2014 coup. Protesters comparing military rule to the fictional dystopia of Orwell's "1984" held



Thai Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha

silent protests by reading the book in public places and were dragged off.

The publicity caused sales of the Thai edition to jump, with the publisher then printing a new edition. The effect on sales

of Prayuth's new recommendation was not immediately clear.

Some critics of Prayuth's rule held a reading of "Animal Farm" and "1984" in a Bangkok park yesterday. At least one had been involved in the 2014 protests.

On Facebook, the legal monitoring group iLaw charged that the prime minister's recommendation of "Animal Farm" amounted to a "dark comedy, after the political allegorical novel of dictatorships has been recommended by Gen. Prayuth, an individual who conducted a coup and ruled Thailand without any elections for over five years." A general election was held in March, and a new government is expected to be formed in the next few weeks, likely to be led by Prayuth.

"What is even funnier is the government of the junta itself has been the one to crack down and threaten the liberties of people who have tried to peacefully oppose dictatorial rule using novels by the same author such as '1984,'" iLaw said.

Spokesman Werachon, in remarks seeking to clarify Prayuth's recommendation, denied it had anything to do with politics, and instead promoted the book "because reading helps

to build principles in thinking. It creates wisdom, not problems."

"What we get from this book is that although people want everything to be better, it doesn't mean all hopes can be fulfilled, and no one can satisfy everyone, which is a rule of nature," he said.

"Animal Farm" is acknowledged to be an allegorical story about the Russian Revolution and the rise of Stalin and his totalitarian regime. Orwell was a social democrat who joined an anarchist brigade during the 1930s Spanish Civil War, only to see his faction undermined by its ostensible Communist allies backed by the Soviet Union.

Supporters of Thailand's military regime have occasionally accused some of their opponents in the pro-democracy movement of being communists.

Pro-democracy activists in 2014 were also harassed for other symbolic acts, such as adopting the three-fingered salute of the rebels in the movie "The Hunger Games" and eating sandwiches together in public, which was meant as a satirical workaround against a ban on political meetings of more than five persons. The tactic was dubbed "sandwiches for democracy." AP

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## ACCURATE, TIMELY & COMPETITIVE TRANSLATIONS

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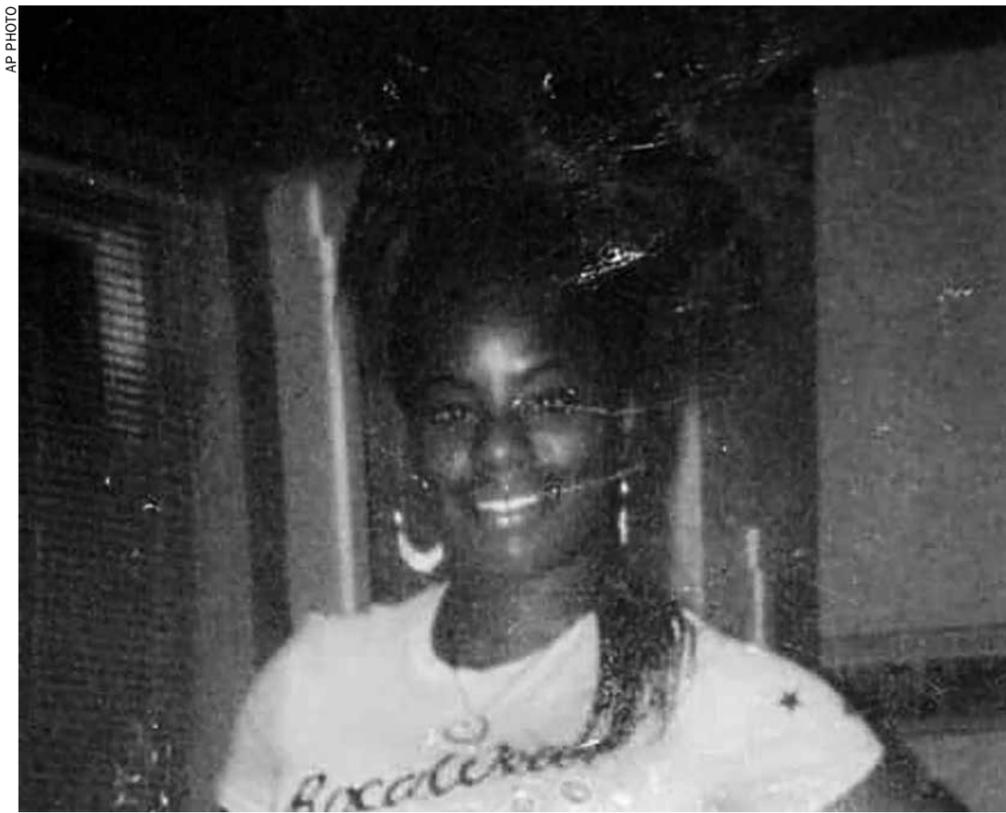
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Reo Renee Holyfield, victim. Her body was in a dumpster, and nobody found her for two weeks last fall



Riccardo Holyfield, cousin of the victim

## USA

# Computer algorithm helps reopen dozens of Chicago cold cases

Don Babwin, Chicago

**T**HE bodies turned up in some of Chicago's most derelict places: alleys, abandoned buildings, weed-choked lots and garbage containers. The victims were mostly black women who had been strangled or suffocated.

Authorities believed many were prostitutes or drug addicts or both. There was evidence of sexual attacks, and some of the dead were naked or wearing torn clothes, as if someone had tried to rip them off.

The slayings that began in 2001 continued for years and remain unsolved. Now a national nonprofit group and a computer algorithm are helping detectives review the cases and revealing potential connections. The renewed investigation offers hope to the victims' relatives, some of whom have waited nearly two decades for answers.

"I say I've moved on from what happened, put it in God's hands. But deep down I know I haven't," said Marsean Shines, a teenager when his aunt, Winifred Shines, was strangled and left in an alley almost 19 years ago. Family members have always wondered if she died at the hands of the same killer who choked the life out of other women they knew or heard about.

An arrest, Shines said, would help him move on and not be "held back like there's a bungee cord that connects me to my auntie."

The Murder Accountability Project, which analyzes homicides across the U.S., fed information about thousands of Chicago homicide victims and the way they died into a computer, which ultimately spit out 51 strikingly similar cases involving women whose bodies were found in some of the poorest pockets of the city.

"When you put the narratives together [...] it just screams serial killer," said Thomas Hargrove, the founder of the project who presented his findings to police in 2017.

Hargrove's group has made similar efforts elsewhere. In 2010, it analyzed a pattern of 15 unsolved strangulations of women in Indiana. Four years later, a man in Gary confessed to killing seven of them. In Cleveland, the group's data led police to create a task force to examine whether a serial killer or killers were responsible for the deaths of as many as 60 women.

Detectives in Chicago started the investigation under pressure from activists. They are now reassessing the reports and evidence in each of the deaths, looking for links that went unnoticed in the original probes as well as any new clues. At the same time, Rep. Bobby Rush, in whose district many of the killings occurred, has asked the FBI to join the investigation and plans a community meeting to warn about the risk of a serial killer.

So far, police have not reported any breakthroughs or any

firm connections between the slayings. In 21 killings where DNA evidence was recovered, the genetic evidence belonged to 21 different people.

The man overseeing the six detectives assigned to the slayings said he does not believe there are "one or two bad guys traveling the city," preying on women.

The idea of an assailant who is "skipping the white prostitutes to kill the black ones, that doesn't make sense," Deputy Chief of Detectives Brendan Deenihan said.

Still, he would not be surprised if the investigation concluded that "there were multiple bad guys that did more than one," or if other evidence emerged that expanded the number of investigations beyond 51.

Another mystery is the way the killings stopped in February 2014, with the discovery of Diamond Turner's body in a garbage can, and did not start again until June 2017, with the death of Catherine Saterfield-Buchanan.

"Maybe this guy was in prison," said Greg Greer, a Chicago minister and founder of Freedom First international, a human rights organization.

The Murder Accountability Project has urged police to look for "a guy not available to murder women in Chicago during those three years," Hargrove said. "We think that could explain the hiatus. And now he's back, or they're back, out there."

Also looming over the inves-

tigation is the concern that the victims were the kind of people whose deaths normally warrant nothing more than a few lines in a newspaper, if that.

## ■ A nonprofit group and a computer algorithm are helping detectives review the cases and revealing potential connections

"I think about how my cousin was in a dumpster and nobody found her for two weeks," said Riccardo Holyfield, whose cousin, Reo Renee Holyfield, died last fall. "How can a body sit in a dumpster for so long in a well-traveled alleyway?"

Greer suggested the answer is tied to both who these victims were and where they died.

"A lot of times poor, urban communities don't get the same amount of services that wealthy communities do, that's a common fact," Greer said.

Deenihan disagreed. "There's a group of people out there who think that because of lifestyle

these investigations don't get the attention they deserve (but) that's not the case," he said.

As intriguing as the talk of a serial killer might be, authorities may find that the common theme of the cases is the victims themselves, not who killed them.

"You're talking about a high-risk lifestyle," he said, explaining that people who work as prostitutes "may be getting into 20 different cars a night ... and sharing drugs with people they don't really know."

Shines acknowledges that his aunt was addicted to crack cocaine and could have been having sex in exchange for drugs or money to buy drugs with the different men he saw coming in and out of her home.

Once the detectives read all the cases, they will get together as a team to discuss them, Deenihan said.

"What happens is one guy might say, 'You had a red SUV' in your report? 'I had one in mine,'" he said.

There is hope on another front. Chicago police, like other law enforcement agencies, submit DNA evidence to a national database in the hopes that it will return a name. The problem is that if someone doesn't have a conviction, that person's DNA would not be in the system.

But Deenihan said samples from unsolved homicides are submitted regularly so that if any of those people are ever convicted of a crime, police will have a name to go with one of the DNA samples found at the scene of a strangulation.

That gives Winifred Shines' family hope. Her son, Bryant, recently started seeing a therapist to deal with his long-term grief.

"I'm not at peace because he's still out there," he said, referring to his mother's killer. "And it may be someone we know. **AP**

# European Central Bank sends Italy a warning over debt

David McHugh, Frankfurt

**T**HE European Central Bank says that challenges to financial stability in the eurozone have risen amid global trade tensions, and warns that indebted countries such as Italy could run into trouble if they don't heed rules limiting deficits.

The message in an ECB report released yesterday (Macau time) comes as Italy's populist government is challenging the debt rules, intensifying conflict with the EU's executive commission.

The Italian government's borrowing costs in bond markets rose this week - a sign of investor concern - as Deputy Premier Matteo Salvini repeated his opposition to the rules after his League party came in first in elections to the European Parliament.

The ECB said that "should downside risks to growth materialize, financing costs for vulnerable sovereigns are like



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to increase which may unearth debt sustainability concerns."

ECB Vice President Luis de Guindos said that the economy's performance would be key to financial stability. The central bank still expects growth to pick up in coming months

after a period of weakness. But it cautioned that external threats such as trade tensions could undermine that. Weaker growth saps tax revenues that help governments pay off bonds, and undermines bank profits as well.

"The environment is more challenging than six months ago," de Guindos told journalists at a briefing after the release of the report. "A trade war is the main risk to the economy globally."

A dispute over tariffs and trade between the U.S. and China has unsettled the global business environment through fears of higher import taxes that could slow trade and growth.

Italy's debt is connected to the banking system because banks hold Italian bonds and their finances could take a hit from a fall in the bonds' value or default. Banks are key to the eurozone economy since that is where companies get credit to operate and expand. Troubles over Italian debt played a large role in the eurozone's debt crisis in 2010-2012, threatening to break up the currency union and helping topple the government of Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi in 2011.

The European Commission, charged with enforcing

the debt and deficit limits that come with joining the 19-country euro, has sparred with Italy over the government's push to run larger deficits, spend more and cut taxes. The ECB report contained a chart showing Italy as an outlier among indebted countries, with high borrowing needs through 2020 and low growth compared to interest costs, a gap that can help debt snowball. Italy has failed to significantly reduce a heavy debt burden that amounted to 132% of GDP at the end of last year due to years of slow growth.

The European Commission meanwhile sent the Italian government a letter asking it to clarify why it had not made sufficient progress in reducing debt. A commission spokesperson confirmed that the letter asks for a response by the close of business today.

Salvini, emboldened by his party's gains in European parliamentary elections, said that his party's first proposal in Brussels will be to propose a new role for the ECB as a guarantor of government debt. He is also pressing his proposal for a flat tax and challenging EU budget rules, saying spending should be loosened to boost growth and allow more government investment in things like schools. **AP**

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13:30	Telejornal RTPi (Diferido)
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15:45	Zig Zag
16:05	Portugueses Sem Fronteiras
16:35	Quem Quer Ser Milionário
17:30	Tempos Modernos
18:00	Amor Maior (Repetição)
18:50	TDM Talk Show (Repetição)
19:25	Livros com João Guedes (Repetição)
19:35	Os Nossos Dias Sr.2
20:30	Telejornal
21:15	Semana Internacional
21:50	Viagens em Série - Estreia
22:15	Amor Maior
23:15	TDM News
23:50	Daqui P'rá Frente
01:20	Telejornal (Repetição)
02:05	RTPi Directo

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12:00	Visita Guiada Sr.3
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13:00	TDM News (Repetição)
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02:05	Telejornal (Repetição)

## Offbeat

## MAN BITTEN BY RABID BAT HIDING BETWEEN iPad AND CASE



A New Hampshire man got a big surprise as he went to close up his iPad. A bat was wedged between the back of the device and its cover and bit his finger.

Roy Syvertson, of South Hampton, tells WMUR-TV it felt like a bee sting at first. When he realized he was dealing with a bat, he pressed down on the cover to keep it from flying away.

The 86-year-old managed to get the bat outside but later found him dead. It turned out that the bat was rabid. Syvertson went to the hospital for rabies treatments.

When asked how the bat got into his house and iPad case last week, Syvertson had a ready-made response.

He quipped: "My joke of, 'He probably knew my password,' won't last forever."

## cinema



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30 May



## GODZILLA II: KING OF THE MONSTERS

ROOM 1

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

Director: Michael Dougherty

Starring: Kyle Chandler, Vera Farmiga, Millie Bobby Brown

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 131min



## DOG'S JOURNEY

ROOM 2

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

Director: Gail Mancuso

Starring: Josh Gad, Dennis Quaid, Kathryn Prescott

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 109min



## ALADDIN

ROOM 3

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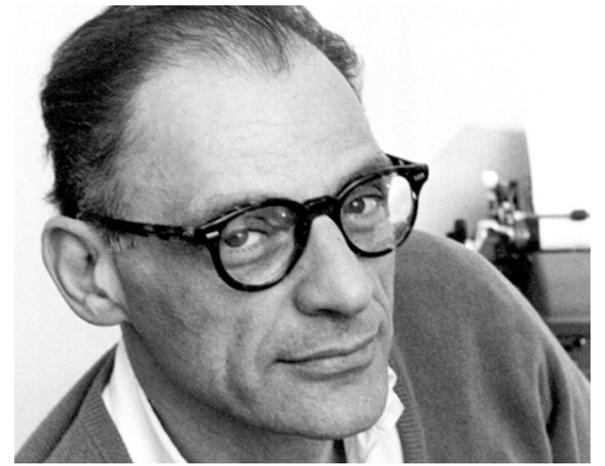
Director: Guy Ritchie

Starring: Will Smith, Mena Massoud, Naomi Scott

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 109min

## this day in history



## 1957 ARTHUR MILLER GUILTY OF CONTEMPT

US playwright Arthur Miller has been convicted of contempt of Congress.

The conviction relates to an investigation last year by the House of Representatives' Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC) into a Communist conspiracy to misuse American passports.

During the investigation 41-year-old Mr Miller, who is married to Hollywood movie star Marilyn Monroe, refused to reveal the names of alleged Communist writers with whom he had attended five or six meetings in New York in 1947.

He was said to be co-operative in all other aspects of the hearing but told the committee his conscience would not permit him to give the names of others and bring possible trouble to them.

The guilty verdict was announced in a 15-page "opinion" today by Federal Judge McLaughlin who presided over a six-day trial, which ended last week.

During the trial Mr Miller's counsel, Joseph Rauh, had claimed that the questions his client had refused to answer had no reasonable connection with a passport inquiry.

He argued that the committee had simply wanted to expose the playwright and that "exposure for exposure's sake" was illegal.

But Judge McLaughlin found that HUAC did have a valid legislative purpose in looking into the passport regulations and that Mr Miller had indeed experienced his own difficulties in obtaining a passport from the State Department.

The trial was told by the government that Mr Miller had joined the Communist party in 1943 but this was denied by the defendant who said that to the best of his belief he had never been a party member.

He did, however say that "there were two short periods - one in 1940 and one in 1947 - when I was sufficiently close to Communist Party activities so that someone might honestly have thought that I had become a member".

Mr Miller was not in court when the guilty verdict was announced. The maximum punishment for contempt of Congress is one year in jail, a fine of £357 or both.

No date was fixed for sentencing but it is understood the case will automatically go to appeal.

After the trial Mr Miller, who will remain on bail pending the next legal step, said through a spokesman: "I have no comment to make, nor has my wife."

The case is now bound to call into question the whole system of Congressional inquiries and their impingement on individual rights.

Courtesy BBC News

## IN CONTEXT

The House Un-American Activities Committee (HUAC) was set up in 1938 to investigate fascists as well as communists within federal government.

In 1947 it turned its attention to the arts. A group of writers, directors and actors known as the Hollywood Ten were subsequently convicted of contempt of Congress for refusing to answer questions about their political beliefs.

They were blacklisted by Hollywood and over the course of the next 10 years some 320 people were barred from work in the film studios over their alleged membership of the Communist party.

A few weeks after the Miller case, John Watkins won an appeal in the Supreme Court quashing a similar conviction.

On 7 August 1958, after a two-year legal battle to clear his name, Washington's Court of Appeals quashed Miller's conviction for contempt of Congress.

As more convictions of contempt were quashed by the courts of appeal, the committee's influence declined and it was abolished in 1975.

**YOUR STARS**

**Aries**  
Mar. 21-Apr. 19  
Your drive and motivation are everything right now — and you should find that your energy is best spent sparingly. Focus it all in one direction and you should see great dividends soon!

**Taurus**  
April 20-May 20  
Try not to worry all that much about your emotional state — you are sure to feel more grounded early on today. In fact, you may find that what felt like a burden is actually a blessing!

**Gemini**  
May 21-Jun. 21  
Watch out for new rules — especially those that come from people you know and trust! It's hard for you to accept authority when it's so close to home, but for now you may be better off letting it happen.

**Cancer**  
Jun. 22-Jul. 22  
Things are looking up, most likely — but if this seems wrong to you, then that means it's time for a quick adjustment to your perspective! You've got the means to pull up out of any rut.

**Leo**  
Jul. 23-Aug. 22  
Your confidence and righteousness may rub others the wrong way today, so try to wrap them up in a big blanket of humility. It may feel weird, but it's the best way to get others to notice.

**Virgo**  
Aug. 23-Sept. 22  
Your romantic energy is heightened today, so if you're single, get out there! If you're already seeing someone, it may be time to get more serious. Whatever you do, have fun with it!

**Libra**  
Sep. 23-Oct. 22  
Your past is not as distant as you would like — someone or something comes back to haunt you today. It may be that it ends up as nothing much to fret over, but you may have to work to make it right.

**Scorpio**  
Oct. 23 - Nov. 21  
Your plans are great — but you need to take action on them! Start today, even if it's just something small. You should be able to make serious progress, but only if you actually get to work.

**Sagittarius**  
Nov. 22-Dec. 21  
You are always true to your values — even when you can feel them start to change, as they are today. You should be able to make sense of it all by the time you're through this phase, though it may take some work.

**Capricorn**  
Dec. 22-Jan. 19  
You can work all night if you must — but the odds are that you don't really need to. Things are looking good, and you should find that your energy is stable for as long as you need it to be.

**Aquarius**  
Jan. 20-Feb. 18  
You feel the walls start to close in on you — and no, you're not going insane. It's just that new rules are starting to make themselves known, and you may need to just cope with new restrictions — for now.

**Pisces**  
Feb. 19-Mar. 20  
Life is easy right now — maybe too much so! You need to make sure that you're asking the right questions and checking in with the right people in order to make the most of this great time.

**THE BORN LOSER** by Chip Sansom



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Urumqi	13	26	clear
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Lhasa	7	22	clear
Chengdu	15	25	clear
Chongqing	17	27	cloudy
Kunming	15	28	cloudy
Nanjing	15	28	cloudy
Shanghai	16	27	clear
Wuhan	14	29	cloudy
Hangzhou	17	28	cloudy
Taipei	21	24	drizzle
Guangzhou	21	29	cloudy
Hong Kong	22	26	cloudy
<b>WORLD</b>			
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Frankfurt	8	18	drizzle
Paris	12	17	drizzle
London	7	15	drizzle
New York	11	20	drizzle

**CROSSWORDS**

**ACROSS:** 1- Start of a Dickens title; 6- Norse god; 10- Concordes, e.g.; 14- Athenian lawgiver; 15- Game of chance; 16- \_\_\_ for the long haul; 17- Raccoon relative; 18- 1996 Tony-winning musical; 19- Look \_\_\_ hands!; 20- Giant Mel; 21- Leaping insect; 24- Vacuum bottle; 26- You got that right!; 27- Feed bag morsel; 28- Like beaches; 30- Come off as; 33- Alter; 35- Santa \_\_\_ winds; 38- Experiment; 40- Small island; 41- Neighbor of Chad; 43- Decade divs.; 44- Deer horn; 47- Breakfast area; 48- Fencing blades; 49- Nav. rank; 51- Ukraine port; 54- One more; 58- Rivalry; 61- Roman greeting; 62- "The Time Machine" people; 63- Constantly; 64- Finished, terminated; 66- Entr\_\_\_; 67- Boot bottom; 68- Deep black; 69- Lack; 70- Very, in Vichy; 71- "Inferno" writer;

**DOWN:** 1- Cravat; 2- Fang, e.g.; 3- Winged; 4- Destiny; 5- Mystery; 6- Gumbo pods; 7- Barely passing grades; 8- Travelers' stops; 9- Naught; 10- Just; 11- Ginger cookies; 12- Fungal infection; 13- Bedtime request; 22- Campus military org.; 23- Of yore; 25- Capital of Italia; 28- Leaves port; 29- Initial stake; 30- Pig's digs; 31- Stumble; 32- Sue Grafton's "\_\_\_ for Evidence"; 34- Despise; 35- Many moons \_\_\_; 36- Modern prefix; 37- Vessel built by Noah; 39- Memory failure; 42- Part of MIT; 45- Most tidy; 46- Gambling haven; 48- Spotted; 50- Don't bother; 51- The Pacific, for example; 52- Soft; 53- Act badly; 54- Buenos \_\_\_; 55- Sported; 56- It happens; 57- Color anew; 59- Songwriter Novello; 60- Prefix with conference; 65- Magic org.;

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FOOTBALL

# Salah seeking redemption in Champions League final

Steve Douglas

Sunday, 3:00am  
Tottenham v Liverpool  
H 4.45, D 3.75, A 1.95

**H**IS left shoulder in a sling, Mohamed Salah stood in a line at the airport in Kiev with the rest of Liverpool's disappointed players as they made their way back from the Champions League final last year.

Heads were down. No one really wanted to talk. It was a fairly melancholic scene.

Salah had more reason to be angry than anyone.

Toward the end of the first half of the match against Real Madrid the previous night, Salah had been wrestled to the ground by Sergio Ramos and ended up spraining ligaments in his shoulder. A tearful Salah was forced to come off, with the score 0-0, and Liverpool went on to lose 3-1.

It was an unfair way for the best year of Salah's career to finish. He, like his teammates, didn't want the journey to end like that.

"There were a lot of different emotions in our head, obviously," Liverpool manager Juergen Klopp said this week as he recalled the journey home from Kiev. "But the plan was, we come again. That we will be there again."

Somehow, Liverpool is there again, heading back to the final of the biggest club competition in world soccer — this time against English rival Tottenham in Madrid tomorrow (Sunday, 3am).

It might not be against Madrid — and Ramos — but Salah has gotten his chance for redemption.

Things are slightly different for the Egypt forward this time, though.



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No longer is he the standout name on the Liverpool team sheet, unlike this time last year when his 44 goals in 52 games established him not only as the team's star player but one of the most coveted in the world.

He has been upstaged this season by defender Virgil van Dijk, English soccer's player of the year; Sadio Mane, the Senegal forward who has enjoyed easily the most prolific season of his career with 22 Premier League goals; even Liverpool's lauded full backs, Trent Alexander-Arnold and Andrew Robertson, who contributed 23 assists between them in the league this season.

They were the four Liverpool players who made it into the Premier League team of the year for the 2018-19 season. Salah's name was conspicuous by its absence, even though he ended up tied as top scorer with Mane and Arsenal forward Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang.

Still, few would bet against Salah making the difference at the Santiago Bernabeu Stadium. After all, he is a player who has relished the big occasion in his two years at Liverpool.

One stands out more than any other this season.

Liverpool headed into its last Champions League group game needing to beat Napoli at Anfield to qualify. Salah delivered, scoring a goal that has almost become his trademark as he turned on the edge of the penalty area, danced round another defender and rolled in a finish.

In terms of a "wow" factor, it doesn't beat his 30-meter blast that sealed a 2-0 win over Chelsea in the Premier League in April, but the goal against Napoli was undoubtedly the most significant of Salah's 26 for Liverpool this season.

Coming in the Champions League, it also kept alive his dream of avenging that night in Kiev.

In any other year, scoring 26 goals — and retaining the Golden Boot, or at least a part of it — would count as a successful season. But Salah set the bar so high in his debut season at Anfield that his output this time around feels slightly underwhelming.

Certainly the consistency of his performance levels has oscillated, maybe because Klopp has placed extra emphasis on keeping it tight at the back this season, which means Liverpool hasn't been in all-out attack mode like for much of 2017-18. AP

EUROPA LEAGUE

## Hazard scores 2 as Chelsea beats Arsenal in final



CHELSEA 4, ARSENAL 1

**F**OR Eden Hazard, it was the perfect goodbye. For Petr Cech, it was a painful way to retire.

Hazard scored twice past his former teammate as Chelsea sliced through Arsenal in the second half of the Europa League final yesterday, netting four times in the space of 23 minutes to win 4-1 in a London derby played far from home.

The Belgian then confirmed that he is likely to leave the club this summer, amid widespread speculation about a move to Real Madrid.

"I think it is a goodbye but in football you never know," Hazard told British broadcaster BT Sport.

After a drab first half, Chelsea took control in the 49th minute when Olivier Giroud met Emerson's pass with a diving header into the net. It was the French striker's 11th

goal in 14 games in the Europa League this season.

Pedro doubled the lead when he found space in the penalty area in the 60th to stroke in a cut-back pass from Hazard. It was soon 3-0 when Hazard converted a penalty after Ainsley Maitland-Niles — the only English player to start the all-English final — shoved Giroud in the box.

Two minutes after coming off the bench, Alex Iwobi punished Chelsea for a poor clearance with a volley from the edge of the box to make it 3-1 in the 69th.

But Arsenal's hopes of a comeback were extinguished three minutes later when Hazard and Giroud teamed up again. Hazard first passed the ball to Giroud and then knocked his flicked cross past Cech, the veteran goalkeeper who was playing his final game before retiring. AP

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**CSR THE PR TOOL VS  
 TRANSPARENT EXTERNALITIES**

With the retendering process for the gaming licenses on the horizon, incumbent concessionaires are informing the public about what they are doing to support the local community.

There are many worthwhile projects, not all of which are directly related to the business models of the gaming companies: the upskilling of personnel through training, experience and promotional opportunities; supporting local SMEs through preferred-supplier status and advice on quality standards and efficient operating systems; direct community work with the aged, and the physically and mentally challenged; scholarship endowments; financial and in-kind gifting to NGOs and charities. Recently we have seen all six gaming concessionaires, with Nam Kwong Group juxtaposed into the mix, as co-organisers and financial supporters (to the tune of MOP18 million+) of the Art Macao 2019.

Activities that enhance business operations and a return on investment such as upskilling staff and suppliers are self-sustaining, as there is little argument against spending shareholder's funds for these returns. However, gifting and other forms of community outreach are not self-perpetuating unless there are philosophical, regulatory or risk minimization reasons to do so.

CSR can be an insurance against losing community and actual licence to operate, particularly if there is recognition that there are disadvantages to the public from those businesses. These externalized costs are rarely made transparent, although the existence of sustainability programs does acknowledge damage being done.

Were there no externalized costs – costs that businesses do not directly bear themselves and impose on a community, the natural environment, or publicly owned infrastructure – there would be no need to focus on sustainability. Just as “a pain-free dentist” implies there is normally pain, programs that work towards sustainable business models imply the existing ones are not sustainable. Businesses can maximise profits by off-loading indirect costs and forcing negative effects elsewhere; the more costs can be externalized, the greater the profit.

These costs include air, water, land, light and noise pollution, underpaying suppliers, poor working conditions or toxic management leading to physical, emotional and psychological harm which are then borne by the local public health system, addictive behaviours, customer numbers breaching the capacity of local utilities and waste management systems that subsequently dump waste into the natural environment, or burn it, or export it...the list goes on.

We, as individuals, also externalise costs that allow us to live sanitised, time-wealthy lives. Our urban lifestyles have divorced us from the impacts of the way we live. We don't have to deal directly with the stuff that we don't want or the waste we produce. We reckon – evidently wrongly – that someone else is managing it. If we were in direct contact with what we use from a product's cradle to grave – the farmer's soil, the abattoirs, the processing, the packaging, the transport - and if we had to be self-sufficient in handling our own waste - nightsoil removal, waste sorting and water purification - we might reconsider what we use as we would be fully aware of the range of external costs that a community bears for individuals and businesses. Clearly, people are losing touch with their environment and self-sufficiency when they rely on official storm warnings to prepare raincoats for their children rather than look out the window before leaving for school.

Publicity about CSR tells us the good that companies have done, but companies also need to take accountability for the burdens imposed by their externalities, even if the public can't see them. Transparency about what is happening at the interface where waste and bi-products leave the business would show true corporate responsibility: how much and where it ultimately ends up, whether it is reused (upcycled back into the value chain) and how much of it is dumped, wasted or pollutes.

Blindly insufficient is the concept of customers being responsible for reducing, reusing or (ridiculously) recycling. Responsible suppliers design externalities out of their systems.

**THE RELICS OF FATIMA CHILD SAINTS  
 STOLEN FROM ITALIAN CHURCH**

The relics of two Fatima child saints have been stolen from a church in Verona while they were traveling on a pilgrimage tour in Italy.

The Rev. Andrea Ronconi said yesterday that small pieces of clothing belonging to the Portuguese shepherd children made saints in 2017 were stolen Wednesday. Police were looking for two suspects.

Ronconi, priest at the Jesus Christ Divine

Worker parish, said he was “heartbroken and mortified” by the theft, which also included copies of a crown and rosary of the Fatima Virgin Mary statue.

Francisco and Jacinta Marto, who reported visions of the Virgin Mary more than 100 years ago, were declared saints on May 13, 2017. The Portuguese town of Fatima has become one of the world's most important Catholic shrines.



**Chinese, US TV hosts go  
 head-to-head on trade  
 after twitter spat**

Karen Leigh

A Fox Business Network host and a broadcaster for Chinese state television sparred over key trade issues on a live debate broadcast by the U.S. network, after their online fight went viral on Chinese social media.

Liu Xin, a host for state-run channel China Global Television Network who appeared from Beijing, said early on that she didn't “have any insider information.” She also clarified Fox host Trish Regan's misconception that she is a member of China's ruling Communist Party.

Her appearance, which took the form of an interview, came as Chinese state media increases its anti-U.S. rhetoric, running commentaries urging unified resistance to foreign pressure. The two engaged in a conversation about major issues in the ongoing trade war between their two governments.

In response to a question from Regan, Liu said tariffs should be lifted altogether.

“I think that would be a wonderful idea, don't you think? For American consumers products from China would be

even cheaper, and for consumers in China products from America would so much cheaper too.”

**Posts about the fight had 260 million views and generated more than 53,000 comments on Sina Weibo**

Regan asked what if the condition for Huawei Technologies Co. doing business in the U.S. was that it shared its technological secrets. Liu said that would be fine - if Huawei was paid for it. U.S. President Donald Trump blacklisted Huawei in a bid to stymie its access to the U.S. market earlier this month and is weighing similar restrictions on as many as five other Chinese technology firms.

“No one wants a trade war, yet we have to think about the next steps,”

Regan said at the close of the segment, while Liu invited the Fox anchor to China for further discussion.

A war of words between the two quickly spread on Chinese social platforms last week after Regan said on her show that America had no choice but to wage a trade war against China.

After a Twitter exchange, Regan issued a debate invitation to Chinese state television and the Communist Party-affiliated Global Times urged the hosts to set a date.

Posts about the fight had 260 million views and generated more than 53,000 comments on popular Chinese micro-blogging site Sina Weibo by the time it aired yesterday [Macau time] in the U.S. Many Chinese social media users were cheering for Liu, who has regularly accused Regan of playing fast and loose with facts about China-U.S. trade tensions.

CGTN said it initially intended to broadcast the exchange in China but couldn't because Fox held the copyright. Trump is a notoriously avid fan and promoter of Fox News. But there was no indication that he had put Regan up to the debate. **Bloomberg**

Station	Air quality	
Roadside	65-95 Moderate	☹️
High Density Residential Area	35-55 Good	😊
Ambient	60-90 Moderate	☹️

SOURCE: DSI/MG

**WORLD BRIEFS**



**MALAYSIA** The practice of advanced countries such as the U.S., Canada and Japan sending their non-recyclable waste to poorer countries is “grossly unfair” and should stop, Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad said yesterday.



**RUSSIA** and Japan have accused each other of military buildups as their foreign and defense ministers met in Tokyo for talks that failed to make progress on decades-long island disputes.



**INDIA** Narendra Modi has been sworn in for a second term as India's prime minister after an overwhelming election victory for his Hindu nationalist party in a country of 1.3 billion people seeking swift economic change.



**PERSIAN GULF** Saudi Arabia's foreign minister Ibrahim al-Assaf (pictured) urged Muslim nations to confront with “all means of force and firmness” recent attacks in the Persian Gulf that U.S. and some Arab officials have blamed on Iran.



**TRUMP** President Donald Trump blasted special counsel Robert Mueller yesterday, calling him a “never Trumper” who led a biased investigation on Russia's interference in the 2016 election and failed to investigate his opponents who didn't want Trump to be president.