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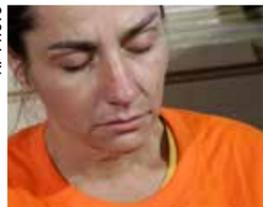
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ONLY THE NEXT FEW WEEKS WILL TELL WHETHER CARRIE LAM'S GAMBLE TO GIVE WAY ON A KEY PROTESTER DEMAND WILL PAY OFF

China urged Canada to “reflect on its mistakes” and immediately release a detained Huawei executive in comments yesterday on the appointment of a new Canadian ambassador to the country.



Philippines An American woman who attempted to carry a 6-day-old baby out of the Philippines hidden inside a sling bag has been arrested at Manila's airport and charged with human trafficking, officials said yesterday.

South Korea Olympic officials have called on Japan to ban its “rising sun” flag at the 2020 Tokyo Games after claiming it represents a “militaristic and imperial past.”

India Officials say they have restored all landline phone service in Indian-administered Kashmir after suspending most communications, including mobile internet, on Aug. 5 when India's Hindu nationalist-led government revoked the Muslim-majority region's special constitutional status and imposed a strict security lockdown.



Afghanistan A Taliban suicide car bombing in Kabul on yesterday killed a U.S. service member, a Romanian soldier and at least 10 Afghan civilians in a busy diplomatic area that includes the U.S. Embassy — the second such attack this week underscoring Afghan government warnings that a preliminary U.S.-Taliban deal on ending America's longest war was moving dangerously quickly.

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LUNAR AND PLANETARY SCIENCES SKL TARGETS

JULIE ZHU

THE director of the Macau University of Science and Technology's (MUST) State Key Laboratory of Lunar and Planetary Sciences says that the research lab is on its way to becoming a top-ranking institute in Asia within the next three years, and worldwide within the next five years.

In conversation with the Times, lab director Professor Zhang Keke revealed the institution's three-year and five-year ambitions earlier this week.

"In three years, we hope to rank among the top in the entire Asian continent and become a lab that everybody knows," said Zhang. "In five years, we want to become a worldwide well-known State Key Lab so that people from all countries may learn about our achievements in the field."

MUST's Lunar and Planetary Sciences Laboratory is one of Macau's four State Key Laboratories (SKLs), specialized institutions that receive funding and administrative support from the central government. MUST also jointly operates the State Key Laboratory for Quality Research in Chinese Medicine in partnership with the University of Macau.

MUST's two SKLs have achieved global recognition and made major academic achievements since their establishment, according to the MUST State Key Laboratory director. According to Zhang, they are ready to step into a new level of world-class research, making progress in the fields of Chinese medicine, and lunar and planetary sciences.

Established on October 8, 2018, the MUST Laboratory of Lunar and Planetary Sciences is the first SKL in the field of astronomy and planetary sciences.

The establishment of the SKL marks an important step in developing deep-space exploration, improving the level of science and technology in Macau, and promoting scientific and technological innovation within the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area.

There are currently around 100 researchers and postgraduate students at the lab, in addition to 40 researchers, including fellows of the U.S. National Academy of Sciences, and other prestigious international engineering and astronautics academies.



The major objectives of the SKL are to develop a research center for planetary sciences with international influence, build an international academic exchange and cooperation center with high standards, and participate in major Chinese deep space exploration projects.

These state-level research subjects mainly involve planetary physics, geology, chemistry and biology.

Along with China's strategy for deep space exploration, the SKL has been carrying out research and is achieving significant results already.

Recently, the lab made a significant breakthrough regarding the accretion history of the Moon, offering new perspectives on the story of our solar system and the discriminated early accretion of the Earth and the Moon.

Aside from fulfilling its scientific research mission, the lab is also tasked with acting as a platform between China and Western

countries.

"Macau connects China with Europe and America in regards to scientific communication and science cooperation, in such a way that events in China's astronomic development can be organized smoothly," said Zhang. "This is a mission the country has given to us."

Speaking about the Macau government and the state's support, Zhang said, "We are very lucky to be in Macau because we get enough support from the Macau government and also from the state due to the One Country Two Systems policy."

Currently, the SKL has seen its financial support increase as well as its global influence.

As an international research lab, just 10% of the lab's researchers are Macau, Hong Kong and Taiwan residents. The professor is confident that the lab can attract talented human resources from the city and around the world. "Regarding talented human re-

sources, I don't think there is any big issue. We are very positive," said Zhang.

Meanwhile, to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Macau handover, the SKL has prepared a myriad of public presentations about its research achievements.

The other SKL operated by the MUST is the State Key Laboratory of Quality Research in Chinese Medicine. This lab was approved by China's Ministry of Science and Technology and formally established in January 2011. It is so far the only SKL working specifically in the field of Traditional Chinese Medicine (TCM) across the country.

The establishment of this SKL was an important measure of the central government, as part of its commitment to promote the internationalization and development of TCM, promoting the growth of a diversified economy, and raising the level of science and technology in Macau as well.

Currently, there are more than

300 researchers and postgraduate students in the laboratory, 51 of whom hold positions as assistant professors or above, including Nobel laureates.

This SKL pays special attention to integrating and merging the most cutting-edge technology in multidisciplinary areas, focusing on two research directions.

With the support of the state and the Macau SAR government, it is equipped with advanced, high-end laboratory instruments and processing systems.

As of today, the lab has been granted a total of 169 patents, including 36 U.S. patents, 119 Australian innovation patents and 14 Chinese patents.

Since its establishment in 2011, the laboratory has already made some important scientific discoveries in the abovementioned key areas, including discovering several TCM ingredients with novel structures and significant treatment efficacy, and discovering new activities and mechanisms of

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WORLD-CLASS RANKING IN 5 YEARS



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various Chinese herbal ingredients.

The laboratory has also received multiple academic awards both inside and outside of China.

In recent years, the SKL has been actively conducting exchanges and cooperation events, and has established joint laboratories or research centers with 17 well-known teaching and research institutions.

Aside from research, the lab has also co-established a pharmaceutical company with the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology and a number of mainland companies.

Professor Jiang Zhi-Hong, deputy director of the lab, told the Times that in 2017, the lab passed its inspection of its initial three-year phase. Another three-year inspection is around the corner. If it passes,

the lab will make additional development plans.

According to information Jiang disclosed to the Times, "the lab hopes to establish a National Chinese Medicine/Biomedical Technology Innovation Center in order to push forward the modernization, industrialization, and globalization of Chinese medicines."

The lab also hopes it can proactively participate in the develop-

ment of the Greater Bay Area National Science Center. Additionally, in view of the difficulty of gathering experimental samples for Greater Bay Area science and technology, industry and research cooperation, the lab hopes that the SAR government will make new policies on specific measures to facilitate the improved movement and exchange of clinical and biological samples in the Greater Bay Area.

HO IAT SENG'S APPOINTMENT TO BE CONFIRMED NEXT WEEK

The Chief Executive-elect, Ho Iat Seng, is scheduled to visit Beijing from September 10 to 12 to receive the Order of the State Council, confirming his official appointment as the fifth-term Chief Executive of the SAR. Ho, the sole candidate in the recent CE election, gathered 392 votes from the 400-member Election Committee on August 25. Administrative reform is one of Ho's top priorities, with Ho stressing that the SAR government has scope to improve its administrative efficiency to foster economic development. Prior to the election on August 25, Ho visited different associations and institutions for two weeks as part of his outreach program.

SONG FOR 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF HANDOVER LAUNCHED

The Macau Music Industry Association has launched a theme song for the 20th anniversary of the Macau handover. The song is about "connecting as one family." The song, which is sung in Mandarin, also has a music video available online. In the video, well-known people from Macau, such as lawyer Neto Valente, take part in the singing. The song tells a story of the lotus flower and depicts it undergoing difficult experiences. "Connecting as one family; born on the same soil; beliefs are the same; build beauty and prosperity," are part of the song's lyrics.

NINE-FOLD INCREASE RECORDED IN MOBILE PAYMENTS

The number of transactions made with mobile devices increased nine-fold in the first half of this year compared to the same period of 2018, according to the Central District Advisory Committee. The statistics were revealed by the Monetary Authority of Macao and the Macao Economic Services. Pushed by this growth, a total of 3.13 million transactions were made through mobile devices as of June. The number of mobile payment transactions in the second quarter of this year alone exceeded the total of 2018. Currently, there are more than 30,000 computer terminals in Macau that can handle mobile payments. The committee proposed that the government establish a specific mobile payment system for tourists and provide English settings to help tourists and foreigners who live in Macau.

MUST partners with Harvard Medical School to provide students with online education courses

THE Macau University of Science and Technology (MUST) has partnered with Harvard Medical School to provide students with online medical courses for the next three years.

Harvard Medical School will provide the local institution with HMX courses, which bring fundamental medical concepts to life with real-world applications. The courses were created by an interdisciplinary team of

Harvard Medical School educators and professionals.

"We are delighted that MUST has established an agreement with Harvard to provide all our HMX fundamental courses to all medical students for the next three years," said Dr. David Roberts, dean for External Education at Harvard Medical School, in a video clip.

The HMX fundamentals series covers foundational topics in medi-

ne, including physiology, genetics, biochemistry, pharmacology and immunology.

"There is growing need to prepare medical students to face so many local, regional and global healthcare challenges. To do so, medical school programs should offer the best medical opportunities for students to build a solid foundation in all clinical and basic sciences," said Dr. Roberts.

The local government

had approved a Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery course at MUST earlier this year, which course planners say will predominantly enroll locals. The course was designed according to the framework of the modern education model in Hong Kong, Britain and the United States.

Dr. Billy Chan, director of MUST's Center of Excellence for Medical Professional Development, had previously said that

MUST has the international recognition of over 20 universities willing to assist.

The program aims to enroll between 35 and 50 students at its inception, noting that they would not focus on the recruitment of overseas students initially.

The languages of instruction are English and Chinese, and the course duration is six years, including one year of internship. LV

PALACE CASINO REPLICA ALMOST FINISHED

CONSTRUCTION of the replica of the famous floating casino, the Macau Palace, appears to be nearing completion, as the Times observed from the outside of the Lisboeta Resort site that will house the building.

The Lisboeta is a project led by Macau Resort and Entertainment Limited, controlled by Arnaldo Ho, son of casino tycoon Stanley Ho and SJM executive director Angela Leong.

In a press conference dedicated to the announcement of the news which was held on October 18 last year, Ho said that this gem would include a replica of the famous floating casino to "pay homage to [his] dad."

He explained that his dad had left a large legacy in Macau but was not very well remembered. For this reason, he decided to make the replica ship, along with other buildings that resemble his father's work, at the soon-to-be finished integrated resort.

Despite revealing the replica, Ho did not point out the use of the structure. The "new" Palace

JULIE ZHU



The Macau Palace replica seen in Cotai

RENATO MARQUES



The Macau Palace original seen in the Inner Harbor

is inaccessible but can be viewed from the outside, where a sign that reads "Palace Seafood Vessel" exists. It is speculated that the structure will house restaurants or facilities alike when it opens.

The sign "Casino Macau Pala-

ce" is also seen. It is unclear whether this was done for the purpose of authenticity or to indicate that there is an actual casino inside. Moreover, the structure may not be an actual ship.

Meanwhile, on previous occasions, both Ho and SJM CEO Am-

brose So have hinted about their openness to casino operations at the Lisboeta, although no further confirmation of this has been received so far.

The Lisboeta is set to open next year. It will include, among other facilities, a hotel building

with 820 rooms under three different brands. The building will resemble the suspended Hotel Estoril next to Tap Seac Square.

The original floating casino is docked in the Inner Harbor and has been non-operational for years. **AL**

TJB ACCEPTS HAO'S REQUEST TO INCREASE COMPENSATION FROM LVS

RENATO MARQUES

THE Court of First Instance (TJB) has ruled in favor of the former business partner of the Las Vegas Sands Corporation, Marshall Hao's Asian American Entertainment Corporation (AAEC), in a request to have the compensation amount raised.

Hao called for an increase in the amount claimed against the Venetian Macau Ltd. and three U.S.-based subsidiaries of Las Vegas Sands, including LVS (Nevada) International Holdings Inc., Las Vegas Sands LLC and Venetian Casino Resort LLC. The case is currently being examined in the Macau courts.

According to documents reviewed by the Times, the judge decided on Wednesday that the increases in compensation requested by Hao through AAEC is "acceptable" in light of the arguments presented by AAEC, disregarding LVS's opposition to them.

Hao has provided the court with "proof of the profits obtained by the defendant" between 2004 and 2018, which results in a total of MOP96.5 billion (around \$12 billion) in compensation related to the granting of the gaming concession in Macau.

The AAEC had requested changing the original amount claimed (around MOP3 billion) to the almost MOP100 billion in July this year, as well as to reserve the right to claim for further lost profits up to mid-2022 when the concession is due to expire.

The lawyer representing AAEC in the case, Jorge Menezes, said to the Times that, "I can only confirm that the court decided in favor of our request to increase the claim to the amount you have cited." He declined to comment any further on the content of the case.

This acknowledgment means that the compensation amount has now been updated and that the trial, scheduled to start this Wednesday, will be conducted under these conditions.

PHILIPPINES

DUTERTE DEFENDS ONLINE GAMBLING AGAINST CHINA PRESSURE

ANDREO CALONZO

PHILIPPINE property shares got a boost after President Rodrigo Duterte said his country benefits from online casinos, standing pat on the industry despite China's call for a total ban.

"I decide that we need it. Many jobs will be lost. Anyway, it's government-controlled," Duterte said in a televised briefing late Wednesday, when asked what he told Chinese President Xi Jinping about Philippine

online gaming operators, or Pogos.

The rally in property companies was led by Filinvest Land Inc. and Megaworld Corp., among the country's top landlords, which each gained as much as 5.6% in early trading in Manila on Thursday. Other builders exposed to online casinos also climbed, with D.M. Wenceslao & Associates and DoubleDragon Properties Corp. gaining more than 3% each.

Investors have dumped Philippine property stocks

amid concern Duterte will clamp down on the offshore gaming industry, which is overtaking business process outsourcing companies as Manila's top source of office demand.

China wants the Philippines to stop all forms of online gambling, as it continues cracking down on a practice it says causes an illegal outflow of money. Online and phone betting has exploded in countries such as the Philippines and Cambodia over the last few years due to demand from gamblers in

mainland China.

Duterte also said that he and Xi had long agreed on a 60-40 revenue-sharing arrangement that would favor the Philippines should joint oil and gas exploration in the South China Sea proceed.

Still, the Philippine leader said the territorial dispute between the two nations "will remain a problem" after Xi insisted that China doesn't recognize Manila's victory in an arbitration case that nullified some of Beijing's claims in disputed waters. **BLOOMBERG**

US

ELDORADO RESORTS EXECUTIVES INVESTIGATED FOR STOCK TRADING

ELDORADO Resorts Inc.'s most senior executives, including Chief Executive Officer Tom Reeg, were subpoenaed by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission over their trading in the shares of another company.

Chairman Gary Carano, President Anthony Carano and board member James Hawkins also received subpoenas. The investigation

could impact their board positions when Eldorado completes its \$8.7 billion merger with Caesars Entertainment Corp., the company said in a regulatory filing Tuesday.

The investigation involves their trading in the shares of a company where Hawkins had served as a board member. The New York Post reported Wednesday that the company was medical-device maker IRA-

dimed Corp.

Eldorado is in the process of acquiring Caesars in one of the largest casino-industry mergers in years.

Last week, Caesars Entertainment Corp. said it wouldn't pursue a license for a casino in Japan and will focus instead on its current business plan, including the Eldorado Resorts merger.

Caesars management made the decision out of

sensitivity to the Japanese government and business partners, who must make decisions this year to advance the casino process, Chief Executive Officer Tony Rodio said in a statement.

The largest owner of casinos in the U.S., Caesars also missed an opportunity to get a license in Macau in the years following the territory's 1999 handover. **DB/BLOOMBERG**



Wynn Facilitates Entrepreneurial Ecosystem for Go-getting Youth

In echoing China's promotion of innovation and entrepreneurialism - designed to facilitate the upgrading of industrial development in the Greater Bay Area - Wynn is proactively partnering entrepreneurs from a variety of sectors. In particular, it is supporting the establishment of a resourceful entrepreneurship and innovation ecosystem for youth by way of a business incubation platform. Thus, earlier this year Wynn began assigning considerable resources to such ventures like providing venues for numerous entrepreneurship and innovation competitions, as it seeks to move the whole concept forward.



ENCOURAGING INNOVATION AND ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT

To improve the success rate of business start-ups for young entrepreneurs the country has continuously strived to enhance the environment for better implementation of the innovation and entrepreneurship policy. Recognising that this goal can more speedily be achieved by the participation of major sectors of the community, in June this year Wynn co-organised the first China College Students' 'Internet+' Innovation and Entrepreneurship Competition - Greater Bay Area Investment Conference.

A forum and seminar plus project road show helped boost the co-

operation and sharing of resources between the education sectors in Macao and Mainland China, thereby strengthening the SAR's role as a base for cultivating outstanding entrepreneurs for the Greater Bay Area. This Competition - designed to put the policy of mass entrepreneurship and innovation into full swing - is not only the most prestigious national competition in China but the largest entrepreneurship platform worldwide.

In addition to facilitating the foregoing Wynn was also invited to participate as a jury member in the second Guangdong-HongKong-Macau Greater Bay Area Youth Innovation and Entrepreneurship Competition, selecting entrepreneurship projects in various fields with other adjudicating parties prior to singling out the best and most innovative contestants.

For five consecutive years the competition has attracted the participation of some 10,000 teams - over 100,000 participants! - and facilitated 2,700 outstanding entrepreneurial projects. Little wonder, then, that this initiative has gained a reputation as the top-tier innovation and entrepreneurship competition for young people across Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macau.



USHERING IN A NEW ERA OF SUSTAINABLE BUSINESS GROWTH

Also in June, Wynn participated in the Global Start-up Weekend Sustainable Revolution (GSWSR) - Macau Edition, with representatives serving as jury members helping young entrepreneurs develop their projects and establish businesses in the areas of sustainable development. As part of the jury, Wynn hoped to support them in developing their businesses and bring local entrepreneurs together through the event - thus, through the concerted efforts of the participating companies GSWSR sought to provide the necessary support and guidance to more startups and young entrepreneurs in the course of their business development and operations.

More than 50 young entrepreneurs from around the world participated in this event in Macau, sharing experiences and breathing life into their ideas with a high level of creativity, feasibility and positive impact upon the environment, with final pitches presented to a panel of judges and potential investors.



EXPOSING SMES TO OPPORTUNITIES

Meanwhile, Wynn partnered with the Macau Productivity and Technology Transfer Center (CPTTM) to co-organise Wynn Local SME Diverse

Enrichment Seminar Series 2019. From May to July, 30 local SME representatives completed the 7-week business seminar series and made a study visit to the Greater Bay Area.

The seminar series provided local SMEs with a comprehensive commercial training programme as it sought to enhance their business competitiveness by addressing a wide range of topics. Delivered by Wynn representatives from various departments and instructors appointed by the Macau Productivity and Technology Transfer Center, the series sought to share valuable business knowledge and practical on-the-ground experience.



In addition, on 28th June Wynn organised an outing whereby about 50 SMEs and representatives visited Hengqin Youth Entrepreneurship Valley and the Guangdong-Macau Traditional Chinese Medicine Technology Industrial Park for the first time. The participants benefited greatly from the experience on various levels, learning not only of the measures available to entrepreneurs in the Greater Bay Area and its adjacent regions but also the greater possibilities of developing their businesses further.

With innovation and entrepreneurialism the new watchwords, this is just the start!

MACAU GRAND PRIX

BMW READY TO DEFEND GT WORLD CUP TITLE THIS NOVEMBER

RENATO MARQUES

BMW Motorsport has announced the drivers lineup for the Guia Circuit in November to defend the title they won last year at the FIA GT World Cup in Macau.

A short statement from the German car manufacturer informed that reigning champion Augusto Farfus would once again take the wheel of Team Schnitzer's BMW M6 GT3 to defend his title, and that a second car from the brand would also race in Macau this November with young star Joel Eriksson at the wheel.

Eriksson will return to the Guia Circuit after three years of racing in the streets of Macau in the Formula 3 category where he achieved results such as a pole position in 2017 and a second-place finish in 2018. The Swede also led the 2017 F3 race and was considered one of the favorites to win. However, a clash with Callum Iott at Lisboa Bend shattered his hopes and the race was surprisingly won by Dan Ticktum.

During his debut season at the German Touring Car Championship (DTM), Eriksson was drafted into BMW's line-up. He will put both his experience of the circuit and youth to work as part of BMW's bid to retain the title.

The 21-year-old Eriksson is already familiar with FIST-Team AAI, as he previously raced under the Asian team in the China GT Championship earlier this season.

RENATO MARQUES



In a statement published on his official website, Eriksson said, "I am absolutely thrilled to be going back to Macau again this year, this time representing BMW Motorsport in the FIA GT World Cup."

"I have fallen in love with the Guia Circuit during my visits in For-

mula 3 and I simply can't wait to take it on in the BMW M6 GT3," he added.

Although he is hopeful and excited for his comeback, Eriksson also expressed the need to adapt to the GT3 machine.

"I've only ever driven an F3 car at

Macau, so a certain level of adaptation will be required, but I'm honored that BMW has decided to put their trust in me for one of the most important races of the season."

The FIA GT World Cup aims to attract the world's most prestigious car manufacturers and

pit them against each other in an end-of-season, winner-takes-all standalone event on the demanding Guia Circuit street track. This year will be the fifth time the FIA GT World Cup runs in Macau as part of the Macau Grand Prix on November 14-17.

Nationwide CCTV patriotic education program features Macau

JULIE ZHU

THE First Lesson, a nationwide patriotic education program targeting primary school students in mainland China, was broadcast on September 1 on CCTV1. Fifteen minutes of the 90-minute long program featured Macau.

In mainland China, primary schools were all required to assign students to watch the 90-minute program at home. Students were also asked to write a review of the program.

The program has been broadcast in mainland China since 2008. Viewings were previously held in the form of a class meeting. Famous people, including scholars, celebrities, actors and actresses,

are invited to interact with the students.

The program selects people with "positive energy" to educate students, especially in patriotism and nationalism.

Usually, the two SARs and Taiwan are given important portions of the program. However, only Macau was included in the program this year, and Hong Kong and Taiwan were not mentioned.

In the Macau portion of the program, four pupils from Macau's Hou Kong Middle School were invited to read letters they wrote, which were allegedly sent to Chinese president Xi Jinping, on the program.

"Grandpa Xi, in the past, we didn't know what the Motherland was. Through studying Moral and Civic Educa-

tion, we gradually understood it," one of the students wrote. "Especially during the scary [Typhoon] Hato two years ago, which made our place dirty and messy. Under your personal care, the Macau Garrison [of the PLA] dispatched soldiers, and Macau quickly recovered cleanliness and order. Looking at the tired soldiers, many people were moved to tears."

"Because of this [the garrison helping to clean debris], we understand the meaning of the Motherland. The Motherland is like our mother; it will care and love us when we have difficulties," the student reads.

"This year marks the 70th anniversary of China and the 20th anniversary of the Macau handover. We have a wish, we wish that you can come to

Macau again," another student reads.

Iao Tun Ieong, director of Hou Kong Middle School, was invited onto the program to interact with the host of the story of Du Nam, the previous rector, who implemented a comprehensive patriotic education program at Hou Kong Middle School.

In his interaction with the host, Iao said that Du Nam raised the Chinese flag in Macau on September 1, 1949, and it was the first time that a Chinese flag had been flown in Macau.

Before the Macau segment concluded with the "Song of the Seven Sons," as per usual, the Flag Guard of China presented the Hou Kong Middle School representatives with the gift of a Chinese flag.

POLICE INVESTIGATE BODY DISCOVERED IN COTAI

THE Judiciary Police (PJ) received a report at noon yesterday regarding the discovery of a body inside a machine room under an overpass in Cotai.

The report was made by a janitor working at the hotel. The janitor walked past the machine room and spotted the door slightly ajar. The janitor entered the room and saw immediately the dead body of a man hanging on a movable metal structure. The janitor informed the hotel's security department, which later notified the PJ.

According to information from the PJ, the overpass connects to a hotel in the area, but it is not clear if the facility belongs to the hotel.

The man was surnamed Cao, aged 27 years and was from the mainland.

At the current stage, the police have categorized the case as discovery of dead body. Post-mortem is required, according to the police, to determine the cause of death. **AL**

Anima to celebrate adoption of Macau greyhounds at event

ITALIAN greyhound association Pet Levrieri is set to hold "The Macau Greyhounds: Happy At Last" event, which will bring animal advocacy associations together in Milan. Anima Macau's president, Albano Martins, will also attend.

The event this Sunday will present thank you gifts to families that have adopted or fostered the Macau greyhounds.

According to Pet Levrieri's social media post, 55 adoptive families have confirmed their attendance.

"Such an ordinary achievement is worth celebrating together with people like Albano Martins as well as with the Macau greyhounds themselves, many [of] whom have been adopted in Italy or are in the process of being adopted," the organization stated.

"So, we are organizing a big party in honor of the Macau greyhounds, which will be held here in Italy on Sun-



day," they said.

The event also includes a memorial to remember the 18,000 greyhounds that died at the Canidrome over the past 55 years, as well as the 17 greyhounds that died after the closure of the race track. Four greyhounds that died after being sent abroad and adopted will also be acknowledged.

Following the session,

Martins will share a poem by Portuguese poet Fernando Pessoa.

Martins said that Sunday's events aims to celebrate the greyhounds who have found adoptive families. However, he will continue to fight to close dog racing tracks, particularly in China.

"We are in a very active phase, not only for greyhounds, but also for the meat

market for pets such as dogs and cats. I will be in China to intensify our campaign," he told Portuguese newspaper Tribuna de Macau.

June marked the end of Anima Macau's international greyhound adoption campaign.

It took the organization six months to get all the greyhounds adopted by local and international adopters. LV

FANS UNHAPPY WITH ANGELABABY'S MACAU FAUX PAS

A small number of followers of Chinese celebrity Angelababy, also known as Angela Yeung Wing, are displeased after she suggested that Macau was a separate entity from China.

Earlier this week, the celebrity made a post on Weibo about her shoot with David Beckham.

In her post, she hashtagged the Londoner Macao project, to be developed in Cotai, and wrote: "next time, when you [David Beckham] come to China, I will treat you" to dinner.

Due to the recent Hong Kong protests, which have been portrayed as anti-Chinese and a call for Hong Kong independence, mentions of Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan have become sensitive topics, especially among high-profile figures.

"Macau is also [part of] China," reads one of the comments below Angelababy's post. The comment was liked by 8,717 users.

"Doesn't Macau also belong to China? Such writing really easily misleads people," another commenter wrote.

Despite some followers having accused her of not referring to Macau as part of China, others defended the celebrity.

"When mentioning Hong Kong, Macau, and Taiwan, if we don't put China ahead of them, we will be denounced all the way to grandmother's house [far away] at any moment," another comment reads.

"She said that it is in the Londoner Macao. The company should be in Macau, right? She is writing it so unclear, it is so misleading," a fourth Weibo user wrote. JZ

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The southern tech hub of Guangdong Province will realize full 5G coverage by August 2020, the city government announced on Wednesday.

Memorandums of cooperation have been signed between the Bureau of Industry and Information Technology of Shenzhen and the local branches of the three major operators, China Telecom, China Mobile and China Unicom, on the construction of 5G base stations throughout the city.

NEW RADIO CHANNEL ON AIR IN GREATER BAY AREA

A radio channel covering the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area started broadcast from 7 a.m. Sunday. The channel, airing on FM 101.2 and MW 1215, will broadcast 21 hours a day mainly in Cantonese and also include programs in the dialects of Hakka, Chaozhou and Shantou.

HK HALTS DERIVATIVES TRADING AFTER TECHNICAL PROBLEMS

MAGDALENE FUNG, JEANNY YU & MOXY YING

HONG Kong's exchange operator halted derivatives trading because of technical issues for the first time in its history, deepening losses in the local stock market at a time of heightened sensitivity about the city's status as Asia's premier financial hub.

The move to suspend trading in the afternoon and after-hours sessions came after Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing Ltd. experienced unspecified connectivity issues with its derivatives platform on Thursday morning. The exchange's websites also faced intermittent access problems.

The issues hampered trading in the morning just as Hong Kong Chief Executive Carrie Lam gave a press conference about the demonstrations that have rocked the former British



colony for three months, during which she resisted protesters' calls to immediately meet the rest of their demands.

The MSCI Hong Kong Index fell 1.6% as of 2:56 p.m., extending declines after the halt in derivatives trading. It had rallied the most since 2011 on Wednesday as Lam formally withdrew a controversial extradition bill.

"I've been doing this since 2003 and I don't recall anything

like this," said Martin Wong, head of exchange-traded solutions in Asia Pacific for the equity derivatives team at BNP Paribas SA. "Because the futures market is closed, there is no efficient way to hedge."

Trading in September Hang Seng Index futures totaled 60,070 contracts before the suspension, down 80% from the previous day. Volume in call and put options linked to

the Hang Seng Index was less than 5% of the 20-day average, according to data compiled by Bloomberg.

"It's very troublesome for investors as we can't hedge," said Steven Leung, executive director at UOB Kay Hian (Hong Kong) Ltd. "If something unexpected happened this afternoon, basically we are unable to respond effectively." BLOOMBERG

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Carrie Lam's retreat fails to satisfy protesters

IAIN MARLOW

CARRIE Lam's move to formally withdraw a bill allowing extraditions to China may well have ended the Hong Kong unrest in June. But now protesters want a lot more, and they're ready and willing to fight.

After three months of at-times violent demonstrations, Hong Kong's leader made her most significant concession yet on Wednesday evening. In a somber televised address, she told an anxious city that she was meeting a demand from protesters to officially scrap a proposal that ended up sparking the worst unrest since the former colony's return to Chinese rule in 1997.

"Incidents over these past two months have shocked and saddened Hong Kong people," she said. "We are all very anxious about Hong Kong, our home. We all hope to find a way out of the current impasse and unsettling times."

But before she had even spoken, pro-democracy activists and lawmakers were already saying Lam's concession was too little, too late. They want their other four demands met, most significantly a longstanding push to nominate and elect their own leaders - a proposal Beijing explicitly ruled out this week.

"Hong Kong people will not be satisfied, which is absolutely reasonable after three months of blood, sweat and tears," said Alvin

Yeung, an opposition lawmaker.

The next few weeks will tell whether Lam - and her backers in Beijing - bet correctly that relenting on one key demand would deflate a protest movement that has only gotten more violent. President Xi Jinping is also facing a broader economic slowdown in China as he spars on trade with U.S. President Donald Trump.

While investors reacted positively, giving the local benchmark Hang Seng Index its biggest gain in 10 months, most analysts saw the jump as a temporary bounce for a market that has been battered in recent months.

"It's positive but may only provide a temporary solution," said Stephen Innes, Asia Pacific Market Strategist at AxiTrader. "I can't see Hong Kongers going merrily along. I think the divide runs deeper."

For Beijing, the move amounts to a shift in tactics as it looks to quell the violence before Xi gives a landmark speech to celebrate 70 years of Communist Party rule on October 1. A spokesman for the top mainland body overseeing Hong Kong on Tuesday deployed a softer tone in drawing a line between radical protesters and moderates, saying the "majority of Hong Kong's citizens, including many young students, are taking part in peaceful

demonstrations."

Lam on Wednesday stuck with that line while addressing the five demands of protesters. She downplayed the significance of using the term riot and said she couldn't give amnesty to demonstrators charged with crimes because it ran contrary to the rule of law.

Although she pledged to launch a study and review of the government's work, she didn't meet a demand for an independent commission. And she punted on the demand for universal suffrage, saying any discussions would need to take place "without further polarizing society."

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"Our response to the five demands have been made with full consideration to different constraints and circumstances," she said. "I recognize these may not be able to address all the grievances of people in society."

Protesters weren't pleased. Users of online forum LHKG - a popular sounding board and organizing platform for demonstrators - slammed Lam's address shortly afterward.

U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi, who has spoken out frequently since the unrest began, urged Lam to go further in her concessions to protesters.

"The pro-Beijing leadership in Hong Kong must ensure a political system accountable to the people, including granting universal suffrage and investigating police violence," she said in a statement. "Democrats and Republicans continue to stand united with the people of Hong Kong in demanding the hopeful, free and democratic future that is their right."

Joshua Wong, the prominent student leader who led a previous wave of pro-democracy protests in 2014 and was recently arrested over his role in a rally, warned that a crackdown was coming: "Whenever there are signs of sending a palm branch, they always come

with a far tighter grip on exercising civil rights."

More than 1,000 protesters have been arrested so far as they hold running battles with police. The most recent clashes last weekend saw protesters set a massive roadblock on fire in central Hong Kong and hurl around 100 Molotov cocktails at police, who responded with water cannons and tear gas.

"Carrie Lam could use the bill's

withdrawal as a pretext to frame protesters as perpetrators of violence," said Raymond Chan, a pro-democracy lawmaker in Hong Kong. "As the bill is formally withdrawn, the logic goes, then any ongoing protests must serve ulterior motives such as Hong Kong independence or a color revolution."

Up to now, some protesters have called for actions of civil disobedience - like blocking roads, subway lines and access to the airport - to pressure the government. Lam's biggest concessions, including the one Wednesday, have come after an escalation of violence, reinforcing the idea that radical actions are more effective than peaceful marches that attract hundreds of thousands of people.

The question now is whether protesters can sustain the momentum to push for their final goals. Lam indicated that she's put her best offer on the table, and the toughest demand - universal suffrage - can only be decided by Beijing.

"Genuine democracy in Hong Kong is not on the agenda, and will not be on the agenda," said Steve Tsang, director the China Institute at London's School of Oriental and African Studies and the author of several books on Hong Kong. "They are not just going to get softer and softer and softer. Xi Jinping cannot afford to allow the Hong Kong protesters to win against the Communist Party." **BLOOMBERG**

HOLIDAY IN SAUDI ARABIA? KINGDOM MULLS LAUNCH OF TOURIST VISAS

VIVIAN NEREIM & SARAH ALGETHAMI

SAUDI Arabia is edging closer to allowing tourists access to the kingdom with a plan to open visa applications at the end of September, according to three people familiar with the matter.

The visas will be available to people from about 50 countries, one of the people said, while another said that the country list was still in flux as recently as last month.

The plans were first reported by Saudi newspaper Okaz, which said the visas would be issued online or on arrival for a fee of 440 riyals (\$117) starting Sept. 27, citing people it didn't identify.

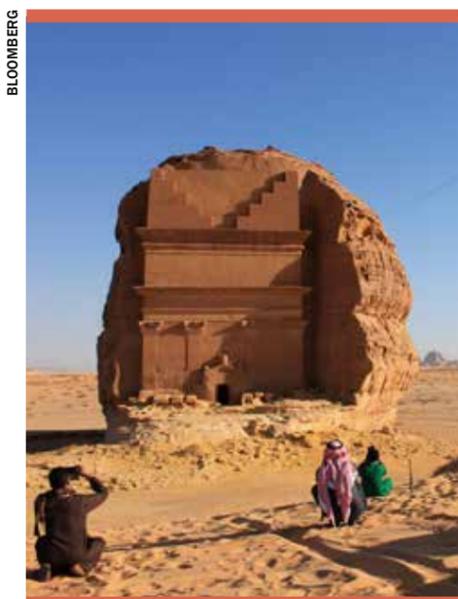
A public relations firm linked to the government has invited reporters to an event that day called "Saudi Arabia opens to tourism." However, the Okaz report was later deleted and the government said its plans hadn't been finalized.

A spokesperson for the Saudi Commission for Tourism and Heritage said the report wasn't accurate, adding that while discussions were "underway," no final decision had been made.

The conservative Islamic kingdom has long been one of the hardest countries in the world to visit, largely limiting visas to business trips, religious pilgrimages or family reunions. But in 2016 - as the oil price rout wreaked havoc on its finances - the government said it wanted to develop tourism as part of Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman's economic diversification plan.

It is building major tourism projects, transforming its Red Sea coastline to bring in holidaymakers and developing an entertainment city near the capital of Riyadh. The government opened limited online visas last year for foreigners attending special events, seen by many as a trial run for the tourist visa.

Authorities have put particular focus



on advertising Al Ula - an area in the northwest layered with the ruins of ancient kingdoms.

It's unlikely that hordes of European tourists will flock to a country where alcohol is banned, women must wear floor-length robes in public and it's forbidden for unmarried couples to be alone together.

The country's reputation abroad has also taken a hit since the murder of Saudi critic Jamal Khashoggi at the kingdom's consulate in Istanbul last year - which triggered international outrage - and the arrest of prominent women's rights activists accused by authorities of undermining state security.

However, the new visas could attract more adventurous travelers.

One reason it's taken so long for the kingdom to allow tourists is the tension between opening up and maintaining conservative traditions. Officials have promised for years to make it easier to visit, saying repeatedly that tourist visas were around the corner. **BLOOMBERG**

A NEW PROBLEM LOOMS FOR BAHAMAS RESORTS THAT DORIAN SPARED

PATRICK CLARK & EZRA FIESER

THE largest resorts in the Bahamas avoided the wrath of Hurricane Dorian. The next step is making sure everyone knows it.

The Category 5 hurricane mostly spared the island of New Providence, home to almost two-thirds of the Caribbean nation's roughly 17,500 hotel rooms, according to Resort Capital Partners. The Nassau airport is open, as is the massive Baha Mar resort, which includes Grand Hyatt, SLS and Rosewood properties. Nearby Atlantis Paradise Island, the mega-resort that Brookfield Asset Management Inc. has explored selling, was also unaffected.

That's the good news for a country where tourism accounts for about half of the gross domestic pro-

duct, and room demand has been increasing. Yet hotels across the Bahamas still may be hurt by the hurricane, which killed at least seven people and left Grand Bahama island 70% underwater. Dorian's brutal battering of the northern islands is likely to lodge in travelers' minds, creating the impression that the entire archipelago was devastated.

"They're going to see an impact on room demand, not because the hotels are closed, but because the perception is that they're closed," said Jan Freitag, a senior vice president at lodging data provider STR.

That's what happened after hurricanes Irma and Maria thrashed the Caribbean in 2017. In places like the U.S. Virgin Islands and Key West, Florida, even the hotels that reope-

ned quickly suffered from lower-than-usual bookings.

"Leisure travelers have a recency bias, and markets directly and indirectly impacted by a hurricane usually see softer demand after the storm," said Michael Bellisario, an analyst at Robert W. Baird & Co. "People will cancel and simply won't rebook, or, in some cases, vacations are booked elsewhere and annual trips move locations."

The average occupancy rate for the Bahamas' 116 hotels was 74.1% through July, compared to 62.4% in the same period a year ago, according to STR.

About 2,250 of the country's hotel rooms, or 13%, are on Grand Bahama and the Abaco Islands, which also suffered severe storm damage, according to Resort Capital Partners. **BLOOMBERG**

SINGAPORE'S GIC NEARS DEAL FOR OXFORD FAIRMONT HOTELS STAKE

SINGAPORE'S sovereign wealth fund, GIC Pte, is nearing a deal to buy a majority stake in Oxford Properties Group's Fairmont portfolio, which consists of four of Canada's most iconic hotels, according to people familiar with the matter.

The talks are advanced and a deal could be announced in coming weeks, said the people, who asked not to be identified because the negotiations are private. The exact price of the transac-

tion couldn't immediately be determined but any deal is expected to value the whole portfolio at about CAD2 billion (\$1.5 billion), the people said. Still, it's possible no agreement will be reached.

Oxford, the real estate arm of Canadian pension fund OMERS, is expected to retain a minority stake in the assets and manage the properties.

Representatives for Toronto-based Oxford and GIC declined to comment. A representative for

brokerage firm Jones Lang LaSalle Inc., which is handling the sale, also declined to comment.

Bloomberg reported in May that Oxford was planning to sell a 50% stake in its Fairmont hotels in Whistler, British Columbia, and Lake Louise, Banff Springs and Jasper Park in Alberta. The hotels have more than 2,200 rooms that draw 1.2 million guests a year, with roots dating to the dawn of the country's train travel in the late 1800s. **BLOOMBERG**

CORPORATE BITS

Galaxy shares Mid-Autumn care with the elderly



In celebration of the upcoming Mid-Autumn Festival, Galaxy Macau recently organized an afternoon out for 80 local seniors at the company's Broadway property.

The event was held in association with the Associação de

Juventude Voluntária de Macau (AJVM). The seniors are from Centro de Dia de Mong Há and Centro de Dia "Chong Pak Chi Ká."

The afternoon started with the seniors sampling street snacks made by members

from the Galaxy Volunteer Team. In addition, they had the opportunity to complete a small workout, which was a ring throwing stall game.

After some energetic games, they were brought to the Broadway Theatre to see "Class Golden Night Concert," a performance by Chinese singer Tong Yau. The afternoon finished with gift bags and mooncakes being distributed to participants.

AJVM thanked Galaxy for providing the venue and sending a volunteer team to support the event. AJVM aims to help seniors feel loved and promote the spirit of helping others among Macau residents.

Sands China team revisits Chairman Mao's era



Over 30 Sands China team members, including senior management from various departments, visited the "Mao Zedong Emerged in China" photography exhibition at the Handover Gifts

Museum of Macao yesterday to enhance their understanding of mainland China and their sense of national pride.

The team learned a lot from the exhibition, which focuses

on works that have been exhibited at the Mao Zedong Memorial Museum in Shaoshan. They said it helped them gain deeper insights into contemporary Chinese history.

Sands China president Wilfred Wong considers the exhibition this year exceptionally meaningful, with two extraordinary anniversaries for both China and the Macau SAR coming up.

"This insightful exhibition allows our team members to learn more about how Chairman Mao Zedong created a modern China, in turn helping [to] deepen their understanding and appreciation of the history and culture of mainland China," Wong said.

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Gov't says trade talks with US to take place in October

JOE McDONALD, BEIJING

U.S. and Chinese envoys will meet in early October for more talks aimed at ending a tariff war that threatens global economic growth.

Stock markets rose on yesterday's announcement but there has been no sign of progress since Presidents Donald Trump and Xi Jinping agreed in June to resume deadlocked negotiations about trade and technology.

Earlier, investors were rattled by a report officials were struggling to agree on a schedule for talks originally planned for this month.

The agreement on a date came in a phone call conducted by the chief Chinese envoy, Vice Premier Liu He, with U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin, the Chinese Commerce Ministry said in a statement.

Officials will "conduct conscientious consultations" in mid-September to prepare, the ministry said. It gave no details but said the two sides want to create "favorable conditions."

China's main stock market index was up 1.6% at midday following the announcement. Tokyo's Nikkei 225 gained 2.3% and South Korea's main index rose 1%.

Beijing is balking at U.S. pressure to roll back plans for government-led creation of global competitors in robotics and other industries.

The U.S., Europe, Japan and other trading partners say those plans violate China's market-opening commitments and are based on stealing or pressuring companies to hand over technology.

The U.S. and China have raised tariffs on billions of dollars of each other's imports, disrupting trade in goods from soybeans to medical equipment and battering traders on both sides.

In their latest escalation, Washington imposed 15% tariffs on USD300 billion of Chinese imports on Sunday, extending penalties to almost everything the United States buys from China. Beijing responded by imposing duties of 10% and 5% on a range of American imports.

U.S. tariffs of 25% imposed previously on \$250 billion of Chinese goods are due to rise to 30% on Oct. 1.

China has imposed or announced penalties on a total of about \$120 billion of U.S. imports, economists estimate. Some have been hit with increases more than once, while about \$50 billion of U.S. goods is unaffected, possibly to avoid disrupting Chinese industries.

Beijing also has retaliated by canceling purchases of soybeans, the biggest single U.S. export to China.

Beijing has agreed to narrow its politically sensitive trade surplus with the U.S. but is reluctant to give up development strategies it sees as a path to prosperity and global influence.

Talks broke down in May over how to enforce any agreement.

China insists Trump's punitive tariffs must be lifted once a deal takes effect. Washington says at least some must stay to make sure Beijing carries out any promises.

The last round of talks in July in Shanghai ended with no indication of progress. Neither government has given any indication it is ready to break the deadlock by offering concessions.

Some analysts suggest Beijing is holding out in hopes Trump will feel pressure to make a more favorable deal as his campaign for the 2020 presidential election picks up. Trump has warned that if he is re-elected, China will face a tougher U.S. negotiating stance. AP

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To celebrate the collection, Rado will exhibit the new novelties at Shoppes at Venetian from 5 to 29 September. Visitors can not only examine the versatile watches, but there will be interactive paddling machines and a mini game to enter with the chance of winning an exclusive Rado giveaway. Shop K9, Level 3, Shoppes at Venetian

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BEIJING SUSPECTS MERKEL IS HEADING TO BEIJING TO DO TRUMP'S WORK

BIRGIT JENNEN, PATRICK DONAHUE & ARNE DELFS

As deputy foreign minister, Wolfgang Ischinger had unique insight into Germany's friendly approach to Beijing.

"Our China policy had one key component: how can we sell the largest possible number of German automobiles in China," Ischinger, who now chairs the annual Munich Security Conference, recalled in an interview in Berlin.

Since Ischinger's time in office at the turn of the century, Germany's view of China has been turned upside down. The idea that Beijing would adopt more western values and democratic practices proved to be completely wrong, he said. If anything, "it's going in the opposite direction," he added.

With governments from Japan to Canada and Australia taking a harder line on China as President Donald Trump steps up his trade war, Germany too is toughening its policy toward China on matters such as investment or intellectual property. But it's an especially high-risk strategy for Berlin at a time when its export-dependent economy is flirting with recession.

As Chancellor Angela Merkel prepares to visit China this week accompanied by a high-ranking business delegation,

she faces a particularly delicate set of policy objectives: maintaining that hard line on Beijing while urging a resolution of the trade war and continuing to press for reciprocal access to China's lucrative market.

According to a Chinese official who asked not to be identified commenting on policy, Trump's attempts to lobby European leaders such as Merkel appear to have worked in the short term. Trump has provided a model for world leaders to be globalist in their words and protectionist in their actions, the person said.

Indicative of that balancing act is Merkel's approach to the situation in Hong Kong. While her administration urged Beijing to engage in dialog and respect the rule of law, Merkel has declined an invitation to meet with protesters, her spokesman said on Wednesday.

"We are in a difficult position with China: On the one hand, China is our trading partner, and on the other we have to deal with China as competitor," German Deputy Economy Minister Claudia Doerr-Voss said in a speech to industry earlier this year. "Unfortunately, we have to conclude that we still have massive trade restric-

tions in China, and that we cannot expect any miracles."

Germany is China's biggest European trading partner by a long way, with bilateral sales worth some USD195 billion last year. That, plus her sheer political longevity, gives Merkel clout that eludes her European partners: she is making the 12th trip to the Asian giant of her almost 14 years in office. Germany is also one of few western countries to run a trade surplus with China, with auto makers such as VW and BMW now more dependent on Chinese sales than those in the U.S. Still, that reliance is viewed in Berlin as

Germany too is toughening its policy toward China on matters such as investment or intellectual property

a potential liability as well as an achievement.

As yet, however, there is little evidence that Germany's position toward China has relaxed as the risk of recession has grown. Indeed, Germany sees a risk that Chinese protectionist sentiment could prevail during the trade war and end what limited reforms have taken place, said a senior

government official who asked not to be named discussing strategy. At the same time, Germany's short-term economic fortunes hinge on China and the U.S. resolving their trade dispute, and so Merkel's government is keen to see a willingness in Beijing to reach a deal, the official said.

How Europe's exporting giant went from a key China proponent to the leading advocate of a more defiant European stance is both a reflection of Beijing's rising global power and an indication of how it is wielding that clout. Germany has been a target of China's ambition, as a focus of Chinese moves

to buy up strategic companies as well as at the apex of concerns including cyber security.

A turning point was the public and political backlash over the takeover of German robot maker Kuka AG by China's Midea Group Co. in 2016. Germany learned from losing one of its industrial pearls and last August for the first time vetoed a potential Chinese takeover, of German machine tool maker Leifeld Metal Spinning AG, angering Beijing in the process.

German Economy Minister Peter Altmaier has pushed an industrial policy of encouraging European champions to better

compete against Chinese giants, even though a proposed merger of Siemens and Alstom train units was blocked in Brussels.

There are signs that German industry is in lockstep with the government's aims. In January Germany's industry lobby BDI announced a turnaround in its China strategy, labeling China a "systemic competitor" and arguing that "German industry must prepare itself for this new reality," while the system of open markets in Europe "must be made more resilient."

Germany's dilemma is sharpened by China's moves to divide the European Union, both through the so-called 16+1 forum with eastern European states and by signing up individual EU members including Malta and Italy to President Xi Jinping's Belt and Road infrastructure program. The upshot is that whereas all 27 member states stood together on Brexit, the EU struggles to speak with one voice on China policy.

Still, alongside German legislation to protect companies, the EU has acted to tighten up investment scrutiny, brought in instruments to tackle dumping of steel and measures to shield IT. China policy is not about to soften under the incoming commission, according to a senior EU official with knowledge of trade issues.

China is angry about the measures, but the EU will hold to its stance even as the economy staggers because it sees a risk China could ramp up exports subsidies even more, the official said.

For Ischinger, the German diplomat, the priority is developing a more coherent, long-term approach to China. "It's one of the biggest challenges for the EU as a whole and for Germany as a country that now depends as much on China as it used to on the United States," he said.

German media group Axel Springer AG, publisher of the newspapers Die Welt and the best-selling Bild tabloid, has meanwhile adopted a China-skeptic tone, and is prodding the chancellor to take up the case of the Hong Kong protesters with the Chinese leadership.

For its part, Beijing is shouldering a growing burden of U.S. trade tariffs while being buffeted by the anti-China protests in Hong Kong. That makes it keener to keep the EU on board with common goals such as multilateralism, said Mikko Huotari, deputy director of the Berlin-based Mercator Institute for China Studies. Given Germany's importance to China, Merkel's visit "isn't simply important for the optics," he said in a statement.

"The trip comes at an exceptionally tense time for Beijing," Huotari said. "The chancellor is traveling to a China that is extremely challenged on multiple fronts politically and economically." **BLOOMBERG**

JIM GOMEZ, MANILA

'Any suggestion?' Duterte asks after Xi reaffirms sea claims

THE Philippine president has acknowledged he's short of solutions to press China to adhere to Manila's arbitration victory in their South China Sea disputes after he said Chinese President Xi Jinping told him flatly: "We will not budge."

President Rodrigo Duterte spoke for the first time about his talk with Xi about the thorny disputes in a televised news conference Wednesday night where he was asked what move he would take next. Duterte, who has nurtured friendly ties with China, met Xi in Beijing last week.

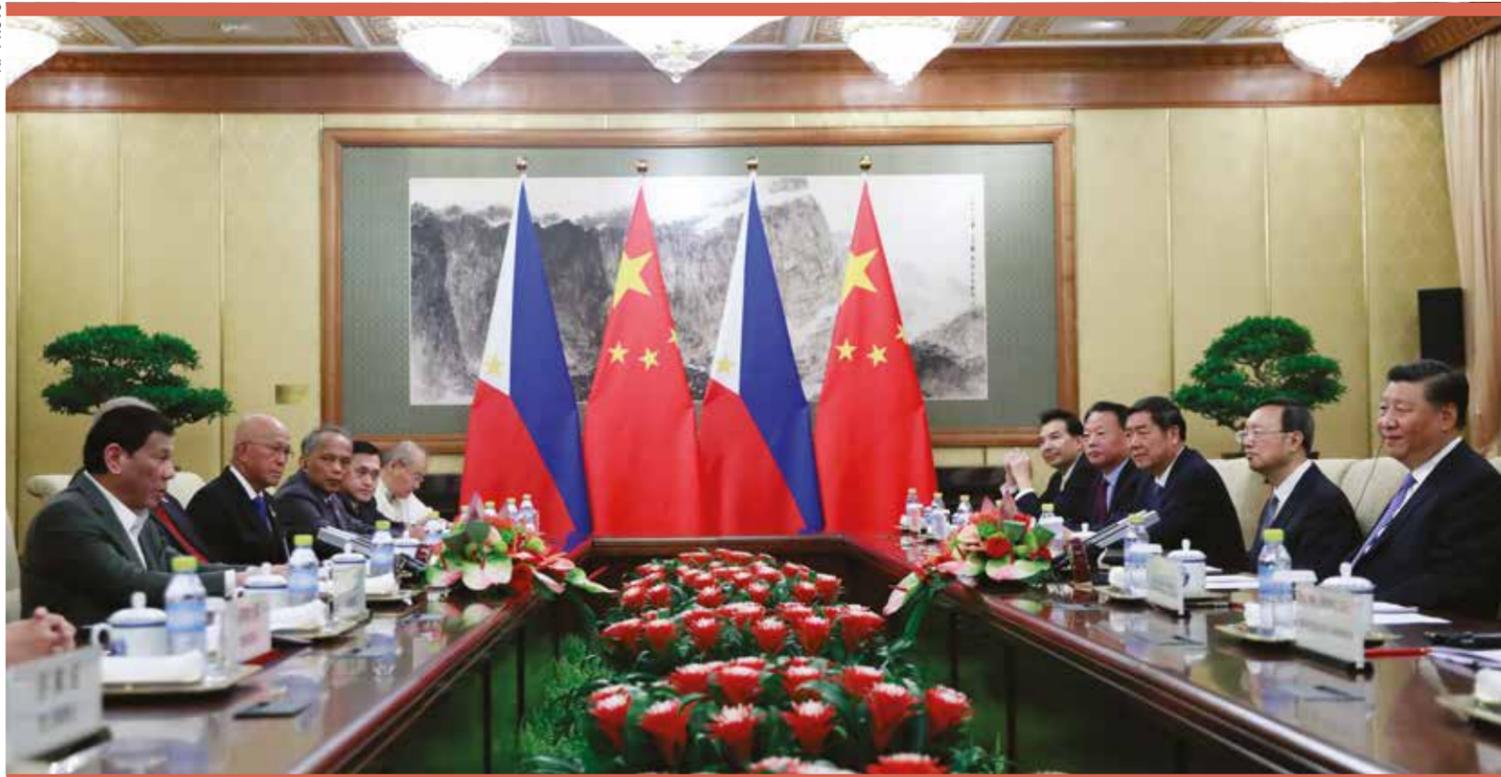
"They're claiming it as their own and the bad part is that they are claiming it as their historical right and they have the control over the property," Duterte said. "That's our problem [...] If you can help by suggesting, is there any other suggestion? Or have you heard of any sane solution short of going to war with China saying, 'we will not budge'?"

The Philippine leader has long been criticized by nationalists and left-wing groups for not immediately demanding Chinese compliance with a 2016 ruling by an arbitration tribunal in The Hague that declared China's claims to virtually the entire South China Sea invalid under the 1982 U.N. Convention on the Law of the Sea.

The ruling also upheld the Philippines' sovereign rights over a wide stretch of waters called the exclusive economic zone, where Chinese territorial claims have delayed for years Manila's plan to explore and extract potential undersea deposits of oil and gas.

Duterte said he raised the arbitration ruling in a meeting

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with Xi and other Chinese officials and he quoted the Chinese leader as replying almost in a whisper: "You know, our statement was 'We will not budge.' We don't want to discuss that because it's ours. We own the property. Why should we talk to you?"

Duterte said he reacted by telling Xi that, "It will remain a problem. It will be [...] just like a sore thumb that sticks out painfully every day."

Xi at that

point tried to shift from the topic, and Duterte said he did not press on, knowing the Chinese president has been preoccupied by anti-government protests in Hong Kong.

"Out of courtesy, I said, 'Well, I will not, maybe, insist on your

answer now. I am not satisfied with your answer, but I will not ask for any other answer. I'll just remain where I am, where I started considering that you are under stress by the incidents in Hong Kong."

"They have a problem so he's hot-headed. We should time it. You know, the art of diplomacy," Duterte said. "If a person loses a child or is left by his girlfriend, he'll really be hot-headed."

Duterte then again said he only inherited the problem of the Chinese taking over the Scarborough Shoal from the previous administration, which he said had withdrawn Philippine ships from the contested shoal after a long standoff and allowed Chinese ships to take control of the territory.

"This is not my problem. Who withdrew?" he said.

China refused to participate in the arbitration case that Duterte's predecessor, Benigno Aquino III, initiated after China seized Scarborough Shoal in 2012. Beijing ignored and has continued to defy the arbitration ruling. AP

"They're claiming it as their own and the bad part is that they are claiming it as their historical right and they have the control over the property."

PRESIDENT RODRIGO DUTERTE

JAPAN

Nissan chief got dubious payments but says he didn't know

YURI KAGEYAMA, TOKYO

THE chief executive of scandal-plagued Nissan yesterday acknowledged receiving inappropriate payments from the Japanese automaker but denied he ordered it or knew about it.

Hiroto Saikawa said an internal company investigation found he had received the money, but he would return it.

"I thought everything was being carried out properly, and I didn't know anything," Saikawa told reporters.

Nissan Motor Co. said

that the findings from its ongoing internal investigation will be reported to the board of directors Monday, but declined to elaborate, saying the board was independent.

"We have heard that share appreciation rights will also be part of this report," the company said, referring to the payments linked to Nissan share prices that executives, including Saikawa, received as bonuses.

Japanese media reports have said that the dates were changed to allow the maximum amount of

cashing in on the stock prices, allowing Saikawa to receive tens of millions of yen in dubious compensation.

The latest development comes as former Nissan Chairman Carlos Ghosn is awaiting trial on charges of falsifying documents on deferred compensation and of breach of trust in allegedly diverting Nissan money for personal gain. He denies wrongdoing.

Saikawa blamed what he called "the Ghosn system" at Nissan for the payments, and said the system was being reviewed.

Saikawa succeeded

Ghosn and in the past was closely allied with Ghosn, who led Nissan for two decades and made it one of the most successful automakers in the world.

Saikawa said he had left the task of overseeing the compensation system to Greg Kelly, a former board director who was arrested last year with Ghosn on financial misconduct allegations. Kelly has maintained he is innocent.

Since the arrests of Ghosn and Kelly, Nissan profits and sales have tumbled. Investors are also worried about Nissan's rela-

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tionship with alliance partner Renault SA of France, which owns 43% of Nissan. Ghosn was sent in by Re-

nault to lead Nissan, and in the years before his arrest had led both Renault and Nissan. AP

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BREXIT

Johnson calls opponents cowardly for blocking election bid

PRIME Minister Boris Johnson accused Britain's main opposition leader yesterday of trying to dodge an election, after rebellious lawmakers rejected the U.K. leader's call to trigger a snap poll and moved to block his plan to leave the European Union next month without a divorce deal.

Johnson remained determined to secure an election as the only way out of Britain's years-long Brexit impasse. His office said he would argue in a speech later that politicians must "go back to the people and give them the opportunity to decide what they want."

Johnson called Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn's refusal to endorse an election a "cowardly insult to democracy."

On Wednesday, Johnson asked Parliament to back an Oct. 15 election, after lawmakers moved to block his plan to leave the EU on Oct. 31, even if there is no withdrawal agreement to pave the way.

But Parliament turned down his motion. Johnson needed the support of two-thirds of the 650 lawmakers in the House of Commons to trigger an election — a total of 434 — but got just 298, with 56 voting no and the

rest abstaining.

Corbyn said Labour, the biggest opposition party, would only vote for an early election if the prospect of a no-deal Brexit was taken off the table.

"Let the bill pass and have Royal Assent and then we can have a general election," he said.

Labour economy spokesman John McDonnell said the party wanted an election but was still deciding on whether to seek one before the Oct. 31 Brexit deadline, or to wait until Parliament had secured a delay to Britain's departure from the bloc.

"The problem that we have got is that we cannot at the moment have any confidence in Boris Johnson abiding by any commitment or deal that we could construct," he told the BBC.

"That's the truth of it. So, we are now consulting about whether it's better to go long, therefore, rather than to go short."

Johnson's failure to secure a



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quick ballot was the embattled leader's third Parliamentary defeat in two days. It was also evidence that scarcely six weeks after taking office with a vow to break Britain's Brexit deadlock — which ensnared and eventually brought down his predecessor, Theresa May — Johnson's plans to lead the U.K. out of the EU are in crisis.

He became prime minister in July by promising to complete Brexit and break the impasse that has paralyzed the country's politics since voters decided in June

2016 to leave the bloc. But he is caught between the EU, which refuses to renegotiate the deal it struck with May, and a majority of British lawmakers opposed to leaving without an agreement. Most economists say a no-deal Brexit would cause severe economic disruption and plunge the U.K. into recession.

Opposition lawmakers, supported by rebels in Johnson's Conservative Party, are attempting to pass a bill that would block a no-deal Brexit on Oct. 31, com-

pling the prime minister to seek a three-month delay to Britain's departure if no exit deal has been agreed by late October.

Johnson accused the opposition of trying to "overturn the biggest democratic vote in our history," referring to the outcome of the 2016 referendum to leave the EU.

The bill was approved by the House of Commons on Wednesday, but faced trouble in Parliament's upper chamber, the House of Lords, where pro-Brexit members planned to defeat it by filibustering — talking until time ran out.

But early yesterday, the Lords agreed to allow the bill to pass through the chamber by today, allowing it to become law early next week. Johnson plans to suspend Parliament at some point next week until Oct. 14.

Johnson also faces several legal challenges to his push to leave the EU come what may. AP

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Offbeat

RARE, TWO-HEADED RATTLESNAKE FOUND IN NEW JERSEY FOREST

It looks like something from a science fiction movie. A newborn two-headed timber rattlesnake has been found in New Jersey's Pine Barrens. Herpetological Associates of Burlington County CEO Bob Zappalorti says the snake has two brains and each head acts independently of the other.

Two employees at the organization spotted the reptile in a nest where a timber rattlesnake was giving birth late last month.

Zappalorti tells NJ Advance Media it's the only two-headed timber rattlesnake ever found in New Jersey. He says it likely wouldn't be able to survive in the wild because its heads could get snagged on something.

Herpetological Associates will care for the snake.

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 Language: Japanese (Chinese)
 Duration: 92min

this day in history



1997 DIANA'S FUNERAL WATCHED BY MILLIONS

Britain and the world have said farewell to Diana, Princess of Wales, at the end of an unprecedented week of mourning.

A four mile procession brought her coffin to Westminster Abbey, where politicians and celebrities joined the Royal Family in a subdued congregation.

Over a million people lined the route of the funeral cortege to the abbey and along her final journey to the Spencer family home in Northamptonshire.

The day began at 0908 BST, when the coffin left Kensington Palace on a gun carriage.

Some of the crowd wept, some applauded quietly, but most watched in silence.

On top of the coffin was a poignant reminder that this woman loved by millions was also a mother - a card to "Mummy" from one of her sons.

The two princes, William and Harry, joined their father, grandfather and the princess's brother walking behind the coffin.

Other members of the Royal Family watched the funeral cortege pass from the gates of Buckingham Palace.

The union jack on top of the palace was lowered to half mast for the first time ever.

Both Diana's sisters read tributes to her at the funeral service and Elton John played his re-worked version of Candle in the Wind.

Her brother, Lord Spencer, made a funeral address in which he described as Diana the "very essence of compassion, of duty, of style, of beauty".

He used the speech to blame the media for her death, calling her the "most hunted person of the modern age".

The grieving earl also pledged to protect William and Harry and prevent them suffering a similar fate.

The sometimes controversial oration was greeted with spontaneous applause.

A very public day of mourning ended with a private ceremony when Diana was finally buried on an island in the heart of her family estate at Althorp.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

Diana's death resulted in an outpouring of grief never before seen in the UK.

It was estimated that a total of 2.5 billion people watched the princess's funeral, a testament to her global celebrity. Her image remained as iconic in death as it had been in life, and within weeks of her funeral there was worldwide demand for memorabilia of the princess.

The French authorities concluded their investigation into the crash two years later.

It found the driver, Henri Paul, to be three times over the drink-drive limit and breaking the speed limit.

The photographers chasing the car were severely criticised for their behaviour, but no criminal action was taken against them.

An inquest into the princess's death was opened in the UK in 2004. It has been adjourned while the Metropolitan police carry out an investigation into the crash.

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YOUR STARS



ARIES

Mar. 21-Apr. 19

Spend some time with people you love to laugh with, and take plenty of time today to talk about lighthearted matters. Forget about things you have no control over.



TAURUS

Apr. 20-May. 20

One of the many good things about having so many people in your life right now is that you always have tons of feedback available at your fingertips. So why aren't you taking advantage of this abundance of honesty?



GEMINI

May. 21-Jun. 21

Either your flexibility skills are at an all-time high, or the changes you expected weren't so drastic. Either way, you can breathe a great big sigh of relief today.



CANCER

Jun. 22-Jul. 22

Accept the whole person - the good and the bad. Ending a relationship because of one event or conversation is shortsighted. Embrace differing opinions and contrary viewpoints.



LEO

Jul. 23-Aug. 22

There will always be obstacles in your life - that's just a fact. Your attitude will make all the difference, so put a shine on your outlook! Whenever you need a lift in life, just remember all the successes you've had.



VIRGO

Aug. 23-Sep. 22

Inspiration will flood over you today - enjoy having your curiosity tickled and excited. You are extremely open to new ideas right now, so why not try a few new things?



LIBRA

Sep. 23-Oct. 22

You may think that you are judged by the company you keep, but that is not necessarily true. Today, don't worry about people basing assumptions about you on whom you are with.



SCORPIO

Oct. 23-Nov. 21

If you are in a mood to hide from the world, then today will offer you the perfect opportunity. The people in your life are a bit distracted with other things right now.



SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Your daily life is currently being polluted a bit by someone whose maturity level leaves a lot to be desired. Luckily, you will find the right words today to help this person grow up a bit.



CAPRICORN

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

You basically have all the time you want, especially right now - your schedule is under your exclusive control for a limited period of time, and you should make the most of it!



AQUARIUS

Jan. 20-Feb. 18

You feel strong, and you are strong - but you're vulnerable to a lot of potential problems that could pop up today if you aren't careful. Focus your energy on fixing up something around your house.



PISCES

Feb. 19-Mar. 20

To help yourself today, help other people - the overwhelming gratitude you'll receive from the people you've aided will lift your spirits higher than any retail therapy or self-indulgence ever could.

The Born Loser by Chip Sansom



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Nanjing	22	28	drizzle
Shanghai	26	29	drizzle
Wuhan	21	33	clear
Hangzhou	24	30	drizzle
Taipei	25	31	overcast
Guangzhou	26	33	cloudy
Hong Kong	26	30	cloudy
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Moscow	13	21	drizzle
Frankfurt	8	20	clear
Paris	8	19	clear
London	9	16	drizzle
New York	17	22	overcast

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Throws off; 6- Assist; 9- Conical native American tent; 14- Cowboy display; 15- Lab subj.; 16- Take away by force; 17- Seawater; 19- ___ a customer; 20- Hot time in Paris; 21- "Java" trumpeter; 22- Squelch; 23- Take-charge type; 25- Precipitous; 26- Capital of Canada; 29- Lacking color; 31- Diverse; 32- Person with new parents; 36- Second son of Adam and Eve; 37- Afore; 38- Not fooled by; 40- Inter building bridge; 43- Iranian city; 45- Luau dance; 46- Annoyance; 47- Foundation; 50- Transmitted; 51- Arranges in groups; 52- Bit; 54- First lady?; 57- Small stream; 58- Woodworker; 61- Cave; 62- LAX posting; 63- Juvenescence; 64- Wee; 65- Sugar amt.; 66- Inventor Howe;

DOWN: 1- Highland tongue; 2- Castle protector; 3- Twiddling one's thumbs; 4- Vietnamese New Year; 5- Plant; 6- On the move; 7- Bakery worker; 8- Grime; 9- Texas dance; 10- Bert's buddy; 11- Golfer Calvin; 12- Bar at the bar; 13- 007's alma mater; 18- In front; 23- On Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun; 24- Have a tab; 25- ___-mo; 26- Egg cells; 27- Typewriter settings; 28- Tough journey; 29- Anorak; 30- Summer drink; 33- Browned sliced bread; 34- Pass catchers; 35- Inclusive abbr.; 37- Building add-on; 39- Till bill; 41- Liquor; 42- Hung neighbor; 43- Lots; 44- Prohibit; 47- Carried; 48- Narrow mountain ridge; 49- Severe; 50- Backpack part; 51- Jazz technique; 52- "Rhyme Pays" rapper; 53- Wild ones are sown; 54- Small purse; 55- ___ cava; 56- Units of work; 59- CBS logo; 60- Cambodia's Lon ___;

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SCARLETT JOHANSSON STANDS BY WOODY ALLEN: 'I BELIEVE HIM'



SCARLETT Johansson says she's standing by Woody Allen because, "I believe him."

Much of Hollywood has distanced itself from the filmmaker since the MeToo movement prompted a re-examination of child sexual abuse allegations from his now-grown daughter, Dylan. Michael Caine, Timothee Chalamet and Greta Gerwig are among the actors who have publicly expressed regret over working with him.

"I love Woody," Johansson told The Hollywood Reporter in an interview released this week. "I believe him, and I would work with him anytime."

Allen helped boost Johansson to the A-list. He directed her in "Match Point," "Scoop" and "Vicky Cristina Barcelona." She said she has spoken to Allen about the accusations and he maintains

his innocence. He has never been criminally charged.

Johansson is active in women's issues and was among early supporters of Time's Up.

"It's hard because it's a time where people are very fired up, and understandably," she said. "Things needed to be stirred up, and so people have a lot of passion and a lot of strong feelings and are angry, and rightfully so. It's an intense time."

Johansson said she has had numerous conversations with Allen about his past.

"I have been very direct with him, and he's very direct with me," she said.

Allen has yet to find a U.S. distributor for his films since Amazon pulled his deal last year. Allen has filed a \$68 million lawsuit against Amazon.

ALMODÓVAR'S 'PAIN AND GLORY' PICKED TO BID FOR A 2019 OSCAR



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SPAIN'S Academy of Cinematographic Arts and Sciences says that Pedro Almodóvar's latest drama "Pain and Glory," which was inspired by his own life story, will represent the country in the competition for this year's Oscars.

The film starring Antonio Banderas and Penélope Cruz will compete with other global entries for a nomination as Best International Feature Film at the 92nd Academy Awards. The

Spanish Academy's selection was announced yesterday.

"Pain and Glory" received broad acclaim at this year's Cannes Film Festival in France, where Banderas won the Best Actor award for his portrayal of a film director in his decline who flirts with drugs and has to confront his own past.

In June, Almodóvar won a Golden Lion for Lifetime Achievement at the Venice Film Festival.

MAN BROKE INTO TAYLOR SWIFT'S HOME, TOOK OFF SHOES

POLICE say a man who broke into Taylor Swift's beachfront mansion in Rhode Island took his shoes off because he wanted to be polite.

Westerly police who responded to the home just after 5 p.m. Friday found 26-year-old Richard Joseph McEwan inside.

Police Chief Shawn Lacey tells The Westerly Sun the Milford, New Jersey man wasn't wearing shoes. When asked why, he said he was

always taught to take his shoes off when entering someone's home to be polite.

He's charged with breaking and entering and willful trespassing. Online court records did not list a defense attorney.

Lacey says his officers have had to deal with several suspicious people at the singer's home, but this is the first time he remembers someone making it inside.

He says no one was home.

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BASKETBALL

Czechs headed to second round of World Cup; China to consolation



China was beaten 59-72 by Venezuela

THE Czech Republic is headed to the second round of the World Cup, and Turkey's collapse is complete. Vojtech Hruban scored 18 points, Ondrej Balvin finished with 17 points and 11 rebounds and the Czechs beat Turkey 91-76 in Shanghai yesterday to take the second and final second-round spot from Group E. Patrick Auda also scored 16 points for the Czechs (2-1).

"We fought hard and in the end we wanted this game more than anybody else," Balvin said. Cedi Osman scored 24 points and Furkan Korkmaz added 16 for Turkey (1-2), which came within one-tenth of a second of beating the United States on Tuesday and wasted a five-point lead in overtime of that game before losing 92-91. That meant Thursday's matchup was win-or-else for Turkey and the Czech Republic

— and the Czechs held the lead for most of the second half. Melih Mahmutoglu's 3-pointer with 8:29 left got Turkey within 69-66, but the Czechs scored the next eight points and kept control the rest of the way. The Czechs, who outrebounded Turkey 41-26, will play Brazil in their second-round opener on Saturday. "We are very sorry," Turkish assistant coach Recep Sen said after the second of two disappointing losses. **MDT/AP**

MATCHES

CANADA 82, SENEGAL 60
Canada picked up its first victory in its final Group H game, and Senegal remained winless in three games. Both teams moved into the consolation round, playing for 17th to 32nd place. Cory Joseph of the Sacramento Kings led Germany with 24 points and Kevin Pangos added 13 with five rebounds and five assists. Mouhammad Faye had 14 as Senegal's top scorer.

BRAZIL 84, MONTENEGRO 73
Brazil finished 3-0 to top Group F and moved into the second round. Montenegro lost all three and is headed to consolation-round play. Brazil had three players in double figures: Marcelinho Huertas with 16 points, Marquinhos Sousa with 13, and Alex Garcia with 11. Derek Needham led Montenegro with 16 points and 10 assists.

GERMANY 96, JORDAN 62
Germany salvaged a victory in its last Group G match, and Jordan finished winless. Both move into the consolation round. Max Kleber of the Dallas Mavericks led the Germans with 18

points and Danilo Barthele had 13. Ahmad Al Dwairi had 17 points and eight rebounds to lead Jordan. Dar Tucker added 14.

CHINA 59, VENEZUELA 72
A spirited Venezuela defeated China 72-59 on Wednesday, a second straight loss for the hosts that means they failed to advance to the second round. The team also lost in overtime to Poland on Monday. "Again this is a very tough loss," China coach Li Nan said, speaking through an interpreter. "We put in a lot of effort to get ready."

FRIDAY SCHEDULE

SECOND ROUND
Group I: Poland (3-0) vs. Russia (2-1); Argentina (3-0) vs. Venezuela (2-1)
Group J: Serbia (3-0) vs. Puerto Rico (2-1); Spain (3-0) vs. Italy (2-1)

CLASSIFICATION ROUND
Group M: Nigeria (1-2) vs. Ivory Coast (0-3); China (1-2) vs. Korea (0-3)
Group N: Angola (1-2) vs. Iran (0-3); Tunisia (1-2) vs. Philippines (0-3)

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OPINION

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OUR STUDENTS: A SHOCKING WASTE OF RESOURCES

I have long advocated international students be permitted to work in Macau during their studies, and although that stance has not changed, the geo-political situation has, and strengthens that position.

Recent Chinese policies such as the Education Initiative to support the Belt and Road program and the Greater Bay Area indicate that reaching out beyond borders using a variety of modes has become more pressing. These initiatives serve to add more arguments to those I have plied to decision makers since 2011.

In 2010 the Ministry of Education aimed to increase the number of international students to 500,000 by 2020 – last year they numbered 492,000. Of current international students in China, 60 percent are from Belt and Road Initiative regions encouraged by scholarships, English-medium international departments and futures in China-focused careers. There has recently been pressure not to treat international students differently from local students so as to avoid accusations of preferential treatment and to help with integration and the benefits that living and studying together offer local and international students alike.

China is also grappling with a brain drain, being a net exporter of skilled human talent. To stem that tide have been courses of action such as the 1,000 Talents Program to entice the best academic minds back home. This August has seen easing immigration policies to attract highly skilled overseas workers and foreigners graduating from Chinese tertiary institutions with 2- to 5-year visas and permanent residency. These should help achieve an opening up, and social and economic development.

Against this background of China's policies to encourage development of international skill and talent, here in Macau, lawmaker Ella Lei responded to the Macau Hotel Association's suggestion to allow non-resident students to work as being unlawful. To address this apparently singular concern of Ella Lei and Ho Iat Seng, laws can change, that's what lawmakers do.

Lei said that current abuse of the import labour regulations indicated a system in need of improvement and not a need to open more doors to foreigners. In reality, any abuse is more likely to indicate an overly restrictive set of regulations in an environment of substantial human resource deficiency. As the Macau Hotel Association recommends, a casual student workforce would be a very suitable and elegant solution to their members' manpower problems. Who better than a flexible workforce of bright, cheery, engaging and engaged young workers with language skills and other capabilities already here in Macau? It is a resource, literally begging to be used.

I do not suggest we offer international students privileges beyond that given to local students, but to integrate them on an even footing with their classmates, to be given the same opportunities to extend their learning beyond the classroom, into the workplace through internships and part-time casual work, and into the community through workplace connections.

A casual international student workforce limited to maximum weekly working hours offers a bunch of systemic benefits to the students, the classroom, institutions, industry and the community both locally and internationally, now and into the future, just as the Chinese policies acknowledge. Indeed, with many of our courses taught in English, our European heritage and internationally highly qualified academics, Macau is uniquely positioned to be a platform to support Mainland policies.

International students could apply what they learn at university to their workplaces, and then share their workplace experiences back into the classroom. They develop a deeper understanding of our culture, styles of communication, laws and institutions, as well lasting and profound relationships by actively contributing to our community. Macau would attract a larger pool of higher quality applicants, as international students who need to support themselves financially can consider our institutions. With that increase in quality, the entire university cohort is invigorated, and our local students benefit from that competitive edge – it lifts everyone's game.

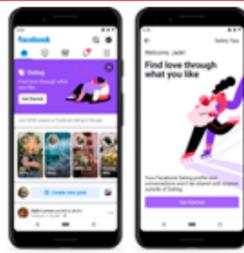
FRIENDS WITH BENEFITS: CAN FACEBOOK TACKLE YOUR LOVE LIFE?

THE BUZZ

Facebook is tackling a new frontier: love. Facebook Dating, its matchmaking service already available in Brazil and 18 other countries, is arriving in the U.S. today [Macau time].

But after years of privacy missteps by the social network, will people trust Facebook with their love lives?

It makes sense for Facebook to formally enter the dating market. Apps like Tinder al-



ready use its data to suggest matches, and let people log in using their Facebook accounts. Facebook Dating is a new way to keep people using Facebook more often and longer.

Facebook insists it won't use information gleaned from users' dating profiles for advertising and says there won't be ads on Facebook Dating. But some users are apprehensive, given the company's multiple stumbles over protecting people's private information.

A RE-ENERGIZED HURRICANE DORIAN RAKES THE SOUTHEAST US COAST



MEG KINNARD, CHARLESTON

RE-ENERGIZED at 115 mph, Hurricane Dorian raked the Southeastern U.S. coast with howling, window-rattling winds and sideways rain yesterday, knocking out power to more than 200,000 homes and businesses as it pushed northward toward North Carolina's dangerously exposed Outer Banks.

Leaving at least 20 people dead in its wake in the devastated Bahamas, Dorian made its way up the Eastern Seaboard, sweeping past Florida at a relatively safe distance. From there, the Category 3 storm apparently grazed Georgia, then hugged the South Carolina coast with more serious effects.

An estimated 3 million people in Florida, Georgia and the Carolinas were warned to evacuate as the storm closed in with the potential for life-threatening storm surge. Navy ships were ordered to ride it out at sea, and military aircraft were moved inland.

At least two deaths were reported on the U.S. mainland, in Florida and North Carolina, both involving men who fell while getting ready for the storm.

The National Hurricane Center's projected track showed Dorian passing near or over the Outer Banks on Friday, lashing

the thin line of islands that stick out from the U.S. coast like a boxer's chin. Dorian was then expected to peel away from the shoreline.

In an assault that began over Labor Day weekend, Dorian pounded the Bahamas with Category 5 winds up to 185 mph, obliterating

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entire neighborhoods and triggering a humanitarian crisis. It weakened to a Category 2 before strengthening again late Wednesday.

About 830,000 people were under mandatory evacuation orders on the South Carolina coast alone.

More than 1,500 people sought refuge in 28 shelters in South Carolina, where rain began yesterday in the historic port city of Charleston, situated on a peninsula that is prone to flooding even from ordinary storms.

As Dorian crept dangerously closer to the city, the wind picked up, sending sheets of rain sideways. Thunder boomed in the night sky, and power flickered on and off. More than two dozen blocks were closed by flooding in the city, where stores and restaurants downtown were boarded

up with wood and corrugated metal.

Dorian also apparently spun off at least one tornado in North Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, damaging several homes, city spokesman Patrick Dowling said. No injuries were reported.

At 8 a.m. EDT Thursday, the hurricane was centered about 70 miles southeast of Charleston, moving north at 8 mph with winds of 115 mph extending about 60 miles outward.

Hundreds of shelter animals from coastal South Carolina arrived in Delaware ahead of

the storm. The News Journal of Wilmington, Delaware, said 200 were airlifted early Tuesday from shelters in danger of flooding. About 150 more were expected to arrive via land.

Hundreds of thousands of people also were ordered off the Georgia coast. But the mayor of Tybee Island, Georgia, said Dorian inflicted little damage overnight on the small beach community. Jason Buelterman said the storm spared the 3,000 residents from flooding, with high tide about 3 feet lower than predicted.

The lone highway linking the island to Savannah on the mainland remained open throughout the night.

"If the worst that comes out of this is people blame others for calling evacuations, then that's wonderful," Buelterman said. AP



Lebanon Waving Palestinian and Canadian flags, hundreds of Palestinian refugees gathered outside the Canadian Embassy in Beirut on yesterday requesting asylum in the North American country.

Turkey's president yesterday threatened to "open the gates" and allow a flood of Syrian refugees to leave Turkey for Western countries unless a so-called "safe zone" is established inside Syria soon in negotiations with the Americans.



Iran was poised yesterday to begin work on advanced centrifuges that will enrich uranium faster as the 2015 nuclear deal unravels further and a last-minute French proposal offering a \$15-billion line of credit to compensate Iran for not being able to sell its crude oil abroad because of U.S. sanctions looked increasingly unlikely.



UK U.S. vice president Mike Pence tiptoed into the Brexit fury as he met with embattled British Prime Minister Boris Johnson.

USA The Pentagon will cut funding from military projects like schools, target ranges and maintenance facilities to pay for the construction of 175 miles of fencing along the U.S.-Mexico border, diverting a total \$3.6 billion to President Donald Trump's long-promised barrier.