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China A moderate earthquake struck China's mountainous southwest yesterday, killing at least one person and injuring 63.



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Iran The government defended its decision to use faster centrifuges prohibited by its 2015 nuclear deal with world powers, officials said yesterday, while underscoring that time was running out for Europe to save the unraveling accord.



Saudi Arabia's King Salman replaced the country's energy minister with one of his own sons yesterday, naming Prince Abdulaziz bin Salman (pictured) to one of the most important positions in the country as oil prices remain below what is needed to keep up with government spending.

Turkey-US Turkish and U.S. troops conducted their first joint ground patrol in northeastern Syria yesterday as part of a planned so-called "safe zone" that Ankara has been pressing for in the volatile region.

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MUST MEDICAL SCHOOL WELCOMES INAUGURAL STUDENT COHORT

ANTHONY LAM

THE Faculty of Medicine of the Macau University of Science and Technology (MUST) will begin teaching its Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) degree this academic year, becoming the first local institution to offer such a medical degree in Macau.

Nearly 50 students, as well as university management, teaching and administrative staff, and representatives from the government and foreign universities attended an opening ceremony for the course last Friday.

The dean of the new Faculty of Medicine, Manson Fok, welcomed the students at the ceremony and remarked that as pioneers of Macau's first MBBS program, the white coats worn by the students have a profound meaning.

He said that the white coats they were wearing symbolized professionalism, integrity, purity and perfection, adding that they also symbolize the trust of patients in doctors. Under the supervision of Fok, the student cohort participated in an oath-taking ceremony to uphold these virtues.

A total of 494 applications were received by the university, of which 48 were accepted. With the aim of focusing on nurturing local



Incoming MUST medical students take their oaths during the opening ceremony

talent, the university decided to allocate nearly 80% of spots to local students.

The university studied existing program structures from Hong Kong, the U.K. and the U.S. before making the program available. The faculty also made an agreement with Harvard University, allowing MUST to use materials

provided by Harvard Medical School.

As Macau is a relatively small city in both population and area, it is disadvantaged by the lack of cases for research and teaching. MUST's partnership with Harvard is likely to ease this, as access to Harvard HMX courses will be provided to students. These courses

bring essential medical concepts to life.

The HMX fundamentals series covers foundation topics in medicine, including physiology, genetics, biochemistry, pharmacology and immunology.

To cope with the development of the medical structure in Macau, the Faculty of Medicine and the

Faculty of Specialist Medicine are in a co-supplementary position. The Faculty of Specialist Medicine will be backed by the former, which will supply them with medical school graduates interested in further specialist training.

As part of the ceremony, MUST also signed a Memoranda of Understanding with the faculties of medicine from the University of Lisbon and the University of Porto, as well as Peking University People's Hospital.

National health officials present at the ceremony encouraged the faculties and students to grab the opportunities available in the Greater Bay Area and the Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement. The future of medical education and medicine is bright, the officials emphasized.

The officials also pledged that the mainland would offer the university every support in terms of teaching and research.

MUST's Faculty of Medicine currently offers programs in public health (PhD and masters level), nursing (masters level), medicine and surgery, and food and nutritional sciences (both bachelor level).

Inaugurated in 2000 as the Faculty of Health Sciences, the faculty was renamed the Faculty of Medicine on March 1, 2019 to account for its pioneering of medical education in Macau.

The Faculty of Medicine is also affiliated with the School of Pharmacy. The University Hospital will be a key internship facility for students from the faculty.

ASK THE VET

by Dr Ruan Du Toit Bester

CANINE DISTEMPER VIRUS

FELINE weight loss is essential for obese and overweight cats. An overweight cat presents numerous health risks, including heart disease, diabetes, arthritis, high blood pressure and a shorter lifespan.

Body Condition Score (BCS)

If you would like to know if your cat is obese or normal, you can verify his body condition score. The body condition score is from 1 to 5, 1 being emaciated and 5 being obese. Cats that score 4 or 5 should start a weight loss program. If the ribs are not palpable, your cat is more likely overweight and you will also notice fat deposits and no waist or abdominal tuck.

A normal weight feline, with a BCS of 3 should have palpable ribs, no excessive fat and a tucked up abdomen when viewed from the side.

Reduce the calorie intake

In a weight loss program, the calorie intake of the cat should be reduced, so that she consumes more energy than she eats, and will also burn some fat. Don't cut down on your pet's food intake without

talking to the vet.

Wet food

Wet food contains more water and less calories. Switch to wet food and you will notice some weight loss soon.

Light pet food

You can choose light cat food. The cat will eat the same amounts of food, but less calories. Consult your vet to make sure the light food is nutritional enough for your cat.

Fewer treats

Reduce the number of treats you give your cat. The treats contain carbs and contribute to weight gain. When you want to reward her, use praising words instead of treats.

Exercises and games for cats

The exercise options for cats are limited, as cats won't jog outside or run along your bike. However, engaging the cat in stimulating activities will make her consume energy and she will lose wei-

ght. A pet treadmill can also be a good solution for your cat. Alternatively, initiate some games with a thread and paper. The cat will enjoy these and will exercise at the same time. Make sure the games are varied, so that she won't get bored. The cat should consume more energy that she eats in order to lose weight.

Step by step weight loss program

Avoid crash diets and exhausting exercises starting from the first day of the weight loss program. Your pet needs time to lose weight and her body needs to adjust to be able to work out. Start with a low intensity program, with 10 to 15 minutes of exercise once or twice per day. Progressively increase the level of intensity and the exercise time.

Prevention diet

Spaying or neutering may result in weight gain. Neutered cats are less active and should eat accordingly. The diet of a neutered cat should contain about half of the calorie intake of her diet prior to spaying. This should prevent the weight gain. Weight loss will make your cat fit and she will regain her health, good balance and good muscle tone. A fit cat is less prone to depression and insomnia.

When she reaches a normal body condition score,



you may keep up the exercise program to keep your cat's weight under control.

Hope this info helps
Till next week
Dr Ruan Bester

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RENATO MARQUES



Education and Youth Affairs Bureau director Lou Pak Sang

Education authority wants to nurture critical thinking in schools

RENATO MARQUES

THE Education and Youth Affairs Bureau (DSEJ) aims to develop “critical thinking” in local schools and is against the idea of teachers bringing any “ideology” into schools, DSEJ director Lou Pak Sang told media late last week at a gathering organized by the bureau.

In the bureau’s reply to a question about local schools discussing the situation in Hong Kong, Lou said, “we want to develop the critical thinking [in schools]. Our idea is that teachers would teach students to think in different ways and not just follow the teacher’s ideology.”

“We don’t want the teachers to teach any particular political position or view to the students [but instead] all topics should be addressed and analyzed.”

Lou also noted that the guidelines the DSEJ had distributed to schools before the school year started were not specifically related to the current situation in Hong Kong, but instead applied to all situations in a broader sense, mentioning, “schools have pedagogical autonomy.”

When questioned by the media about the content of the guidelines, Lou said, “we did not request [that] the principals to stop any kind of protests, but we did note that students should avoid going to crowded places for safety reasons. We never noted the

word protests.”

“If students have doubts and present questions to teachers in the classroom, the teachers should present the facts in a fair and impartial manner,” the director added.

The DSEJ director said that the instructions were aimed at avoiding clashes, exchanges or arguments between students, which could escalate and result in more cases of bullying. “We want the students to be able to express their views in a safe manner,” Lou concluded.

BULLYING REMEDIED WITH KARAOKE SONGS

Questioned by the Times on school bullying and the results of the latest assessment by the Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA), the director of the DSEJ said that the bureau had been working on this topic and that the outcomes of the PISA assessment placed Macau with the fourth highest incidence of school bullying worldwide.

According to Lou, the DSEJ has created a task force to address the problem and provide teachers with the necessary training to combat bullying in schools.

“We have focused mostly on teaching the teachers how to deal with cases [of bullying],” Lou explained.

The DSEJ had also created a specific karaoke song which, ac-

ording to the official, is being taught to students in all schools.

Questioned on the expected outcomes of the measures, the director said, “we believe that the environment of harmony [in schools] will improve. For the next assessment results, we hope to have an improvement, but if we don’t see one, we will study more new measures to improve the happiness of students.”

NEW RAINSTORM SIGNALS TO BE ENFORCED

Another of the new measures DSEJ presented during their meeting with the press was the new rainstorm warning system.

According to Lou, a new system with three levels will replace the current system, which consists of one level only. It is hoped that the new system will improve the accuracy of information and the measures to follow.

The move is a return to the old system, which was replaced by the current signal in 2004. The current signal is enforced whenever rainfall over Macau is expected to be 50mm or more two hours after the signal is hoisted.

The new system includes warnings for 20mm, 50mm and 80mm.

The Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau (SMG) provided schools with a demonstration of the 20mm warning last week in preparation for the school year. Although this will act as a notification for now, ac-

ording to Lou, the SMG is preparing to change the regulations on this topic.

Additionally, pedagogical materials for the subject “Education for Security,” which began being taught last year, were enforced this school year.

According to Lou, the new updates come as a result of studies and visits done by DSEJ staff to the mainland and Japan, with the latter being particularly relevant. “We know that Japan is important because it’s a country affected by many natural disasters, and also because due to their system, there is a low incidence of need for rescue operations in most of the cases, as the citizens are well aware, and they are taught how to secure themselves and also help others,” said Lou.

The study materials for this subject have already reached schools and are available in three languages, with the DSEJ director noting that the DSEJ will proceed with an annual review regarding further updates.

One of the upcoming updates, which will probably be announced next year, is the inclusion of procedures on how to act in case an intruder intent on harming students, teachers or staff members enters the school.

This is related to several recent attacks in schools worldwide, including China. Only last Monday, a man with a knife entered a Chinese primary school and killed eight children.

PJ OFFICER ARRESTED FOR LEAKING INFORMATION

A chief investigator at the Judiciary Police (PJ) has been arrested and charged with accepting bribes and leaking confidential police information, the PJ revealed. The 36-year-old, who started serving at the PJ in 2008, is suspected of accessing police information without authorization from his superior at least 23 times. The information was leaked to a former PJ officer, who had been arrested earlier due to his involvement in usury cases. In return, the usury group offered the chief investigator free food and other entertainment. The PJ officer was detained on September 5 while he was on duty. He has been charged with bribery and the leaking of information, and has been forwarded to the prosecution authority.

MAJORITY OF UM RECOMMENDED STUDENTS FROM MAINLAND

More than half of this year’s new students from the University of Macau’s (UM) Principals’ Recommended Admission program are from mainland China, according to statistics released by UM. This year, 348 local high school graduates and 351 mainland students were admitted to UM through the Principals’ Recommended Admission program. UM received more than 13,000 applications for bachelor’s degree courses this year, representing an approximate 30% increase compared to 2018, marking a new high. A 46% increase in the number of applicants from cities in the Greater Bay Area has been recorded. In total, UM accepted 2,041 students for bachelor’s degree courses.

CEM ISSUES 250 SAFETY NOTICES IN THREE YEARS

Over the past three years, the city’s electricity supplier, CEM, has issued a total of 250 safety notices concerning meter rooms with potential safety hazards. Last week, a CEM representative and representatives of the Office for the Development of the Energy Sector (GDSE) met with the advisory committee of the central district to discuss the management and maintenance of public electricity facilities. Citing CEM representatives’ statistics, the committee reported that on average, CEM receives approximately 4,000 applications per year to increase electrical power. After receiving the applications, CEM tested the relevant electricity meter rooms, and then issued 250 notices. GDSE representatives also said that the office will discuss with CEM how the height of new building substations in low-lying areas will be determined, to prevent the substations from being flooded.



The Malaysia team's show on Saturday night during the 30th Macao International Fireworks Display Contest

Fireworks Carnival lit Saturday night sky

THE Fireworks Carnival and the fourth Macau International Lantern Festival kicked off on Saturday, along with the 30th Macao International Fireworks Display Contest themed "Duo Celebrations for Macau."

The Fireworks Carnival had a booth game themed "fun puzzles of fireworks on night sky" and a DIY workshop, featuring firework-themed t-shirt painting for parents and kids.

The top two entries in last year's songwriting contest will also be presented on stage during the Fireworks Carnival, according to a statement issued by the Macao Government Tourism Office (MGTO).

Running until October 15, there are light installations at Anim'Arte Nam Van, the Waterfront Promenade of One Central Macau and Wynn Macau.

The fireworks competition began on Saturday, with teams from Malaysia and the Philippines, and will go on until October 1.

The pyrotechnic teams choreographed 18-minute firework shows, including a show to the song "Light Your Fire" by Mathew Lam Chun Yat, who won the bureau's songwriting contest last year.

A total of 12 firework displays are in the competition. On Friday, teams from Portugal and South Korea

will compete.

Meanwhile, in terms of outreach programs, besides the photo contest and student drawing contest, two new contests for video production and poster design were launched this year. Cultural and creative elements were also added to the fireworks contest, by way of several workshops and booth games, the MGTO noted in a statement.

"The MGTO hopes to foster the blending of tourism products with culture and creativity, steering the local cultural and creative industry to move forward," the bureau said in a statement.

During a press conference yesterday, MGTO director

Helena de Senna Fernandes said that the budget for this year had increased slightly to MOP24 million, explaining that the increase is due to the increase in the number of participating teams this year.

The director of the MGTO also noted that it partnered with Macau Cruise this year, allowing residents and visitors to watch the fireworks while on a cruise.

Senna Fernandes hinted that the concept was supposed to be presented last year, however there was not enough time.

To accompany the fireworks competition, the MGTO will also organize a seminar about fireworks at the Macao Contemporary Art Centre – Navy Yard No.2. A representative from the pyrotechnic consultancy assigned this year will be invited to talk about the process of firework production, on-site installations and safety concerns for the contest, among other topics. **LV**

AVIATION

MACAU ROUTE APPROVED FOR NEW TAIWAN AIRLINE

STARLUX Airlines, a new airline based in Taiwan, has received the green light to operate flights between Macau and the island.

Its maiden flight is expected to be on January 23 next year, while ticket sales are anticipated to begin a month earlier.

According to reports by Taiwanese media, the airline will start its operations with flights from Taiwan to Macau, Da Nang, Vietnam and Penang, Malaysia.

It has long been anticipated that Macau would be in the first group of destinations launched by the airline. Taiwan's United Daily News reported that as services to Macau have been approved, the city could be the destination for Starlux's maiden flight.

Starlux is aiming to focus on the elite market, prioritizing the quality of products and services. The airline's website states that it will provide "superior safety, comfort and convenience."

The airline will rely on its three A321neo's to begin with. However, it has planned to purchase 17 A350XWBs, including 12 of the 1000 and five of the 900 variant, which will enable the airline to start services to Europe and the Americas. This purchase will make Starlux the largest Airbus aircraft operator in Taiwan.

Recently, Starlux's competitor, EVA Air, has been trying to encourage travelers from Macau to use its transit services in Taipei en route to the Americas.

Currently, only three airlines provide flights between Taiwan and Macau: Air Macau, and Taiwan's EVA Air and Tigerair Taiwan.

On normal days, the three airlines provide more than 12 two-way flights per day. During peak seasons, they have the liberty of adding flights or expanding capacity, as the cities have agreed on the "Open Sky" policy.

Starlux is not planning to stop exploring new destinations, however. Currently, it is applying for routes to Bangkok, Thailand and Cebu in the Philippines. **AL**

COURTS

Decision on domestic violence case expected next month

THE Court of First Instance's (TJB) decision on the case of Lao Mong Ieng, a woman who was severely injured by her husband during a domestic dispute, will be made known during a court session scheduled for October 10, TDM Radio reported.

The case began July 12, 2018, when Lao's husband, Wong Chi Kit, spilled boiling oil and corrosive liquids on her during a domestic dispute, resulting in severe burns to 40% of her body and blindness.

The case, considered one of the most severe domestic violence cases to occur in Macau,

reached the final stages in court last Friday, with the prosecution calling for severe punishment of the defendant.

According to the report, Lao's lawyer noted that besides the attack itself, which he deemed "planned and cruel," Wong did not help Lao in any way and has not expressed remorse for the consequences of his actions.

If proven guilty of all charges, offense to physical integrity is punishable by imprisonment from two to 10 years. In some aggravating situations however, it can be increased up to one-third, meaning Wong may face up to 13 years in jail.

In the court session held on Friday, the defense lawyer tried to refute some of the accusations, such as intent and premeditation of the act, noting that if it had been done as revenge for Lao asking for a divorce, Wong would have had many opportunities to do so, since, according to him, the couple had already agreed to separate in December 2017, seven months prior to the attack.

The session also addressed the victim's request for compensation for the damage and permanent disabilities caused, though the amount requested was not disclosed. **RM**

'Y SHOW' RETURNS TO REGENCY ART HOTEL FOR FOURTH YEAR

ORGANIZED by the Chiu Yeng Cultural and Creative Industry Association, the fourth "Y Show" held its opening ceremony at Regency Art Hotel on Friday.

The Y Show took place at Regency Art Hotel from September 5 to 8. Five local universities and institutes participated in this year's exhibition.

Overseas participants, including the Federation of Hong Kong Industries, the Design Council of Hong Kong, National Taiwan Normal University and Berlin University of the Arts also participated in this year's Y Show.

In total, more than 80 pieces of art were showcased at the ve-

nue, including product design pieces, spatial design and architecture pieces, visual communication design pieces and digital media design pieces.

The Outstanding Award was presented once again, where the winners were given the opportunity to be paired with an enterprise and produce a commercial product.

This year, the Y Show Design Forum was also held, with designers from Macau and other regions participating.

Some of the award-winning pieces, which were collaborations with Sociedade de Jogos de Macau, S.A., were displayed at the Grand Lisboa Hotel as well. **JZ**



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Property of the Week



Stylish, modern 2 bedroom, One Central
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The One Central lifestyle is the epitome of elegance and luxury living in the heart of the casino district. This 2 bedroom spacious unit has a stylish modern interior with scenic views throughout. On one side, you will see the elegantly designed Wynn/Encore casino & hotel, and the other side the beautiful Kun lam statue, science museum and Macau/Taipa bridge.

Located next to Van Nam lake, your shopping needs are met with the luxurious One Central mall occupying the first few levels of the building. With MGM next door, Wynn opposite and Starworld and L'Arc casino just a few minutes walk away, entertainment and nightlife is available anytime.

Being right on the riverfront and lake, there are plenty of paths to have a relaxing stroll and enjoy the best of what Macau has to offer.

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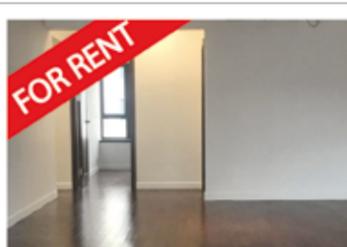
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- [Coloane] Large apartment 3 2 2,530 ft² **\$13,800,000** (ref: n/a)
- [Taipa] Manhattan 3 2 1,720 ft² **\$13,600,000** (ref: n/a)
- [Cotai] One Grantai 4 2 2,556 ft² **\$25,600,000** (ref: n/a)
- [Coloane] Hellene Gardens 3 2 1,663 ft² **\$7,950,000** (ref: 19055006SC)
- [Taipa] Tjoi Long Meng Chu 2 **\$3,000,000** (ref: n/a)

For Rent

- [Macau] Tai Nin 1 1 **\$9,200/mth** (ref: n/a)
- [Macau] La Marina Studio 1 **\$11,200/mth** (ref: n/a)
- [Taipa] Nova Grand 2 1 **\$16,000/mth** 986 ft² (ref: 19055007RT)
- [Cotai] One Grantai 3 3 **\$23,000/mth** 2,122 ft² (ref: 19030001RT)
- [Cotai] One Grantai 1 **\$2,500/mth** (ref: n/a)

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Rented Chong Fok, Taipa,
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Anim'Arte Nam Van

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Pansy Ho expected to defend Hong Kong at UN

LYNZY VALLES

MACAU tycoon Pansy Ho will deliver a speech tomorrow at the United Nations (UN), defending the way the Hong Kong SAR has handled the protests.

Ho, who will represent the Hong Kong Federation of Women, said in a statement that protesters are continuing to undermine the government of Hong Kong and that they do not represent the views of other Hong Kongers.

"The systematic and calculated violent acts of this group have never been condoned by all Hong Kongers," she will say, according to a copy of the speech circulated online.

In her statement, Ho defends the extradition bill, saying it was "well intended" and that the proposed bill was a mechanism to seek justice for one of Hong Kong's citizens.

"Unfortunately, radical protesters hijacked the well-intended bill and used it to spread fear among Hong Kongers, and as propaganda to undermine the Hong Kong government's authority to protect the right of one of its citizens, even in her death," Ho says in the speech.

Ho was referring to a Hong Kong citizen who was murdered by her boyfriend in Taipei.

According to the businesswoman, the protesters have "continue[d] to make blanket statement[s] about police brutality against protesters" over the past two months.



She will also defend authorities' use of tear gas and rubber bullets. "Tear gas and rubber bullets are tools used by police forces around the world, and are not unique to the Hong Kong police," Ho will say.

"Used according to law enforcement procedures, tear gas and rubber bullets are an effective way to create distance between the police and the protesters, and to avoid close physical confrontation and resulting injuries."

The CEO and director of Shun Tak Holdings also notes that the demonstrators are "violating the basic human rights of expression, safety

and livelihood of other citizens."

Ho will conclude her speech by noting that HKSAR residents "respect their motherland China's sovereignty over Hong Kong."

Additionally, Annie Wu, daughter of Maxim's founder James Tak Wu, will also speak at the UN tomorrow.

It is unclear if their speeches to the UN have been endorsed by Beijing.

Hong Kong's Chief Executive Carrie Lam announced last week that she would withdraw the controversial bill. However, protesters are showing no signs of halting their demonstrations.

DSAMA SUGGESTS NEW WATERS BE USED FOR HOUSEHOLD SUPPLY

THE Marine and Water Bureau (DSAMA) is hoping to find a good use for the 85 square kilometers of maritime area now placed under Macau's jurisdiction, according to Susana Wong, director of the bureau.

Previously, several possibilities for the exploitation of Macau's newly-granted maritime area have been raised by lawmakers and public servants, but others in the government say the options are severely limited by the unfavorable geography of the area.

On Friday, during a TDM radio program, Wong suggested that the waters could be utilized for household water supply,

an option that the bureau will consider.

Citing research, Wong noted that Macau households use 20 to 30% of their water for flushing toilets.

The city's guidelines for new public housing suggests that water-saving devices should be installed in faucets, showers and toilets.

Previously, Chief Executive-elect Ho Iat Seng had proposed purifying used domestic water for flushing toilets.

In response to Ho's proposal, Wong said that because Macau's building density is rather high, in order to install water purifying systems, the city would

have to refer to other regions that have experience installing water purifying facilities.

Wong stated that further studies are needed in regards to the installation of such facilities in old buildings and local communities. She also remarked that some hotels in Macau are already reusing wash basin water to water plants.

According to Wong, the cost of water for 2019 has increased to nearly 8 patacas per cubic meter, and the water price may be adjusted next year.

One of the program's listeners questioned Wong on why Macau has not built a new reservoir. Wong explained

that Macau currently has no suitable place for building another reservoir.

On the sidelines of the program, Wong was asked about the free yacht scheme between Macau and Guangdong.

Wong remarked that the free yacht scheme is currently unpopular for multiple reasons, including high taxes. She said that no progress has been made, despite the fact that the bureau has been in regular communication with the mainland government.

Recently, the bureau launched a public tender for the construction and design of the temporary ferry terminal at Barra.

Wong expects the ferry terminal to be built within a year once its construction starts. **JZ**



Secretary Leong highlights economic opportunities with Guangxi, Sichuan

SECRETARY for Economy and Finance Lionel Leong was in Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region last week to meet with officials from the region and their counterparts from Sichuan province, in a bid to bolster economic cooperation.

During a meeting with Lu Xinshe, Secretary of the Communist Party of China Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region Committee, Leong proposed that Guangxi and Macau could broaden their cooperation in fields such as traditional Chinese medicine and specialized financial services. The secretary said that these areas in particular could complement Guangxi's efforts in economic reform and play into Macau's strengths in helping extend overseas connections.

On his part, Lu said he believed Macau-Guangxi ties would be extended and that each would play a larger role in the others' development. The mainland official spoke highly of Macau's engagement in regional cooperation and especially of the expertise it shared in sectors such as tourism, healthcare, MICE (meetings, incentives, conferences and exhibitions), and the creative and cultural industries.

In a separate meeting with the Governor of Sichuan Province, Yin Li, Leong said Sichuan-Macau cooperation would encourage both sides' participation in the "Belt and Road" initiative, and would also create opportunities regarding investment and trade. Leong said this would also

contribute to Macau's efforts to diversify its economy away from its reliance on casinos.

Leong also suggested that Macau could utilize its close links with Portuguese-speaking countries in order to bridge trade and investment between these countries and provinces in mainland China.

He said that an example of Macau's role as a facilitator was a traditional Chinese medicine production company that had completed registration of a product in Mozambique with assistance from the Traditional Chinese Medicine Science and Technology Industrial Park of Cooperation between Guangdong and Macau.

Leong led the government delegation to Nanning in Guangxi for the 2019 Pan-Pearl River Delta Regional Cooperation Chief Executive Joint Conference.

Launched in 2004, the Joint Conference is a platform for regional cooperation between the nine provinces (Fujian, Jiangxi, Hunan, Guangdong, Guangxi, Hainan, Sichuan, Guizhou and Yunnan) and the two special administrative regions (Macau and Hong Kong), collectively known as the "9+2."

Macau's delegation included the deputy director of the Government Information Bureau, Wong Lok I; the deputy director of the Policy Research and Regional Development Bureau, Lin Yuan; and the deputy director of the Protocol, Public Relations and External Affairs Office, Isabel Lam. **DB**

JOSHUA WONG CONFIRMS ARREST AT AIRPORT

Prominent Hong Kong activist Joshua Wong was arrested at the city's airport for breaching bail conditions, he said in a statement through his legal representative. Wong said he was being held in custody and that he expected to be released after a hearing today. His detention was earlier reported by Hong Kong-based Chinese-language Apple Daily. Wong was among several Hong Kong activists arrested in late August in a crackdown on protest leaders, and was released on bail shortly after his detention. Wong traveled to Taiwan last week to meet with President Tsai Ing-wen's ruling party. A spokesman for the Hong Kong police said he cannot comment immediately.

LI KEQIANG SUPPORTS EFFORTS TO END UNREST

Premier Li Keqiang said the Chinese government supports Hong Kong's leaders to bring violent protests to an end, its highest-level official to comment on the city's political crisis. Li, the No. 2 official in China's ruling Communist Party, made the comments during a news conference with visiting German Chancellor Angela Merkel. For her part, Merkel urged China to protect the rights and freedoms of Hong Kong residents and find a peaceful solution to the unrest. "People should believe that Chinese people have the ability and wisdom to manage its own affairs," the Chinese premier said, adding that Beijing supported the government to end the violence to "safeguard Hong Kong's long-term prosperity and stability." Merkel said she supported Hong Kong Chief Executive Carrie Lam's efforts to start a dialogue with the public. She called Lam's decision last week to withdraw the extradition bill an important signal.

TOP GOV'T ADVISER SAYS MARTIAL LAW NOT CONSIDERED

A top adviser to Hong Kong's Chief Executive Carrie Lam said the government has no plans to use a colonial-era statute that gives authorities broad powers similar to martial law. Bernard Chan, the convener of the city's Executive Council, said in an interview that speculation that Lam could invoke the Emergency Regulations Ordinance has spiraled out of control since she said last week that all options are on the table. Chinese officials said last week that the law, introduced by the British in 1922 for use in case of emergency or public danger and last used to quell riots in the 1960s, could be implemented if needed. The law's provisions include allowing arrests, property seizures, deportation, control of the ports and the power to restrict means of communication. In an extreme scenario, the government could even cut off access to the Internet.

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Marchers ask Trump to 'liberate' Hong Kong, as clashes erupt

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THOUSANDS of demonstrators in Hong Kong urged President Donald Trump to "liberate" the semiautonomous Chinese territory during a peaceful march to the U.S. Consulate yesterday, but violence broke out later in the business and retail district as police fired tear gas after protesters vandalized subway stations, set fires and blocked traffic.

Demonstrators flooded a park in central Hong Kong, chanting "Resist Beijing, Liberate Hong Kong" and "Stand with Hong Kong, fight for freedom." Many of them, clad in black shirts and wearing masks, waved American flags and carried posters that read "President Trump, please liberate Hong Kong" as they marched to the U.S. Consulate nearby.

"Hong Kong is at the forefront of the battle against the totalitarian regime of China," said Panzer Chan, one of the organizers of the march. "Please support us in our fight."

Hong Kong has been rocked by three months of unrest sparked by a proposed law that

would have allowed criminal suspects to be sent to mainland China for trial. Many saw the extradition bill as a glaring example of the erosion of civil liberties and rights promised under a "one country, two systems" framework when the former British colony returned to Chinese rule in 1997.

Hong Kong's government promised this past week to formally withdraw the bill, but that failed to appease the demonstrators, who have widened their demands to include calls for direct elections for the city's leaders and an independent probe into alleged police brutality against protesters.

The unrest has become the biggest challenge to Beijing's rule since Hong Kong's return from Britain. Beijing and the entirely state-controlled media have portrayed the protests as an effort by criminals to split the territory from China, backed by hostile foreigners.

Protesters yesterday urged Washington to pass a bill, known as the Hong Kong Democratic and Human Rights Act, to support their cause. The bill proposes sanctions against Hong Kong and Chinese offi-

cial found to suppress democracy and human rights in the city, and could also affect Hong Kong's preferential trade status with the U.S.

A group of protesters sang "The Star-Spangled Banner" before handing over an appeal letter to a U.S. Consulate official.

Just before the rally ended, violence broke out after riot police detained several people and chased a crowd out of the nearby Central subway station. Angry protesters smashed glass windows and sprayed graffiti at the station's exits.

Protesters burned cardboard boxes and other debris to start a fire at one of the exits. They also set fire at a nearby street, but firefighters quickly snuffed it out.

The government said protesters also blocked traffic at a major thoroughfare near City Hall in the area, paralyzing traffic. In the type of cat-and-mouse battle that has characterized the summer-long protests, riot police pursued groups of protesters down streets, but they kept regrouping.

Police fired multiple rounds of tear gas in the Causeway Bay shopping area after protesters heckled them and refused to lea-

ve. They also searched dozens of young people on the street and inside subway stations.

The U.S. State Department said in a travel advisory Friday that Beijing has undertaken a propaganda campaign "falsely accusing the United States of fomenting unrest in Hong Kong." It said U.S. citizens and embassy staff were targeted and urged them to exercise increased caution.

Some American legislators are pressing Trump to take a tougher stand on Hong Kong. But the president has suggested that it's a matter for China to handle, though he also has said no violence should be used. Political analysts suggest Trump's response has been muted because he doesn't want to disrupt talks with China over their tariff war.

The Senate majority leader, Mitch McConnell, said last week that he would recommend Trump take "more forceful action" if Chinese authorities crush the demonstrations. The protests are an embarrassment to China's ruling Communist Party ahead of the Oct. 1 celebration of its 70th anniversary in power. AP

MACAU'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

ADVERTORIAL

HONG KONG

AIRPORT'S PLEA TO PROTESTERS: SPARE OUR PASSENGERS

HONG Kong's airport used a newspaper advertisement to appeal to protesters, asking them not to target the transport hub ahead of another weekend of anti-China demonstrations in the city.

Groups of protesters staged sit-ins at malls near train stations over the weekend but the civil action failed to match the mass demonstration of last weekend that halted traffic to and from the airport.

"Spare our passengers further disruption," read a half-page ad from the Airport Authority Hong Kong in the South China Morning Post, the territory's most well-known English-speaking newspaper. In the ad, the authority urged demonstrators "not to disrupt the journey of tens of thousands of travelers who use our airport every day."

Riot police and uniformed officers were out in large numbers, making their presence felt at stations and at the airport building. One man, who would only identify himself as Wong, was ejected from the bus terminus at the airport where he had been sitting on a bench. Court bailiffs, a lawyer and Airport Authority Hong Kong officials read him an injunction preventing obstructions or operations at the airport.

The train connecting the city center and the airport was prevented from stopping at three other stations - Kowloon, Tsing Yi and AsiaWorld-Expo - from 9 a.m. to control flows into and out of the airport.

Hong Kong's Civil Aviation Department urged the public not to fly drones near the airport, saying that it had seen online posts discussing the possibility.

Last weekend saw some of the most violent confrontations since the unrest broke out in Hong Kong three months ago. Protesters, who oppose China's tightening grip on the former British colony, vandalized turnstiles at train stations to the airport and the high-speed rail link to the terminal was suspended.

Turnstiles and ticket machines at a subway station were vandalized on Wednesday night, spurring the operator, MTR Corp., to "strongly condemn" attacks on staff and destruction of their facilities. The railway network has been a key target of the demonstrators, with several lines closed last weekend amid heightened tensions. Footage showed police swinging batons at protesters as they clung to each other in subway cars. **DB/AGENCIES**

FITCH DOWNGRADES HK FOR FIRST TIME SINCE 1995

FITCH Ratings Inc. downgraded Hong Kong as an issuer of long-term, foreign currency debt for the first time since 1995, saying that the territory's recent political turmoil raises doubts about its governance.

The rating was lowered to AA from AA+ with a negative outlook, the company said in an emailed statement. The last Fitch downgrade of Hong Kong took place before the return of the former British colony to China.

Large-scale protests and unrest in the city have unnerved investors and raised the prospect of capital outflows from the financial hub, long seen as a safe haven. Almost three months of protests in the city have weakened an economy that had already been hit hard by the ongoing trade war between the U.S. and China, the city's two biggest trading partners.

"Months of persistent con-

flict and violence are testing the perimeters and pliability of the 'one country, two systems' framework that governs Hong Kong's relationship with the mainland," Fitch said in a statement.

"The gradual rise in Hong Kong's economic, financial, and socio-political linkages with the mainland implies its continued integration into China's national governance system, which will present greater institutional and regulatory challenges over time."

Hong Kong Chief Executive Carrie Lam disagreed with Fitch's downgrade, as the "one country, two systems" framework and the city's spirit of rule of law haven't been weakened by the months of turmoil.

The downgrade had little impact on the city's financial markets, with the MSCI Hong Kong Index trading 0.7% higher and the local dollar little changed. **DB/AGENCIES**

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MGM Junior Lion Dance Guangzhou Exchange Visit

MGM always strives to support the development of traditional cultural sports and lion dance is an ancient Chinese tradition that we celebrate. In July, MGM organized an exchange visit to Guangzhou for 43 children of the MGM Junior Lion Dance Continuous Training Program, aiming to further develop the knowledge and skills of the young lion dancers and continue their interest in this age-old tradition.



During the two-day visit, the MGM team performed with the teams of two local lion dance associations, sharing knowledge amongst peers to excel in new skills while forming bonds of friendship. The group of 120 also visited the Liwan Lake Park, one of the country's intangible cultural heritage center, the Yongqing Fang of Liwan, the Cantonese Opera Art Museum and the Shamian Island. The two-day trip enabled the young lion dancers to gain a deeper understanding of the city's culture, history, architecture and most importantly the stories behind the traditional sport.

Mr. Mak Chi Leong, Chief Coach of the MGM Junior Lion Dance Training Program, indicated that lion dance continues to be an important part of the cultural heritage of the Greater Bay Area. This trip not only deepened the mutual understanding and cultural exchange between youths in Macau and Guangzhou, but also enhanced their lion dance skills and techniques, fostering their interest in this traditional sport in the Greater Bay Area.



Kit Mak, leader of the MGM Junior Lion Dance troupe, mentioned that she was so excited to meet with her peers in mainland China and make friends with them while learning more about lion dance. She hopes there will be more chances to travel to other places to further sharpen her skills in lion dance.



Launched in 2015, MGM Junior Lion Dance Training Program is the first in Macau to offer children aged between 5 and 10 years old a unique opportunity to learn the fundamentals of Chinese lion dance, and as a way to introduce Chinese culture and traditional sport to local youths. The Training Program has been a huge success, receiving lots of positive feedback from the public. More than 340 young lion dancers completed this training program in the past five years.

The MGM Junior Lion Dance Continuous Training Program allows the graduates to further develop their skills and continue to reach new heights in this traditional sport. Apart from the Guangzhou Exchange Trip, they also visited Foshan and Heshan in 2017 and 2018 respectively.

Through our community program activities, MGM will continue to encourage and enrich local youth educational development in the hope to create a better and brighter future for Macau.



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Chinese visitors watch the flyboard show by the beach of Hon Tam Resort in Nha Trang, Vietnam (left), while tourists visit the Dutch Square in Malacca city, Malaysia (right)

BALI BEACHES, THAI TEMPLES GO QUIET AS CHINESE STAY AT HOME

SIRAPHOB THANTHONG-KNIGHT, HARRY SUHARTONO & NGUYEN XUAN QUYNH

FROM quiet beaches in Bali to empty rooms in Hanoi's hotels, pangs from China's economic malaise and weakening yuan are being felt across Southeast Asia's vacation belt.

A boom in Chinese outbound travel in recent years that stoked tourism across Southeast Asia is now in reverse gear. The abrupt decline of Chinese travelers is becoming a painful lesson for nations such as Thailand and Indonesia that had become overly dependent on Asia's top economy.

"The slump in Chinese arrivals and tourism spending is being felt throughout the region," said Kampon Adireksombat, Bangkok-based head of economic and financial market research at Siam Commercial Bank Pcl. "There's always a concentration risk when relying on one market, and many countries may not be able to find a replacement for growth fast enough."

The slump is expected to continue in 2020 if the trade war continues to weigh down the Chinese economy, he said.

Rising incomes over the past decade fueled the wanderlust of middle-class Chinese consumers, making them the world's largest outbound travel market, according to a McKinsey report, with the total number of outbound trips more than doubling from 57 million trips in 2010 to 131 million trips in 2017.

"Southeast Asia is usually the first destination for Chinese travelers when they opt for farther destinations," said the report. McKinsey's 2017 China Outbound Traveler Survey had shown that the highest number of package trips were booked to Southeast Asia.

THE CHINA FACTOR

Mandarin-speaking tours, Chinese eateries and Chinese mobile payment services mushroomed from Danang to Yogyakarta, these travelers thronged to Southeast Asian hotspots, lured by their proximity and familiar cuisines.

The pullback now threatens the tourism industry with pockets of overcapacity, after companies and local governments doubled down and poured millions of dollars into expanding resorts, hotels and travel facilities.

The decline is already showing up in some hotel operators' results. Thailand's Central Plaza Hotel Pcl reported a softening of its hotel business in the second quarter due to decreasing Chinese demand, Ronnachit Mahattanapruet, the company's senior vice president, said at an investor briefing last month. Occupancy in its Thai properties dropped 7% in the quarter, and the Bangkok-based operator has 2,040 rooms in the pipeline to add to its existing portfolio of 6,678 rooms.

'UNREALISTIC EXPECTATIONS'

The Thai capital is also expecting a new Ritz Carlton by 2023 as part of a \$3.9 billion develop-

ment, while Hilton will manage two hotels due for 2022 opening. On Phuket island, a favorite for beachfront weddings and scuba diving, there will be 18% more hotel rooms by 2024, according to consultancy C9 Hotelworks Ltd. International arrivals in Thailand this year so far have grown only 2%, data from Thai tourism ministry show.

"The supply was based on people's unrealistic expectations," said C9's managing director Bill Barnett.

In Singapore, casino operators Las Vegas Sands Corp. and Genting Singapore Ltd. announced a \$9 billion expansion of their resorts earlier this year after the country's skyline was beamed across cineplexes as the setting of the Hollywood hit "Crazy Rich Asians."

Marriott International Inc. has 140 hotels in the pipeline across the region, with plans to more than triple its portfolio by 2023 in the Philippines, whose white-sand beaches and turquoise waters are such a draw that the island of Boracay had to close last year for upgrades to its sewage system.

Enamored with the sights made famous in hit movies such as Summer Holiday - a 2000 Chinese romantic comedy film set on Malaysia's palm-fringed Redang Island - Chinese travelers became the biggest group of visitors to the region, adding \$403.7 billion to its gross domestic product in 2019.

In Thailand and the Philippines, tourism grew to account for

over a fifth of their GDP - twice the global average.

BOOM DISSIPATED

The boom dissipated in the first half of this year as China's economy slowed, its yuan weakened to historically low levels, and an ongoing U.S.-China trade war weighed on consumer confidence. The decline is also affecting China's economy at home, as big-ticket purchases like cars and luxury goods slow.

The Thai baht has strengthened the most against the yuan this year among emerging-market currencies, making travel more expensive for Chinese tourists. A boat accident last year that killed 47 Chinese tourists off the island of Phuket also damaged confidence.

In Bali, the tourism promotion board's deputy chairman, Nguurah Wijaya, sees the hotspot as a victim of its own success. "Internal problems like traffic jams are among the main causes of the decline of Chinese tourists," he said, adding that those who are still coming are staying fewer days and spending less. "It also seems like they have started to get bored with Bali."

CHINESE SHIP

Bilateral tensions after a Chinese ship surveyed underwater oil-and-gas blocks claimed by Vietnam in July may have contributed to the decline in tourists from China, said Vietnamtourism-Vitours' deputy general director Le Tan Thanh Tung.

To be sure, not every country is facing a sustained decline. Malaysia's number of Chinese tourists grew 6.2% in the first half of the year to 1.55 million, according to official data. In the Philippines, tourism infrastructure and facilities are relatively under-developed, so it's not seeing any pull back in hospitality projects, said Richard Lane-da, gaming and property analyst at COL Financial Group Inc.

Still, the slowdown in tourism weakens another growth pillar for Southeast Asia at a time when exports are taking a knock from the trade war. The International Monetary Fund in its July outlook pared back its forecast for growth in the region's top five economies to 5% from 5.1% in its April report, signaling a further slowdown.

Countries are now trying to diversify their outreach efforts to lure visitors from other nations.

Thailand waived visa fees for Indian tourists earlier this year and airline and hotel operators are trying to boost connections between the two countries.

Vietnam, where Chinese tourists accounted for a third of 15 million foreign visitors last year, is setting up tourism promotion offices in the U.K. and Australia, while direct flights between India and Vietnam are being planned for October.

But in the short to medium term at least, the hole left behind by Chinese travelers seems too large to fill.

"Chinese tourists are the largest group of visitors by numbers," said the Bali Promotion Board's Wijaya. "Even the rise in holiday makers from other countries cannot compensate for their absence." **BLOOMBERG**

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Wolfgang Ischinger at the Munich Security Conference

Merkel has made a U-turn on China but it may be too late

BIRGIT JENNEN, PATRICK DONAHUE & ARNE DELFS

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.

Chancellor Angela Merkel faced a particularly delicate set of policy goals when she visited Chi-

na this week with a delegation of German company executives: 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 unrest in Hong Kong. While declining an invitation to meet with protesters, she adopted a more forceful tone after discussing Hong Kong with Chinese leaders in Beijing on Friday. "I advocated for the peaceful resolution of conflicts and said that, in my view, anything else would be a catastrophe," Merkel told reporters during a stop in Wuhan on Saturday. "I was listened to, and that is important, just as it's important to keep talking." Germany is China's biggest European trading partner by a long way, with bilateral sales worth some \$195 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 automakers 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 a potential liability as well as an achievement.

There is little evidence that Germany's position toward China has relaxed as the risk of recession has grown

As yet, however, there is little evidence that Germany's position toward China has relaxed as the risk of recession has grown. 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 dispu-

te, making Merkel's government 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 while all 27 member states have 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. **BLOOMBERG**

TRADE

CHINA'S TRADE WITH US SHRINKS AS TARIFF WAR WORSENS

JOE MCDONALD, BEIJING

CHINA'S trade with the United States is falling as the two sides prepare for negotiations with no signs of progress toward ending a tariff war that threatens global economic growth.

Imports of American goods tumbled 22% in August from a year earlier to \$10.3 billion, customs data showed yesterday. Exports to the United States, China's biggest market, sank 16% to USD44.4 billion.

Both sides have raised tariffs on billions of dollars of each other's imports in the fight over complaints about Beijing's trade surplus and technology development plans. The United States, Europe, Japan and other trading partners say those violate Chinese market-opening commitments.

U.S. and Chinese negotiators are preparing for talks in October. Despite that, the two governments escalated their fight on Sept. 1, imposing or increasing penalties on billions of dollars of goods. President Donald Trump plans another



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increase Oct. 15.

Chinese exporters also face pressure from weakening global consumer demand. That hurts efforts to find markets to replace the United States.

"The tit-for-tat escalation shows how unlikely a trade deal and de-escalation have become," said Louis Kuijs of Oxford Economics in a report. "Meanwhile, the global trade weakness looks set to linger, which will continue to weigh on

demand for China's exports."

The conflict has disrupted trade in goods from soybeans to medical equipment, battered traders on both sides and fueled fears in financial markets of a global economic slowdown.

China's politically sensitive trade surplus with the U.S. narrowed to \$31.3 billion in August from \$27 billion a year earlier.

China's global exports fell 3% to \$214.8 billion, while imports were

up 1.7% at \$180 billion. For the first eight months of 2019, exports were off 1% from a year earlier and imports were down 5.6%.

China's global trade surplus rose 25% from a year earlier to \$34.8 billion.

Exports to the European Union rose 3% from a year earlier to \$38.3 billion.

U.S.-Chinese negotiations broke down in May over how to enforce any agreement. Beijing says Trump's punitive tariffs must be lifted once an agreement takes effect. Washington says some must stay to ensure Beijing carries out any promises it makes.

Trump and Chinese President Xi Jinping agreed in June to resume negotiations, though neither side shifted its position. Talks in Shanghai in July ended with no indication of progress.

The governments agreed to meet again in September but that was postponed to October. They have yet to announce a date.

Washington imposed 15% tariffs on Sept. 1 on \$112 billion of Chinese imports and plans to hit ano-

ther \$160 billion on Dec. 15. That would extend 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. More increases are due on Dec. 15 in line with the U.S. penalties.

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 an estimated \$120 billion of U.S. imports. 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.

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

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 reelected, China will face a tougher U.S. negotiating stance. AP

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Nissan's chief investigator into CEO's pay is resigning

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THE senior manager at Nissan Motor Co. who led the probe into excess compensation for Chief Executive Officer Hiroto Saikawa and other executives is resigning, people with knowledge of the matter said, the latest sign of chaos engulfing the Japanese automaker's top ranks.

Christina Murray, Nissan's vice president in charge of audit and compliance, will leave the carmaker as soon as Sept. 10, said the people, who asked not to be identified because the information isn't public. She began the investigation into overpayments in June, when former executive Greg Kelly said in a magazine interview that Saikawa had improperly received 47 million yen (USD439,000) in 2013.

The latest sign of discord in the upper echelons is another headache for the automaker following the arrest of Carlos Ghosn, charged with financial crimes along with Kelly in November. Since then, Nissan's corporate governance has come under intense

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scrutiny, forcing the automaker to bring in more independent directors and establish oversight committees.

Murray, who has been at Nissan since joining the company's U.S. operations in 2006, didn't immediately return requests seeking comment. Koji Okuda, a spokesman for Yokohama-based Nissan, declined to comment.

Saikawa told reporters in Japan

on Thursday that he and several other Nissan executives received excess compensation. They include Hari Nada, a central figure in Ghosn's downfall, as well as Executive Vice President Asako Hoshino, people with knowledge of the matter have said.

Any overpayment was arranged by an office headed by Kelly at the time, Saikawa has said, according to two of the people. Saikawa,

who became CEO in 2017, said he didn't know specific details about the payments back in 2013 and would return any overpaid compensation. The company is not asking Saikawa to resign as the internal probe found he wasn't intentional and there is no illegality, the people said.

Revelations that executives received excess pay via stock appreciation rights followed an internal

investigation presented to a Nissan oversight committee on Sept. 4, the people said. The findings will be reported to the board of directors when they meet on Sept. 9., the company said.

Nissan is considering abolishing the payment system, which was first introduced in 2003 as an incentive for managers, Asahi reported Saturday, without saying where it got the information.

Ghosn, who deepened Nissan's alliance with Renault SA and drove the company's strategy for decades, was arrested for financial crimes in November and is awaiting trial in Tokyo. Nada used to be the head of Nissan's CEO office, and struck a plea-bargain deal with prosecutors ahead of Ghosn's arrest, according to the former chairman's lawyer, Junichiro Hironaka.

Ghosn has denied the charges against him, which include that he under-reported his own compensation from Nissan. Murray also oversaw Nissan's internal investigation into Ghosn.

Saikawa's comments on Thursday delayed the pricing of a 250 billion yen bond issuance the same day, a rare occurrence in the yen bond market. The carmaker is also grappling with a plunge in earnings and the ongoing fallout from Ghosn's arrest. Nissan's shares have slumped 23% this year, on track for its worst annual performance since a 74% decline in 2008. **BLOOMBERG**

Typhoon kills 5 in North Korea, 3 in South Korea

HYUNG-JIN KIM,
SEOUL

ONE of the most powerful typhoons to ever hit the Korean Peninsula has left five people dead and three injured in North Korea, state media reported Sunday, in its first public announcement of casualties since the storm made landfall in the country a day earlier.

Before reaching North Korea, Typhoon Lingling hit South Korea, killing three people and injuring 13 others, though the country appears to have escaped widespread damage.

The North's official Korean Central News Agency, or KCNA, said the typhoon left 460 houses and 15 public buildings destroyed, damaged or inundated in the country. It said 46,200 hectares of far-

AP PHOTO



mmland were buried or inundated.

KCNA said the typhoon hit North Korea from 2 p.m. Saturday to midnight Sunday. Recovery work was underway in typhoon-afflicted areas, it said.

Outside observers

said rainstorms could be a catastrophe in North Korea because of poor drainage, deforestation and decrepit infrastructure in the impoverished country. South Korean media said North Korea could eventually report more typhoon-related

casualties and damage.

According to a previous KCNA dispatch, leader Kim Jong Un "urgently convened" an emergency meeting on Friday to discuss disaster prevention efforts and scolded government officials who he described as "helpless against the typhoon, unaware of its seriousness and seized with easygoing sentiment."

South Korean weather officials said the typhoon had weakened when it moved through North Korea. They said the storm was moving near Russia's Vladivostok as of Sunday morning.

South Korea's interior ministry said earlier Sunday that it was reviewing the damage from the typhoon and engaging in recovery work. The storm damaged buildings and knocked out power to about 161,640 homes in South Korea.

Typhoons that made a landfall in South Korea in past years caused greater damage and more casualties. **AP**

US-NORTH KOREA NUCLEAR TALKS STILL STALLED, TRUMP'S ENVOY SAYS

NICK WADHAMS

THE U.S. envoy for North Korea said the Trump administration is ready to negotiate whenever Kim Jong Un's regime is ready, effectively confirming that months of American efforts to bring the two sides back to denuclearization talks have stalled.

"We have made clear to North Korea we are prepared to engage as soon as we hear from them," Stephen Biegun, the special representative for North Korea talks, said in a speech Friday at the University of Michigan. "We are ready, but we cannot do this by ourselves."

Biegun's remarks highlighted that almost no progress has been made toward an agreement on North Korea's nuclear program despite three meetings between President Donald Trump and Kim, most recently on the border between North Korea and South Korea on June 30. After that meeting, the U.S. said Kim had agreed to begin

detailed negotiations by the middle of July, a time frame that has been pushed back repeatedly.

In the weeks since, according to U.S. officials, Pyongyang has all but ignored U.S. entreaties to negotiate. North Korea has complained about U.S.-South Korean military exercises, conducted numerous tests of short-range missiles and warned that it could reconsider its freeze on more significant weapons tests.

Biegun sought in his speech to underscore that the U.S. was ready to help North Korea's economy once a deal is reached. And he said the U.S. was prepared to talk about steps it could take to pull relations between the two countries away from decades of conflict, though he didn't detail what those moves might be.

"We still have time to resolve these issues and I'm confident we can do it," Biegun said, though he added: "We've got to get going." **AP**

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USA

A PURDUE BANKRUPTCY WOULD MAKE OPIOIDS CASES EVEN MESSIER

GEOFF MULVIHILL

STATE and local governments have sought billions of dollars from Purdue Pharma as a way to hold the company and the family that owns it accountable for the nation's opioid epidemic, a potential payout that is now clouded in uncertainty after state attorneys general said settlement talks had broken down.

The attorneys general directly involved in the negotiations with the maker of OxyContin and the Sackler family said they anticipated Purdue filing soon for bankruptcy protection.

"It seems that there will be little money for plaintiffs, if Purdue takes bankruptcy and the Sacklers are not kicking in any money for settlement," said Carl Tobias, a professor at the University of Richmond School of Law.

Nearly every state and about 2,000 local governments have sued companies in the drug industry over the toll of opioids, which have been linked to more than 400,000 deaths in the U.S. over the last two decades. The sui-



ts cast Stamford, Connecticut-based Purdue as a particular villain, saying the company's marketing of its drugs downplayed addiction risks and led to more widespread opioid prescribing, even though only a sliver of the opioid painkillers sold in the U.S. were its products.

On Saturday, two state attorneys general leading settlement

negotiations with the company — Tennessee Republican Herbert Slatery and North Carolina Democrat Josh Stein — sent an email to their colleagues saying talks were at an impasse and that they "expect Purdue to file for bankruptcy protection imminently."

A Purdue spokeswoman declined to comment on the email, which was obtained by The Asso-

ciated Press, and representatives of the family have not returned messages.

Purdue has said for months that it wants to reach a deal that would settle all state and local government claims against it, but it also has threatened to file for bankruptcy protection. Bankruptcy would mark a major shift in the multidistrict litigation being overseen by a federal judge in Cleveland. It would likely take Purdue out of the first federal trial over the opioid crisis, scheduled to start Oct. 21.

A bankruptcy judge would have a lot of say over how to divide Purdue's assets.

The value of the private company, already relatively low, could continue dropping, leaving little to split among thousands of plaintiffs. The company also could go out of business. That's a big change from settlement proposals that would have kept the company operating in some form. Under one proposal, governments could have seen USD10 billion to \$12 billion over time, including at least \$3 billion from the Sa-

cklers as part of a deal that would have Purdue into a "structured bankruptcy."

Pennsylvania Attorney General Josh Shapiro, who has been part of the negotiations, said the attorneys general did not believe the deal would have been worth that much.

According to the email sent Saturday, the company rejected proposals from the states that could have been worth less money but came with greater assurances that the Sacklers would deliver \$4.5 billion.

If the company files for bankruptcy, the Sacklers could still be exposed to lawsuits. At least 17 states have sued one or more family member, and Shapiro said he intends to join them.

But that could be a legally tenuous option for two reasons.

"One big problem is it may be very difficult for states to convince judges to rule that family members are personally liable," Tobias said. "And even if that happens, plaintiffs may have problems levying on the Sacklers' assets, if they are offshore."

Forbes magazine estimated in 2016 that the Sacklers had assets of more than \$13 billion. New York's attorney general has issued subpoenas for financial records of Sackler-connected entities in an effort to find how the family moved money overseas. AP

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Trump calls off secret meeting with Taliban, Afghan leaders

JONATHAN LEMIRE & DEB RIECHMANN, WASHINGTON

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PRESIDENT Donald Trump said Saturday he canceled a secret weekend meeting at Camp David with Taliban and Afghanistan leaders after a bombing in the past week in Kabul that killed 12 people, including an American soldier, and has called off peace negotiations with the insurgent group.

Trump's tweet was surprising because it would mean that the president was ready to host members of the Taliban at the presidential retreat in Maryland just days before the anniversary of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks. More than 2,400 U.S. troops have been killed since the U.S. invaded Afghanistan to go after the Taliban, which were harboring al-Qaida leaders responsible for 9/11.

Canceling the talks also goes against Trump's pledge to withdraw the remaining 13,000 to 14,000 U.S. troops from Afghanistan and close U.S. involvement in the conflict that is closing in on 18 years.

Zalmay Khalilzad, the Trump administration's diplomat talking

to the Taliban leaders for months, has said recently that he was on the "threshold" of an agreement with the Taliban aimed at ending America's longest war. The president, however, has been under pressure from the Afghan government and some lawmakers, including Trump supporter Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., who mistrust the Taliban and think it's too early to withdraw American forces.

"Unbeknownst to almost everyone, the major Taliban leaders and, separately, the President of Afghanistan, were going to secretly meet with me at Camp David on Sunday," Trump tweeted Saturday evening.

"They were coming to the Uni-

ted States tonight. Unfortunately, in order to build false leverage, they admitted to an attack in Kabul that killed one of our great great soldiers, and 11 other people. I immediately cancelled the meeting and called off peace negotiations," he wrote.

On Thursday, a Taliban car bomb exploded and killed an American soldier, a Romanian service member and 10 civilians in a busy diplomatic area near the U.S. Embassy in Kabul. The bombing was one of many attacks by the Taliban in recent days during U.S.-Taliban talks.

The Defense Department says Sgt. 1st Class Elis A. Barreto Ortiz, 34, from Morrovis, Puerto Rico, was killed in action when the explosive de-

vice detonated near his vehicle. He was the fourth U.S. service member killed in the past two weeks in Afghanistan.

"What kind of people would kill so many in order to seemingly strengthen their bargaining position? They didn't, they only made it worse!" Trump tweeted. "If they cannot agree to a ceasefire during these very important peace talks, and would even kill 12 innocent people, then they probably don't have the power to negotiate a meaningful agreement anyway. How many more decades are they willing to fight?"

It remains unclear if the U.S.-Taliban talks are over or only paused. Trump said he called off the peace negotiations after the bombing, but Khalilzad, the U.S. envoy negotiating with the Taliban, was meeting with leaders of the insurgent group in Doha, Qatar, on both Thursday and Friday.

The State Department and the White House declined to respond to requests for clarification. There was no immediate response from the Afghan government as Kabul woke up hours after Trump's announcement.

Many in the Afghan government, which has been sidelined from the U.S.-Taliban talks, and among the Afghan people have been skeptical of the negotiations, fearing there was little if nothing in the deal to stop the Taliban from continuing its attacks against civilians. The two shattering Taliban car bombings in Kabul in the past week, which the insurgent group said targeted foreigners but killed far more civilians, renewed those fears.

Longtime Afghanistan watchers, including former U.S. officials, apparently didn't see this twist coming. After word emerged that a Washington visit by Afghan President Ashraf Ghani had been postponed, some assumed Ghani had been trying to make a last-minute effort to meet Trump to express concerns about the nearing deal.

"Whatever was the reason for inviting Taliban leaders to Camp David and whatever the real reason for pulling the plug, the peace process has been disrupted at least for the moment," said Laurel Miller, Asia director for International Crisis Group.

"After all the violence during many months of negotiations, it's difficult to see why last Thursday's attack would be the sole reason for changing course. This could be a blow to the credibility of the U.S. commitment to the peace process. Hopefully it can be brought back on track because there's no better alternative," Miller said. **AP**

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Offbeat

DNA HINTS THE LOCH NESS 'MONSTER' MIGHT BE GIANT EEL



A scientist who collected DNA from Scotland's Loch Ness suggests the lake's fabled monster might be a giant eel.

Neil Gemmill from the University of Otago in New Zealand says the project found a surprisingly high amount of eel DNA in the water. He cautioned that it's not clear whether that indicates a gigantic eel or just a lot of little ones.

But he said at a news conference in Scotland on Thursday that the idea of a giant eel is at least plausible.

The DNA project found no evidence to support the notion that the monster is a long-necked ancient reptile called a plesiosaur.

Loch Ness is the largest and second deepest body of fresh water in the British Isles.

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Duration: 119min

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Language: English (Chinese)
Duration: 87min

ANGEL HAS FALLEN
ROOM2
2:30, 9:30pm
Director: Ric Roman Waugh
Starring: Gerard Butler, Frederick Schmidt, Danny Huston
Language: English (Chinese)
Duration: 121min



EXIT
ROOM3
2:30, 4:30, 9:30pm
Director: Sang Geun Lee
Starring: Jung-suk Jo, Yoona, Du-shim Ko
Language: Korean (English & Chinese)
Duration: 107min

ONE PIECE STAMPEDE
ROOM1
7:30pm
Director: Takashi Otsuka
Starring: Chô, Hiroaki Hirata, Katsuhisa Hôki
Language: Japanese (Chinese)

this day in history



1976 CHAIRMAN MAO ZEDONG DIES

The chief architect of the Chinese revolution, Chairman Mao Zedong, has died at the age of 82.

His death - at 10 minutes past midnight - was announced by the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party, the State Council, the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress and the party's Military Affairs Commission.

Chairman Mao had been in poor health for several years and had declined visibly in recent months. He had not seen any foreign visitors for some time.

It is not clear yet who will replace him. There is no designated heir to the leadership of China's 800 million citizens.

News of Chairman Mao's death has spread quickly through the Chinese capital. Many people are wearing black armbands. Groups have paid tribute opposite a huge portrait of Chairman Mao at the main entrance to the Forbidden City.

His body will now lie in state at the Great Hall of the People. A memorial service will be held in Tiananmen Square on 18 September. Everyone except those performing essential tasks will be expected to maintain a three minute silence.

The official Chinese obituary paid tribute to Chairman Mao's important struggles against "enemies" within the Chinese Communist Party, which he co-founded in 1921.

He rose to prominence as the man who led the communist forces on the epic 6,000 mile (9,656 km) "long march" to Shenyang in northern China to flee attacks from the nationalist Kuomintang party in the mid-1930s.

In 1949 he became chairman of the newly established People's Republic of China.

During the 1950s, Chairman Mao launched the Great Leap Forward, a campaign to increase industrial production by mobilising China's enormous manpower into rural peoples' communes.

Even after he retired as chairman of the republic he continued to influence policy as chairman of the Communist Party.

The Cultural Revolution was launched in 1966. Schools and colleges were closed and the students joined the Red Guards in an ideological crusade which led to many officials losing their jobs, being tortured and killed.

He was credited for encouraging President Richard Nixon's visit to China in February 1972, the first by an American leader. Other countries opened embassies in Beijing and China was finally granted a seat at the United Nations in 1971.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

Mao Zedong was the founder of modern China and is still regarded by the Chinese as one of their great leaders. However, he was also a ruthless and deeply flawed leader whose policies killed tens of millions of people.

The so-called "Great Leap Forward" of collectivised farming and rapid industrialisation led to nationwide famine which killed 10-35 million people.

The Cultural Revolution, which he launched to purge political opponents, dragged on for 10 years and ruined the lives and educations of a whole generation.

His death left a power vacuum in China.

The "gang of four" - leading radicals, including Mao's widow, responsible for the Cultural Revolution - attempted to take control but were arrested by Mao's successor Hua Guofeng and convicted of crimes against the state. Deng Xiaoping emerged as China's new leader in 1978.

He liberalised academic debate and introduced economic reforms. There was also a move away from the collective idea in the countryside which meant the power of the Communist Party was weakened.

In 1989 he ordered troops to break up the Tiananmen Square pro-democracy demonstration. Hundreds, possibly more, were killed provoking international outrage and sanctions.

He continued to dominate China's government until his death in 1997.

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YOUR STARS



ARIES

Mar. 21-Apr. 19

You have the power to succeed today — even if it feels like you're losing ground. Just keep pushing yourself. Things may look dark early in the morning, but by tonight you should see a glimmer of hope.



TAURUS

Apr. 20-May. 20

Your earthy nature asserts itself in a big way today, but that may put off those with their heads in the clouds. You should just ignore them and let them enjoy their silly fantasies — you've got work to do!



GEMINI

May. 21-Jun. 21

You rely on others to help get your own business done, but today you may be on your own. Things aren't terrible just yet, but you may want to take extra time for all your important tasks.



CANCER

Jun. 22-Jul. 22

You feel a new sense of balance today — though it might come at a cost. See if you can just enjoy what you've got and worry about the consequences when they actually start to affect you.



LEO

Jul. 23-Aug. 22

You're making great progress toward some personal goal — but you need to keep it personal for now. Let others take center stage, and they will have more time and attention for you later.



VIRGO

Aug. 23-Sep. 22

Your romantic world is spinning a little faster — so take a chance or snuggle up with your sweetheart! All that great energy needs to be shared with someone, and you can feel it when it's right.



LIBRA

Sep. 23-Oct. 22

Be wary of new situations — something isn't quite right, though that's not to say you need to avoid dealing with it entirely! Just make sure you're careful to see the bad as well as



SCORPIO

Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Your potent energy is the driving force behind today's big mission — so make sure that you're talking it up or inspiring others to the cause. Things should start to look really good this evening.



SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

You are firmly committed to doing it all yourself today, whether it's making your own lunch or building your own shed. Whatever it takes to get it done is readily available in your skill



CAPRICORN

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

You need to deal with all this energy in a positive way — which isn't such a hard task for you! Just make sure that you're actively engaged with everything that needs to happen by tonight.



AQUARIUS

Jan. 20-Feb. 18

You're more tired than you feel you ought to be, so go easy on yourself and make sure that you're delegating responsibilities as much as you can. There's not much point in driving yourself to exhaustion!



PISCES

Feb. 19-Mar. 20

Your assistance is needed in a big way — so ask around or look for opportunities to save the day. Things may move slowly at first, but once you enter the picture, the pace picks up considerably.

The Born Loser by Chip Sansom



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Chengdu	24	34	shower
Chongqing	26	34	cloudy
Kunming	18	24	shower
Nanjing	29	36	cloudy
Shanghai	29	36	cloudy
Wuhan	28	37	clear
Hangzhou	28	38	cloudy
Taipei	26	30	overcast
Guangzhou	26	35	thundershower
Hong Kong	28	33	cloudy
WORLD			
Moscow	17	22	moderate rain
Frankfurt	21	33	clear
Paris	22	32	clear
London	16	24	clear
New York	18	27	clear

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Reveal indiscreetly; 5- What you put on snooze; 10- Sarajevo combatant; 14- Italian bread?; 15- Old Testament prophet; 16- Air freshener target; 17- Roman poet; 18- Basketry twig; 19- Doll's cry; 20- Comforter, e.g.; 22- Arabian republic; 23- Surprised cries; 24- Milne marsupial; 25- Grades; 29- Like some corners; 33- Good ____; 34- Gardener's bane; 36- First name in architecture; 37- Give ____ rest; 38- Mezzo-soprano Marilyn; 39- Spanish uncle; 40- Obscene; 42- Excellent; 43- More peeved; 45- Sammy Davis Jr. autobiography; 47- Stupid; 49- Droop; 50- Mack of old TV; 51- All thumbs; 54- Growth; 60- Exchange for money; 61- Humped ruminant; 62- Shredded; 63- American space agency; 64- Pong maker; 65- French summers; 66- Deuce topper; 67- Fundamental; 68- Butts;

DOWN: 1- Amoeba-like alien: The ____; 2- Not taped; 3- Desertlike; 4- Painful hospital development; 5- Riding; 6- Come up short; 7- Bhutan's continent; 8- Marsh growth; 9- Scratch; 10- Anybody; 11- Dutch treat; 12- City of the Caesars; 13- Fiber source; 21- That was close!; 22- ____ Are My Sunshine; 24- Went by horse; 25- On Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat Sun; 26- First name in cosmetics; 27- Chews; 28- Faint; 29- Extend a subscription; 30- Reason ____; 31- Iroquois foes; 32- Portals; 35- West end?; 38- Dutch name of The Hague; 41- Show; 43- Type of gun; 44- Elderly person; 46- Jazzman; 48- Sloping letter; 51- "____ She Lovely?"; 52- Approach; 53- What ____ can I say?; 54- I could ____ horse!; 55- December day, briefly; 56- Persian fairy; 57- Ninth letter of the Greek alphabet; 58- City near Provo; 59- Capone's nemesis; 61- Truck part;

Friday's solution

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MACAU'S LEADING NEWSPAPER



JEREMY SCOTT CONJURES UP A GLAMOROUS SPACE-AGE POP BAND

DESIGNER Jeremy Scott sent his models down the runway in electric hues, crystal-embedded garments, sparkly sky-high boots and brightly colored wigs, evoking what he called an "intergalactic pop band." Along with the futuristic sparkle, Friday evening's show had some more earthly designs like pretty prints, fringes and lace and even some down-to-earth denim.

But the show, in front of notables like supermodels Gigi Hadid and Irina Shayk, was mostly about color (the bold, neon variety) and sparkle, aided

by over 30,000 crystals embedded in the garments. And the look was carried, literally, from head to toe. A memorable highlight was the wigs, puffy creations with bangs, in shades of pink, yellow, orange, turquoise and deep blue. Another was the tall, shimmering, over-the-thigh boots in everything from metallic silver to purple to bronze to green to ice blue.

Scott said after the show that he'd been inspired to create "an intergalactic imaginary synthetic pop band, a rock opera in outer space."

TOURISTS MAY PAY TOLLS TO DRIVE CROOKED SAN FRANCISCO STREET



THOUSANDS of tourists could soon be forced to make reservations and pay to drive the famous crooked Lombard Street in San Francisco.

California lawmakers approved a bill Thursday granting San Francisco the power to establish a toll and reservation system for Lombard Street. The bill still needs Gov. Gavin Newsom's signature.

The San Francisco County Transportation Authority has recommended \$5 per car

weekdays and \$10 weekends and holidays. Residents say the scenic street has become more like an overcrowded amusement park than a neighborhood street.

They have been calling for years for officials to address traffic jams, trash and trespassing.

Tourism officials estimate that 6,000 people daily visit the 600-foot-long (183-meter-long) street in the summer, creating lines of cars stretching for blocks.

HARRY, MEGHAN AND ARCHIE SET FOR 10-DAY SOUTHERN AFRICA TRIP

REPRESENTATIVES for the British royal family say Prince Harry will get to see the legacy of his late mother's humanitarian work in Angola during a fall trip to southern Africa.

Buckingham Palace released details Friday of the trip Harry is taking with his wife, Meghan, and their infant son Archie, who was born in May.

The itinerary has Meghan and Archie staying in South Africa for the entire Sept. 23-

Oct. 2 trip. Harry also plans to go to Angola, Malawi and Botswana.

Harry's private secretary, Sam Cohen, said that while in Angola the prince will see land mine clearing work that has continued long after Princess Diana brought worldwide attention to the problem. She died in 1997.

Meghan will visit South African organizations promoting women's education, health, entrepreneurship and leadership.



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MOTORSPORTS

Leclerc takes pole position for Italian GP

DANIELLA MATAR, MONZA

A mess. An absurdity. Dangerous. Idiots. These were just some of the terms used to describe the farcical end to qualifying for the Italian Grand Prix on Saturday.

Charles Leclerc rose above it all to secure a second straight pole position and give Ferrari encouragement it can end a nine-year wait for success at its home Formula One race.

Only Leclerc and Carlos Sainz crossed the line in time to set a timed lap in Q3. The other eight drivers were caught short jostling for position to try to ensure they had a car in front of them to catch a slipstream, with tow worth several tenths of a second at the high-speed Monza track.

"What a mess. Pole position anyway, guys. Sorry for the mess in the last lap," Leclerc said on team radio at the end of qualifying.

Mercedes team principal Toto Wolff was even more critical.

"That was worse than a junior formula," Wolff said. "The problem was everyone wants a slipstream and nobody wants to go first [...] and then everyone looks like idiots."

It is being investigated by motorsport governing body the FIA, and Wolff added later: "None of us has ever seen such an absurdity."

Leclerc, who claimed his first F1 victory last weekend at the Belgian GP, was 0.039 seconds



Ferrari driver Charles Leclerc of Monaco (right) talks with Mercedes driver Lewis Hamilton of Britain after the qualifying session at the Monza racetrack

ahead of championship leader Lewis Hamilton and 0.047 clear of Valtteri Bottas, much to the delight of the passionate Ferrari tifosi.

"The drag is a big issue here, the tow is a key to getting a good lap," Hamilton said. "Everyone was slowing right down and also blocking the way, so you couldn't really get through."

"It was pretty dangerous. I nearly crashed a couple of times trying to stay out of the way of the guys that were braking ahead of me and then people trying to come past me."

It was Leclerc's fourth pole po-

sition in only his second season in F1.

It was also the seventh race in a row that Leclerc has beaten four-time world champion Sebastian Vettel in qualifying. Vettel will start Sunday's race from fourth after finishing 0.150 seconds behind his Ferrari teammate.

The start of Q3 was delayed after last year's pole sitter, Kimi Raikkonen, hit the wall at Parabolica for the second time this weekend. The Alfa driver escaped unscathed.

Ferrari hasn't won its home race since 2010 through Fernando Alonso, even after the storied

Italian team secured a front-row lockout last season.

Hamilton is the man most likely to deny Leclerc back-to-back wins. The Mercedes driver has won four of the past five Italian GPs and is bidding for a record sixth triumph at the historic track to move ahead of Michael Schumacher as the master of Monza.

Hamilton, a five-time world champion, has a 65-point lead over teammate Bottas in the standings.

Third-placed Max Verstappen, who is 87 points behind Hamilton, will start from the back of

the grid along with Lando Norris and Pierre Gasly because of engine penalties.

Ferrari has once again dominated the weekend, with Leclerc fastest in both Friday practices and Vettel clocking the best time in Saturday's final practice.

Practice was delayed on Saturday due to track repairs after a huge crash in the Formula Three race.

Alex Peroni's car was launched into the air and landed on top of the catch fencing. The 19-year-old Australian driver was able to walk to the medical car and has since been taken to hospital. AP

Australia beats Samoa 34-15 in Rugby World Cup warmup

AUSTRALIA survived a second half comeback attempt by Samoa to beat the South Pacific islanders 34-15 Saturday in the teams' final test match before the Rugby World Cup.

The Wallabies led 22-3 at halftime before Samoa scrumhalf Dwayne Polataivao scored two second half tries to bring the visitors within seven points with less than 20 minutes to play.

But Dane Haylett-Petty and Matt To'omua — after the siren — scored late tries to give Australia the edge and prevent another upset by the Samoans, who beat Australia 32-23 in 2011 in their last meeting.

Captain David Pocock, playing his first test match since last November due to a calf injury, plans to retire



Australia's Dane Haylett-Petty (right) pushes away Samoa's Josh Tyrell on his way to scoring a try during their rugby union test match in Sydney

from test play after the World Cup.

The stand-in Wallabies captain made four carries

for 14 meters and eight tackles - the second-most of any Australian forward - before being taken off in

the 59th minute without any injury concerns.

"It's good to be out there," Pocock said. "It's a tou-

gh one and [there were] some really big hits. There's plenty to work on there. They put us under pressure and a couple of things at scrum-time we'll work on. I thought we showed some good stuff tonight and we'll leave tomorrow [for Japan] really excited to get over there."

Three other Wallabies were also playing their final test match in Australia before retiring — halfback Will Genia, hooker Tafa Tu'afu Polota-Nau and prop Sekope Kepu.

The Wallabies scored six tries to two, but after some good passages of play in the first half, they struggled to sustain pressure and produce try-scoring opportunities until deep in the second half.

Australia tested its depth before heading to Japan with only three members of the starting lineup intact following the Wallabies 36-0 loss to New Zealand last month.

Samoa also made its presence felt physically, with five-eighth Bernard Foley receiving one big hit during his disappointing night with the boot. He landed just two of six conversions.

Samoa's halfback Scott Malolua, who is in the Queensland Reds Super Rugby squad, left the field in the first half with a dislocated shoulder which could put his World Cup in doubt. Samoa opens against Russia on Sept. 24.

Australia plays its first World Cup match on Sept. 21 against Fiji. AP

OPINION

Tax Matters

Paulo Cordeiro de Sousa



UPDATING THE MACANESE TAX LEGISLATION

Generally speaking, the Macanese tax legislation is out of date. It is somewhat understandable that the Government does not feel the need to update the existing tax statutes, since Macau depends mainly on the gaming industry and, as mentioned in the budget for the year 2019, it is expected that 80.5% of the total revenue of the Macau SAR will come from this single industry, mainly from the gaming tax, which is 35% of the gross revenue of the concessionaries from gaming operations. Nevertheless, it would be helpful to all individuals and entities that are subject to taxes in Macau, or for those who are planning to make investments in Macau, to have clear, understandable, up-to-date legislation in force.

Apart from the gaming tax, the taxes that are currently in force in the Macau SAR are the following:

Professional Tax (i.e. the Personal Income Tax), which is levied on income derived from dependent or independent work sources;

Complementary Income Tax (i.e. the Corporate Income Tax), which is levied on the profits, or deemed profits, derived from an entrepreneurial activity;

Industrial Tax, which is an annual fixed payment that entities that perform commercial or industrial activities are required to make – the yearly Macau SAR budget has, up to this date, exempted taxpayers from payment of this tax;

Urban Property Tax, which is levied on the rental income or on a deemed income from immovable properties;

Stamp Duty, which now also includes the Special Stamp Duty on the re-transfer of some real estate property within a period of two years counting from the date of purchase (Law 6/2011), and the aggravated Stamp Duty on the purchase of the second or further residential property;

Tourism Tax, which is borne by the customers of restaurants, hotels, saunas, and similar establishments – the yearly Macau SAR budget has, up to this date, exempted taxpayers from the payment of this tax;

Motor Vehicle Tax, which is levied on new imported motor vehicles; and

Vehicles License Tax, which is the annual tax that on-road motor vehicles must pay.

Tax law is a branch of the public law, which in other countries is currently usually treated separately from the administrative law. In Macau, it is still subject to the administrative statutes and to the administrative court. There are no statutes specifying the principles applicable to the tax sector. There is no specialised tax court; the courts apply a Tax Enforcement Code that was revoked and is no longer in force (as I have referred in a previous article). In my view, it is very important to incorporate in a generally applicable tax law some principles that are commonly recognised in other countries, such as the principle of non-retroactivity of tax laws that increase taxation (although one could always argue that the retroactivity of a tax law would be a violation of private property, therefore a violation of Article 6 of the Basic Law), or the principle of equal treatment.

Is it not time to update the current tax statutes and create new tax legislation addressing the above-mentioned matters?

IN THE AMAZON, INDIGENOUS DEBATE HOW TO SAVE THEIR LANDS

THE BUZZ

Warriors wielding bows and arrows, elderly chieftains in face paint and nursing mothers gathered recently in a Brazilian village to debate a plan that some hope will hold at bay the loggers and other invaders threatening the nine tribes of the Tembe.

The sustainable development plan is meant to help the Tembe profit from the Amazon forest without ruining it. They also

want to keep outsiders away from their 1,080-square-mile (2,766-square-kilometer) Alto Rio Guama homeland that is officially protected but in practice under siege.

Recent clashes saw the Tembe burning the trucks and equipment of illegal loggers on their territory, which is in a Brazilian state plagued by thousands of fires burning on cleared Amazon jungle lands.



AP PHOTO

‘ONLY ANIMALS CAN LIVE HERE’: STORM VICTIMS AWAIT EVACUATION

MICHAEL WEISSENSTEIN, BAHAMAS

CARRYING their meager possessions in duffel bags and shopping carts, hundreds of desperate storm victims gathered at the port in Grand Abaco on Friday in hopes of getting off the hurricane-devastated island, amid signs of rising frustration over the pace of the disaster-relief effort.

“It’s chaos here,” said Gee Rolle, a 44-year-old construction worker who waited with his wife for a boat that could take them to the capital, Nassau. “The government is trying their best, but at the same time, I don’t think they’re doing a good enough job to evacuate the people. It ain’t livable for nobody. Only animals can live here.”

The Bahamian Health Ministry said helicopters and boats were on the way, but officials warned of delays because of severe flooding.

The search for victims and survivors went on, meanwhile, five days after Dorian slammed the Bahamas with 185 mph (295 kph) winds that obliterated countless homes. Health Minister Duane Sands reported late Friday that the official death toll had been raised to 43 from 30. “We expect it to rise,” Sands added in a text message to The Associated Press.

At the port, some of tho-

se who lined up behind a yellow cloth tape arrived as early as 1 a.m., hoping to get to Nassau.

“It’s going to get crazy soon,” said Serge Simon, 39, who drives an ice truck and waited with his wife and two sons, 5 months old and 4. “There’s no food, no water. There are bodies in the water. People are going to start getting sick.”

There were no government-organized evacuations yet, but the Royal Bahamas Defense Force helped people board a 139-foot (42-meter) ferry that had come to pick up its employees and had room for an additional 160 people. The crowd waited calmly as marines separated women and children to let them board first.

Also, a barge that had dropped off port-a-potties and heavy equipment in Abaco took some 300 people to Nassau.

Prime Minister Hubert Minnis spoke to the crowd at the port, using a Creole interpreter for a group of Haitians awaiting evacuation, and assured them: “All of you will be treated with respect.”

Minnis said he was satisfied with the speed of the government’s response and told the storm victims, “All I need you to do is just be patient and wait because everybody is coming.”

Officials said all ports had reopened.

An international com-

pany that owns an oil terminal on Grand Bahama said damage by the storm had resulted in a significant oil spill on the surrounding ground but added that so far there was no sign of leakage into the sea. The company, Equinor, which is majority-owned by Norway’s government, said it had not yet determined how much oil had leaked from the tanks, which can hold 6.75 million gallons of crude oil and condensate.

An array of organizations, countries and companies — including the United Nations, the U.S. government, the British Royal Navy, American Airlines and Royal Caribbean — have mobilized to send in food, water, generators, roof tarps, diapers, flashlights and other supplies.

The U.S. Coast Guard said it had rescued 239 people in the Bahamas and was still conducting search missions.

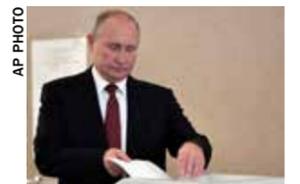
On hard-hit Grand Bahama Island, a long line formed at a cruise ship that had docked to distribute food and water. Among those waiting was Wellisy Taylor, a 65-year-old housewife.

“What we have to do as Bahamians, we have to band together. If your brother needs sugar, you’re going to have to give him sugar. If you need cream, they’ll have to give you cream,” she said. “That’s how I grew up. That’s the Bahamas that I know.” AP



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Bosnia Sarajevo held its first LGBT pride parade yesterday without incidents but amid heavy security to prevent violence from extremist groups, as opponents of the event held a counter-rally.



AP PHOTO

Russia Residents of Russia’s capital are voting in a city council election shadowed by a wave of protests that saw the biggest demonstrator turnout in seven years and a notably violent police response.



AP PHOTO

Vatican City Pope Francis is pressing for the poor to have the dignity of work with a visit yesterday to a hilltop rock quarry in Madagascar where hundreds of people toil rather than scavenge in the biggest dump of the Indian Ocean nation’s capital.



AP PHOTO

UK A senior minister who quit British Prime Minister Boris Johnson’s Cabinet said that the government is making little or no effort to secure a Brexit agreement with the European Union, despite Johnson’s insistence that he wants a deal.



AP PHOTO

USA President Donald Trump said he canceled a secret weekend meeting at Camp David with Taliban and Afghanisthan leaders after a bombing in the past week in Kabul that killed 12 people, including an American soldier, and has called off peace negotiations with the insurgent group.

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