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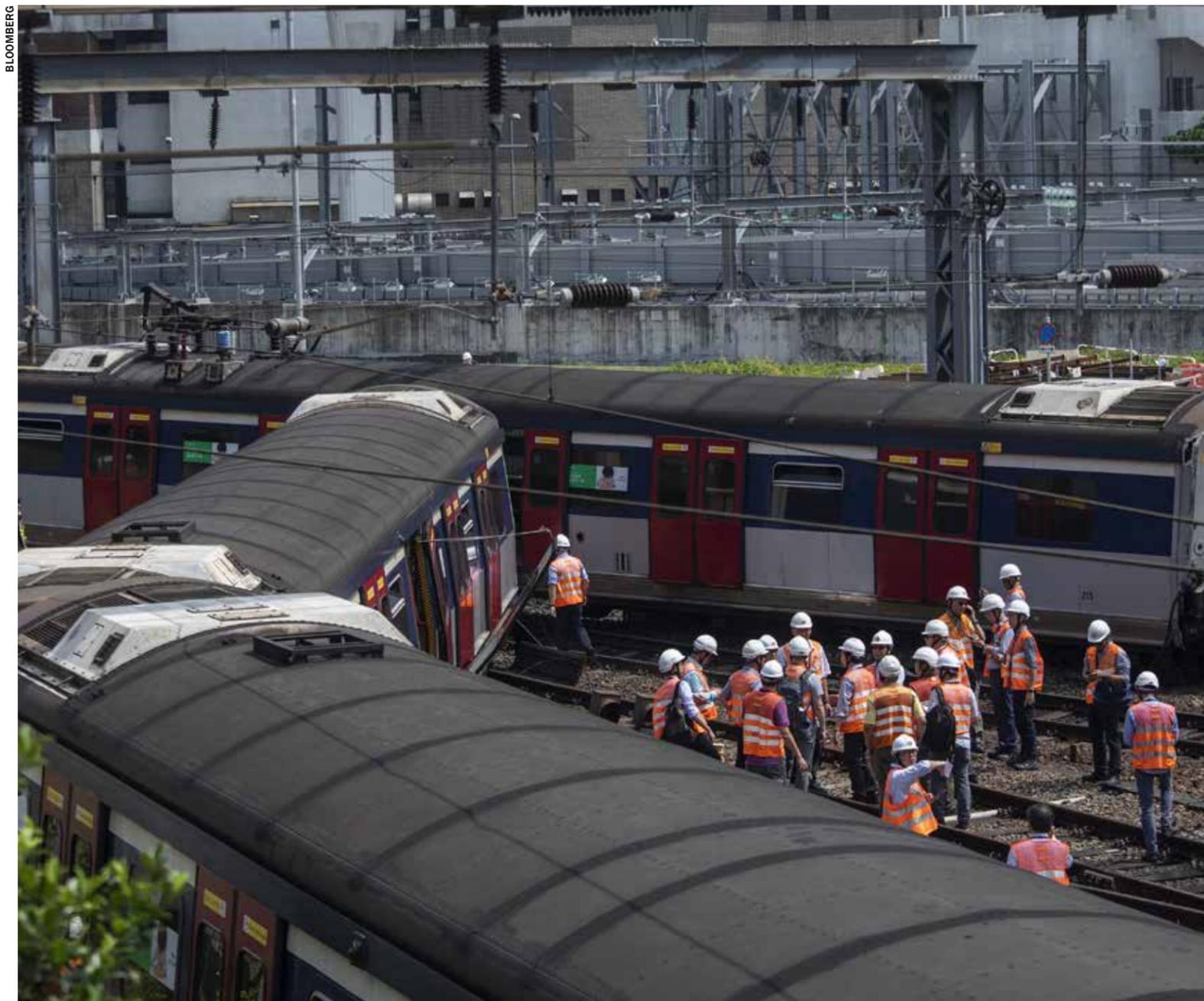


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Chief Executive Chui Sai On has issued an executive order naming a series of "orientations and measures" aiming for Government Secretariats and public departments to "provide full support to the preparatory work toward the formation of the Fifth Government" of the MSAR. In a dispatch published yesterday in the Official Gazette, Chui detailed that during the transition period, current administration office holders should render "all needed support to the Chief Executive-elect, namely concerning the temporary allocation of human, material and logistic resources."

SEAC PAI VAN LIBRARY OPENS NEXT WEEK

The Seac Pai Van Library will be opened to public next Tuesday, introducing new facilities and services, a note from the government reads. The Library will "provide residents with quality reading experiences and reading space." The note adds that the Cultural Affairs Bureau has been "actively promoting reading habits in the city by establishing libraries in various districts for the public to access reading facilities. The Seac Pai Van Library is one of the supporting facilities of Seac Pai Van Public Housing, providing services for all residents in the area. Located at Avenida de Vale das Borboletas, Complexo Comunitário de Seac Pai Van in Coloane, the Library covers an area of 2,074 square meters and provides more than 300 reading seats, with a total collection of 75,000 volumes." The Seac Pai Van Library "is an important public place for family activities in the district, as well as a social and cultural facility that integrates the functions of learning, leisure and social intercourse."

EDUCATION BUREAU APPROVES TIS AS LICENSED, AUTHORIZED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL

THE Education and Youth Affairs Bureau now recognizes The International School of Macao (TIS) as a licensed and authorized independent school in the SAR.

According to a statement posted on the school's website, the school recently applied for a change in status which has been approved.

Mark Lockwood, head of the School, remarked in the statement, "This initiative [...] will allow TIS to operate outside of the Macau educational framework and provide greater flexibility in expanding the school's international focus."

The change in status will come into effect for this current 2019-2020 academic year. However, Lockwood assured that the school foresees no significant disruptions to the day-to-day school operations and existing protocols.

In terms of its student subsidies, the school noted that it would continue to provide annual subventions for Macau residents. Scholarship



opportunities will also be continued.

In terms of the school's Extra Curricular Activities, Lockwood noted that student participation in DSEJ sports leagues, competitions, art programs, and other activities will not be affected and will continue as normal.

TIS's tuition fees for this academic year will also remain unchanged. "The Board of Governors is sensitive to

the impact on families of any fee adjustments. Moving forward, TIS will remain a non-profit school and we can assure parents that future fee adjustments will be made according to our past guiding principles," the school noted.

Currently, the school's tuition fee starts at MOP90,000 annually for Pre-Kindergarten up to MOP126,000 for Grade 10-12 students.

In addition to meeting

the licensing requirements prescribed by the DSEJ, TIS will continue to be held to a high standard of accountability by Alberta Education and the Macau Government. TIS undergoes an annual accreditation and accountability process that includes on-site inspections, classroom observations, interviews with parents, staff and students, as well as participation in the annual Accountability Survey and submission of the Annual Education Results Report and 3 Year Plan. Students will also participate in standardized exams at grades 6, 9 and 12.

According to the statement, the school will host a Parent Information Session tomorrow to provide more details regarding the new TIS status.

The international school is accredited by the Education Ministry of Alberta, Canada and follows the Alberta curriculum and the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma. LV

MEMORY LANE

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Governor Nobre de Carvalho Bridge is a dual-lane two-way bridge connecting the Macau Peninsula around Ferreira do Amaral Square to the island of Taipa at the northern slope of Taipa Pequena (Small Taipa Hill).

It was the first link built between the peninsula and Taipa, and local Chinese speakers call it the "Old Bridge." Construction of the bridge started in June 1970 and it was finally opened to traffic in October 1974.

The bridge has a particular architectural shape, where the first third of the bridge is elevated in a triangular shape, allowing boats to pass through.

Its full shape resembles the one of a dragon, where Casino Lisboa represents the dragon's head and Taipa Monument on Taipa Pequena represents the dragon's tail.

The bridge is named after José Manuel de Sousa e Faria Nobre de Carvalho, who was the Governor of Macau between November 1966 and November 1974. RM



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Left: Chris Ross Right: Jimmy Alapag

'Terrific 12' kicks-off with benefits from 'city center'

RENATO MARQUES

EAST Asia Super League's (EASL) "The Terrific 12" tournament kicked off yesterday with the first four games of the six-day event that promises to bring world-class basketball to Macau.

Before the day's games, on the sidelines of the press conference that officially started the event, EASL's Chief Executive Officer Matt Beyer told the Times that this year, the second consecutive year in which the tournament is held in Macau, the event benefits from being held at the Tap Seac Multisport Pavilion in the city center, as opposed to the previous edition in which the games were held in Cotai's Studio City.

Questioned on the topic, Beyer said, "I think it helps a lot, it helps a ton," adding, "being in the city is great for business," noting that the visibility of the event and the accessibility of the fans improved in a great manner from the previous year.

According to Beyer, "60% of the tickets for today [Tuesday] are sold and we expect a constant growth on this [figure] throughout the week, especially on the weekend for the Semi-finals and Finals [when the venue is expected to reach full capacity]."

During the press conference, Beyer said to expect nothing less than world-class basketball entertainment from the tournament, noting that "given the talent assembled in this year's field, I am sure that the players are ready to provide some world-class excitement."

Beyer also noted that this year's

edition is particularly important, as it comes after the recent FIBA World Cup hosted in China and before the 2020 Summer Olympics to be held next summer in Japan, causing the "eyes of the basketball world to be fixed on Asia."

According to information provided by EASL, the tournament winners will be awarded USD150,000 (MOP1.21 million), USD100,000 (MOP806,000) and USD50,000 (MOP403,000) for the Winner, Runner-up, and Third place respectively, with the prize money totaling MOP2.42 million.

SPORTS FOR TOURISM

At the same press conference, the representative of the local co-organizer Sports Bureau (ID), Vice President Christine Lam, noted the importance of the event not just as stimulation for local sports but also as a way to grow the local sports tourism sector, saying, "we hope that this group of East Asian basketball players will not only entertain Macau citizens and overseas visitors by delivering high-level basketball games, but also further promoting Macau's sport tourism sector and a leisure travel destination image of Macau." Helping in such matters is the fact that the games are being broadcasted worldwide by a total of 34 broadcasting platforms, including major sports broadcasters such as ESPN.

GREAT CHALLENGE

On the sidelines of the event's launching press conference, the Times spoke to San Miguel Beermen player Christopher Ross, the point guard for the Beermen and

one of the most prominent stars of the team. Ross said, "we will be playing against some great teams from CBA (Chinese Basketball Association) and the KBL (Korean Basketball League) as well as Japan's League. We are trying to put on a good show [although] we are a few men down but we should have enough to go out there and compete," adding, "the competition will be stiff but like I said, I think we have enough to compete and it will be fun to go out there."

Ross also suggested that more important than winning the tournament is to make use of it as good preparation for the challenges that the team will face next, adding that "we are not in a rush to go out on the court and try to score high. We will be patient."

On the coaching side, Jimmy Alapag, FIBA Player's Commission member and assistant coach of the San Miguel Beermen, told the Times "I am [expecting] that the games will be all very competitive."

"With the presence [in this tournament] of the top teams from each respective League, and to that you add some quality imports [players] from Europe or the Middle-east or the NBA, it just adds to the competition and allows all the teams, all the players and even all the coaches to really grow."

Addressing the development of Asian basketball in the past few years, the former professional player noted, "[in world terms] We are still in the process of trying to catch up a little bit. I think being in the [past] World Cup shows how much progress we have made but in that scenario, it is really important for the Asian

teams to really be at our best."

Alapag also noted that Asians are not lacking in basketball talent. "We continue to improve and we continue to grow. I don't think we are as far off as others although in this World Cup no Asian team qualified for the second round," he said, adding "But I think even the World Cup showed how much we have grown. Back in 2014, when I was playing, there were only three Asian teams [participating], this year there were eight and hopefully, we can build up from this last World Cup."

Questioned on who Asian basketball could learn more from, American or European schools, Alapag said, "I don't think there is a reason we can't learn from both and just take out the positives of how they play in the 'States' and the European style in terms of how they play with ball and players' movement. I don't see why we couldn't take a page out of both for us to grow as a region."

BENEFITS FOR LOCALS

The event expects a large audience turnout, as noted by the CEO of EASL, based on attractive ticketing prices that aim to fill the stands of Tap Seac Multisport Pavilion throughout the event. Ticket prices ranged between MOP50 and MOP100 for a Group Stage day ticket (4 games) and from MOP200 to MOP400 for the Semi-finals and Finals (2 games each).

Adding to those prices, the organizers included several benefits for fans, which include discounts for all Macau ID holders (20% off any ticket) and 50% off for all local students and senior citizens (Macau ID holders aged 65 or above).

Early bird ticket sales with 15% discounts and full event packages that include tickets for the 5 days of games are also on sale.

The event started yesterday and will run until Sunday, when the Finals will be held.

ZHUHAI OFFERS CASH REWARDS TO SAR TOUR GUIDES

Zhuhai will give RMB3,000 to Macau tour guides in addition to offering them free training. Recently, the Guangdong cultural and tourism authority published a plan related to Macau and Hong Kong tour guides who work in Hengqin. According to the plan, tour guides from the SARs can apply to participate in a free tour guide training program in Hengqin. After the training, they can get accreditation as well as receive a tour guide license for working in Hengqin. Once a SAR tour guide is given this Hengqin license, he or she is eligible for a RMB3,000 cash reward. The plan further suggests giving RMB20,000 and RMB30,000 to SAR tour guides who recorded no violations in a year and who reached the mark of 30 and 45 tours, respectively.

CANTONESE OPERA CRIES FOR HELP

The local government has been called on to work with associations in order to train professional Cantonese opera performers, according to Chinese reports. The president of the Long Teng Cantonese Opera Club said that the development of Macau's Cantonese opera has been stalled for a long period, and that there are no young performers following in the steps of senior performers. According to the association, Macau currently does not have professional Cantonese opera performers, only amateurs. In order for Macau to inherit the Cantonese opera culture, the public's stereotype that "Cantonese opera is for senior people" should be eliminated.

MACAU NOT SUITABLE FOR TRAP-NEUTER-RETURN PROGRAM

The Municipal Affairs Bureau (IAM) said that Macau does not have conditions for the trap-neuter-return program for stray animals, according to IAM's reply to lawmaker Sulu Sou's interpellation. "Trap-Neuter-Return programs for stray animals are suitable for closed areas with a small population, aiming to control the number of stray animals in the long term," IAM explained, adding that "because Macau is densely populated and has busy traffic, implementing such a program would pose a negative impact to public safety, public hygiene, and ecological environment." "Thus, IAM thinks that, at the current stage, Macau does not have the conditions for the [...] program, and as a result, stray animals can't be effectively protected [if the program is implemented in Macau]," IAM said.

Education handler pledges to de-stigmatize vocational education

ANTHONY LAM

THE Education and Youth Affairs Bureau (DSEJ) pledged yesterday that it would continue its effort in making a good name for vocational education.

The comment was made at a press conference after a closed-door plenary meeting of the Youth Affairs Committee.

Leong I On, Division Chief of Secondary and Vocational Education of the DSEJ, admitted that there are still stigmatized views on vocational education in the city. "Many people think these schools are for less able students," the chief said.

Leong noted that more than 80% of last year's graduates from vocational education institutes continued to pursue and were admitted into tertiary education. Half of these university freshmen were admitted to the same discipline as in their secondary education. The other half reconsidered their career paths.

Leong stressed that vocational education provides students with other options. Compared with students studying in mainstream

schools, vocational school students had a stronger grip on their skills, while understanding earlier their own career prospects and planning.

Vocational school students may take more factors into account while applying for tertiary education. Leong suggested a link with this behavior and their vocational education background, as mainstream schools mainly offer two streams – science or arts – at senior secondary level.

In terms of legal accreditation, vocational education is identical to mainstream education. Both, under the legal framework of Macau, are considered senior secondary level of education. Leong said this accreditation is upheld by both local and the mainland government. There should be no hurdles stopping graduates from pursuing tertiary education in the mainland.

As for international recognition, the DSEJ official reiterated that it should not be a problem as the curriculum is arranged parallel to mainstream senior secondary education; graduates possess the same level of intellectuality as other mainstream school graduates.

LAW AMENDMENT

A law amendment is in progress regarding the legal framework governing vocational education. DSEJ explained that the core of the law review lies in the curriculum.

The current law provides a much narrower scope of curriculum that can be approved by the education bureau. With a new law, institutions can expand the types of vocational courses they offer.

Consultation, and the report thereof, has already been concluded for the law amendment. The submission to the legislature is expected by end of this year.

Other aims for the amendment are to safeguard the sustainable development of vocational education, establish the connection between vocational secondary and tertiary education, school-corporate collaboration, improve the degrees of professionalism and recognition of the vocational education, implement a framework for vocational education and advance the effectiveness of internships.

The DESJ disclosed that both the education and business sectors applauded the direction of the law amendment.

In the course of the consulta-

tion, the bureau paid visits to 18 entities in both sectors, to both familiarize them with the Bill and gather their views.

SINO-PORTUGUESE YOUTH

The meeting further discussed the "Sino-Portuguese Youth Innovation and Entrepreneurship Exchange Program" and the "Arrangements on Entering Mainland Youth Entrepreneurial Incubation Centers."

This section of the agenda was prepared and presented by a representative from the Economic Bureau, which released the Sino-Portuguese program in 2017 in the hope of promoting collaborations in the pertinent respects between young entrepreneurs from both sides.

Currently, 50 young entrepreneurs have participated in this program. They underwent exchange sessions at an incubation center – Second Home – in Lisbon, Portugal, which provides shared office facilities. A participant in the program can remain for between 14 and 90 days.

They also enjoyed the privilege of training and consultation services offered by Fábrica de Startups,

an entity aiming to accelerate incubation in Portugal. It also helps users build up business networks in Portugal by issuing invitations to business matching and exchange sessions.

The participants went to Portugal to conduct trade, develop mobile apps, provide translation services and design wedding dresses, among other businesses.

The program offers transport subsidies of MOP5,000 to each participant for their flights between Macau and Portugal. MOP300 will be supplied daily during their time spent at Second Home as living and accommodation support.

In Mainland China, there are currently two incubation centers collaborating in the Macau subsidi- zation program.

The Economic Bureau will support local entrepreneurs to enter one of six incubation centers in the mainland: one in Zhongshan, one in Dongguan, one in Hengqin, one in Shenzhen and two in Guangzhou.

The program is co-hosted by the Macau Young Entrepreneur Incubation Centre. Details can be obtained at the Economic Bureau's website.

Another topic of discussion at the meeting was the achievements made by the DSEJ's participation in the inaugural Art Macao program.

The bureau co-hosted three events, namely the International Youth Dance Festival, the Interna-

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Leong I On, Division Chief of Secondary and Vocational Education of the DSEJ (2nd left)

tional Youth Music Festival and the first International Youth Drama Festival. The three festivals spent budgets of MOP14 million, MOP17 million and MOP9 million respectively.

Budgets for the first two festivals did not see significant changes.

The three events have driven more than 900 performers to Macau from 28 places, and attracted above 27,000 spectators. They all came to a close in early September.

The DSEJ highlighted

that the three festivals created a dynamic environment and helped Macau's development towards an exchange platform for the art industry.

It also noted that many participants responded positively to the three festivals, pointing out that the festivals captured the essence of integrating Chinese and Western cultures.

Prior to the meeting, the Committee held an award ceremony commemorating youth achievements. This year, two prizes – the

Youth Activity Prize and the Civil Education Prize – were given.

Winners of the former prize were the General Association of Chinese Students of Macao, Hou Kong Junior Chamber and the Macao Yue Xiu Youth Federation. The latter prize, was won by the Youth Affairs Committee of the Macao Federation of Neighborhood Associations, the Macao Youth Volunteers Association and the Macao New Chinese Youth Association.

Graft buster found no illegality in government's Pearl Horizon proposal

After investigation, the Commission Against Corruption (CCAC) considers that the SAR Government has established special provisions in the previously passed replacement housing legal regime to allow pre-sale buyers affected by forfeiture of land concessions to purchase replacement housing units.

The CCAC concluded that the Government also tried to solve the Pearl Horizon problems by letting the concerned pre-sale buyers purchase replacement housing units. The commission believes that there has been no illegality or administrative fault in this regard.

The Administrative Court of Macau announced in its ruling this July the confirmation that there were no debtor-creditor relationships between the SAR Government and the pre-sale buyers.

After analysis of the rele-

vant information, the CCAC believes that the SAR Government has given practical responses to the demands of the pre-sale buyers through the relevant legal regime and the replacement housing unit application arrangement.

Taking into account the fact that some of the pre-sale buyers of Pearl Horizon purchased more than one pre-sale, and some even purchased over ten pre-sales, if there is no restriction on the number of the replacement housing units that they may apply for, the replacement housing regime will go against its legislative intent and the Government's original intention to take care of the pre-sale buyers' needs for purchase of housing and improving their living environment.

The CCAC considered that the regime stipulates each couple may apply for only one replacement housing unit.

The conclusion is legal and reasonable and therefore shall be respected and followed.

The pre-sale buyers concerned shall bear the consequence of not registering the pre-sales they purchased. That they did not understand the law or "the property agencies did not fulfil the responsibility to inform them" should not be an excuse for not complying with the provisions under the replacement housing regime.

Moreover, the planning and building of replacement housing units are ongoing. Therefore, it is legally and literally impossible to continue the original development project of Pearl Horizon on Parcel P.

Following the investigation, no circumstances of illegality or faulty administration related to the issues in the complaint have been found. Therefore, the CCAC has shelved the complaint. JZ



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Survivor of car crash in Australia out of life-threatening condition

RENATO MARQUES

THE Tourism Crisis Management Office (GGCT) has announced that the third victim of the road accident in Perth, Australia, that killed two other Macau residents is currently in a "stable and out of a life-threatening condition."

In a written reply to the Times, the GGCT said that it is "closely following the development of the serious road accident in Perth and has been in permanent contact with the Commissioner of the People's Republic of China Ministry of Foreign Affairs in Macau," to provide information and updates on the case.

The office noted also that family members of the deceased victims have already contacted the GGCT, calling for information and assistance on the case. "GGCT is in coordination and in permanent contact with the family members to provide all the assistance possible," the Office noted.

As the Times reported yesterday, a team from the Chinese Consulate-General in Perth was deployed to work on the case and according to GGCT, this team has already contacted the relatives of all the victims and they have also visited the third victim, who is hospitalized and recovering from the accident.

The accident occurred on Monday around 2 p.m. local time on Indian Ocean Drive, a stretch of road 190 kilometers north of Perth, at the turn-off to the Pinnacles rock formations, a tourist attraction.

The car in which the three Macau residents were traveling collided with a bus while attempting to turn onto a highway.

The impact speed caused the car to roll before coming to rest on its roof, killing two of the passengers and leaving a third injured.

According to Chinese news agency Xinhua, the driver of the car died at the scene while a rescue Helicopter conveyed two passengers to the Royal Perth Hospital.

Later that day, a police report informed that one of the passengers transported to the hospital had also died as a consequence of the severe injuries suffered.

As reported, some of the 34 occupants of the bus were also treated at the scene for shock and minor injuries.

Mid-Autumn Festival tourists grew to 1.04 million

TOURIST arrivals during the Mid-Autumn Festival recorded a growth of 9.56% compared with the same period last year, amounting to a total of over 1.04 million visitors.

According to data provided by the Public Security Police, the number of arrivals this festive season was 424,267 visitors higher than last year.

Recorded from September 13 to 16, PSP stated that a significant number of tourist arrivals came through the Border Gate, with a total of 782,272 visitors.

The second largest number of entries was through the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge, which saw 69,089 tourist arrivals.

Meanwhile, entries from the airport reached 46,898 passengers during the four-day holiday.

Earlier this year, the Macau International Airport Co Ltd (CAM) expected that the local airport would handle some 8.70 million passenger journeys this year.

However, last week the president of CAM, Simon Chan, predicted that the airport's passenger volume for this year would reach

over 9 million arrivals and departures.

The airport processed over 5.58 million passengers in the first seven months of the year – a 17% year-on-year growth.

The total visitor numbers that exited the Border Gate, Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge and the airport were 776,006, 66,893, and 46,781 respectively.

The second-day of the festival recorded the largest visitor arrivals and departures at 277,238 and 287,397 respectively.

When compared to figures from 2018, tourism arrivals dropped by some 19%

yearly to 391,666.

Meanwhile, statistics show that during the first half of the year, visitor arrivals to Macau totaled nearly 20.3 million, representing a year-on-year increase of 20.6 percent.

The number of same-day visitors, which accounted for about half the arrivals, also saw a double-digit percentage increase in the period.

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MARINE AUTHORITIES OF MACAU AND HK DISCUSS FERRY ADJUSTMENTS

RENATO MARQUES

THE marine authorities of both Macau and Hong Kong met last week to discuss several topics related to maritime transports and safety, namely the schedule and frequency adjustments recently made by ferry operators, the Marine and Water Bureau (DSAMA) informed in a statement released yesterday.

In the statement, both authorities note that they have been closely following the developments of passenger transport by sea, especially after the opening of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge (HKZMB) in October last year.

The authorities agree that since the opening of the bridge, the passenger traffic volume of both regions started declining, with the drop being more clear and significant late this year.

In the meeting, the authorities claim to have discussed the response measures taken by ferry operators, specifically on the reduction in the number of trips programmed, stating that they will "continue to monitor the situation and make corresponding arrangements."



The press release came out precisely when the Times reported that ferry service provider Cotai Water decided to cut a total of six daily sailings between Macau and Hong Kong, effective from October 1.

In the meeting, the Marine authorities of Macau and Hong

Kong also discussed new advancements regarding the facilities being prepared which are expected to influence maritime passenger transportation soon. According to the statement, the authorities expressed hopes that with the third phase of the Taipa Ferry Terminal, which is currently

under construction and includes an intermodal air-sea expressway connecting Macau International Airport and Taipa, passengers would increasingly opt to use the terminal for transport connection convenience, with hopes bolstered by the expected commencement later this year of the Light Rapid

Transit (LRT) system in Taipa. The authorities also note that such a transport hub will also benefit from the new helicopter service also planned to start operations in the short term, all contributing to the development of the Taipa Ferry Terminal and enriching the travel choices of citizens and travelers.

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EILEEN NG, HONG KONG

HONG KONG

HONG Kong leader Carrie Lam said yesterday that the government had asked international public relations firms to help restore the city's reputation, battered by months of pro-democracy protests, but was rejected.

Lam said the firms told the government that "the time is not right" as the violence and unrest in the semiautonomous Chinese territory showed no signs of ending. She didn't give details on the firms or when they were approached.

The city's reputation was likely tarnished not just by the protests but by what many viewed as the government's slow response to the crisis.

Days after more than a million people took to the streets in early June, kicking off the protests, Lam suspended an extradition bill that sparked the unrest but refused to formally withdraw it. She caved in this month after the demonstrations escalated, but the promise to ax the bill was deemed too little, too late as protesters widened their demands to include democratic reforms.

"It would perhaps be not the most cost-effective way to use government resources to launch any campaign to rebuild Hong Kong's reputation, but sooner or later, we

Lam says PR firms declined to help restore SAR's image



will have to do it because I have every confidence in Hong Kong's fundamentals," Lam told a news conference Tuesday.

"The time will come for us to launch a major campaign to restore some of the damage done to Hong Kong's reputation," she said.

Violence flared again over the weekend after an unapproved march downtown descended into familiar chaos. Hong Kong's eco-

nomy, already reeling from the U.S.-China trade war, is facing its first recession in years, with tourist arrivals plunging and businesses being hit by the unrest.

The government took out a full-page advertisement in the Australian Financial Review earlier this month, two days after Lam's announcement that she was formally withdrawing the bill, vowing a peaceful resolution

to the conflict amid concerns of possible military intervention by China. It's the only known overseas effort by the government to assuage international jitters.

Lam said the city's downgrade this week by credit ratings agency Moody's was "disappointing" but acknowledged that the continued instability has tarnished international perception of Hong Kong's financial stability. Moody's was

the second agency to make the move after Fitch Rating.

Lam also said that she will begin open dialogues next week with various community groups, including protesters, and that participants can freely express their views.

Many protesters have said the dialogues are meaningless if the government refuses to accept their four other demands — direct elections for the city's leaders, an independent inquiry into alleged police brutality, unconditional release of protesters who have been detained and not labeling the protests as riots.

Lam said not all Hong Kong citizens support the protesters' demands and reiterated that the government cannot condone violence. She said the dialogues are not one-off "gimmicks" but an important first step to resolve grievances over problems such as shortage of affordable housing and lack of jobs that contributed to the unrest. AP

In leaderless Hong Kong movement, Joshua Wong just one voice

OVERSEAS, Joshua Wong has emerged as a prominent face of Hong Kong's months-long protests for full democracy. At home, he is just another protester.

The 22-year-old activist, who rose to fame as a leader of democracy protests five years ago, speaks to a U.S. congressional committee today [Macau time], following visits to Germany and Taiwan to drum up support for the movement.

While not diminishing the importance of that role, other protesters say Wong does not speak for what is purposefully a leaderless movement. He has received media coverage, both because he is well-known and the movement is largely faceless, since many protesters speak only anonymously and wear masks to try to avoid arrest.

"Not that nobody cares about what he says, but it's just that Joshua Wong alone cannot represent the whole of Hong Kong," said Sean Au, a 17-year-old student. "He is just a participant, no

longer a leader."

His activities have nonetheless made him a target of the Chinese government, which has used him to accuse foreign powers of colluding with anti-China separatists to foment unrest.

Wong's activism started at age 13 when he joined protests against a proposed high-speed rail link between Hong Kong and mainland China. The link opened last year after many delays.

The bespectacled teen set up a student activist group, Scholarism, months later and rallied more than 100,000 people to protest a plan to implement mandatory patriotic education in schools. The government eventually dropped the plan.

It was the 2014 Umbrella Revolution that propelled Wong into the global spotlight. Protesters occupied major thoroughfares in the semi-autonomous Chinese territory for 79 days in an ultimately unsuccessful push for direct elections for the city's leaders.

Wong co-founded a political party, Demosisto, in 2016, but its members were disqualified from serving and later even running for office because they advocated self-determination. He remains secretary-general of the organization, which now describes itself on Twitter as a movement-oriented youth activist group.

Wong, who has been arrested and jailed repeatedly, was released in June, days after more than a million people took to the streets to protest an extradition bill which is widely regarded as an example of China chipping away at the city's autonomy.

He was rearrested last month along with several others and charged with organizing an illegal rally outside a police station in June.

While Wong has inspired many, neither he nor other well-known individuals or groups have a central role in this summer's mass movement, said Bonnie Leung of the Civil Human Rights Front, which has organized

several massive marches this summer.

Leung acknowledged that Wong's reputation as the poster child of the 2014 protest gives him stature as a protest representative on the global stage, along with others such as Hong Kong pop star Denise Ho.

"Globally we need actions that will make (the Hong Kong and Beijing governments) think twice before they act," she said. "Joshua Wong is a well-known face across the world and he can help in this."

Wong and Ho are among five people due to speak at a hearing of the U.S. Congressional-Executive Commission on China titled "Hong Kong's Summer of Discontent and U.S. Policy Responses."

They hope to rally support for the Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act, a bill proposing economic sanctions and penalties on Chinese and Hong Kong officials found to have suppressed democracy in the city.



Mousse Chan, a 45-year-old teacher, said she supports Wong in his global tour, though she echoed the view that he is not their leader.

"We believe that every Hong Kong citizen has a responsibility to raise awareness about our cause and he is just one of them," she said.

Wong has accused the government of trying to frame prominent activists such as himself as a warning to other protesters, but he said it was doomed to fail as the current unrest has no centralized figureheads.

Born in 1996 to a middle-class Christian family, Wong has said his passion was ignited after his father started taking him to poorer areas when he was a young child. He has written a book called "I Am Not a Hero" and featured in a Netflix do-

umentary entitled "Joshua: Teenager vs Superpower."

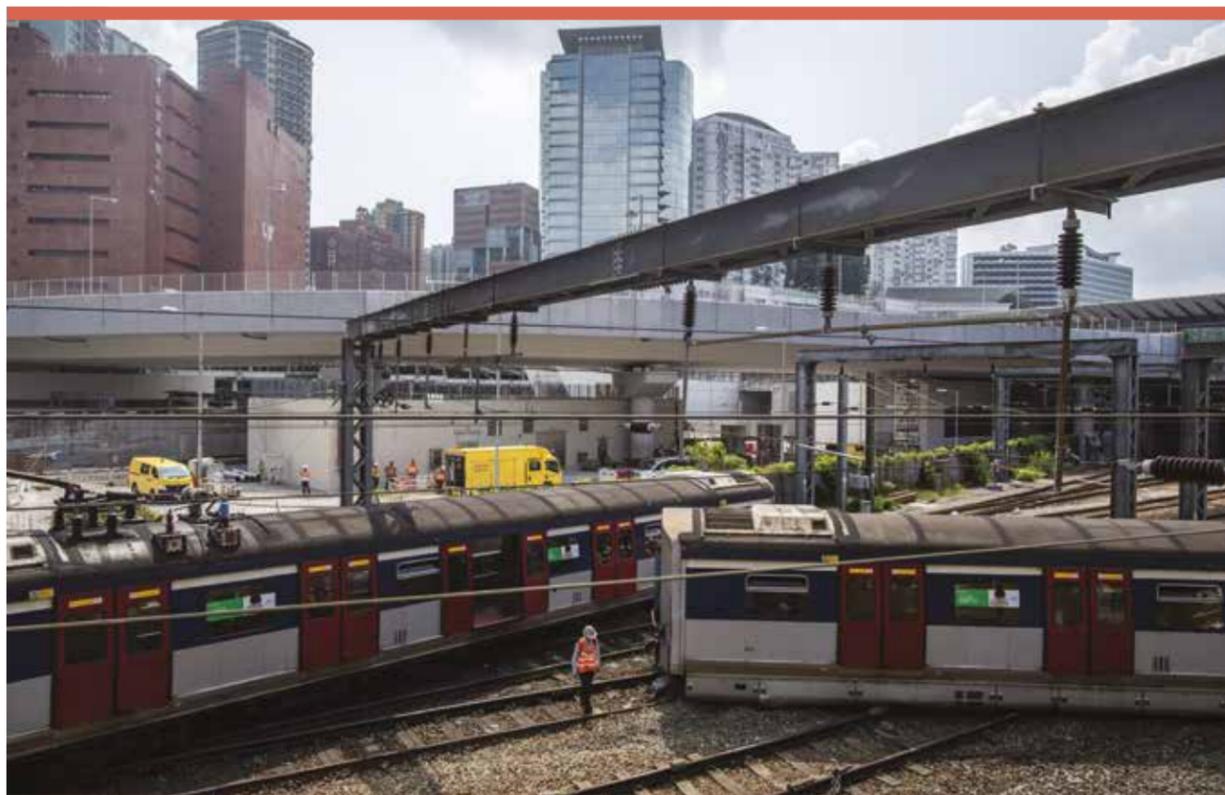
Ahead of his trip to Germany this month, he made headlines in Berlin after suggesting that two panda cubs — born to pandas rented from China at the Berlin Zoo — be named "Democracy" and "Freedom" to send a clear signal to China.

He later compared Hong Kong with East Germany during the pro-democracy protests that led to the fall of the Berlin Wall. Beijing has rebuked German Foreign Minister Heiko Maas for meeting Wong, saying he disrespected China's sovereignty.

Wong tweeted Sunday that human rights clauses should be included in the ongoing trade negotiations between the U.S. and China.

"I see no reason for us to give up and it's time for the world to stand with Hong Kong," he said. AP

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MTR TRAIN CARRYING PASSENGERS DERAILS IN HONG KONG

AN MTR Corp. train derailed in Hong Kong, dealing a fresh blow for the subway operator that has become a target and battleground in the anti-Beijing demonstrations rocking the city.

The incident, which occurred yesterday morning and injured eight people, involved three carriages that went off track and prompted the company to suspend trains running between Hung Hom Station and Mong Kok East Station on the East Rail Line. It's unclear when the service will resume, MTR's director of operations Adi Lau said at a briefing in the evening.

Secretary for Transport and Housing Frank Chan said he couldn't determine whether the "serious incident" was an accident or

not -- comments that were echoed by the MTR and investigators. A probe may take three to six months to complete, the Electrical and Mechanical Services Department said.

An MTR subway train derailed near Hung Hom station in Hong Kong, causing an unspecified number of injuries.

The derailment aggravates what's already been a tough few months for a company that long held a reputation for speedy and reliable services before it became a target of demonstrators. In recent weeks, many of its facilities have been smashed and protesters set fires outside stations, which have often been the scenes of violent clashes with police.

Investigators said they will exa-

mine whether there were mechanical issues or foreign objects on the tracks. There were three cracks on the rail but it wasn't clear whether they appeared before the incident, Lau said.

In March, a couple of Hong Kong subway trains collided during a test run of a new signaling system, resulting in two drivers being hospitalized. Months earlier, a simultaneous signaling glitch on four subway lines caused chaos at stations during the morning peak-hour rush.

Shares of MTR, which also had its credit-rating outlook downgraded by Moody's Investors Service yesterday, fell as much as 2.1% before closing down 1.3% at HK\$46.20, the lowest in a week. **BLOOMBERG**

World shares mixed as markets await news on Saudi oil plant

World shares were mixed yesterday and oil prices eased back pending updates on restoring output at a Saudi Aramco oil processing plant damaged by an attack over the weekend.

Chinese benchmarks led declines in Asia after the credit ratings agency Moody's downgraded Hong Kong, citing its recent political turmoil.

On Wall Street, the future contracts for the Dow Jones Industrial Average and the S&P 500 both lost 0.1%.

The U.S. and international benchmarks for crude fell back slightly after vaulting more than 14% overnight after an attack on Saudi Arabia's largest oil processing plant.

The weekend attack on Saudi Arabia's biggest crude processing facility halted production of 5.7 million barrels of crude a day, more than half of the country's global daily exports and more than 5% of the world's daily crude oil production.

The attack raised worries about the risk of more disruptions in the supply of oil at a time when the global economic outlook is clouded by uncertainty.

Crude prices jumped 14% on Monday, comparable to a 14.5% jump on Aug. 6, 1990, following Iraq's invasion of Kuwait.

Yesterday, benchmark U.S. crude oil was trading 54 cents lower at \$62.36 per barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. On Monday, it soared \$8.05 to settle at \$62.90 a barrel. Brent crude oil, the international standard, declined 17 cents to \$68.85 per barrel. It jumped \$8.80 to close at \$69.02 a barrel in London.

In Asia, shares were mixed.

Japan's Nikkei 225 index recovered from early losses to edge 0.1% higher, closing at 22,001.32. South Korea's Kospi was flat at 2,062.33 and the S&P ASX/200 in Sydney added 0.3% to 6,695.30.

Chinese benchmarks skidded after the credit ratings agency Moody's downgraded Hong Kong, citing the city's recent political turmoil.

The Shanghai Composite index shed 1.7% to 2,978.12 and Hong Kong's Hang Seng slipped 1.2% to 26,790.24. **AP**

CORPORATE BITS

Portofino restaurant presents new semi-buffet lunch menu



Portofino restaurant at The Venetian@Macao has launched a new Italian antipasti semi-buffet lunch offer based around salads, seafood and other healthy

items.

According to a statement, diners can expect salads incorporating seafood, roasted vegetables, fruit, and a wide range of speciali-

ty Italian hams and cold cuts such as Mortadella, Coppa and Prosciutto di Parma.

The menu also features authentic cheeses such as Reggiano, Parmigiano and Taleggio, soups, artisan breads, and classic desserts like tiramisu, accompanied by peaches and cherry crostata.

Complementing this offer, diners can also add main course items to their lunch, including a selection of classic pasta dishes and pizzas, grilled red snapper, roast baby chicken and steak.

GEG donates MOP920,000 to charity foundation



Galaxy Entertainment Group (GEG), under its Community Caring Program 2019, has donated MOP920,000 to General Union of Neighbourhood Associations of Macau (UGAMM) Peng On Tung Charity Foundation.

The donation was received by Leong Heng Kao, president of UGAMM, who said it would be used to subsidize the use of the Peng On Tung service and Peng On Tung Outdoor-Assistance Service for individuals with financial

difficulties.

GEG also organized volunteers to pay for home visits to Peng On Tung service users, where they share with the elderly information about disaster preparedness and emergency response actions in order to strengthen community awareness of disaster prevention.

GEG has been sponsoring 300 service users for three years since the launch of the Peng On Tung Outdoor-Assistance Service in 2019.

For the past 8 years, GEG has been cooperating with UGAMM on activities such as sponsoring key services and activities to foster a community care network.

JOE MCDONALD, BEIJING

Chinese envoy going to US to prepare for trade talks

A Chinese envoy will head to Washington today to prepare for trade negotiations.

The announcement yesterday follows conciliatory gestures by both sides ahead of the October talks on their fight over trade and technology, which threatens to dampen global economic growth.

A deputy finance minister, Liao Min, will lead a delegation to Washington to "pave the way" for the 13th round of negotiations, the official Xinhua News Agency said. It gave no details of their agenda.

The two governments have raised tariffs on billions of dollars of each other's goods. That has battered farmers and manufacturers on both sides and fueled fears the global economy, which already is showing signs of cooling, might tip into recession.

Beijing announced Friday it will lift punitive tariffs on American soybeans, China's biggest import from the United States. That followed President Donald Trump's decision to postpone a tariff hike on Chinese imports. But there has been no sign of progress on the core issues in their sprawling dispute.

Negotiations between Washington and Beijing broke down in May over how to enforce any deal.

Beijing says Trump's tariff hikes must be lifted as soon as an agreement takes effect. Washington wants to keep some in place to ensure Chinese compliance.

Trump and Chinese President

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Xi Jinping agreed in June to resume talks but the last round in Shanghai in July produced no progress.

Washington wants Beijing to roll back plans for state-led development of leaders in robotics and other technologies that some American officials worry will erode U.S. industrial leadership.

The World Bank and a Chinese Cabinet agency, in a report issued Tuesday, urged Beijing to open markets and curb subsidies and official involvement in technology industries that it says might hamper development instead of

promoting it.

The report on China's fledgling technology was commissioned three years ago, well before the trade war with Trump over trade and Beijing's technology ambitions erupted.

It does not mention the trade war, though it focuses on the same policies that Washington, Europe, Japan and other trading partners say violate Beijing's market-opening commitments.

Critics of those policies complain that they are based on stealing or improperly pressuring foreign companies to hand over

technology and shielding Chinese industry from competition.

The report was issued by the World Bank, the Chinese Finance Ministry and the Cabinet's Development Research Center, which represents the most free-market oriented wing of the ruling Communist Party.

It marks the third time the Washington-based bank and the DRC have collaborated on reports urging that the government scale back its role in the state-dominated economy. They have had a limited impact on policy.

"Developing new drivers of

growth is becoming more urgent" due to a "complicated international environment" and weakening Chinese economy, a DRC official, Zhang Junkuo, said at a news conference.

The report portrays its recommendations as an extension of the ruling party's market-oriented development plans.

Xi's government, which has waged a crackdown on liberal intellectuals and activist lawyers, has attacked reform advocates who criticize government development plans.

One of China's most prominent economic think tanks, the Unirule Institute in Beijing, announced last month it would shut down after the government banned it after seeking for years to silence its criticism of economic policy.

Xi's government has announced tariff cuts and market-opening measures including allowing full foreign ownership of auto manufacturers for the first time. But it is resisting pressure to discard technology development plans considered to be crucial for prosperity and global influence.

The World Bank report calls on Beijing to "remove distortions and market barriers" and to ensure government policies "supplement market competition instead of supplanting it." AP

Taiwan loses biggest Pacific ally as Solomons embraces China

NICK PERRY,
WELLINGTON

TAIWAN has lost its largest ally in the Pacific after the Solomon Islands confirmed yesterday that it is switching diplomatic allegiance to China, and observers say other Pacific nations may soon follow.

The switch has geopolitical significance that will be felt as far away as Washington because the Solomon Islands are located directly between Australia and the U.S. and were the site of fierce battles during World War II.

Alex Akwai, a spokesman for Solomon Islands Prime Minister Manasseh Sogavare, said the government's caucus took a poll on Monday, with 27 lawmakers voting in favor of switching allegiance to China and six abstaining. He said the Cabinet then voted unanimously in fa-

vor of the change.

Akwai said the Taiwanese Embassy in the capital, Honiara, had lowered its flag yesterday. Embassy staff declined to comment.

Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen said it will close the embassy and recall all technical and medical staff stationed there.

"We sincerely regret and strongly condemn their government's decision to establish diplomatic relations with China," Tsai said.

China, meanwhile, said it welcomed the Solomon Islands into its Pacific family.

"China highly commends the decision of the Solomon Islands' government to recognize the one-China principle and sever the so-called 'diplomatic ties' with the Taiwan authorities," Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying said in a statement.

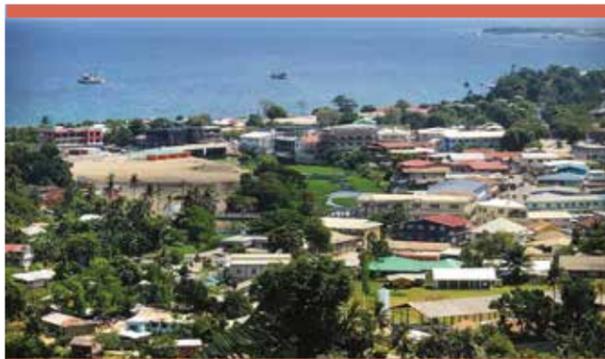
China considers Taiwan to be part of its territory and wants to bring the island back into its fold. Taiwan split from mainland China during a civil war in 1949 and set up a rival government to the victorious Communists in Beijing.

Most countries recognize Beijing today, and China has been ratcheting up diplomatic and economic pressure to woo the remaining ones since Tsai took office in 2016.

With a population of 660,000, the Solomon Islands were easily Taiwan's largest remaining ally in the Pacific. Its economy relies on agriculture, fishing and forestry, and the country has a wealth of undeveloped mineral resources.

Now only 16 countries worldwide continue to recognize Taiwan, including five small Pacific nations. Of those, the Marshall Islands and Palau have close ties

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with the U.S. and are unlikely to switch allegiance anytime soon. But experts say Kiribati, Nauru and Tuvalu could soon switch.

U.S. Republican Sen. Marco Rubio said the U.S. shouldn't stay silent.

"The Solomon Islands has officially become the latest nation to bow to Chinese gov't pressure and sever ties with Taiwan," Rubio tweeted. "The U.S. and Int'l community must push back against Beijing's bullying and efforts to isolate #Taiwan."

James Batley, a researcher at the Australian National University and a former Australian high commissioner in the Solomon Islands, said the move didn't come as a surprise.

"The sense in Solomon Islands is that there are significant resources on offer here from China, and they want to move with the times and on the side of history," he said.

But he said the Solomons needs to be careful not to get into serious debt to China, particularly as,

even before the switch, it was looking to take out big loans to fund infrastructure projects including a hydroelectric dam. He said Taiwan had promised the Solomons a new stadium for when it hosts the 2023 Pacific Games, and that the Solomons may now look instead to China for help.

Professor Anne-Marie Brady, an expert on China at the University of Canterbury, said the blow to Taiwan wasn't as big now as it might have been in the past. She said that's because Taiwan has managed to forge unofficial relations with dozens of countries and the European Union as part of a more pragmatic approach to its diplomacy.

She said the Solomon Islands may also benefit from being able to better balance its relations with a number of larger countries, including China, the U.S., Australia and New Zealand. AP

THE most senior Catholic to be found guilty of sexually abusing children lodged an appeal in Australia's highest court yesterday against his convictions in the molestation of two choirboys in a cathedral more than two decades ago.

The High Court registry confirmed that Cardinal George Pell had submitted a 12-page application for the seven judges to consider hearing his appeal.

A unanimous Victoria state County Court jury in December found Pope Francis' former finance minister guilty of molesting two 13-year-old choirboys in Melbourne's St. Patrick's Cathedral in the late 1990s.

The Victoria Court of Appeal last month rejected his appeal in a 2-1 ruling.

Pell, 78, was sentenced to six years in prison in March and is no longer a member of Francis' Council of Cardinals or a Vatican official.

The High Court is Pell's final chance to overturn his convictions, but there is no guarantee that Australia's final arbiter will hear his appeal. The court only agrees to hear around one in 10 of the appeals that are submitted.

Pell's lawyers must first persuade a single High Court judge that the full bench should agree to hear

MOST SENIOR CATHOLIC PEDOPHILE APPEALS AUSTRALIA CONVICTIONS

his appeal.

The court only hears significant cases that raise questions of law that are important to the broader community or involve conflicts between different courts.

Pell was largely convicted on the testimony of one victim. The second victim died of an accidental heroin overdose in 2014 when he was 31 years old without complaining that he had been abused.

The surviving victim said after Pell lost his appeal in August, "I just hope that it's all over now."

Clerical sexual abuse and the Catholic Church's handling of such cases worldwide have thrown Francis' papacy into turmoil.

In a little more than a year, the pope has acknowledged he made "grave errors" in Chile's worst cover-up, Pell was convicted of abuse, a French cardinal was convicted of failing to report a pedophile, and a third cardinal, former U.S. church leader Theodore McCarrick, was defrocked after a Vatican investigation determined he molested children and adults. **AP**

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JAPAN

Officials cautious on prospects for US trade deal

MARI YAMAGUCHI,
TOKYO

OFFICIALS in Japan appeared wary over the prospects for a trade deal with the U.S. after President Donald Trump said he was prepared to sign a pact soon.

Japan's chief government spokesman, Yoshihide Suga, said yesterday that the two sides are still finalizing details after reaching a basic agreement in late August on trade in farm products, digital trade and other industries.

Suga said Trump and Prime Minister Shinzo Abe are considering signing a deal in late September when they attend the U.N. General Assembly in New York.

"We are accelerating the work that still remains," he said. "But I decline to comment further because we have not reached a formal agreement."

Trump's notice to Congress, released by the White House on Monday, did not mention tariffs on

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autos and parts, long a sticking point between the two countries.

It said his administration was looking forward to collaborating with lawmakers on a deal that would result in "more fair and reciprocal trade" between the two countries.

Toshimitsu Motegi, who became foreign minister last week after negotiating the deal as economy minister, said Japan must watch carefully to prevent Washington from

forcing any last-minute changes, Kyodo News agency reported.

The agricultural minister, Taku Eto, cautioned against letting down Tokyo's guard until the final agreement is reached, it said.

A long-sought trade agreement with Japan was scrapped when Trump withdrew the U.S. from a pan-Pacific trade agreement shortly after taking office in 2017.

Japan and the other 10

remaining members of the trade pact, the Trans-Pacific Partnership, then renegotiated their own deal without the U.S.

Trump said he preferred that Washington and Tokyo strike a bilateral deal.

That resurrected the longtime issue of tariffs on Japanese car and auto parts exports to the U.S. and of stiffer duties on U.S. exports of farm and other products to Japan. **AP**

INDONESIA SENDS MORE PEOPLE, AIRCRAFT TO BATTLE FOREST FIRES

INDONESIA'S president traveled to the area hardest hit by forest fires, as neighboring countries urged his government to do more to tackle the blazes that have spread a thick, noxious haze around Southeast Asia.

President Joko Widodo flew to Riau province, where nearly 50,000 hectares have burned, to encourage authorities to get the haze under control.

Widodo told reporters yesterday in the provincial capital, Pekanbaru, that about 5,600 additional military personnel have been deployed to help the 9,000 people currently fighting the fires, which have razed more than 328,700 hectares of land nationwide.

He said at least 52 helicopters have dropped more than 263 million liters of water and 164 tons of salt for cloud seeding as part of the firefighting efforts in six provinces that have declared states of emergency. The provinces have a combined population of more than 23 million.

"All efforts have been made, with more personnel on the ground to battle the fires," Widodo said, "But the most important measure is prevention before fires occur."

Widodo regretted that local authorities have been slow in detecting and responding to fires before they start to grow.

"We have all the resources, but all of them were not activated properly," he said.

He urged people to refrain from setting fires on peatlands or in forests that could trigger wildfires, and ordered authorities take firm action against arsonists, both company employees and villagers.

Forestry and Environment Minister Siti Nurbaya Bakar said yesterday the ministry is investigating 370 plantation companies suspected of intentionally setting fires for new planting, including 103 in Riau province.

She said authorities have sealed off at least 49 companies in the past week for investigation, including a Singaporean-based company and four firms affiliated with a Malaysian palm oil corporate group.

Police have arrested 185 people suspected of starting forest fires. They could be prosecuted under an environmental protection law that allows up to 10 years in prison for setting fires to clear land, national police spokesman Dedi Prasetyo said. **AP**

KIM TONG-HYUNG, SEOUL

SOUTH KOREA

SOUTH Korea is culling thousands of pigs after confirming African swine fever at a farm near its border with North Korea, which had an outbreak in May.

Kim Hyun-soo, South Korea's agricultural minister, said the country's first case of the highly contagious disease was confirmed yesterday in tests on five pigs that died Monday evening at the farm in the city of Paju.

Officials were planning to complete by Tuesday the culling of some 4,000 pigs raised at the farm and two other farms run by the same family. The government also strengthened efforts to disinfect farms and transport vehicles and ordered a 48-hour standstill on all pig farms, slaughterhouses and feed factories across the country to prevent the spread of the disease, which threatens a massive industry that involves 6,000 farms raising more than 11 million pigs.

African swine fever has decimated pig herds in China and other Asian countries before reaching the Koreans. It is harmless to people but for pigs is highly contagious and fatal. There is no known cure.

"We will invest maximum effort to prevent the disease from spreading ... we believe the first

week [following the outbreak] would be most dangerous," considering incubation periods, Kim said during a news conference in Sejong City.

"We will quickly complete monitoring inspections at the 6,300 farms [nationwide] checking each pig to see whether it has fever or not and testing on even the slightest of symptoms," he said.

South Korean President Moon Jae-in called for fast and stern quarantine measures to prevent the disease from wreaking havoc on the pork industry, the presidential Blue House said.

The outbreak in South Korea comes despite months of heightened monitoring efforts at border area farms after the disease spread to North Korea. In May, the North told the World Organization for Animal Health, or OIE, that 77 of the 99 pigs at a cooperative farm near its border with China died of the disease and the remaining 22 pigs were culled.

Gov't culls pigs after confirming African swine fever



South Korea's agriculture ministry said investigators were sent to the farm to trace the source of the outbreak and it wasn't immediately clear if the disease would have crossed from North Korea. The ministry said in June that blood tests of pigs from some 340 farms near the border with the North came back negative.

North Korea has scaled back cooperation with South Korea af-

ter a summit between leader Kim Jong Un and President Donald Trump collapsed in February, and it has ignored repeated South Korean calls for joint efforts to stem the spread of the disease.

South Korea placed hundreds of fences and traps around border area farms to prevent pigs from being infected by wild boars that roam in and out of North Korea. South Korea's military, which had

monitored the movement of wild boars through heat sensors installed along the border, said it would be difficult for wild boars to cross over barbed wire fences in the mine-scattered border zone. But government officials have said the animals could possibly swim across rivers.

Kim, the South Korean agricultural minister, said the Paju farm hit by the disease was about 2.5 kilometers away from a river that runs across the border. But it is a sealed indoor facility with no windows and is surrounded by fences to fend off wild boars. The farm's owner and four Nepalese workers said they hadn't recently traveled outside of South Korea, Kim said.

"We haven't been able to immediately confirm the infection route of the disease," Kim said. "We are trying to identify the cause as soon as possible because that would be crucial for preventing the disease from spreading." AP



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FACING US BAN, HUAWEI EMERGING AS STRONGER TECH COMPETITOR

JOE MCDONALD, SHENZHEN

LONG before President Donald Trump threatened to cut off Huawei's access to U.S. technology, the Chinese telecom equipment maker was pouring money into research that reduces its need for American suppliers.

Huawei's founder says instead of crippling the company, the export curbs are making it a tougher competitor by forcing managers to focus resources on their most important products.

Little-known to Americans, Huawei Technologies Ltd. is the No. 2 smartphone brand worldwide and the biggest maker of switching gear at the heart of phone networks. Its equipment is used by 45 of the 50 biggest global phone carriers.

Huawei is a pioneer in the emerging field of next-generation, or 5G, telecoms. It promises not just faster internet but support for self-driving cars and other futuristic applications. That fuels Western security concerns and makes 5G politically sensitive. The U.S. claims the company might aid Chinese spying, though Huawei denies that and American officials have provided no evidence.

Huawei needs some American innovations, especially Google services used on Android phones, but industry experts say the company is increasingly self-sufficient after spending 485 billion yuan (USD65 billion) on research and development over the past decade.

"They have a strategy to become completely independent from U.S. technology. And in many

areas they have become independent," said Bengt Nordstrom of North Stream, a research firm in Stockholm.

Ren Zhengfei, who founded the company in 1987, acknowledged in an interview that phone sales will suffer if access to technology, including Google services for smartphones, is disrupted by the addition of Huawei to a U.S. Commerce Department "entity list" that requires it to get government permission to buy American technology. Phone sales could be \$20 to \$30 billion less than forecast over the next two years, Ren and other executives said, but the company will survive.

"When the entity list came out, they hoped Huawei would die," Ren said. "Not only did Huawei not die, it is doing even better."

The company was added to the entity list on May 16 but already has been granted two 90-day extensions after American suppliers of processor chips and other technology warned they stand to lose billions. Intel Corp. and other vendors that industry analysts say were paid a total of some \$12 billion last year by Huawei have asked the Trump administration for permission to continue sales.

The biggest potential American blow to Huawei would be the loss of Google services that are standard features on Android-based phones. Huawei could use Android, which is open-source, but would lose Google's music, maps

and other applications, making it harder to compete with Samsung, the No. 1 smartphone brand.

"Nobody is going to spend money to buy a premium Huawei phone if it doesn't have maps, YouTube, Google Play," said Samm Sacks, an expert in Chinese digital policy at the New America think tank.

Ren said he wants to keep using Android and working with American suppliers. But as a fallback, the company unveiled its HarmonyOS operating system in August and said Android phones

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can be switched to the new system in days if necessary.

Huawei, with \$107 billion in 2018 sales, spent 100 billion yuan (\$15 billion) on research and development last year, more than Apple or Microsoft. It has 76,000 engineers and other researchers at its sprawling, leafy headquarters campus in southern China and in Silicon Valley, Russia, India's Bangalore and other industry centers.

Huawei is "rapidly building up strength" in R&D, Forrester analyst Charlie Dai said.

In the AP interview, Ren made a sales pitch to Washington: To

ease security fears, Huawei will license 5G technology to American developers.

"I am open to the possibility of a paid transfer of 5G technology and production techniques to U.S. companies," Ren said.

That is a long shot, given Washington's pressure on phone carriers to shun Huawei. But it would increase the company's presence in 5G and generate license fees and demand for its products.

Huawei is on a global charm offensive, trying to convince European and other governments there is no truth to U.S. claims it is a security risk.

Washington has been lobbying European governments to exclude Huawei from 5G networks but Germany, France and Ireland say they have no plans to ban any supplier.

Early on, Huawei faced complaints it copied technology from industry leaders. It temporarily pulled out of the United States in 2003 after Cisco accused the company of copying software in routers.

But the company is catching up with Western developers, industry experts say. Huawei says it has collected \$1.4 billion since 2015 in license fees from other companies that use its technology.

Huawei is, along with Ericsson and Nokia, a leader in developing network equipment to support 5G. The company says it has in-

vested \$4 billion in that since 2009, produces its own equipment and uses no U.S. technology.

"It's almost all our own components," Ren said.

Huawei also is among hundreds of companies that are creating 5G phones and other devices, making it the only competitor to straddle the two markets.

"They are very well positioned to develop 5G — at least the same level as their competitors," Nordstrom said.

5G is meant to vastly expand telecom networks to support self-driving cars, factory robots, nuclear power plants, medical equipment and other applications.

That, plus growing use of networks to link fighter planes and other military hardware, raises the potential cost of security failures and the political sensitivity of 5G.

Huawei bills its Mate 20 X smartphone, which went on sale in China in August, as the first with 5G capability.

It uses Kirin 980 and Balong 5000 chips from Huawei's HiSilicon subsidiary instead of chips from Qualcomm or Intel. HiSilicon also makes Kirin chips for lower-end phones and Kunpeng chips for servers.

Huawei launched its Ascend line of processor chips in October for artificial intelligence. The 310 for self-driving cars and the more powerful 910 are based on architecture from British chip designer Arm Ltd.

Arm said in July it might be forced to cut ties with Huawei because it does some research in the United States. That highlighted the challenge of finding suppliers with no U.S. links.

Arm said in an email it is "actively communicating" with the U.S. Commerce Department about the relationship. AP

MACAU'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

JILL LAWLESS, LONDON

UK Parliament case opens at Supreme Court as Brexit nears

B RITAIN'S Supreme Court began a hearing yesterday to decide whether Prime Minister Boris Johnson broke the law when he suspended Parliament just weeks before the U.K. is due to leave the European Union, in a case that pits the powers of elected lawmakers against those of the executive.

Johnson sent lawmakers home from Sept. 9 until Oct. 14, which is barely two weeks before the scheduled Brexit day of Oct. 31.

The decision outraged many lawmakers, who say it's designed to prevent them from challenging Johnson's plan to take Britain out of the EU next month, with or without a divorce deal.

The suspension sparked legal challenges, to which lower courts have given contradictory rulings. England's High Court said the suspension was a political rather than legal matter, but Scottish court judges ruled last week that Johnson acted illegally "to avoid democratic scrutiny."

The U.K.'s top court is being asked to decide who was right, in a case scheduled to last up to three days. It is considering two questions: Is this a matter for the courts; and, if so, did the government break the law?

David Pannick, attorney for



transparency campaigner Gina Miller, said Johnson had improperly suspended the legislature "to silence Parliament ... because he sees Parliament as an obstacle to the furtherance of his political aims."

Pannick said it was a fundamental constitutional principle that "Parliament is sovereign and the executive is accountable to Parliament."

And he called it "remarkable" that the prime minister had not

submitted a witness statement to the court outlining his reasons for the suspension.

Johnson has said the suspension is routine, and will allow his government to launch its domestic agenda with a new session of Parliament.

The court will also hear from the government's lawyers, who have argued in a written submission that the issue is "inherently one of high policy and politics, not law."

"There are no judicial or manageable standards by reference to which the courts could assess the lawfulness of ministerial decisions," they argue.

There will be submissions later from the governments of Scotland and Wales and former Prime Minister John Major — all supporting the challenges to the government — and from a Northern Ireland campaigner who argues a no-deal Brexit would endanger the peace process there.

Johnson hasn't said what he will do if the judges rule the suspension illegal. He told the BBC he would "wait and see what they say."

The case is the latest twist in a Brexit saga that has divided British politicians and the public for more than three years, since the country narrowly voted in 2016 to leave the EU.

Protesters with signs reading "reopen Parliament" and "defend our democracy" stood silently outside the courthouse across from the Houses of Parliament before

the case opened, alongside a performer painted green and wearing a blond wig who called himself "The Incredible Sulk."

Johnson told a newspaper over the weekend that the U.K. would break free of the EU "like the Hulk."

The prime minister insists Britain must leave the EU on Oct. 31 with or without a divorce agreement, though he says he believes there is time to strike a deal with the bloc in time for an orderly departure.

But the EU says Britain has yet to offer any "legally operational" solutions to the problem of keeping goods and people flowing freely across the Irish border, the main roadblock to a deal.

The leader of the European Parliament's biggest party group said that "no progress" was being made in Brexit talks.

Manfred Weber, who heads the center-right European People's Party bloc, said in Strasbourg that "there is no proposal from the British side on the table." AP

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Offbeat

VIRTUAL REALITY USED TO HIGHLIGHT URANIUM CONTAMINATION

AP PHOTO



Activists are using virtual reality technology to focus on areas of the Navajo Nation affected by uranium contamination.

The arts collective Bombshelltoe has collected 360-degree footage of land near Churchrock, New Mexico, to show how people and the land have changed since a 1979 uranium mill spill, the Gallup Independent reports.

The film, titled "Ways of Knowing," was directed by artist Kayla Briet.

The project started four years ago after Washington, D.C.-based nuclear policy program manager Lovely Umayam met Navajo activist Sunny Dooley at an event in Santa Fe, New Mexico. Filmmaker Adriel Luis is also a co-producer of the movie.

"Sunny asked us during this meeting, 'Where is your heart?' And it caught my - along with everyone else's - attention," Umayam said.

In 1979, a dam on the Navajo Nation near Church Rock broke at a uranium mill's evaporation pond, releasing 94 million gallons of radioactive waste into the Puerco River.

It was the largest accidental release of radioactive material in United States history and three times the radiation released at the Three Mile Island accident.

The radiation contaminated not only water but the food chain. Cattle in western New Mexico later showed higher levels of radiation.

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IT CHAPTER TWO

ROOM1

2:30, 6:00, 9:00pm

Director: Andy Muschietti

Starring: Jessica Chastain, James McAvoy, Bill Hader

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 169min



ROOM2

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

Director: Aleksandr Boguslavskiy

Starring: Tinatin Dalakishvili, Eddie Marsan, Rinal Mukhametov

Language: English (Chinese)

ANGEL HAS FALLEN

ROOM2

9:30pm

Director: Ric Roman Waugh

Starring: Gerard Butler, Frederick Schmidt, Danny Huston

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 121min

FAGARA

ROOM3

2:30, 4:45, 9:30pm

Director: Heiward Mak

Starring: Kenny Bee, Vicky Chen, Sammi Cheng

Language: Chinese (English)

Duration: 120min

ONE PIECE STAMPEDE

ROOM3

7:30pm

Director: Takashi Otsuka

Starring: Chô, Hiroaki Hirata, Katsuhisa Hôki

Language: Japanese (Chinese)

Duration: 101min

this day in history



1987 SUPERPOWER TREATY TO SCRAP WARHEADS

The United States and the USSR are to sign an agreement later this year to reduce the number of nuclear missiles.

US President Ronald Reagan announced the news that over 1,000 weapons would be scrapped over the next few years.

The superpower summit in Washington will be the first ever treaty reducing the total number of nuclear arms since their invention 50 years ago.

All the warheads at the site of England's longest-running, anti-nuclear protest at Greenham Common will go as a result of the agreement.

President Reagan said the talks had been "frank, constructive and notable" and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze said it was "time to reap the harvest" after moving towards an accord for many years.

The arms to be dismantled under the treaty are all short and medium-range missiles based in Europe and the Soviet Union.

The inter-continental weapons which can reach thousands of miles will not be destroyed.

Even though the reduction only represents a 3% total decrease in the number of nuclear warheads deployed worldwide, peace campaigners welcomed the announcement.

The chairman of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament said it was the direct result of persistent pressure from the peace movement.

Details of the treaty, including the crucial matter of verifying the destruction of the missiles, have yet to be worked out.

But US Secretary of State George Shultz said the treaty was only the beginning of the process.

"This doesn't solve all the problems by a long shot... But you've got to start," he said.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

The Intermediate-Range Nuclear Forces (INF) treaty was signed in December 1987 by USSR leader Mikhail Gorbachev and President Reagan.

The INF agreement was followed by the first Strategic Arms Reduction Treaty (Start I) in 1991, which cut the numbers of long-range nuclear weapons by roughly half. Two years later Start II agreed to scrap a further 3,000 - 3,500 warheads.

The Treaty of Moscow in 2002, signed by Presidents George Bush and Vladimir Putin, reduced the number of weapons by a further 1,700 - 2,200.

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YOUR STARS



ARIES

Mar. 21-Apr. 19

Trying something new requires a commitment, so don't embark upon a new endeavor unless you are ready to give it your all for the long haul. Losing interest after a few days is not acceptable.



TAURUS

Apr. 20-May. 20

You can get in their face and give them a piece of your mind, or you can stop including them in your daily life as much as possible. If you think that you need to vent, then you should go for the first option.



GEMINI

May. 21-Jun. 21

Someone who is really different from you may appear. It looks like they could really shake up your world - in a good way! They'll show you that there are different ways of approaching the problems you are facing.



CANCER

Jun. 22-Jul. 22

Watch for different ideas when you're working with others today because that's where the next brilliant idea will lie. Your ability to see something fully formed when it's still in its earliest stage is incredibly strong now.



LEO

Jul. 23-Aug. 22

Rigid works with yardsticks, but not with people. If you expect people to bend to your wishes every once in a while, then you must bend to theirs every once in a while - it is only fair.



VIRGO

Aug. 23-Sep. 22

Be open-minded about the fact that things happen for a reason - and you will know what the reason is soon enough. Good friends offer words of encouragement...



LIBRA

Sep. 23-Oct. 22

You are getting along extremely well with others right now. Even those people who usually rub you the wrong way are suddenly amenable to your wishes - and you are amenable to theirs!



SCORPIO

Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Don't expect too much of the people who have disappointed you recently. They are working on improving, but those changes can't happen overnight. Be patient, stay close to home.



SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

This is a great day to deal with strangers - especially those who hold some power over your life. Judges, teachers, bosses, and even police officers will be totally enchanted by your charm and kindness right now.



CAPRICORN

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Think about how you can change something about yourself, today. Even if you just try out a different fashion statement, you will create a ripple effect in the rest of your life.



AQUARIUS

Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Don't be afraid to look for (and find) mistakes in your work - after all, isn't it better to discover something that you did wrong yourself, rather than have the big boss or teacher discover it?



PISCES

Feb. 19-Mar. 20

Learning is a snap for you right now. Devote yourself to more intellectual tasks. You will get a great sense of reward out of teaching yourself something new. Experience something that tests you.

The Born Loser by Chip Sanson



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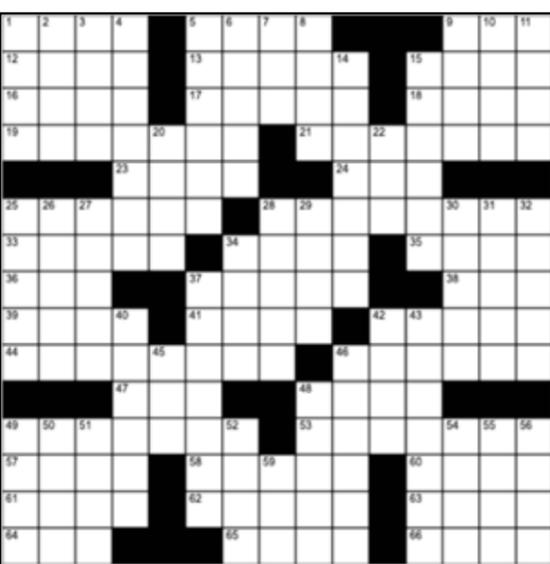
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Lhasa	11	23	shower
Chengdu	17	22	shower
Chongqing	21	24	drizzle
Kunming	16	26	clear
Nanjing	20	29	cloudy
Shanghai	24	29	cloudy
Wuhan	20	27	cloudy
Hangzhou	21	28	cloudy
Taipei	24	29	cloudy
Guangzhou	26	34	thundershower
Hong Kong	28	32	cloudy
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London	8	17	clear
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CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- ___ do; 5- Types; 9- That woman; 12- Linebacker Junior; 13- Sound of a horse; 15- What you do to a joint, prior to a heist; 16- DEA agent; 17- Brief fight; 18- Projecting columns at end of wall; 19- Mobile home; 21- Thin; 23- Looks good on; 24- Novelist Deighton; 25- Destroys, as documents; 28- One who hunts humpbacks; 33- Closes in on; 34- Profit; 35- Broad valley; 36- Olden times, in olden times; 37- Trimmed; 38- Negative connector; 39- Director Kazan; 41- Flows; 42- Tolerated; 44- Cocks; 46- Pines for; 47- Used to be; 48- Qualifying race; 49- Proposed; 53- Made of baked clay; 57- Tel Aviv server; 58- More recent; 60- Folk wisdom; 61- Singer Sedaka; 62- Cave-dwelling dwarf; 63- Those, to Juan; 64- Implement used when rowing a boat; 65- Prying; 66- Classic cars;

DOWN: 1- Ain't right?; 2- Rip; 3- Dr. Zhivago's love; 4- Satan; 5- Maps within maps; 6- Sly looks; 7- Young fox; 8- Cpls.' superiors; 9- Clock pointer; 10- Italian noble family; 11- Back; 14- The Netherlands; 15- Preserved in a metal container; 20- Eye covers; 22- Conger; 25- Look of contempt; 26- Greeting; 27- Electromagnetic telecommunication; 28- Alerts; 29- Hastens; 30- Feudal estate; 31- Crazy as ___; 32- Squares; 34- Massive wild ox; 37- Gift; 40- Too; 42- Scorch; 43- Narc; 45- Cigarette ingredient; 46- Every 52 weeks; 48- Backs of feet; 49- Vintner's prefix; 50- Bloodsucking insect; 51- Free from bias; 52- "Jurassic Park" actress; 54- Stockings; 55- Switch ending; 56- Capone's nemesis; 59- Court;



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BRAD PITT ASKS ASTRONAUT: WHO WAS BETTER? CLOONEY OR ME?

BRAD Pitt, star of the new space movie "Ad Astra," had a burning question for a real-life astronaut.

"Who was more believable? Clooney or Pitt?"

In a televised call yesterday, NASA astronaut Nick Hague answered Pitt — "absolutely" — getting a big laugh. Pitt's Hollywood pal George Clooney starred in the 2013 space film "Gravity."

Hague and the rest of the International Space Station crew previewed "Ad Astra" a few weeks ago. The movie opens Friday

down here.

Pitt portrays an astronaut who travels through the solar system to find his father. The film includes actual NASA shots of the moon and Mars.

"How'd we do? How was our zero-G?" Pitt asked from NASA headquarters in Washington.

"I got to tell you, it was really good," said Hague, six months into his own 6½-month mission.

"The depictions, the settings all as you can tell look very similar to the type of setting I've got around me. I got to imagine it was a lot easier for me to kind of

enjoy the zero-G than it was you," he added, flipping in weightlessness.

Pitt noted the movie's spaceship was "a bit cleaner" than the station. After asking about spacewalking and seeing Earth from space, Pitt said, "Most important question: Who controls the jam box?" Answer: The astronauts take turns. With three Americans, two Russians and an Italian on board, the music has an "international flair," Hague said.

The 20-minute chat ended with Pitt sharing, "I can't wait to brag to my kids."

CELEBS TO READ BEDTIME STORY TO HELP FIGHT HOMELESSNESS



WILL Smith and Dame Helen Mirren (pictured) will read a bedtime story during a one-night fundraising event to help fight global homelessness.

Smith and Mirren will each tell their story from different locations during the World's Big Sleep Out on Dec. 7. The campaign will encourage people in 50 cities globally to sleep outside for a night in hopes of raising \$50 million for the charity.

Smith's reading will take place in Times Square in New York City. Mirren will appear in Trafalgar Square in London.

Each location is expected to feature live performances. The sleep out will also be held in other major cities including Chicago, Amsterdam, Madrid and Los Angeles.

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Inter's Conte fumes over media's fixation on formations

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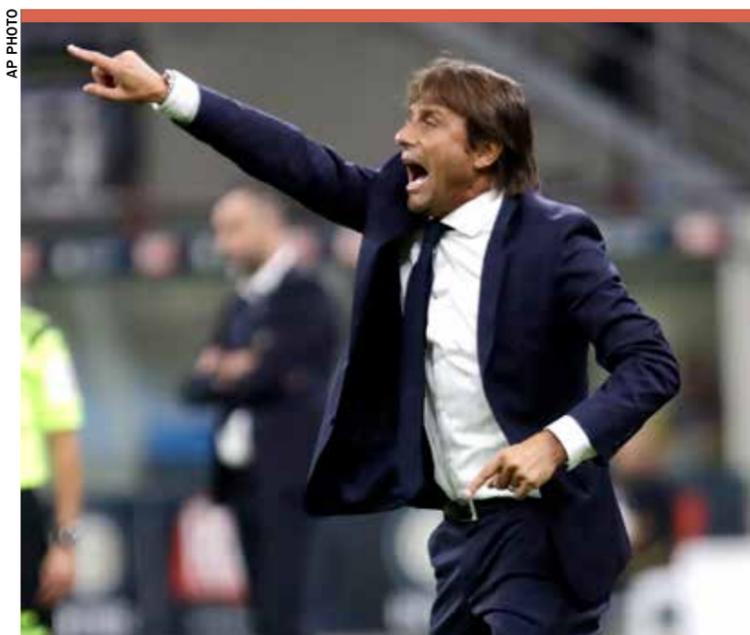
ONLY three rounds into his Serie A return, new Inter Milan coach Antonio Conte is already fed up with the local media's obsession with tactics and the "modulo" — Italian for formation.

Known for his three-man defense, Conte was asked if he would change to a more traditional four-man backline.

"Only in Italy are we fixated on formations," Conte snapped at a reporter's question over the "modulo." "I've coached in England and they're not the least bit interested in that there. I want to see courage and intensity, which we're trying to express. The rest is all crap."

When Conte guided Juventus to three straight Serie A titles from 2012-14, his "BBC" defense of Andrea Barzagli, Leonardo Bonucci and Giorgio Chiellini was the backbone of the club's success.

When he took over Chelsea in 2016, he used a 4-1-4-1 formation during dispiriting early-season losses



to Arsenal and Liverpool before quickly changing to a 3-4-2-1 with David Luiz, César Azpilicueta and Gary Cahill going on to anchor the defense in a campaign that ended with the Premier League title.

At Inter, Conte is using Diego Godin, Stefan de Vrij and Milan Skriniar to anchor a 3-5-2 and

Inter has started with three wins from three matches to open up a two-point lead over Bologna and eight-time defending champion Juventus.

It's the first time Juventus has not been atop the standings since March 2018.

Inter's early success will be tes-

ted against struggling AC Milan in the city derby on Saturday.

"Modern football evolves and you have to keep up with the times," Conte said. "Enthusiasm isn't tied to results but rather what we're trying to do. Rome was not built in a day."

MANDZUKIC TO QATAR?

Mario Mandzukic could be on his way to Qatar after being left off Juventus' squad for the Champions League group stage.

"There are market opportunities that present themselves. Mario has been a very important player for us over the years, he proved himself at every level, there is a possibility and in agreement with him, the coach and his agent, we decided it was best he didn't come on this trip," Juventus sporting director Fabio Paratici said before Juve's scoreless draw at Fiorentina on Saturday, confirming that there was an offer from Qatar for the striker.

Mandzukic scored goals in the double figures across all competitions for Juventus each of the

past four seasons but new coach Maurizio Sarri has preferred to use Gonzalo Higuain in support of Cristiano Ronaldo this season.

Midfielder Emre Can was also left off the Champions League squad, and had to apologize to the club after saying he was "furious" over the decision.

WOMEN'S SERIE A

Italy's run to the quarterfinals of the Women's World Cup has put more of a spotlight on the women's Serie A.

The 12-team league opened its season over the weekend with the three favorites, two-time defending champion Juventus, AC Milan and Fiorentina the only teams to post victories.

Juventus' 2-1 win over Empoli and Milan's 3-0 shutout of Roma were shown live on Italy's Sky satellite TV service Saturday and Sunday, respectively.

Fiorentina's 4-2 derby victory at Fiorentina San Gimignano was broadcast live via the club's Twitter feed.

The Gazzetta dello Sport had a full page of coverage Sunday and Monday.

Inter Milan, making its debut in the top division, drew 2-2 with Verona.

Among the national team players to score were Cristiana Girelli for Juventus and Milan captain Valentina Giacinti, who led the league with 21 goals in 21 matches last season. **AP**

FOOTBALL

Saudi prince wins legal battle to control Sheffield United

A Saudi prince has won a London court battle for full control of Premier League club Sheffield United.

Prince Abdullah Bin Mosaad Bin Abdulaziz Al Saud and co-owner Kevin McCabe were locked in a legal dispute over ownership of the northern English team after their business partnership broke down.

The prince, through his firm UTB LLC, took McCabe's company Sheffield United Ltd. to court in a bid to enforce a sale agreement reached in December 2017.

Judge Timothy Fancourt said McCabe must sell his 50-percent share of the club to the prince for 5 million pounds (\$6 million).

In a 138-page judgment, delivered in London yesterday [Macau time], the judge said the club is now worth "in the

region" of 100 million pounds (\$124 million).

In a statement after the ruling, Prince Abdullah said he is "fully committed to continued investment in both the first team and the academy and to bringing best practices and the highest standards of management to the club."

UTB will have to buy the club's property assets, which include the Bramall Lane stadium and the Sheffield United hotel, from Sheffield United Ltd.

The judge says McCabe was introduced to Prince Abdullah in 2012 by a third party who "misrepresented" the prince's wealth.

They reached an agreement to split control of the club, then in the third tier and in need of investment, on a 50-50 basis in return for

the prince investing 10 million pounds over two years.

After relations soured following disagreements over funding, McCabe offered to either buy Prince Abdullah's stake or to sell his to the prince for 5 million pounds.

The sale was not completed however, prompting Prince Abdullah to bring legal action against McCabe to enforce the contract of sale.

In return, McCabe sued in a bid to have the contract declared void or set aside and also sought damages for breach of contract and "a conspiracy ... to harm Sheffield United Ltd by unlawful means."

The team has opened the Premier League season by collecting five points from five games to sit 15th in the 20-team standings. **AP**

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OPINION

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GET YOUR SEAWEED HERE

Climate change, population growth, agricultural and other wastes and other problems are making our planet uninhabitable for humans. Luckily, seaweed can help us, but it will not solve all our problems.

Oceans cover 70% of the Earth's surface and comprise 95% of available living space. Unfortunately, rising global carbon dioxide levels are heating up the oceans and making them more acidic. Human over-fishing has also decimated global fish stocks. We are dumping immense volumes of waste plastics that destroy habitats into all our oceans, and agricultural run-off is increasing ocean nitrogen and phosphorus levels, which is promoting the growth of toxic red tide algae, etc.

Human action has already killed off 50% of the world's coral reefs and will probably kill the remaining ones before 2050. Reefs are a key part of the ocean's ecosystems, being home to over 1.4 million marine species and essential breeding grounds for fish and other sea animals. Using selective breeding and other techniques, scientists are starting to learn how to "encourage" reefs to survive in hotter and more acidic waters, but it is early days in these efforts.

We seem to be very successfully destroying our oceans, which are a major global resource – a "Tragedy of the Commons" writ large.

When people talk of aquaculture they often forget lowly seaweeds. But they have always been an important part of the human diet, and the value of human (and other animal and plant) consumption of seaweed is becoming more recognized globally. World annual production doubled between the years 2000 and 2014 to 27Mt, and a great deal more could be grown in the future.

Seaweed has a long history in Asian cuisines, where over 30 types are commonly eaten. As well as being useful food for humans, seaweed can be used as a plant fertilizer, animal feed, biomass fuel and as a source of hydro-colloids (used in cosmetics). Amazingly, Australian scientific studies are showing that including 2% of a common seaweed called *asparagopsis taxiformis* in the diet of ruminants (cows, sheep, goats) can reduce the waste methane gas that they excrete by over 80%. Methane is another dangerous global warming gas, like carbon dioxide, and is what we burn in gas cooking.

Seaweed cultivation also has other non-nutritional benefits. It does not take up land needed for food production, is easy to grow and does not need fertilizer or pesticides – it actually absorbs the nitrogen and phosphorus from agricultural run-off. It also absorbs much more carbon than land plants and, like land plants, produces oxygen. Large kelp and other seaweed beds are also very healthy and safe fish and crustacean nurseries, and can help replenish global aquatic animal stocks. And, finally, they moderate sea storms and wave action to reduce coastal land erosion.

All round, lowly seaweed is very useful stuff! It is not a magic bullet to save the world from global warming or ocean pollution, but it can be a significant element in solving both these problems.

Given the small size of our coastal waters, Macau is not well suited for seaweed production but we could certainly promote its use as a food. We can also encourage nearby regions to increase their seaweed production and use. The large quantities of food purchased to support our large tourism industry gives Macau strong leverage over nearby farming practices if we can find the will and expertise to use it wisely.

SINGAPORE WOOS BANKS IN BATTLE OF ASIA'S BIGGEST FOREX HUBS

THE BUZZ

Singapore saw its lead over Hong Kong shrink to just a whisker in the battle to be Asia's biggest foreign-exchange currency hub. To keep its advantage, the island state wants to attract more companies to set up electronic trading platforms.

Average daily trading in Singapore jumped 22% to a record \$633 billion in April from the same period in 2016, according to the latest survey by the Bank for International Settlements. That's just ahead of Hong Kong's \$632 billion, as the Chinese city saw a 45% surge in daily transactions.

Singapore has enticed UBS Group AG, Citigroup Inc, Standard

Chartered Plc and JPMorgan Chase & Co. in the past year to set up FX pricing and trading engines so that investors can reduce the time lag from routing trades elsewhere. That's helped it take market share from Japan, while competing against Hong Kong that's at the forefront of the yuan market.

The Southeast Asian nation will need another three to five major players to build electronic trading platforms to achieve "critical mass" over the next year, according to Benny Chey, assistant managing director of development and international at the Monetary Authority of Singapore.

US ARMY REVAMPS RECRUITING, HITS ENLISTMENT GOAL

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A year after failing to meet its enlistment goal for the first time in 13 years, the U.S. Army is now on track to meet a lower 2019 target after revamping its recruitment effort.

Army leaders tell The Associated Press that they expect to sign up more than 68,000 active duty soldiers for the fiscal year that ends Sept. 30, as the largest branch of the U.S. military increasingly turns to social media and other new online methods to find potential recruits.

Last year, the Army brought in about 70,000 new active duty recruits, well below the 76,500 it needed amid low unemployment and tough competition from higher-paying civilian companies. Meeting the lower 2019 figure is considered a victory for a service that has struggled to compete for young people who are less familiar with the military and that was criticized last year for using more bad conduct waivers and other waivers to meet enlistment goals.

"We're smoothing out the Army's growth," Gen. James McConville, chief of staff of the Army, said in an AP interview. "What we want to do is have modest growth over the next couple of years. And we're trying to make sure that the end strength we have is high quality."

Army leaders dispute the idea that they lowered the goal to help meet expectations. Instead, they said they plan to gradually grow the Army from 476,000 members last year to about 490,000 by 2024, seeking more high-quality recruits who will be less likely to fail or get injured in early training.

McConville and Army acting Secretary Ryan McCarthy said that it took time to institute changes



in the recruiting over the past year but that the shifts have started to show promise. Already recruiters have an additional 13,000 recruits under contract to join the service in the fiscal year that begins Oct. 1, giving them a jump on next year's totals.

They said the recruiting goal for next year will be between 68,000 and 69,000.

Army leaders say they have reduced waivers and improved the quality of recruits

After a massive buildup to fight the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan, the Army in recent years slashed more than 50,000 soldiers as those conflicts scaled back. Now, to meet military demands, the Army needs to grow again.

But in the effort to enlist more soldiers, Army leaders faced criticism, including from Congress, over the expanded use of waivers for recruits with previous marijuana use, bad conduct and health problems.

The use of waivers triggered worries that the ser-

vice would repeat mistakes made during the war buildup when recruiters brought in more youth with histories of misconduct, drugs and crime, which led to discipline and behavior problems in the units.

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Maj. Gen. Frank Muth, head of Army Recruiting Command, said there were 3.4% fewer waivers this year and that includes the lowest percentage of conduct waivers in two decades. He said that about 12% of the recruits in 2019 needed a waiver to get in, and less than 9 percent this year needed one.

To meet the recruiting goal while limiting waivers and raising standards, the Army increased the number of recruiters and targeted 22 cities that had historically been challenging areas. And, Muth said, "we have changed from the industrial age into the digital age in how we're recruiting."

Historically, the top method of getting recruits has been in person. But young people are now more interested in connecting online than face to face. AP



Afghanistan A Taliban suicide bomber on a motorcycle targeted a campaign rally by President Ashraf Ghani in northern Afghanistan yesterday killing at least 24 people and wounding 31. Ghani was present at the venue but was unharmed, according to his campaign chief.

Iran has acknowledged for the first time that it holds three Australian nationals on suspicion of spying, marking the latest cases of those with Western ties being detained in the Islamic Republic amid tensions between Tehran and the U.S.



Israel Israelis vote yesterday in an unprecedented repeat election that will decide whether longtime Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu stays in power despite a looming indictment on corruption charges.



Brazil As fires burn across the Brazilian Amazon, the vast state of Amazonas has been among the hardest hit, with more than 6,600 blazes recorded in August, 2 1/2 times more than the same month a year ago.

Russia's main intelligence agency says three Russian border guards have been injured after they were attacked by North Koreans fishing illegally.

USA As they investigate President Donald Trump, Democrats on the House Judiciary Committee will hold their first official hearing in what they are calling an impeachment investigation.