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CHUI SAI ON BECAME THE SECOND OFFICIAL TO HINT A WILLINGNESS TO INTERVENE SHOULD THE ECONOMIC SITUATION WORSEN

Portugal's ruling Socialist Party hopes an economic recovery during its four years of governing will persuade voters in an upcoming general election to return the party to power.

USA Authorities identified the four Chinese tourists killed in a bus crash in southern Utah, and the tour group is dispatching employees from China to help those injured.

China Huawei Technologies Co.'s chief financial officer returns to a Vancouver courtroom Monday to fight extradition as Canadian voters deliberate who's best suited to helm an unprecedented confrontation with China over her plight.



Iran's president called yesterday on Western powers to leave the security of the Persian Gulf to regional nations led by Tehran, criticizing a new U.S.-led coalition patrolling the region's waterways as nationwide parades showcased the Islamic Republic's military arsenal.



Colombia's president compared Nicolás Maduro to Serbian war criminal Slobodan Milosevic as he goes on a diplomatic offensive to corral the Venezuelan socialist, warning that he would be making a "stupid" mistake if he were to attack his U.S.-backed neighbor.

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NETO VALENTE: 'RIGID AND IMMOBILE' COURTS IN NEED OF REFORM

JULIE ZHU

JORGE Neto Valente, president of Macau Lawyers Association (AAM), declared that the local government "must now promote and support the development of Macau, with the necessary material resources, as an arbitration and mediation center."

During Friday's First Congress of Macau Lawyers, Valente remarked that Macau has not yet structured itself as an arbitration and mediation center that can compete with its neighboring regions, such as mainland China and Hong Kong, who have been officially promoting this in their jurisdictions for many years.

"The Macau SAR government has endeavored to improve its legislation to create the regulatory basis for the development of an arbitration and mediation center. However, as in mainland China and Hong Kong, the Macau government must refrain from governing the arbitration and mediation of Macau," said Valente.

"If arbitrators and mediators do not have independence and autonomy, we do not foresee a great future in this area. To give the institutions of Macau credibility, the centers must include arbitrators and mediators with international status and experience in their panels."

"To this end, it is also essential



that the Macau SAR government authorizes the entry and stay of mainland China or international experts in order to let them participate in the resolution of disputes which they were invited for," the lawyer said.

Valente thinks that Macau's courts "have remained rigid and immobile and with unacceptable delays," and it is essential for the courts to move towards reform, commenting that "some of the courts' decisions frustrated the prevailing sense of justice in the community."

The lawyer remarked that it is not enough to make specific

changes to codified diplomas or to adopt measures that mask problems without resolving the issues themselves.

"Evolution and changes have been [accepted in] all institutions except the organic courts," said Valente, who gave the example of the Court of Final Appeal. "This rigid form is difficult to understand. This prevents any evolving jurisprudence and perpetuates the current titleholders without scrutiny or deadline."

Besides voicing his opinion on the substantial legal system development of Macau, the lawmaker praised the Basic Law.

"The Basic Law [...] with a remarkable anticipatory view, gave legal form to the One Country, Two Systems principle, which has ensured the social stability and economic development of Macau," said Valente.

In 2013 and 2018, mainland China formulated the national Belt and Road Initiative and the Greater Bay Area plan respectively. Valente believes that these plans will bring Macau lawyers opportunities and will also highlight mainland China's, Macau's and Hong Kong's individual advantages when comparing their legal systems.

LOCAL ACADEMICS CO-AUTHOR NEW LAWYER'S GUIDE BOOK

A book co-authored by two Macau-based academics was recently featured at the BRICS Forum on the International Rule of Law held in Beijing.

Professor Rostam J. Neuwirth and associate professor Alexandr Svetlicinii from the Faculty of Law at the University of Macau (UM) co-authored the book, titled "The BRICS-Lawyers' Guide to BRICS Texts and Materials". It is one of the first collections of important texts and materials emerging from cooperation among BRICS member states.

BRICS is the name and acronym of an association of five major emerging national economies: Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa.

According to a statement issued by UM, the compilation was brought together with the intention of making these materials easily accessible to government officials, practicing lawyers and arbitrators, as well as scholars and students.

The book includes treaties, summit declarations by heads of state, ministerial declarations, declarations adopted by the BRICS Legal Forum and other official documents.

The book was launched at the forum earlier this month.

ASK THE VET



by Dr Ruan Du Toit Bester

CANINE DISTEMPER VIRUS

VESTIBULAR disease in dogs is rare, but may be a devastating condition. The vestibular system is in charge of coordinating the dog's movement and allows him to keep his balance and not get dizzy even after circling the room several times. The vestibular system is rooted in the dog's inner ear and communicates with the dog's brain giving the dog orientation skills. If the dog has vestibular disease, the symptoms will include staggering, lack of balance, uncoordinated eye and head movement. The symptoms may be mistaken for a stroke or a seizure, but the vet can give a proper diagnosis.

Symptoms of geriatric vestibular disease:

When the dog has vestibular disease the communication between the inner ear nerves and the brain is defective. The typical symptoms of geriatric vestibular disease will include:

- Head tilting, similar to the symptoms of ear mite infection
- Irregular eye movement (up-down, from side to side)

- Strabismus
- Dizziness; the dog will look disoriented
- Sudden collapse
- Frequent vomiting
- Staggering gait
- Lack of appetite
- Excessive salivation
- Rolling from side to side
- Difficulty standing up

Some of these symptoms can point to a stroke or a seizure, but a seizure's duration is up to 5 minutes, while the dog with vestibular will display some of these symptoms all day long.

Causes of canine vestibular disease:

The symptoms of vestibular disease can be frightening and you should get to the vet as soon as possible. Even if the geriatric vestibular disease is not as severe as a stroke or a seizure, the disease should be given proper attention. Typically, vestibular disease is caused by a problem in the dog's inner ear (peripheral vestibular disease). However, the problem may also originate

in the brain (central vestibular disease). Some of the most common causes of geriatric vestibular disease include:

- Hypothyroidism or low thyroid hormone levels
- Ear Infections, if the infection is severe, it advances from the external ear to the middle ear and then to the inner ear, where the vestibular system nerves are located.
- Toxic medications used in the dog's ear (especially drops containing alcohol)
- Tumours located in the inner ear
- Encephalitis

However, the geriatric vestibular disease may also be idiopathic, so the cause is unknown.

Treatment for geriatric vestibular disease:

When vestibular disease that occurs in senior dogs and the cause is unknown will often resolve itself in a few days up to 1 week without any treatment. The cause of vestibular disease must be determined to establish the right treatment. If the disease is caused by infections, the vet will prescribe medications to eliminate these infections. Thyroid drugs can also stimulate the production of thyroid hormones. The administration of toxic ear drops must be stopped.



The vet may also prescribe medication to control the dizziness and the nausea or other symptoms that may be upsetting the dog. Ensure that the dog is in a safe place, without sharp objects or stairs near, to prevent any accidents from happening.

Hope this info helps
Till next week
Dr Ruan Bester

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AVIATION

Macau in contact with Airbus, flag carrier over A320neo balance issue

ANTHONY LAM

THE Civil Aviation Authority (AACM) has informed the Times that it is in regular communication with Air Macau and aircraft manufacturer Airbus regarding the center of gravity issue reported in other jurisdictions, concerning the Airbus A320neo aircraft.

Growing reports suggest that a center of gravity issue on the aircraft model may cause the plane issues when flying after an aborted landing. Multiple airlines are now blocking the rear rows of the Airbus A320neo, as a short-term remedy for the issue.

Air Macau is the sole local operator of the aircraft type and currently has three A320neos in its fleet. The airline started receiving the aircraft in March this year and the A320neos are the latest addition to the company's fleet.

The AACM disclosed that Airbus had notified the local airline of the center of gravity issue two months earlier. The notification was made in the form of an update to the aircraft's flight manual, Airbus Aircraft Flight Manual TR774.



Following the notification, Air Macau then incorporated the manufacturer's information into its internal airplane flight manual.

The AACM added that the airline had strictly followed the weight and balance requirements for the aircraft type on "every flight that it operated with this aircraft type."

The AACM also conducted

inspections of Air Macau's three A320neo aircrafts, and the results showed that the aircraft were functioning as intended.

In a statement to the Times, the Authority pledged that it would work hard to ensure compliance in all aviation activities taking place within Macau's jurisdiction, including local requirements and

those stipulated by the International Civil Aviation Organization, the global body that oversees aviation operations.

It is also keeping in close contact with Air Macau and Airbus to monitor the operation of the A320neo aircrafts in Macau.

Last Wednesday, the Times sent an inquiry to Air Macau following

reports by several aviation websites that several airlines were blocking off the last row of seats on the aircraft type. The Times has not yet received a reply.

Some media reports have suggested that the center of gravity issue may have been caused by an additional rear row, or the washroom cabinet of the A320neo being pushed further back compared to the old A320, the A320neo.

According to the reports, the blocking of seats came as the initiative of the European Union Aviation Safety Agency (EASA). The practice has been implemented by at least two European airlines, Lufthansa and British Airways.

The center of gravity issue may cause the aircraft difficulty taking off after an aborted landing, or "go-around" in industry terms. However, Airbus emphasized that this scenario would only occur under very specific conditions, namely particle loading, low altitude and with the computer being set to certain modes.

The A320neo is a new variant of the A320 family of aircrafts, Airbus' most popular product to date. "Neo" stands for New Engine Option.

The new engine forced Airbus to delay the delivery of the first aircraft, as the engine has been reported to be unsuitable for humid and hot climates.

In July, a homebound Air Macau flight from Tokyo had to return to Narita Airport due to an engine problem.

Tourism authority's Los Angeles food truck wins PATA award

THE Macao Government Tourism Office's (MGTO) promotional campaign "Experience Macao Food Truck in Los Angeles" won the Pacific Asia Travel Association (PATA) Grand Award in Marketing. The awards were held in Kazakhstan last week.

The campaign, which was rolled out last year, offered residents and travelers in Los Angeles a taste of Macau's delicacies, including pork chop buns and Portuguese egg tarts.

The campaign also featured two daily lion dances and provided practical tips for travelling to Macau.

MGTO invited key trade and media members in Los Angeles to experience the food truck and Macau's signature delicacies first, prior to the official launch of the campaign.

The PATA Travel Mart 2019 was held in Nur-Sultan (formerly Astana), Kazakhstan from September 19 to 20, and was attended by MGTO director Helena de Senna Fernandes, along



Left: The 'Experience Macao Food Truck' campaign held in Los Angeles last year.



Right: MGTO director Helena de Senna Fernandes speaks with young tourism professionals

with other local tourism executives.

During the event, MGTO's booth showcased the city's latest travel attractions, events and festivals, and provided a platform for Macau's industry operators to connect and explore business opportunities with their international counterparts.

The association won four Grand Awards and 29 Gold Awards at this year's

PATA Awards, which recognize organizations and individuals for their achievements in various categories.

These include the areas of marketing, environment, corporate social responsibility, heritage and culture, education and training, marketing media and travel journalism.

Meanwhile, Melco Resorts & Entertainment secured the PATA Gold Award in

the category of "marketing – hospitality" for its advertising campaign "The Art of Winning," marking its third win of the prize since 2017.

The campaign was designed to promote the relaunch of its flagship integrated resort, featuring "visionary artwork, architectural masterpieces, high-end gastronomy and immersive entertainment."

Further, tourism officials were also invited to meet

and connect with young tourism professionals of the Association, and share their experiences at the PATA Executive Board for tourism development.

A major annual travel trade show, PATA Travel Mart attracted over 1,200 international buyers, sellers and travel agencies from 63 countries and regions this year.

Macau has been a PATA member since 1958 and

hosted the PATA Travel Mart in 2010 and 2017, as well as the PATA Annual Conference in 2005.

"For the 24th consecutive year, MGTO supported this prestigious initiative of PATA as an opportunity to raise the profile of Macau as a travel destination and contribute to sustainable tourism development across the Asia-Pacific region," the bureau said in a statement. LV

ECONOMIC RECESSION

CHUI SAI ON SAYS GOVERNMENT PREPARED TO INTERVENE IF NEEDED

CHIEF Executive Chui Sai On has pledged that the government will monitor the Macau SAR's current economic situation and prepare any intervention needed to maintain the stability of the economy as a precaution. In doing so, Chui became the second senior official in the SAR to state that economic intervention might be necessary.

Earlier this month, Secretary for Economy and Finance Lionel Leong said that Macau's recession period would continue into the third quarter. He also suggested the government could intervene if necessary.

During the 2019 Economic Development Council plenary meeting last week, the CE said that Macau's economic performance in the second half of 2019 was likely to face downward pressure because of the volatile international economic situation and the increasing uncertainties in the global economy.

According to data released by the Statistics and Census Service late last month, the economy contracted by 1.8% year-on-year in the second quarter of 2019, following a 3.2% contraction in the



first quarter. For the first six months of the year, Macau's economy was down by 2.5% in real terms compared to last year.

Researchers at the University of Macau last week released their Macroeconomic Forecast for Ma-

cau 2019-2020, projecting that the city's gross domestic product will decline by 0.8% across the whole of 2019, and contract 0.9% in 2020.

However, Chui reassured the public, saying that the government would make an effort to en-

sure the city's economic development was maintained, as cited in a statement issued by the Government Information Bureau.

During the meeting, representatives from the Economic Development Council's three task

groups, which are focused on economic diversification, human resources and regional economic development respectively, presented reports on work that had been conducted over the past year.

According to Leong, who was at the meeting, the SAR had seen an "enhancement of its resilience and capabilities in relation to coping with adversity."

Leong noted that this was judged by its stable employment figures, public finances, development in certain emerging industries, and the advancement of efforts regarding the city's economic diversification.

The official then said that the government would speed up efforts to initiate large-scale public projects to prevent the economy from slowing down.

Previously, Leong had also expressed his concerns regarding a drop in the gross domestic product in the casino sector. Gross gaming revenue in the SAR dropped 8.6% year-on-year in August and 3.5% in July.

However, Leong believes that the fluctuation was the result of external incidents and factors, including the U.S.-China trade war, with the Renminbi exchange rates affecting the SAR. Previously, the International Monetary Fund had warned that the Macau economy was facing several medium-term risks, including the diminishing spending power of mainland tourists. **LV**

Retailers, restaurants report tough summer for business

RETAILERS and restaurants have had a tough summer, according to the latest business climate survey conducted by the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC). The latest report, which was released on Friday, covers the results from July and business owners' expectations for August, showing that businesses in these two sectors experienced either stable or subdued performance over the mid-summer month.

In the restaurant sector, the proportion of establishments interviewed reporting a year-on-year rise in revenue in July fell 6 percentage points compared with a month earlier, to just 34%. Meanwhile, 31% of establishments interviewed recorded a year-on-year decline, a decrease of 4 percentage points from June.

The same respondents said they expected more positive business performance in August. Some 73% antici-

pated a year-on-year rise in revenue or steady business performance, a similar proportion of the expectations expressed a month earlier. Twenty-seven percent of the establishments interviewed, the same proportion as last month, predicted a year-on-year decline in revenue.

As for the retail sector, sales performance held relatively stable in July, according to DSEC.

On the one hand, the proportion of interviewed retailers reporting a year-on-year decline in sales dropped by a notable 10 percentage points from June to 35%. However, at the same time, the proportion of retailers registering a sales increase declined by 1 percentage point from June to 37%. Some 28% of retailers recorded steady year-on-year business, a 10 percentage point increase from the preceding month.

Retailers expected their

business to slacken in August, with 38% of them anticipating their sales would decrease year-on-year, 6 percentage points more than those who held the same expectations in July. Meanwhile, the proportion of retailers interviewed predicting a year-on-year sales increase dropped by 5 percentage points from July to 17%.

The business climate survey is compiled based on the value of receipts of the interviewed establishments, which are comprised of 186 restaurants and similar establishments (accounting for 53% of the industry's receipts) and 136 retailers (accounting for 70% of the industry's receipts).

DSEC advises that the survey results were not extrapolated and only reflect the assessment of the business performance and expectations of the sample restaurants and retailers. **DB**

SURVEY SHOWS MORE THAN HALF 'DISSATISFIED' WITH HOUSING POLICIES

JULIE ZHU

MORE than half of respondents to a housing demand survey reported dissatisfaction with the local government's housing policies.

The survey, carried out by local think tank Collective Wisdom Policy Center, was released last week. After examining nearly 1,200 valid questionnaires, it found that 56% of those interviewed were either "dissatisfied" or "strongly dissatisfied" with Macau's housing policies.

Approximately 60% of respondents disagree with the government's latest proposal to increase the eligible age for an affordable housing application. They say that the application procedure takes a long time, hence applicants should be allowed to apply earlier.

Three quarters of res-

pondents agree with the government plan to launch new types of houses which are built for specific purposes, such as for senior citizens, youth and civil servants.

Approximately 40% of respondents are supportive of housing for working couples with children, saying that parents should be assisted first when the government builds a new type of house. The new housing project is expected to assist with the replacement of old buildings with less than seven stories, as well as help get youth to step onto the property ladder.

However, only 54% of respondents believe that new system will successfully alleviate the poor market conditions.

More than half of the respondents said that the government did not allocate sufficient resources for the implementation

of its housing policies. Fifty-six percent of the respondents think that the government's resources for housing policies are "ordinary," nearly 30% think they are "not sufficient," while only 8% believe they are "sufficient."

Housing continues to be one of Macau's most pressing socio-economic problems, according to reports, studies and surveys carried out each year. According to calculations by the vice president of Collective Wisdom Policy Center, Chan Ka Leong, Macau is still 78,000 house units short of meeting the market demand.

Chan's calculation was based upon the assumption that Macau has 118,000 households where families live as a core unit, consisting of a working couple, their elderly parents and their children.



GAMING | JAPAN

Osaka race narrows to just three: MGM, Galaxy, Genting

DANIEL BEITLER

THE race to develop an integrated resort in the city of Osaka has reportedly narrowed to just three players: MGM Resorts, Galaxy Entertainment Group and Genting Singapore.

According to Japanese media reports, the three players left in the race are the only ones to have submitted a request for concept proposal, necessary to participate in the public offering.

Casino operators all over the world have been salivating at the once-in-a-generation prospect of opening resorts in Japan, which has the potential to become Asia's second-largest gambling market after

Macau. CLSA predicts Japan's potential gross gaming revenue will reach \$20 billion annually.

The Japanese government has given preliminary approval for what's expected to be three major resorts. Analysts speculate those locations could be Osaka, Yokohama, Nagasaki, Wakayama or even the country's capital of Tokyo.

Osaka has long been viewed as the most probable location for Japan's first integrated resort, thanks to local political support and the high number of tourists it draws. But once touted as Japan's most attractive location for a potential casino, international gaming operators are now changing their minds.

Las Vegas Sands (LVS), which already commands an Asian presence in both Macau and Singapore said it would focus on the Tokyo and Yokohama areas as potential locations to build a casino resort, adding it was no longer interested in Osaka. Its Singapore rival Genting is still in the race, as is its closest Macau rival in terms of market share, Galaxy Entertainment Group.

Caesars Entertainment Corp. dropped out of the entire Japan race at the end of August, citing several reasons, including the upcoming merger with Eldorado Resorts. Caesars, the largest owner of casinos in the United States, missed an opportunity to get a license in Macau two decades ago.

Melco Resorts & Entertainment signaled a shift in strategy last week, declaring a Yokohama-First policy to mirror MGM Resorts' Osaka-First policy in partnership with Orix Corp. In an apparent U-turn for Melco CEO Lawrence Ho, who was thought courting officials in Osaka as late as the first quarter of this year, the company announced that an Osaka bid was no longer on the table.

As of June 2019, Wynn Resorts was believed pursuing the Osaka opportunity. At the start of the month, senior representatives at Wynn repeated an earlier pledge to build the "world's largest" casino resort, should the company be granted one of the three licenses.

GAMING | LAS VEGAS

MGM in talks to sell Circus Circus among other properties

MGM Resorts International, the largest casino operator on the Las Vegas Strip, is in talks to sell its Circus Circus property there to real estate mogul Phil Ruffin, according to people familiar with the deal.

An accord to sell the resort could be announced as part of a larger transaction involving the company's real estate portfolio, which also includes the Bellagio and the flagship MGM Grand.

MGM has been restructuring under pressure from activist investors. The company has cut and reorganized management, and previously sold all but four of its wholly owned casinos to MGM Growth Properties Inc., a real estate investment trust it created three years ago.

The company is in talks to sell two Las Vegas crown jewels, Bellagio and the MGM Grand, to Blackstone Group, Bloomberg News reported, citing people with knowledge of the matter.

They have yet to agree on a transaction and one may not be reached, said the people, who requested anonymity because the talks are private. The terms of the potential deal couldn't be learned. Representatives for Blackstone and MGM Resorts declined to comment last week.

Chief Executive Officer Jim Murren has said he hopes to announce the results of a board-level study of the company's real estate by early fall.

Ruffin, a real estate mogul raised in Wichita, Kansas, bought the Treasure Island casino from MGM for \$746 million in 2009. The company then was trying to raise cash following the financial crisis and complete construction of its CityCenter project.

Ruffin fixed up the Treasure Island, once known for its daily pirate battles outside, adding a western-themed barbecue restaurant and other amenities aimed at Middle America guests. Earlier, he partnered with Donald Trump on the Trump International Hotel, a non-casino hotel and condo development on the Strip.

Circus Circus, now more than 50 years old, was once a flagship property of publicly traded Circus Circus Enterprises. MGM ultimately acquired that company. The resort itself is located at the less-trafficked north end of the Strip. **DB/BLOOMBERG**

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Office Stationery		4,253.50
Office Telecommunications		9,116.53
Office Staff Services		568,966.84
Renovation, FF&E		1,316,614.00
Investigation & Survey		120,396.00
Miscellaneous		126,678.80
Total	\$ 4,722,433.08	\$ 4,722,433.08

Ho Iat Seng
Sept 20, 2019

TRANSPORT BUREAU TO INITIATE SEVERAL ROADWORKS THIS YEAR

The Transport Bureau (DSAT) will initiate the first phase of the Oriental Pearl Overpass project next month. This phase will consist of a pipe relocation in the area. After the relocation of the pipeline is completed, the rest of the overpass project is expected to take three to six months. By the end of this year or the beginning of next, the local government plans to start constructing two new public roads in Taipa along Av. Marginal Flor de Lotus. One will be located near the Rotunda da Piscina Olímpica, consisting of a 180-meter-long four-lane road going in both directions. The second road, to be located in the middle of the Av. Marginal Flor de Lotus, will be about 210 meters long and is designed as a two-lane road going in both directions.

SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS PROPOSED FOR TAIPA-HOUSES MUSEUM

During a symposium between the advisory committee of the islands and the Municipal Affairs Bureau (IAM), a local resident proposed the installation of CCTV surveillance cameras in the vicinity of the Taipa-Houses Museum. IAM president José Tavares said that the bureau will proactively consider the proposal, but he thinks the area has insufficient lighting. IAM will discuss the proposal with police and personal data authorities. In addition, IAM plans to provide 92 parking spaces for light-weight vehicles and 60 motorbike parking spaces at Av. Do Oceano.

HEALTH BUREAU WARNS OF CONTAMINATED DISINFECTANTS

According to an announcement by the Hong Kong Department of Health, three disinfectants under the brand names "Pro-Medi Prosept," "Kam's KS-MED" and "CANCARE AntiSept Solution," are suspected of being contaminated by bacteria. Macau's Health Bureau has warned the public to avoid using these products. The germ suspected to have contaminated the products is *Burkholderia cepacia*. The Health Bureau recommends that residents with these products should contact their local pharmacists for further instructions. *Burkholderia cepacia* can be found in water, soil and humid environments. Individuals with weakened immune systems or chronic lung disease are more susceptible to infection. The bureau has conducted tests on the three disinfectants and will release the results once they are available.



MELCO RESORTS, WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION CELEBRATE MOTHERHOOD WITH AWARDS

ANTHONY LAM

MELCO Resorts & Entertainment Limited and the Women's General Association of Macau co-hosted the Best Mom Award Ceremony at Melco's City of Dreams property on Saturday.

The event celebrated women's contributions to the world. It also celebrated the virtues of women, paid tribute to maternal love, promoted positive family values and provided the community with a platform to show their gratitude and appreciation, according to Melco.

The event was officiated by Lawrence Ho, chairman and CEO of Melco, and Ho Teng Iat, president of Women's General Association of Macau.

Two rounds of selection were held prior to the ceremony on Saturday. Seventy winners were then chosen for the awards. Awards were categorized into "Best Mom Excellence Award," "Runner-up Best Mom" and "Best Mom."

There were eight "Best Mom Excellence Award" winners, 12 "Runner-up Best Moms" and 50 "Best Mom" prize winners.

The prize for each of the eight "Best Mom Excellence Award" winners was a trip to Beijing, accompanied by up to three family members.

Organizers thought it would be suitable, as this year is the 70th anniversary of the People's Republic of China. The prize offers the winners a chance to experience the development attained by the mainland government.

The panel of judges for the event comprised Au Weng Chi, member of the Administrative Committee of the Macao Foundation; Un U Wa, vice president of Chinese Educators Association of Macau; and representatives from Melco and the Women's Association.

Melco's Lawrence Ho said, "The Melco message - 'Best I Can Be' - for initiatives for women encourages females to embrace

life's choices to bring out the best in oneself."

The chairman stressed that his company was pleased to highlight the achievements of local moms through the Best Mom Award. It was exceptionally meaningful, according to the chairman, to make this ceremony a reality amidst the atmosphere of the double anniversaries of China and the Macau SAR.

Ho pledged that he and his company would continue to introduce more family and female-friendly activities and policies to Macau in collaboration with trusted local community partners, such as the Women's Association.

Melco has been supportive of working mothers, with facilities installed in employee areas of Melco establishments to provide for women who are expressing with privacy and convenience.

Vice chairwoman of the 69-year-old Women's General Association of Macau, Lau Kam Ling, said, "in recent years, the

association has developed multiple services to support women and families. The Best Mom Award has been well-received by local families since it was announced in July, and on this special occasion, we extend our warmest gratitude and congratulations to the event's winning moms who contribute so much to their families."

According to Lau, the Women's General Association of Macau has been devoted to women and children, and promoting positive family and social values.

Welcomed guests included officials from national and regional bodies, as well as representatives from the company and the association.

Meanwhile, according to data released by the Statistics and Census Service Bureau, there were 198,300 working women in Macau for the period of May to July this year, approximately 10,000 more than their male counterparts.

Macao Orchestra kicks off tour of Portuguese cities

THE Macao Orchestra (OM) has kicked off its 2019 tour of Portugal, featuring performances in four cities including Évora, Coimbra, Portalegre and Lisbon.

According to a statement issued by the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC), the tour will be led by music director and prin-

cipal conductor Lu Jia, in collaboration with German-born Korean violinist Clara-Jumi Kang, presenting three classical works.

The orchestra will play Dvořák's Carnival Overture, Jean Sibelius' Violin Concerto in D minor and Tchaikovsky's Symphony No.5

in E minor.

On the second stop of the tour in Coimbra, OM will perform with Orquestra Clássica de Coimbra; while on their third stop in Portalegre, OM will participate in the Marvão International Music Festival with different music groups.

On their last stop in

Lisbon, the orchestra will perform at Festival TODOS, drawing the tour to a finale.

"The tour will further deepen the artistic exchanges and cooperation between Macau and Portugal," the IC said in a statement.

"Through Chinese and Western classics from the ancient and modern period, OM seeks to present the cultural and artistic appeal of Macau to Portuguese audiences and promote Sino-Lusophone cul-

ral exchange," the bureau added.

Meanwhile, with a dedicated repertoire in German and Austrian symphonic works, the orchestra pledged that it would continue to adhere to its performing style, striving to promote the development of classical music in the city.

The tour is also a part of celebrations for the 40th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and Portugal. LV

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SPORTS | BASKETBALL

China's Flying Leopards crowned 'The Terrific 12' Champions

RENATO MARQUES

THE Chinese team of the Liaoning Flying Leopards was yesterday crowned the new Champion of the "The Terrific 12" Basketball Tournament, organized by the East Asian Super League and hosted by Macau. The Flying Leopards succeed the Japanese team of the Ryukyu Golden Kings as trophy winners and take home not only the title but also prize money in the sum of \$150,000 (1.21 million patacas).

The Chinese team edged victory in the final game against the Seoul SK Knights by just one point (82-83).

The final played yesterday evening at the Tap Seac Multisports Pavilion and proved to be a demonstration of high-quality basketball that kept the audience in suspense as the two teams took turns taking the lead.

For the Chinese team, the ma-

jor highlight was again American player Lance Stephenson, who scored 34 points for the Flying Leopards in the final and contributed greatly to their victory.

The former NBA player for the Los Angeles Lakers put all his skills to the game elevating the Flying Leopards to a win secured only in the last seconds of the game against a fierce Korean side, where Americans Jameel Warney (36 points) and Aaron Haynes (26 points) drove most of the play.

The Knights of Seoul started the game stronger and led the first quarter (27-20), but the Flying Leopards found balance and took the lead on several occasions. The largest point gap of the whole game belonged to the Knights when they led the Flying Leopards by 10 points (30-20).

With no doubt that both teams fought for the win and perhaps equally deserved one, a couple of doubtful decisions in favor of the Chinese team - especially in the

second quarter and at the start of the third - might have contributed to the outcome.

On the third quarter, the Knights can also lay the blame at their own mistakes - specifically a series of three failed attacks - precisely as the Flying Leopards took their chance to lead the scoreboard once more. While the Knights were living at the expense of mostly Warney and Haynes, Stephenson proved the lifeline of the Flying Leopards, although sometimes with the help of the other import player, Tunisian Salah Mejri (19 points).

The game could have taken a different path when, with just 3 minutes and 30 seconds to play, Stephenson notched his fourth personal fault, becoming on the verge of being excluded from the game just as the Knights had made a comeback to lead by three points.

But with cautious play, Stephenson avoided the fifth fault

and remained on the court until the horn sounded to help the team score precious points in attack and retrieve the ball in defense.

The outstanding performance of the player was reason enough to be awarded the accolade for the MVP (Most Valuable Player) of the entire tournament, adding a personal achievement to the team's victory in Macau.

In the other game of the day, and playing for the third place, the Chinese of the Zhejiang Guangsha Lions also edged the Filipinos of the San Miguel Beermen by a very small difference (91-89) securing third place and \$50,000 (MOP403,000) in prize money.

A PRE-SEASON COMPETITION GOOD FOR 'PUSHING LIMITS'

In the press conference that followed the awards ceremony, the coaches of both teams agreed that "The Terrific 12" was, above all, a great opportunity for the teams to prepare for their upco-

ming seasons in a very competitive environment.

First, to speak to the media, Coach Moon Kyung Eun (Knights) noted that the team is "still in preparation for the regular season," adding that the tournament was "very good to prepare the upcoming games and competitions."

"It's very good to play against strong teams so we can prepare well for our season," Moon said. "This is good for the team to push its limits."

Coach Moon also noted that the Flying Leopards have "very strong players," adding that the import players contracted by the Chinese teams gave the teams a hand in becoming stronger.

Coach Guo Shiqing agreed on the importance of the event as a season preparation. Questioned by the media, he noted, "from the start, our goal was to finish in the top four. We needed to play the four games to complete our preparation and that was the most important. Of course, we are even happier to be champions."

"We hired Lance [Stephenson] because we knew he is an all-round player, he can perform well in different positions and both the attack and in the defense," explained Guo, as he commented on the star player's performance. "He is a great element to the team and we hope he can be our team leader."



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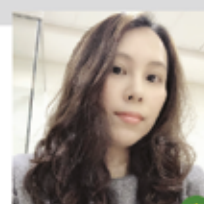
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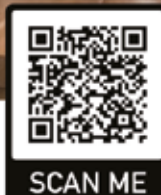
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Property of the Week



Taipa Village – 2 connected apartments

HK\$8,680,000 1,404 ft² 4 2



Two connected apartments creating a bright open space in Taipa Village. Currently set up as a showroom / office, the public area and entrance hallway has been completely renovated to a high standard. The property can be kept as one unit or split back into two separate units, each with two bedrooms. The Central Taipa location is extremely convenient with easy access to transport, restaurants, supermarkets and schools. The new owner can take vacant possession or continue with the current tenants to produce a significant rental income.

Property Hotlist



Man Fai, Taipa

\$8,580,000

1,390 ft²

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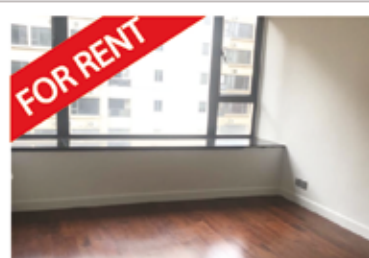


Va Fat, Taipa

\$4,530,000

725 ft²

2 1



Manhattan High Floor, Taipa

\$26,800/mth

2,305 ft²

4 2



Nova Grand, Taipa

\$17,800/mth

935 ft²

2 1



More Listings

For Sale

[Macau] One Central 2 2 1,349 ft² **\$14,839,000** (ref: 19096004)

[Coloane] Large apartment 2 3 2 2,530 ft² **\$13,800,000** (ref: 19096000)

[Macau] Keng Ou office 3 2,352 ft² **\$17,500,000** (ref: 19096002)

[Taipa] Manhattan 3 2 1,720 ft² **\$13,600,000** (ref: 19096006)

[Macau] Retail Space 170 ft² **\$3,200,000** (ref: 19096003)

For Rent

[Taipa] Manhattan 3 2 **\$24,500/mth** 1,720 ft² (ref: 19091006)

[Macau] Tai Nin 1 1 **\$9,200/mth** (ref: n/a)

[Macau] La Marina Studio 1 **\$11,200/mth** (ref: n/a)

[Cotai] Ocean Garden 4 4 **\$35,000/mth** 3,700 ft² (ref: 18040674)

[Cotai] One Grantai 3 3 **\$23,000/mth** 2,122 ft² (ref: 19030001RT)

Recent Movements

Sold Hellene Garden, Coloane,
1,663 ft², 3 bed

Rented Nova Park, Taipa,
731 ft², 1 bed

Rented Manhattan, Taipa,
1,360 ft², 2 beds



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Nearly 1,500 arrests do little to deter HK's protests

BLAKE SCHMIDT
& NATALIE LUNG

AS one of Hong Kong's protests became increasingly violent last month, Ventus Lau ventured near the front lines where demonstrators had ripped down smart lampposts and surrounded a police station. He got a whiff of the tear gas. Then the cops got him.

Police took Lau's phone and his Octopus transport card, but he made bail with help from a fund that provides legal and medical support to protesters. When Lau checked in with police again on Friday, they returned the money. He was released unconditionally.

"I will still try to participate," said Lau, a 25-year-old writer who was raised in a public housing project. "Maybe I'll keep a low profile this weekend. Then I'll see what I can do."

Lau, who was arrested on charges including illegal assembly after organizing an August march, is among hundreds of demonstrators who've found them-

selves ensnared by Hong Kong's legal system in protests that have morphed into a broader pro-democracy movement. But so far the detentions have done little to keep protesters off the streets: While police have made 1,474 arrests of protesters ranging from 12 to 83 years old since June 9, only about 200, or 14%, have undergone judicial proceedings.

Lau was held for 46 hours, including in a police detention center which has been used to handle the overflow from the prison system. Under Hong Kong law, protesters can only be held for 72 hours without charges.

Faced with growing denouncements of alleged police brutality, officers are becoming increasingly frustrated with the judicial system, particularly how demonstrators can get bail easily. In a press briefing on Friday, a senior police officer, who requested not to be identified, said it made little point to arrest people if the punishment wasn't enough to de-

ter them from hitting the streets. He said only a handful of protesters didn't make bail.

What's worse, the police have struggled to win the battle for public perception. The arrests risk fueling allegations of police brutality, and even turnout, as conten-

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tious detentions go viral or are live streamed - including images of some demonstrators being wrestled to the ground. Detentions of a series of prominent pro-democracy voices in late August, including the re-arrest of Occupy leader Joshua Wong, helped fuel the worst weekend of violence in the city since its handover to Chinese

rule in 1997.

The police may be betting that the arrests may make people "afraid to take up hardcore protests," said Chung Kim-Wah, of Hong Kong Polytechnic University's Department of Applied Social Sciences. "But to clear up the antago-

nism from the issue will be extremely difficult."

Hong Kong leader Carrie Lam conceded on Sept. 4 to the main demand to withdraw a bill allowing extraditions to China. But she hasn't budged on their other requests for an independent inquiry into police tactics and the release of detained protesters, both of which could help defuse the standoff.

Amid fears of doxing by protesters, riot police have dressed in black masks and removed their identification numbers, making it difficult to identify cases of brutality, said Martin Lee, a barrister and founder of the Democratic Party of Hong Kong. Those moves have been criticized by human

rights groups including Amnesty International, which on Friday accused the police of torturing and beating protesters.

"Those committing malicious offenses like damage to property, you can't complain if they're detained," Lee said. "But on the other side, what about the police?"

Rights groups, which have long denounced the use of arrest by mainland authorities to silence dissent, including the detention of up to 1 million Muslim Uighurs in Xinjiang province, are now scrutinizing methods in Hong Kong.

Chinese authorities at the border with neighboring Shenzhen have begun regularly checking the smartphones of people crossing from Hong Kong for evidence of protest activity. It's led to interrogations or detentions, including those of accredited journalists, according to a statement by the Foreign Correspondents' Club of Hong Kong.

Reporters at police briefings have begun bringing their own footage of alleged brutality, but officers argue they don't show a full picture, only capturing part of an event. The force now kicks off press events with their own edits of what happened at recent protests.

Edward Leung, executive director of Hong Kong Playground Association, a group providing social services to youth, said authorities should use leniency, including parole, instead of jail time and to spare protesters criminal records. Lam should be more proactive in facing the public and pursuing dialogue, rather than leaving the police to handle public relations, he added.

Lau, the protester who had his bail money returned on Friday, said he was detained even though his group had applied for approval for his march. He left early as things turned violent. Police who stopped him found political banners and first aid materials, but no weapons, he said. He'll lay low for a while, he said, but hasn't thrown in the towel just yet.

"They may think this kind of 'white terror' may stop the protests, but why are people going out to the streets even after the bill was withdrawn? Police brutality," Lau said. "They can't arrest all the protesters." **BLOOMBERG**

Chinese flag trampled amid street fires

PROTESTERS in Hong Kong trampled a Chinese flag, vandalized two subway stations and set at least two street fires yesterday, as pro-democracy demonstrations took a violent turn once again.

The day's action began peacefully, as protesters filled a shopping mall and, in

a new twist, folded paper "origami" cranes that they tied onto a large rigging they assembled in the mall in the outlying Shatin district.

Some put a Chinese flag on the floor and took turns running over it, before defacing it and putting it in a dumpster outside, which they then pushed into a

nearby river.

Hong Kong's pro-democracy protests, now in their fourth month, have often descended into violence late in the day and at night. A hardcore group of protesters says the extreme actions are needed to get the government's attention. On Saturday, police

used tear gas and rubber rounds against protesters who threw gasoline bombs toward them and set fires in streets.

As yesterday's protest at Shatin New Town Plaza wound down, some protesters attacked a subway station connected to the mall. They jumped up to smash

overhead surveillance cameras, used hammers to knock ticket sensors off gates and spray-painted and broke the screens of ticket machines, using umbrellas to shield their identities.

Riot police arrived following the attack and guarded the station after it was closed, with a metal grill pulled down to block entry.

Outside, protesters built a barricade across a street

near the mall, piled what appeared to be palm fronds on top and set them on fire. Police fired tear gas as they tried to advance on the protesters, who took positions behind a wall of handheld umbrellas before ending their demonstration.

The unending protests are an embarrassment for China's Communist Party ahead of Oct. 1 celebrations of its 70th anniversary in power. **MDT/AP**

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Right: Barron Hilton, head of the Hilton Hotel chain, photographed in 1980. Left: In this 1985 file photo, President Ronald Reagan (left) shakes hands with Barron Hilton

BARRON HILTON, HOTEL HEIR WHO EXPANDED INTO CASINOS, DIES AT 91

STEPHEN MILLER

BARRON Hilton, the son of Conrad Hilton who expanded his father's hotel empire and made the brand a force in Las Vegas gambling, has died, aged 91. Hilton died Thursday of natural causes at his home in Los Angeles, according to a statement from the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation.

He spent five decades at Hilton Hotels Corp., serving as chief executive officer for 30 years starting in 1966. During his tenure, the Beverly Hills, California-based company was the fifth-largest U.S. hotel chain. He was co-chairman in 2007, when Blackstone Group Inc. acquired the company - by then the nation's No. 2 hotel operator -

for \$26 billion, including debt.

He amassed a net worth of \$1.25 billion, according to the Bloomberg Billionaires Index.

Hilton oversaw the development of the Carte Blanche credit card, which the company sold in 1966 for \$12 million to First National City Bank, predecessor to today's Citigroup Inc. He pioneered the profitable practice of real estate sale-leasebacks, selling the equity in hotels while continuing to manage them.

In the early 1970s, he oversaw the acquisition of the Flamingo Hotel and Las Vegas International, later renamed Las Vegas Hilton. The move made Hilton Hotels the first company listed on the New York Stock Exchange to enter the U.S. gaming industry.

As chairman, Hilton worked with CEO Stephen Bollenbach to expand the company's casino operations into Mississippi and Atlantic City, New Jersey, and acquire Bally Entertainment Corp. for about \$3 billion in 1996. Two years later, the executives spun off their gambling unit.

"I always found inspiration in how he saw the tremendous potential of hospitality to change the world for the better," Hilton CEO Christopher Nassetta said in a statement.

Though successful as the steward of the family business, he also made his mark as an entrepreneur. With Texas oilman Lamar Hunt and others, Hilton helped found the American Football League, and he was the original owner of the league's Los Angeles Chargers. The AFL and rival National Football League announced their merger in 1966, the same year Hilton sold his majority stake in the team, by then called the San Diego Chargers. The team has since relocated to Los Angeles.

"The happiest days of my life were the days I was involved with the Chargers," he said, according to a 2009 Los Angeles Times story.

William Barron Hilton was born Oct. 23, 1927, in Dallas, the son of Conrad Hilton and the former Mary Barron, according to "The Hiltons," a 2014 book by J. Randy Taraborrelli. He was 8 when his parents divorced, and away at school when his father married Zsa Zsa

Gabor in 1942.

He had two brothers, Eric, who became an executive at Hilton Hotels, and Conrad Nicholson ("Nicky") Jr., a socialite and manager of Hilton's international division. Barron was best man at Nicky's 1950 marriage to movie star Elizabeth Taylor; the couple divorced within a year. Other well-known family members include Paris Hilton and Nicky Hilton, his granddaughters and high-living heiresses. Eric died in 2016.

Barron Hilton said he had "a misspent youth" and was "kicked out of four or five schools," according to a 1981 story in People. He said he wasn't close to his father, who was building a hotel empire that began with a site in Cisco, Texas, in 1919.

Hilton skipped college and served in the U.S. Navy as a photographer's mate. In 1954, he became vice president at Hilton Hotels.

When Conrad Hilton died in 1979, he gave much of his fortune to his private foundation, which benefited Catholic nuns and other charities. Barron Hilton challenged his father's will and after several years of legal wrangling reached a settlement giving him effective control over 34% of Hilton's shares.

In 2007, Barron Hilton announced that he would follow his father's example and leave 97% of his estate to the Conrad N. Hilton Foundation. The planned gift is projected to increase the endowment to \$6.3 billion, according to the foundation.

One of his passions was flying airplanes. "Hotels may have been my vocation, but aviation has definitely been my avocation," Hilton said, according to a 2010 Forbes story. He owned a fleet of airplanes, helicopters, gliders and ultralight aircraft. Hilton sponsored attempts to circumnavigate the globe in a manned balloon, which he called "the ultimate room with a view - a view of the world."

He was married in 1947 to the former Marilyn June Hawley, who died in 2004. They had eight children: William Barron Jr., Hawley, Steven, David, Sharon, Richard, Daniel and Ronald. **BLOOMBERG**

AVIATION

Jazeera Airways planning London-Bangkok trips in short-haul jets

AFTER a surge in narrow-body plane flights across the Atlantic, Mideast discount carrier Jazeera Airways aims to push the model to its limits with services between Europe and Southeast Asia using the single-aisle jets.

Jazeera wants to acquire Airbus SE's long-range A321neo LR narrow-body

to open up the prospect of a 15-hour trip from London to Thailand with a stop at its Kuwait hub, and is even considering the XLR version to allow flights as far as Hong Kong and Guangzhou, China.

That would challenge services provided by Persian Gulf giant Emirates via Dubai using planes four times

the size, while testing passenger tolerance for inter-continental travel on single-aisle aircraft. Jazeera is already adding a route from Kuwait to London that will be the world's longest with an A320neo.

"The XLR would be a natural progression," Founder Marwan Boodai said in an interview. "When you

go east you get a much wider market. You can reach Thailand and Manila and many other destinations with a high density that we can serve best as a low-cost carrier."

Narrow-body flights are enjoying a resurgence across the Atlantic, but have yet to penetrate the Asia-Europe market. Boodai

said discount services need to use single-aisle jets to control capacity, pointing to low-cost giant AirAsia Group Bhd's recent move to switch part of an A330neo wide-body order to the XLR.

"We want the flexibility of a narrow-body and to be able to fill it, rather than the theoretical advantage of a wide-body," he said. "The A330's seat-mile costs are attractive, but can airlines fill it with the consistency they need?"

Jazeera Chief Executive Officer Rohit Ramachandran said Kuwait's position in the north of the Gulf permits narrow-body flights

to Europe that would be impossible from Dubai, Abu Dhabi and Doha. The carrier will launch London flights on Oct. 27, with return fares from 299 pounds (\$373), while a route to Dhaka in Bangladesh starting December will stretch the network further east.

Shorter routes within the usual four or five hour range of an A320 will remain Jazeera's primary focus and the carrier aims to add another 20 such destinations, mainly in India, the Middle East and central Asia, Ramachandran said in an interview last week. **MDT/BLOOMBERG**

AP PHOTO



Four Chinese tourists killed in Utah bus accident identified

LINDSAY WHITEHURST & MORGAN SMITH, PANGUITCH

AUTHORITIES yesterday [local time] identified the four Chinese tourists killed in a bus crash in southern Utah, and the tour group is dispatching employees from China to help those injured.

Three women and one man perished in the crash on a highway running through the red-rock landscape of southern Utah on Friday. The victims have been identified as Ling Geng, 68, Xiuyun Chen, 67, Zhang Caiyu, 62, and Zhongliang Caiyu, 65. They were all from Shanghai, China.

They were part of a tour group made up of 29 tourists and one leader. They come from Shanghai and the nearby provinces of Zhejiang, Jiangsu and Heilongjiang, according to a news report on the

media website huanqiu.com. The tour leader came from Hebei Province, near Beijing, according to the Zhejiang Online news site.

Five passengers remained in critical condition Friday night, and the death toll could rise, Utah Highway Patrol Sgt. Nick Street said.

All 31 people on board were hurt. Twelve to 15 on board were considered to be in critical condition shortly after the crash, but several of them have since improved, Street said. Not everyone was wearing a seatbelt, as is common in tour buses, he said.

The Shanghai Municipal Bureau of Culture and Tourism urged the travel agency, Shanghai Zhuyuan International Travel Agency, to spare no effort in res-

cuing the injured and properly handle the follow-up matters.

Phone calls to the travel agency rang unanswered Sunday morning. Lu Yong, the travel agency's general manager, told a Chinese TV program that the agency's American partners sent 10 staff

The crash happened near a highway rest stop a few miles from southern Utah's Bryce Canyon National Park

members to hospitals to help the victims communicate with doctors and police.

The News Perspective program, part of the Shanghai Media Group, said in an article on its of-

ficial social media account that seven relatives of the victims were expected to leave for the United States on Monday or Tuesday with travel agency staff and officials from the culture and tourism bureau.

The news program's social media post included photos of parts of the itinerary, indicating the accident occurred on the seventh day of a 16-day trip and also included visits to Yellowstone National Park, Salt Lake City and Las Vegas. They were to fly to the East Coast after the western U.S. stops.

The crash happened near a highway rest stop a few miles from southern Utah's Bryce Canyon National Park, an otherworldly landscape of narrow red-rock spires.

Authorities believe the driver swerved on the way to the park on Friday morning. But when he yanked the steering wheel to put the bus back onto the road, the momentum sent the bus into a rollover crash, authorities said.

The driver, an American citizen, survived and was talking with investigators, Street said. He didn't appear to be intoxicated, but authorities were still investigating his condition as well as any possible mechanical problems, he said.

There was some wind, but it was not strong enough to cause problems, Street said.

The crash left the top of a white bus smashed in and one side peeling away as the vehicle came to rest mostly off the side of the road against a sign for restrooms.

The National Transportation Safety Board was sending a team to investigate.

The company listed on the bus was America Shengjia Inc. Utah business records indicate it is based in Monterey Park, California. A woman answering the phone there did not have immediate comment.

Intermountain Garfield Memorial Hospital said it received 17 patients, including three in critical condition and 11 in serious condition. Patients also were taken to Cedar City and St. George hospitals.

Millions of people visit Utah's five national parks every year. Last year, about 87,000 people from China visited the state, making them the fastest-growing group of Utah tourists, according to state data.

More than half of visitors from China travel on tour buses, said Vicki Varela, managing director of Utah Office of Tourism.

The Chinese Embassy tweeted that it was saddened to hear about the crash and that it was sending staff to help the victims.

Bryce Canyon, about 300 miles south of Salt Lake City, draws more than 2 million visitors a year.

"You have a group from China who have worked hard to come to the states, got the visa and everything they needed, excited about it, and for a tragedy like this to happen it just makes it all the more tragic," Street said. **AP**

Solomon Islands forms ties with China after Taiwan break

THE Solomon Islands formed diplomatic relations with China on Saturday after breaking ties with rival Taiwan, giving Beijing another victory in its campaign to isolate the self-ruled island it claims as part of its territory.

The two governments announced in a joint statement they were forming diplomatic ties "in keeping with the interests and desire of the two peoples."

The Solomons broke relations with Taiwan last week, leaving the island with fewer than 20 governments that recognize it as an independent country.

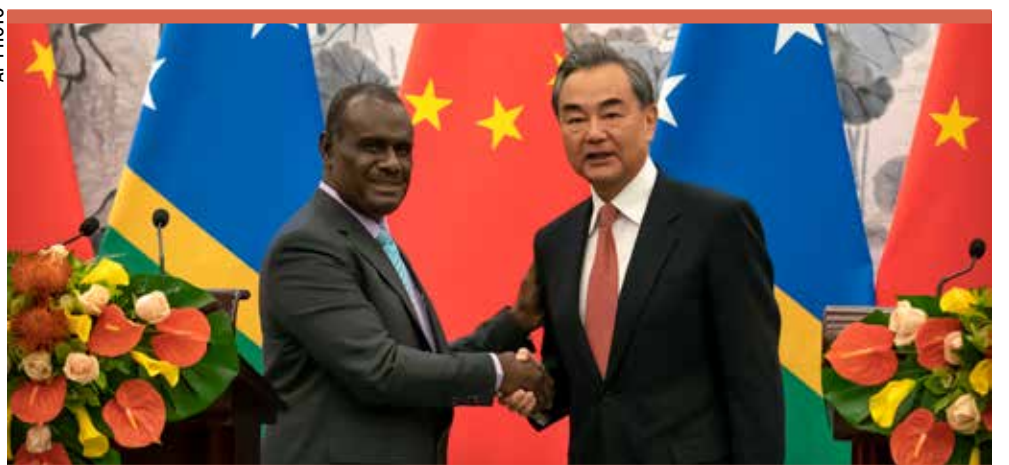
Taiwan and China split in 1949 after the Communist Party won a civil war on the mainland. They have extensive commercial ties but no official relations.

Taiwan is the last territory controlled by the

Republic of China government that ruled the united country from 1911 until the war.

The communist Beijing government has used China's growing economic weight to isolate Taiwan diplomatically. The mainland government has threatened to attack if the island declares formal independence or delays talks on uniting the two sides. **AP**

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PHILIPPINES CONFIRMS 2ND POLIO CASE AFTER DECLARING OUTBREAK

JIM GOMEZ, MANILA

PHILIPPINE health officials on Friday confirmed a second case of polio in a 5-year-old child a day after declaring the country's first outbreak in nearly two decades, and announced plans for a massive immunization program.

Health Secretary Francisco Duque III said authorities confirmed the new case in a boy from Laguna province south of Manila after samples were found positive for the polio virus.

Health officials declared a new outbreak Thursday after confirming the disease in a 3-year-old girl in southern Lanao del Sur province. They said the polio virus has also been detected in sewage in Manila and in waterways in the southern Davao region, prompting plans for an immunization drive starting next month that is likely to include tens of thousands of children under age 5.

At least 95% of children that age need to be vaccinated to halt the spread of polio in the Philippines, according to the World Health Organization and the United Nations Children's Fund,



which expressed deep concern over the disease's reemergence in the country and pledged to support the government in immunizing children and strengthening surveillance.

The boy afflicted with polio in Laguna experienced the onset of paralysis late last month but has been discharged from a hospital, is able to walk and is being closely monitored for residual symptoms, health officials said.

Polio is a highly infectious viral disease which mainly afflicts young children. There is no known cure and polio can only be prevented by immunization, according to WHO.

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"We continue to urge parents and caregivers of children below five years old, health workers, and local chief executives to take part in the synchronized polio vaccination to be scheduled in their communities," said Duque, who administered polio vaccine to a child a suburban Quezon city.

The government's immunization programs were marred in 2017 by a dengue fever vaccine made by French drugmaker Sanofi Pasteur which some Philippine officials linked to the deaths of at least three children. Duque and other Philippine health officials say many parents became scared about immunizations but they have worked to restore public trust in vaccines since then.

The government halted the dengue immunization drive after Sanofi said a study showed the vaccine may increase the risk of severe dengue infections. More than 830,000 children received the Dengvaxia vaccine under the campaign, which was launched in 2016 and halted in 2017.

Sanofi officials said the Dengvaxia vaccine was safe and would reduce dengue infections if the vaccination drive continued. **AP**

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Japan accepts talks with South Korea on WTO arbitration

MARI YAMAGUCHI, TOKYO

JAPAN announced Friday it will accept South Korea's request for joint talks leading to arbitration by the World Trade Organization after Seoul filed a complaint with the international body over Tokyo's tightening of export controls.

Trade minister Isshu Sugawara, however, said Japan's controls on exports to South Korea follow WTO rules and that Tokyo stands by its position.

"We have decided to accept the negotiations requested by South Korea," Sugawara said. "Japan's position is that its review of trade controls is consistent with WTO rules and that there is no change to that. We will give South Korea a thorough explanation."

South Korea initiated a complaint with the WTO last week after a trade dispute between the neighbors erupted in July.



The two countries also held talks in Tokyo on Friday on a range of contentious issues including forced labor by Koreans during World War II and South Korea's cancellation of a military intelligence pact, but failed to make progress.

Shigeaki Takizaki, head of Asian and Oceanian Affairs Bureau at Japan's Foreign Ministry, held talks with his South Korean counterpart, Kim Jung-han, but the two sides repeated their respec-

tive positions and no concessions were made, Japanese officials said.

Japan tightened controls on key chemicals that South Korean companies use to produce semiconductors and displays, and then downgraded South Korea's preferential trade status a month later. Tokyo cited unspecified security reasons, while South Korea accused it of "weaponizing" trade in response to a longstanding dispute over Japan's wartime actions.

The trade restrictions, which affected a core South Korean industry, have led to a full-blown dispute, sending relations between the U.S. allies to their lowest level in decades and spilling over into tourism, security and other areas.

Seoul declared it is terminating a military intelligence sharing pact with Japan that had symbolized the countries' three-way security cooperation with the United States in the face of a North Korean nuclear threat and China's growing assertiveness.

South Korea last week announced that it has removed Japan from a group of countries given fast-track trade approval process. Seoul also began raising questions over Japan's handling of massive amounts of treated but still radioactive water stored at the Fukushima nuclear plant, which was destroyed in 2011 by a massive quake and tsunami. **AP**



TYPHOON HEADS TO NORTHEAST JAPAN AFTER SOME DAMAGE IN SOUTH

MARI YAMAGUCHI, TOKYO

A powerful typhoon was heading northeast to Japan's main island of Honshu yesterday after lashing parts of the country's southern islands with heavy rains and winds that caused flooding and some minor injuries.

Typhoon Tapah was passing near Nagasaki in southern Japan yesterday afternoon after hitting other parts of southern Japan, including Okinawa, the two previous days.

Japan's Meteorological Agency said the storm was moving northeast at a speed of 30 kilometers per hour, with maximum winds of 162 kph.

The agency warned of heavy rain, flooding and possible landslides today in western Japan.

The typhoon hit Okinawa on Friday and Saturday and left 18 people with minor injuries. The storm disrupted air and train travel in the region during what is a three-day weekend. **AP**



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NOBEL LAUREATE STARTS FUND FOR SURVIVORS OF SEXUAL VIOLENCE

EDITH M. LEDERER,
UNITED NATIONS

THE Nobel Peace Prize-winning surgeon whose hospital in war-torn Congo has treated over 50,000 victims of sexual violence has launched a fund with the goal of providing reparations for survivors of conflicts around the world.

Dr. Denis Mukwege said in an interview Saturday that he and his team at Panzi Hospital in eastern Bukavu province could physically and mentally help victims of rape and other abuse, but that the only way to really heal survivors is for society to accept the wrong that was done to them

through reparations.

Legal action can be taken against an alleged perpetrator, he said, but even in cases in which women win, "there is no reparation."

Mukwege said reparations can be individual or collective, symbolic or financial, depending on the victim, the case and the context.

"In some cases, women are just asking us to ask the leaders to [...] say, 'I apologize for what just happened to you because I was maybe the leader in this place and I didn't protect you,'" Mukwege said. "Then maybe for the women, this can be enough."

But in other cases, women mi-

ght want financial reparations to support them, to pay for school, or to return to previous activities or start new ones, he said, "so this fund really works in different ways, depending with the conflicts."

"For 10 years I was fighting to get a global fund," Mukwege said, "because ... what is happening in Congo is happening everywhere where we have conflict."

The fund is trying to get governments and the private sector to give money, he said, but its board will also include victims of sexual violence and civil society representatives.

France is the first country to commit to the fund, pledging

USD2 million a year for three years in an important show of support, Mukwege said.

Mukwege is in New York on a tour organized by Doctors of the World, a longtime funder of the Panzi Hospital. It will also take him to California and Washington state to talk to foundations about the fund.

Mukwege is also planning to meet several world leaders and attend events on the sidelines of the upcoming annual gathering of presidents, prime ministers and monarchs at the U.N. General Assembly.

Female victims around the world face similar challenges, Mukwege said, and he has re-

cently seen how sexual violence survivors from the Bosnian war have overcome their problems, "and how they can help Congolese women to help face this big problem."

He also traveled to South Korea to see the "comfort women" used as sex slaves by Japanese soldiers in World War II and visited Colombia and victims of that country's long civil war. He plans to start programs for victims of sexual violence in the Central African Republic and Burundi, he said.

Mukwege shared the 2018 Nobel Peace Prize with Nadia Murad, a Yazidi woman who was raped by Islamic State militants in Iraq and has become a global advocate for victims of sexual violence.

"She and I are working together," he said. "I was in Iraq to see exactly what was happening there, and I hope that this year, I will start to support Yazidi women."

The program will operate in different camps where the Yazidis are, not in the Sinjar region where Islamic State extremists stormed Yazidi communities in 2014, Mukwege said.

Having spent much of his life treating female victims of sexual violence, Mukwege said, "today my policy is to work more with men because I think that it is very important in talking about a positive masculinity."

"We are really in a patriarchal system where men dominate everything and women are treated just as objects," he said. "We need to change our way to treat women and see women in our society and ... let young boys grow up to respect women and understand that women are equal to men — and this has to start very early." AP

UN agency: Tanzania not sharing details on Ebola-like cases

CARA ANNA,
JOHANNESBURG

THE World Health Organization has issued an unusual statement raising questions about whether Tanzania is covering up possible cases of the deadly Ebola virus, a significant cause for concern during a regional outbreak that has been declared a rare global health emergency.

The statement Saturday says Tanzania's government "despite several requests" is refusing to share the results of its investigations into a number of patients with Ebola-like symptoms and is refusing to ship patient samples to an outside WHO partner lab.

Tanzania's government, which has said it has no



Ebola cases, could not immediately be reached for comment yesterday. The cases would be the first-ever Ebola infections confirmed in the East African country.

The United Nations

health agency says it was made aware on Sept. 10 of the death in Tanzania's commercial capital, Dar es Salaam, of a patient suspected to have Ebola. A day later, it received unofficial reports that an Ebola test

had come back positive. On Thursday, it received unofficial reports that a contact of the patient, who had traveled widely in the country, was sick and hospitalized.

A rapid response is crucial in containing Ebola,

which can be fatal in up to 90% of cases and is most often spread by close contact with bodily fluids of people exhibiting symptoms or with contaminated objects.

The WHO statement said the lack of information from Tanzania made it difficult to assess potential risks.

The Ebola outbreak based in neighboring Congo has infected over 3,000 people and killed nearly 2,000 of them. A few cases have been confirmed in neighboring Uganda as well, and other neighboring countries have been preparing for the outbreak's possible spread.

This is not the first time health officials have raised serious questions about the suspected Tanzania ca-

ses. On Monday, the U.S. health and human services secretary, Alex Azar, told reporters in Uganda that he and others were "very concerned about the lack of transparency" in Tanzania.

Critics have shown increasing alarm as Tanzanian President John Magufuli's government has restricted access to key information and cracked down on perceived dissent. Lawmakers recently approved an amendment to a statistics law to make it a crime to distribute information not sanctioned by the government or which contradicts the government.

The World Bank was among those expressing concern at that amendment. AP

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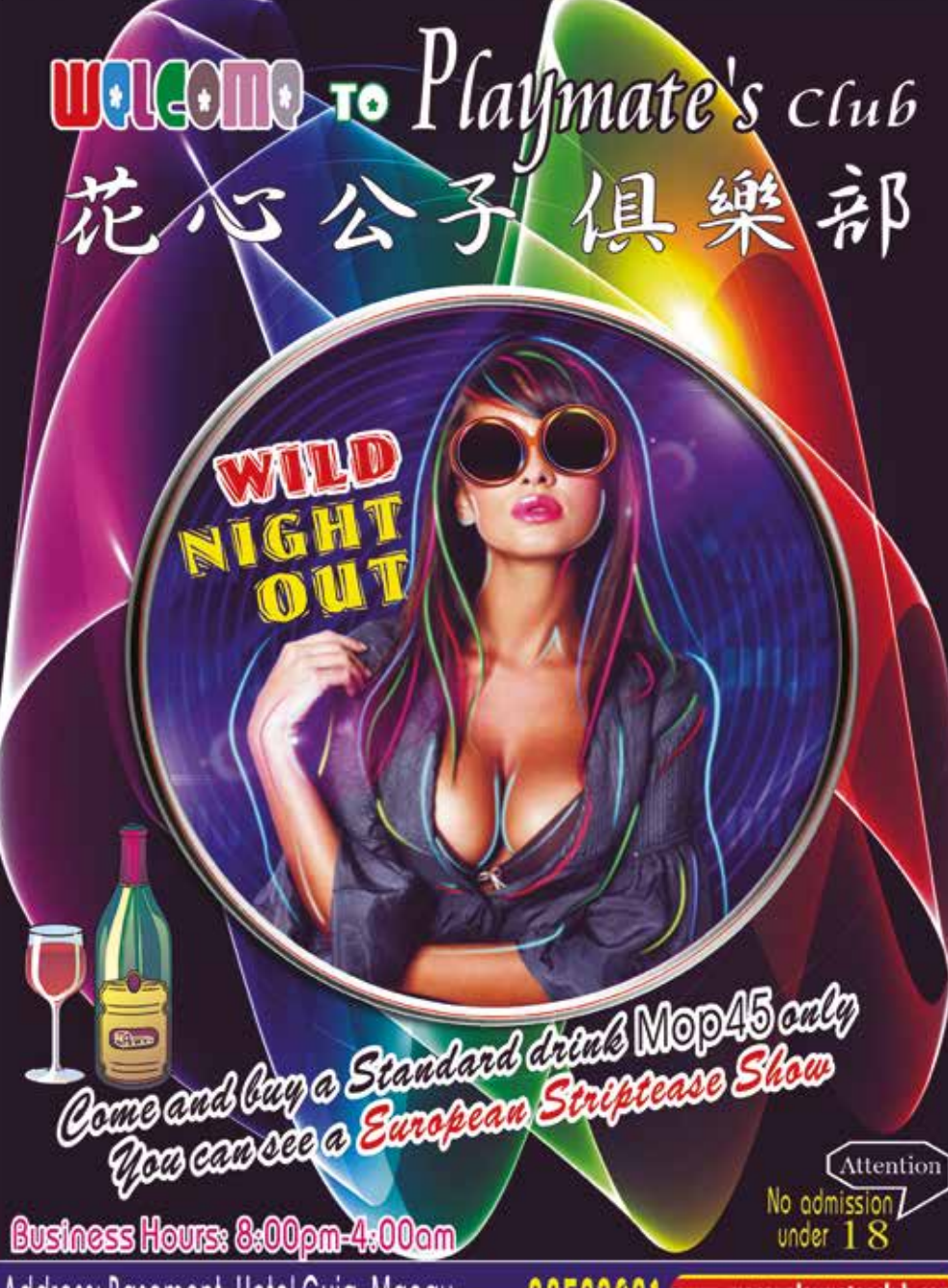


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Offbeat

WOMAN RUNS OWN HALF MARATHON AFTER MIX-UP WITH UK RACE

A Massachusetts woman thought she was signing up to run a half marathon near her home, not across the Atlantic Ocean.
Sheila Pereira learned too late that the Worcester City Half Marathon was actually being held in Worcester, England, and not Worcester, Massachusetts, on Sept. 15.
She decided to run 13 miles that day anyway, only on this side of the pond.
The Boston Globe reports Pereira sent the English race organizers a picture of her route from Worcester to Shrewsbury.
The 42-year-old runner's fitness app showed she completed her own half marathon in 2 hours, 5 minutes.
After Pereira explained the mix-up, the Worcester City Half Marathon sent along a medal, a shirt and encouragement to travel the 3,000 miles to participate in person in next year's race.

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13:00	TDM News (Repetição)
13:30	Telejornal RTPi (Diferido)
15:00	Agua de Mar
15:30	Zig Zag
15:30	Os Ursos Boonie e o Fantástico Outono
16:00	Quem Quer Ser Milionário
16:55	Geoparque Açores - Fim
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19:30	Ouro Verde Sr.1
20:30	Telejornal
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21:50	Livros com João Guedes
22:00	Todas as Palavras
22:25	Amor Maior
23:15	TDM News
23:50	Justiça de Chicago
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03:00	Liga Europa: Porto - Young Boys (Directo)
05:00	RTPi Directo

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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



ABIGAIL
ROOM2
2:30, 4:30, 9:30pm
Director: Aleksandr Boguslavskiy
Starring: Tinatin Dalakishvili, Eddie Marsan, Rinal Mukhametov
Language: English (Chinese)

UNDERCOVER PUNCH AND GUN
ROOM2
7:30pm
Director: Koon-Nam Lui, Frankie Tam
Starring: Shuai Chi, Joyce Wenjuan Feng, Luxia Jiang
Language: Cantonese (Chinese)

FAGARA
ROOM3
2:30, 9:30pm
Director: Heiward Mak
Starring: Kenny Bee, Vicky Chen, Sammi Cheng
Language: Chinese (English)
Duration: 120min

SOUND! EUPHONIUM THE MOVIE - OUR PROMISE: A BRAND NEW DAY
ROOM3
4:45, 7:30pm
Director: Tatsuya Ishihara
Starring: Robbie Daymond, Erica Mendez, Lucien Dodge
Language: Japanese (Chinese)
Duration: 110min

this day in history



1952 CHARLIE CHAPLIN COMES HOME

World famous film actor and director Charlie Chaplin has returned to England for the first time in 21 years.
He arrived with his wife Oona - daughter of playwright Eugene O'Neill - and their four children at Southampton on the Queen Elizabeth cruise liner.
He was greeted by hundreds of well-wishers and told waiting journalists he and his family planned to travel around the country.
"We're here for the opening of the benefit for the Royal Society for Teaching the Blind and then after that we have an idea of touring beautiful England and going to all the historical spots."
He added: "This is the first time that my wife has been abroad and naturally we're going to try and cram in as much as we can."
But he would not comment on reports that the US Attorney General James McGranery may not allow him to return to America pending an investigation into alleged "subversive", left-wing activities.
The Chaplin family then took a train to London's Waterloo station where he was again greeted by cheering crowds.
Mr Chaplin later gave a press conference outside the Savoy Hotel where he told reporters it was a "shock" to see Waterloo Bridge - which has been rebuilt since he was last in the capital - but that Big Ben was "a beautiful sight".
He has come over from America to promote his latest film, Limelight, a story of life in the music hall set in 1917.
The premier will be shown on 16 October at the Odeon Cinema, Leicester Square.
Mr Chaplin was born in London in 1889, the son of music hall entertainers. His mother had a nervous breakdown and his father died when little Charlie was five.
He danced in the street for pennies with his half-brother, Sydney, and was then sent to an orphanage. He came to America when he was 17 with a troupe of players and in 1912 joined the Keystone company to appear in his first silent film, Making a Living.
In 1919 he co-founded United Artists and made such classics as The Kid (1921), City Lights (1928), Modern Times (1936), and The Great Dictator (1940).

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

A month later, Charlie Chaplin went to Paris where he was awarded the Legion of Honour for his contribution to cinema.
After Paris he went to Rome and then Switzerland, where he made his home after he was barred from the US for his left-wing views. He and his wife went on to have four more children.
In 1972 he was not only allowed back for a visit but awarded a Special Academy Award. Three years later he was knighted by the Queen. He died in 1977.
In 2002 confidential Foreign Office papers from 1956 released by the Public Record Office in Britain revealed the comic's knighthood had been delayed because of his "communist" sympathies and worries about his morals.

YOUR STARS



ARIES

Mar. 21-Apr. 19

When you first learned to ride a bike, there came a moment when your mom or dad had to let go of the bike and let you go forward on your own. It was a moment of fear, exhilaration and independence.



TAURUS

Apr. 20-May. 20

It is never too late to get started on a different path in life. If you have something that interests you - a new hobby, a new career, or the likee - you should pursue it.



GEMINI

May. 21-Jun. 21

Spending all your time looking for answers to the things that confuse you isn't going to allow you any time for new knowledge to sink in! Today you should just download whatever information you learn.



CANCER

Jun. 22-Jul. 22

Wanting something to be a certain way is fine - but until you commit yourself to putting forth all the effort required to make it that way, you mustn't feel desperation.



LEO

Jul. 23-Aug. 22

You are all about getting stuff done right now, with a huge supply of energy backing you up. This is a great time to start working on your taxes, reorganizing the garage or tackling a major household repair job.



VIRGO

Aug. 23-Sep. 22

Human relationships are always unpredictable and complicated, but today you will gain a new insight into one of your friendships that will make it simple for you to deconstruct what this person really wants.



LIBRA

Sep. 23-Oct. 22

If you put more energy toward researching a purchase, finding alternative ways to get the same thing at a lower price or waiting for a sale, you will get a good lesson in patience.



SCORPIO

Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Today is the perfect time for you to transition away from an emotionally driven viewpoint to a more analytical one. Distance yourself from the relationships you are in right now.



SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

There are still quite a few unknowns involved, and you have to wait until you understand the whole story before making a big commitment. The universe stresses caution and conservative action today.



CAPRICORN

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

This big move ahead might make you feel a bit funny about proceeding, but make no mistake - you have put in all the work you needed to put in, and you're not getting any preferential treatment.



AQUARIUS

Jan. 20-Feb. 18

So wait things out today, and don't make any rash decisions - you've got to give yourself time to settle into the way things are and fully realize that you are finally, undeniably done!

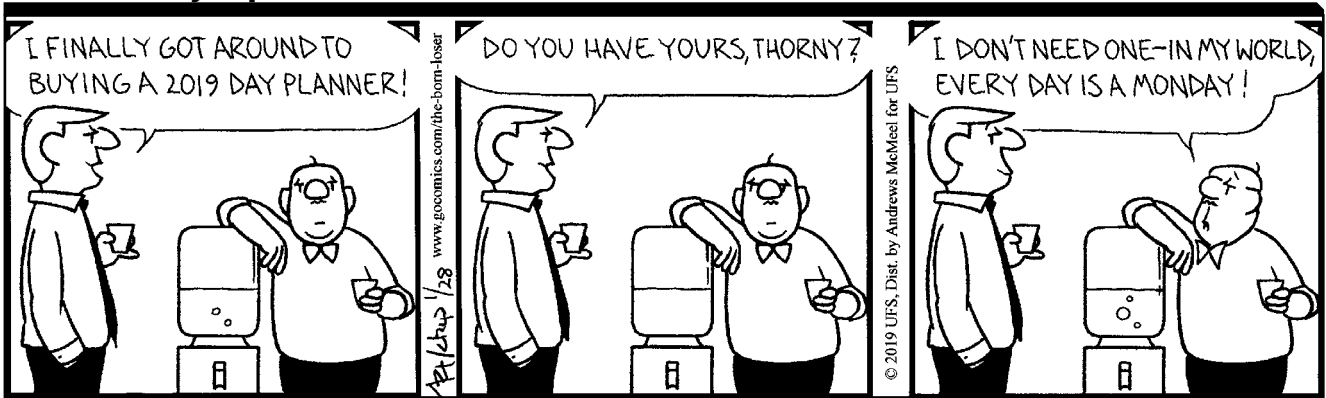


PISCES

Feb. 19-Mar. 20

Wrap up any unfinished projects as soon as you can today - there are some exciting distractions coming later in the afternoon, and you will want as much free time in your schedule as possible.

The Born Loser by Chip Sansom



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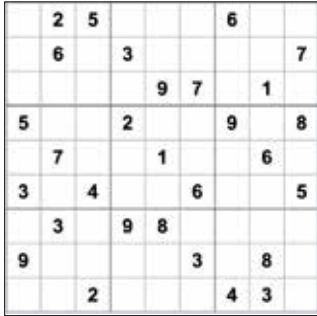
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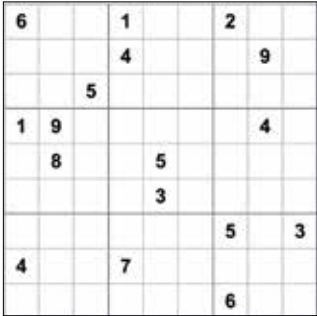
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Lhasa	11	24	shower
Chengdu	24	34	shower
Chongqing	26	34	cloudy
Kunming	18	24	shower
Nanjing	29	36	cloudy
Shanghai	29	36	cloudy
Wuhan	28	37	clear
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Hong Kong	28	33	cloudy

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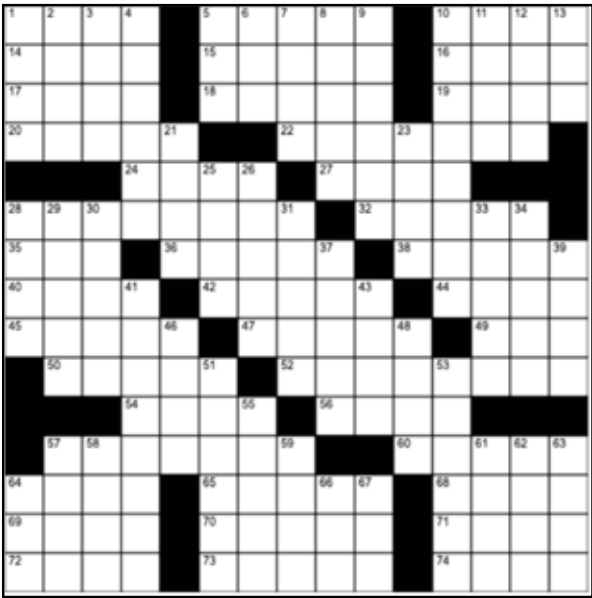
Moscow	17	22	moderate rain
Frankfurt	21	33	clear
Paris	22	32	clear
London	16	24	clear
New York	18	27	clear

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- A long way off; 5- Idaho capital; 10- Meal in a pot; 14- All-night bash; 15- Exterior; 16- Jekyll's alter ego; 17- Hand-me-down; 18- Narrow mountain ridge; 19- Condo division; 20- Like Thor; 22- Plant-eating aquatic mammal; 24- Isle of exile; 27- Nailed obliquely; 28- Cherish; 32- Penned; 35- Dorm overseers, for short; 36- Shake like ____; 38- In the red; 40- ____ many words; 42- Pesto ingredient; 44- Cozy place; 45- Haunted house sounds; 47- Church council; 49- Excessively; 50- Parachute material; 52- Counselors; 54- Mine finds; 56- Faxed; 57- Vientiane native; 60- Bird of prey, score in golf; 64- Hazard; 65- Brush a horse; 68- Part of; 69- Friendly femme; 70- Asian capital; 71- McNally's partner; 72- Support beam; 73- Boutiques; 74- Fr. holy women;

DOWN: 1- Give ____ for one's money; 2- Burkina ____; 3- State; 4- It had a part in the Bible; 5- Feather scarf; 6- Belonging to us; 7- Gossip bit; 8- Go after; 9- Heretofore; 10- Stoppage; 11- Daly of "Judging Amy"; 12- Emmy winner Falco; 13- Drenched; 21- Adamson's lioness; 23- Dynamic beginning; 25- Future tulip; 26- Sectors; 28- Barbershop request; 29- Babbled; 30- Composition; 31- Snap course; 33- Link with; 34- Belgian painter James; 37- Discovers; 39- Old Pontiacs; 41- Observer; 43- Deep affection; 46- Category; 48- Sup; 51- Equine sounds; 53- Flight of steps; 55- Mother of Isaac; 57- Leg or arm; 58- Bhutan's continent; 59- Something to avoid; 61- Tiny pest; 62- Solitary; 63- Winds up; 64- Thor Heyerdahl craft; 66- Alley ____; 67- Fire starter?;

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ELEVATOR BRIEFLY BREAKS DOWN AT REOPENED WASHINGTON MONUMENT

The newly upgraded elevator at the Washington Monument stopped working just days after reopening to the public following a three-year renovation project.

The National Park Service says there was a "brief interruption in service" for about an hour Saturday.

Spokesman Mike Litterst said Parks Service staffers resolved the issue and visitors who were at the top of the 555-foot stone obelisk

were able to return to the ground floor using the elevator.

First lady Melania Trump cut the ribbon Thursday morning as the monument opened to the public for first time since September 2016. It had been closed to replace the elevator and upgrade security systems.

Litterst apologized to visitors for the inconvenience. He said tours were running on schedule later Saturday afternoon.



FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT-DESIGNED PHOENIX HOME UP FOR AUCTION

An Arizona home that Architect Frank Lloyd Wright designed during the last year of his life is going on the auction block next month.

The Norman Lykes House in Phoenix, the last residential property Wright worked on, will be up for bid on Oct. 16, according to Heritage Auctions. The home has been on and off the market over the last few years and was last listed at around \$2.7 million.

There will be no minimum starting bid required,

the auction house said in a news release.

Wright designed the home, made of concrete blocks and nicknamed the "Circular Sun House," before his death in April 1959 at age 91.

The 3,095-square-foot (288-square-meter) property in the city's Biltmore neighborhood has three bedrooms, three baths and is nestled on the edge of a mountain preserve. The buyer would also get all the original mid-century modern furnishings.

BEER FLOWS AS OVERCROWDED OKTOBERFEST OPENS IN MUNICH

The first keg was tapped, and the beer started flowing as the 186th Oktoberfest got underway Saturday in the southern German city of Munich.

Mayor Dieter Reiter inserted the tap in the first keg with two blows of a hammer and the cry of "O'zapft is" — "it's tapped." As tradition demands, he handed the first mug to Bavarian governor Markus Soeder.

Even before the waitresses started bringing the one-liter (two-pint) beer mugs to customers at noon, the festival grounds were so overcrowded that security guards allowed entry only

for people with reservations in one of the beer tents.

Revelers — many women in colorful dirndl dresses and men in traditional Bavarian lederhosen — started lining up in front of the gates before dawn to get inside.

Shortly after 9 a.m., the festival's organizers said the party could begin. The announcement came in German, English and Bavarian — a German dialect so thick and heavy with accent and local vernacular that even many native German speakers from other parts of the country have trouble understanding it.



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MOTORSPORTS

Vettel ends 13-month winless run; Ferrari 1-2 at Singapore

FERRARI driver Sebastian Vettel took advantage of an early pit stop to win the Singapore Grand Prix on Sunday and end a 13-month winless streak in Formula One.

Vettel, who started third on the grid, crossed the finish line 2.641 seconds ahead of Charles Leclerc — who was unhappy with team pit strategy — in a Ferrari 1-2.

It was four-time F1 champion Vettel's first win since the 2018 Belgian Grand Prix.

"Obviously the start of the season has been difficult for us but in recent weeks we started to come alive," Vettel said. "It's been incredible to get so much support from the fans and I tried to put it all into the track today and into the car and I'm glad it paid off."

Red Bull's Max Verstappen was third while championship leader Lewis Hamilton was fourth.

With six races remaining, Hamilton holds a 65-point lead over Mercedes teammate Valtteri Bottas, who finished fifth. The winner

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Ferrari driver Sebastian Vettel of Germany at the Marina Bay City Circuit in Singapore

of each race gets 25 points.

It was Vettel's fifth victory under the lights in Singapore and ended a 22-race winless streak.

Leclerc started from pole and

held the lead at the 5-kilometer (3.1-mile) Marina Bay street circuit until he pitted on the 21st lap of the night race. When Leclerc rejoined, he was behind Vettel, who

had pitted a lap earlier.

Leclerc made it clear over the team radio that he was not happy that Vettel pitted first and got the lead.

Vettel said he received the call from his team to pit and it wasn't his decision.

"It was a very late call," Vettel said. "I thought it was a bit early because I wasn't sure we can make the tires last in the second stint but, yeah, then I just gave it everything in the outlap because I saw the two cars in front of me not pitting, especially Lewis. I was then very surprised a lap later to come out ahead."

Leclerc, who won the previous two races and appeared set for a third straight victory, was diplomatic later when asked about the pit strategy of Ferrari.

"It's always difficult to lose a win like that but in the end it's a 1-2 for the team," Leclerc said. "We arrived here hoping for a podium and come back with a 1-2 so are extremely happy."

During the race, Leclerc had a different take when he was told to save his engine 15 laps from the finish. His response to Ferrari included: "I just don't think it's fair, but I won't do anything stupid."

Red Bull's Alexander Albon was in sixth place and Lando Norris finished seventh for McLaren, ahead of Toro Rosso's Pierre Gasly.

Renault's Nico Hulkenberg was ninth and Alfa Romeo's Antonio Giovinazzi rounded out the Top 10. **AP**

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World Views

Daniel Moss, Bloomberg

ROBOT WOLVES MIGHT JUST SAVE JAPAN

With flashing red eyes and a swiveling head, Yuuji Ohta's robot wolf bares its white canines and lets out an array of ghastly growls. A matted coat of brown synthetic fur covers its life-size body.

This futuristic creature is part of everyday life for Ohta, president of a company that manufactures machine tools in rural northern Japan. While he started making mechanical wolves as a hobby, the side venture has become a serious business in recent years. As the country's human population declines, the number of boars, bears, deer, monkeys and other wildlife is rising, encroaching on areas where people live and work. This version of the robot wolf is stationary, but the next will be able to chase animals away.

Ohta's fake wolf illustrates a silver lining of Japan's demographic retreat – or the potential for a big missed opportunity. The country desperately needs to pour investment into robots and other technology that caters to its aging and diminishing population. The big question is whether Japan can wring out the advantages from the circumstances it faces.

By 2050, almost 40% of Japanese people will be over 65, and the population is expected to shrink by about a third in the next five decades. The situation is even more dire in the countryside – including places like Naie, where Ohta has set up shop. The country's rural population is projected to fall by nearly 20% in just 12 years.

This labor shortage has the potential to transform Japan's economy for the better by ushering in a new era of technological advances. Just look at Yoshiyuki Sankai, chief executive officer of Cyberdyne Inc. His company makes a bionic suit, called HAL, to assist elderly people with trouble walking, or those with disabilities caused by stroke or accidents. These robot exoskeletons read bio-electric signals from the patient's muscles and help them move. Cyberdyne also makes strap-on lumbar-support devices that prolong the working lives of employees in agriculture and construction, as well as robot cleaners that he says are now working the midnight shift at Tokyo's Narita and Haneda airports.

"In the near future, Japan will be in a very severe situation," Sankai said one recent evening at Cyberdyne's offices in Tsukuba, an industrial research suburb about 90 minutes from central Tokyo. A Pepper android shuffled in the corner of a conference room. "To maintain a society, we need to meet technological challenges."

Japan has had a tough time replicating the success of Sony Corp.'s Walkman some 40 years ago. As innovation started to hit a wall in the late 1990s, Silicon Valley became the "it" place for technology, with the rise of portable computing and Apple Inc.'s iPhone. To its credit, the country remained a leader in the industrial robotics space. Japan is the world's No. 1 manufacturer in this sector, and sales rose 21% in 2018.

But even that edge is slipping, by some measures. Just 10 years ago, Japan had the highest robot density in the world, with 331 industrial robots per 10,000 employees. In recent years, however, other Asian countries have closed the gap as Japan stalled. Singapore now has a robot density of 831 and South Korea, 774. Japan, meanwhile, comes in at 327, just around where it was in 2009.

Robots have long been a fixture of Japanese popular and commercial culture: Astro Boy, an android, first appeared in manga in 1952. That probably helps explain why I met few Japanese who were troubled about jobs being taken from humans, or the idea that machines may one day enslave us. "You mean like the 'Terminator' movies? Japanese people aren't so concerned," said Ohta.

Financing greater use of automation that can assist everyday lives ought to be a no-brainer. Humans and machines will soon interact in the same space, if they aren't already, says Cyberdyne's Sankai. "This isn't science fiction." [Abridged]

FORMER CHARLIE ROSE MAKEUP ARTIST SUES, ALLEGING HARASSMENT

The former chief makeup artist at Charlie Rose's interview show is suing him, saying the disgraced television journalist ran a "toxic work environment" for women.

Gina Riggi said in her harassment lawsuit that she worked for 22 years for Rose and Bloomberg, the company where his Manhattan studio was located. She lost her job in 2017 after Rose was fired by PBS and CBS News for sexual misconduct.

Her lawsuit seeks unspecified damages "and equitable relief for the harm she has endured," it says.

Riggi charges that Rose treated his studio as a sexual hun-

ting ground for attractive young women. She says he groped and pawed female staff members, stared at their breasts, and dangled job prospects to wine and dine women.

"Far from being an advocate for their careers, Mr. Rose treated them as sexual targets, using his power and influence to serve his personal desires," Riggi says in the lawsuit.

His attorney told Variety that Rose denied the charges and would vigorously contest them. The lawsuit was inconsistent with friendly messages that Riggi had sent to Rose, he said.

THE BUZZ

AREA 51 EVENTS DRAW THOUSANDS TO NEVADA DESERT

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EVENTS involving thousands of Earthlings answering an internet buzz about an invitation to "Storm Area 51" in the Nevada desert have been mostly festive, with crowds numbering in the low thousands and few arrests, officials said.

Three more people were arrested Friday on the remote once-secret military base, Lincoln County Sheriff Kerry Lee said, bringing to five the tally since Thursday of accused trespassers during "Alienstock" and "Area 51 Basecamp" events and festivals in the tiny desert towns of Rachel and Hiko.

Several minor injuries were reported, and one man was treated for dehydration by festival medics in Rachel before returning to the party.

While costumed space aliens were a common, dayglow, and sometimes hilarious sight, no one reported seeing actual extraterrestrials or UFOs.

"There's a great sense of community among everyone here," said John Derryberry, who drove with his girlfriend, Sarah Shore, from Nashville, Tennessee.

"It started as a joke and now people are getting

to know each other," said Tracy Ferguson, 23, of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He said the internet gave him the idea to drive to Nevada with his girlfriend, Jade Gore, 19, of Worthington, Minnesota.

Lee said a man reported missing Friday morning after heading Thursday from a festival campground in Hiko toward an Area 51 gate was found safe Friday evening. Details weren't immediately made public, but his disappearance was not believed to have been an abduction.

Almost 100 people went at 3 a.m. Friday to the best-known "back gate" of the legendary former top-secret U.S. Air Force base, near of the tiny town of Rachel, and another 40 made a more difficult trek to a lesser-known gate in Tikaboo Valley, Lee said.

About 300 went to the Tikaboo gate during daylight, and another 800 people made the dusty 8-mile drive to the Rachel gate during the day, Lee said.

One, a woman in her 60s from California, was arrested after making it clear to sheriff's deputies, her husband and everyone around her that she was going to trespass no matter what.

"It was just something she wanted to do," said the sheriff, who was at the Rachel gate at the time.

Two men were arrested after military security officers found them in the mountains inside the perimeter of the base somewhere between the two gates, Lee said. Authorities were trying to determine how to tow their vehicle out of the rugged area.

The gates are marked by bright floodlights, watchful cameras and, at the Rachel gate, a squat tan bunker building with black-out windows — all surrounded by razor wire.

The sheriff in neighboring Nye County reported that about 40 people dispersed after "heated warnings" from officers about 3 a.m. Friday near a base gate not far from a conspicuously green "Area 51 Alien Center" about 90 minutes' drive west of Las Vegas.

"Area 51 Basecamp" was featuring music, speakers and movies Friday and Saturday at the Alien Research Center in Hiko. Business owner George Harris said he expected a crowd of 5,000, but Lee said the audience and nearby campers appeared to number in the hundreds. MDT/AP

Pakistan A bus crash in northern Pakistan killed 26 people yesterday after its brakes failed on a winding mountain road, police said.

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EU The European Union will insist that border controls be put up along the Irish border if Britain leaves the bloc without a deal and the British government will be responsible for that, a top EU official said.

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United Nations Fresh off the climate strike that took hundreds of thousands of young people out of classrooms and into the streets globally, youth leaders gathered at the United Nations Saturday to demand radical moves to fight climate change.

Germany About 800 people have protested gender inequality in the Catholic Church by forming a human chain around Germany's Cologne Cathedral. The group is pushing for the Catholic Church in Germany to allow women to have leadership roles within the church hierarchy.

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Mediterranean Over three days last week, the Norwegian-flagged Ocean Viking, a search-and-rescue vessel jointly operated by two aid groups, picked up 217 people from four unseaworthy boats in the central Mediterranean. The migrants had departed from Libya.

UK The U.K. government signaled it won't bail out struggling Thomas Cook Group Plc, complicating last-minute talks to avoid a collapse of the struggling tour company that risks stranding tens of thousands of travelers across Europe.