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India Monsoon rains continue to batter parts of India, with at least 42 more people dying in the past 24 hours, officials said yesterday.



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Mexico Mexican crooner José José, the elegant dresser who moved audiences to tears with melancholic love ballads and was known as the "Prince of Song," has died at the age of 71.

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FOURTH LINK SHOULD HAVE BEEN A TUNNEL, SAYS AU KAM SAN

JULIE ZHU

The fourth Macau-Taipa connection must be prepared for the incoming Light Rapid Transit Macau line, lawmaker Au Kam San has insisted, even as he says he disagrees with its conception as a bridge instead of a tunnel. The bridge will connect the artificial island of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge with the Outer Harbor, Inner Harbor, Zone E1 of the New Urban Zone and Taipa Grande Hill tunnel.

"It is necessary to have a fourth connection," Au told the Times, because "all three of the other bridges are saturated."

However, "there should be no reason for the fourth connection to be a bridge because when Macau faces extreme weather, the existing three bridges are not accessible," said Au. "We should have a channel with 24-hour access [instead]."

The bridge's design has already been finalized by the SAR government.

The main line of the bridge will be about 3.1 kilometers long, with a section over the sea about 2.9 kilometers long, and two bridges over waterways spanning 280 meters. The bridge's main section consists of four lanes going in both directions, with the two central lanes reserved as a special lane for mopeds



The Governor Nobre de Carvalho Bridge (foreground) and the Friendship Bridge link Taipa island to the Macau peninsula

and motorcycles. The starting point of the fourth bridge will be located on the east side of the Macau New Urban Zone.

Speaking about the bridge's future transport arrangements, Au believes that the government will "fully use" the bridge for all vehicles and not exclusively for public transportation, in view of its size.

According to the bridge's design, the bridge will be close to the fifth Macau-Taipa channel, and will reach the core area of Areia Preta.

In Au's opinion, the fourth

connection should be integrated with the fifth connection.

"The LRT's eastern line will reach the new urban zone and Areia Preta. The fourth bridge should reserve a lower deck for the LRT in order to be more economical," said Au.

The Fourth Macau-Taipa Bridge project was approved by the SAR government in December 2015. In 2016, the project's study and draft were completed and submitted to the central government. The SAR government then obtained a response with opinions from the central go-

vernment in July 2017. The project was eventually approved in March 2018 and the local government completed preliminary design works in July 2018.

In order to facilitate completion of the bridge, the local government has already started designing the road network, particularly at its starting points in Zone A and Zone E. It is said the design work will be completed within the year.

Meanwhile, tendering for the project is expected to be completed in the final quarter of this year.

LRT EXPECTED WITHIN NEXT TWO MONTHS

The city's long-awaited Light Rapid Transit (LRT), more popularly known as the Light Rail, is expected to be launched in October or November at the latest, according to Secretary for Transport and Public Works Raimundo Arrais do Rosário.

The secretary disclosed that preparation work for the LRT was going smoothly and the expected launch date was based on the progress of preparations. Meanwhile, LRT fares will be announced at the LRT launch ceremony, as Rosário did not see the necessity of disclosing the fares at this stage.

Last Friday, the SAR government signed a contract with Macao Light Rapid Transit Corporation Limited regarding the operation and maintenance of the LRT. Rosário also remarked that the Transportation Infrastructure Office (GIT) would close within the month.

The GIT workforce has been transferred to either the new company or other government entities, with the majority at the former.

Meanwhile, the government is still negotiating the terms of the next bus concessions. The short renewal of bus service contracts between the government and the two bus operators, Transmac and TCM, will expire on October 31. More information will be announced as soon as it is available.

As the government is changing terms, some think that the concession should be renewed for another short period so the next government can better manage the negotiations. **AL**

ASK THE VET

by Dr Ruan Du Toit Bester

AN OVERVIEW OF CANINE HIP DYSPLASIA

Canine hip dysplasia is caused by the subluxation or separation, of the pelvic bone and the femur at the joint. When the connective tissues that cushion and lubricate the ball-and-socket joint of the hip grow to excess, dog hip dysplasia forms. Canine hip dysplasia is a relatively common disease in certain breeds of dogs, and hip dysplasia treatment is a viable option for pets suffering from this painful and degenerative disease.

Hip dysplasia is most often found in large breeds of dogs, although it may occur in dogs of all sizes. Signs of dysplasia may present themselves in puppies as young as 6 months, although dysplasia is more common in older dogs.

Symptoms and risk factors of canine hip dysplasia

The first step toward correcting hip dysplasia with canine hip replacement or other surgery is detecting the disease. The following are some of

the most frequently noted signs of hip dysplasia in dogs:

- Pain during activity
- Immobility during and after activity
- Altered gait
- Stiffness
- Sensitivity to early mornings and cold weather

Although larger breeds tend to be predisposed to canine hip dysplasia, the disease is passed down genetically through all breeds. If your pet's parents suffered from hip dysplasia, your pet has a greater chance of developing the disease.

If your dog shows any of the symptoms of canine hip dysplasia, have him examined by a veterinarian. A typical veterinary exam for dysplasia will consist of a physical exam and x-rays.

Correcting hip dysplasia with surgery

There are a variety of surgical treatment procedures to correct canine hip dysplasia. For young dogs, juvenile pubic symphysiodesis helps to cor-

rect hip dysplasia before the condition progresses by surgically fusing the bones of the hip joint.

A triple pelvic osteotomy (TPO) may be the best option for a dog with bone damage but no severe joint troubles. In this procedure, the bones of the hip joint are broken and reset to correct the joint separation. This is a more invasive surgery than symphysiodesis and is also quite expensive, but success rates are very high.

In older dogs, a canine hip replacement may be a viable option. This procedure replaces the defective joint or joints with prosthetic hip joints. If both hips require replacement, the surgery will typically be conducted in two stages. This procedure is also quite expensive, but very successful.

A final surgical option is femoral head ostectomy, in which the femur alone is replaced with a prosthetic joint. This treatment works best on smaller dogs or dogs for which a full hip replacement is not feasible.

Most dogs that undergo surgical treatment for canine hip dysplasia recover without setbacks. **AL**



though these surgeries are expensive and require extended periods of rest and recuperation, they generally improve a dog's quality of life immensely, and oftentimes allow for years of additional mobility. Your veterinarian can advise you as to which of these surgeries will be best appropriate for your dog.

Hope this info helps
Till next week
Dr Ruan Bester

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Ethnic park opens in celebration of national unity

THE Macau SAR government opened the Sculpture Park of the Chinese Ethnicities on Saturday afternoon, featuring sculptures characterizing the 56 ethnicities living in the People's Republic of China.

Although it is a permanent fixture, the Sculpture Park is among a series of celebratory events run by the SAR government for the 70th anniversary of the People's Republic of China.

The sculptures were originally installed on Taipa Grande. The government has decided to move the sculptures to Ho Yin Garden in the Outer Harbor district to synergize with the patriotic atmosphere of the Handover Pavilion, which is also located in the garden; the Commemorative Gallery of the Macau Basic Law, located at Macau Forum; and Golden Lotus Square.

As the park's managing body, the Municipal Affairs Bureau aims to build a base for education on the national constitution and the Basic Law, patriotism and the Chinese patriotic spirit.

An opening ceremony was held to mark the official opening of the park. It houses 50 sculptures, pictures, moving images and other relics. The exhibits are arranged in such a way to celebrate the spirit and characteristics of the Chinese ethnic groups.

The exhibits also symbolize a wish for peace and harmony



Secretary for Administration and Justice, Sonia Chan

between ethnic groups, and cordiality and unity.

At the ceremony, Secretary for Administration and Justice Sonia Chan emphasized the importance of Chinese ethnic unity.

Chan cited President Xi Jinping's words on ethnic harmony, saying, "All the Chinese ethnic groups make up one family and a shared Chinese dream."

The opening ceremony was held under the patronage of the Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan offices of the State Ethnic Affairs Commission. It was co-organized by the Association for the Promotion of Chinese Ethnic Unity and co-curated by the Museum of Ethnic Cultures of Minzu University of China and the National Pictorial.

Additionally, as part of the 70th anniversary celebration, a

session running today will allow youth from different Chinese ethnicities to take a tour across Macau and experience the city's multifaceted culture and atmosphere. Other sessions will be held to review the tour and discuss international prospects.

On National Day, a performance featuring the same group of youth will be held to commemorate the prominent occasion. **AL**

Government urged to shield city from external forces

MA Iao Lai, vice president of the Macao Chamber of Commerce, has called upon the local government to prevent external forces from influencing Macau.

During Friday's celebration of the 70th anniversary of People's Republic of China at the East Asian Dome, Ma said that Macau should prevent external powers from disturbing its social harmony.

While praising the one country, two systems framework the Belt and Road Initiati-

ve and the Greater Bay Area directive, Ma expressed hope that their "Taiwanese compatriots would shake hands and bind their hearts" with the country in order to join in with the responsibility of the nation's renaissance.

Ma, who is also a member of the Standing Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, said that Macau should cherish and inherit the excellent tradition of "Macau compatriots who love the country

and love Macau." He then addressed the recent protests in Hong Kong, saying that he completely supports the Hong Kong government and the Macau government should be prepared for similar situations.

"Because Macau's economy is rather peculiar, and because Macau's harmony today didn't come easily, everybody agrees that Macau should not fall into chaos," said Ma. "In view of this, the Macau SAR government should be prepared, before

the rainstorm [of protests] arrives, to solve some deep problems concerning the youth in order to build the groundwork for a harmonious society."

Besides Ma, Lao Ngai Leong, president of the Association of Returned Overseas Chinese Macau, expressed that overseas Chinese people strongly believe that, under the leadership of the Chinese Communist Party, the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation would be realized.

Meanwhile, former Chief Executive Edmund Ho also urged all sectors in Macau "to breathe together and share the same fate as the motherland, to continue showing the world the successful practice of the one country, two systems policy."

Incumbent Chief Executive Chui Sai On said that both now and in the future, the most important task Macau has to face is "how to make bigger contributions to the country." He also claimed that all of Macau's sectors "highly endorse" the country's development and improvement and "sincerely support" the one country, two systems policy. **JZ**

MACAU CELEBRATES MAINLAND'S PLATINUM ANNIVERSARY

THE Macau SAR government is organizing a series of celebratory events prior to and on October 1, the National Day of the People's Republic of China.

This year marks the 70th anniversary of the People's Republic of China. Up to and including October 1 the SAR government is holding a series of celebrations to commemorate the occasion.

An acrobatics show titled "The Golden Hooped Rod," presented by the Cultural Affairs Bureau and the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government in the Macau SAR, will be held today and tomorrow at 7.30pm at the Macau Forum.

On National Day, celebrations will kick off with the annual flag raising ceremony at Golden Lotus Square.

After the ceremony, there will be a National Day happy run event that is estimated to attract 18,000 participants. Participants will run for approximately 3 kilometers, starting and ending at the square.

The government will also make large screens available at several public outdoor venues to broadcast the military parade in Beijing on National Day live, allowing members of the public to watch the event.

At night, like every other year, there will be a fireworks display by the waterfront next to Sai Van Bridge. This will also be the closing night of the Fireworks Display Contest organized by the Macao Government Tourism Office, featuring the teams from France and mainland China.

The SAR government also hosted a National Day Cocktail Reception at the Macau Tower yesterday to share the joy of the National Day with distinguished residents from all walks of life.

Meanwhile, public decorations were being erected across town over the weekend, including the planting of dozens of Chinese flags at Rotunda do Istmo in Taipa and the installation of a neon sign on the Octagonal Pavilion Library' on Rua do Campo that reads 'Celebrating National Day'. **AL**



A red neon sign is seen installed on the Octagonal Pavilion Library

Q&A PROFESSOR BO J. BERNHARD

Verdict still out on city-wide casino entry ban

DANIEL BEITLER

WITHOUT adequate research it is hard to predict whether the latest measure designed to curb problem gambling in Macau, a city-wide casino entry ban, will prove effective.

Professor Bo J. Bernhard, an expert in responsible gambling from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas International Gaming Institute, made the comment on the sidelines of Sands China's Responsible Gaming Ambassador Advanced Training program last week, where he nevertheless lauded attempts in Macau to adopt a more scientific approach to policy-making.

Approved last year by the legislature, the entry ban will bar some 54,000 gaming employees from Macau's casinos while off-duty.

The amended law garnered mixed reactions from the public, although casino operators and gaming worker groups were broadly receptive. Speaking to the Times, Bernhard expressed a measure of skepticism about the policy, but said that its results would lay the ground for new research yielding more scientific policies in future.

The professor was in Macau last week to oversee a specialized training course on responsible gambling. Over the course of the two-day event, the trainees were taught how to detect the early signs of problem gambling, as well as how to provide the appropriate response and assistance to patrons exhibiting these signs.

The Times sat down with Bernhard to learn the latest developments in the field of responsible gambling, a young and fast-evolving research area, with a lot of catching up to do across Asia.

Macau Daily Times (MDT) - The integrated resort model, popularized in Las Vegas and later Macau, is preparing to make its Japan debut. How seriously is Japan taking problem gambling?

Professor Bo J. Bernhard (BJB) - Japan is thinking about dropping 10-billion-dollar buildings into the heart of Toyko and/or Yokohama and/or Osaka, and there the number one question is community impact broadly and problem gambling specifically.

In Singapore, the number one issue and deciding factor in the end was the degree to which the Singaporean bids worked alongside the business community to build integrated resorts with MICE space. It really was conventions that won the day in Singapore. It is very possible that problem gambling is what wins the day [in Japan] at least in what pertains to

the political side of the equation. The problem gambling issue has increased in part because of [the awareness] in places like Singapore and Macau, which have started to emphasize it a lot more.

MDT - What about jurisdictions with a less stringent regulatory environment, like Cambodia, where casinos are becoming an important part of the economy?

BJB - Cambodia is still a jurisdiction [that is] in the phase of being more concerned about customer acquisition than they are about these sorts of social issues. Cambodia is very focused on drawing in the mainland Chinese gambler. I would say the awareness [in Cambodia] is significantly lower than in some of its neighboring jurisdictions.

I think what we have seen in both Singapore and Macau is a pretty dramatic transformation in how [responsible gambling] has become a part of the everyday conversation. I remember when we first started coming out to Macau, it really was a new conversation and it wasn't as easily talked about as it is today. Now there are weeks that are completely dedicated to this, there are awareness campaigns, people are much more literate [in these matters]. I think we have seen this evolution in a lot of jurisdictions, but nowhere in the world has this been an unimportant issue for very long. Certainly, in a place like Cambodia, the issue is coming.

MDT - In Macau, the latest significant measure to curb problem gambling is the city-wide casino entry ban. Approved by the legislature, it is expected to take effect as early as this December. How effective will the ban be?

BJB - I don't know if [this ban] is the kind of measure that has a lot of science behind it, but it is the kind of thing we are seeing jurisdictions do and will hopefully allow researchers to examine the impact of. We know that there is an elevated weight of problem gambling among casino employees and while that doesn't mean there is an epidemic, it does mean that there is a reasonable possibility of coming across someone in the workplace who has this problem. [...] I am not sure that there is much research to suggest that this measure will be effective or not. I think the jury is still out on this one.

MDT - Then what does the science suggest when it comes to policy-making on problem gambling?

BJB - The problem is we don't yet actually know about the pro-

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blem gambler. We know about the European, North American and Australian problem gambler, because that's where 94% of the studies come from. That may or may not tell us about the Guangzhou gambler and the Ghana gambler and gamblers from areas that are not researched.

This is a major problem for research in general and it is called the WEIRD problem - whereby most research is done on Western, education, industrialized, rich and democratic nations, and that doesn't necessarily extend to cultures that don't fall under WEIRD criteria. The problem of course is that the vast majority of people do not live in WEIRD environments, because China is not part of that and India is not part of that and Africa is not part of that. That's a problem that we need to remember in our field too. My argument is that we need more researchers in Macau, in mainland China, in Africa and elsewhere.

My fear is that we have overemphasized what we know about problem gambling based on what we know about one slice of problem gamblers.

What is good about Macau is that you have professor-politicians. You have leaders like [lawmaker] Davis Fong, who is not only a professor and a researcher, he's also somebody now in a leadership role. My hope is that these kind of research approaches will [infiltrate] the government decision-making environment.

In theory, and perhaps not always around the world, professors are the kinds of people who are used to weighing complex evidence [...]. Hopefully what professor-leaders can do is to help us sift through complex evidence and examine what works, independent of the political left or the political right, independent of ideology and political affiliation.

I have been impressed by the degree to which Macau seems to

be embracing this idea of professorial leadership which, as a professor I am biased toward, but really like to see. I don't think we could have had something like this back in 2013. It's amazing how fast the discourse has evolved.

MDT - Are there any lessons to learn from Las Vegas when it comes to problem gambling?

BJB - I think the topic the Macau and Beijing governments have emphasized on learning from Las Vegas has been the diversification of the tourist product beyond just gambling. Here in Macau, we still have gambling as the dominant tourism driver, whereas in Las Vegas, most of the buildings on the strip are generating 60% of their revenues from the hotels, the restaurants, the nightclubs [and so on]. It's created a much broader tourism experience, and that's admirable. Having said that, [Las Vegas] is the only jurisdiction in the world that has been able to do

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of the more [confrontational aspects] and focus on other matters like finding a more discreet place, away from others, to have a very quiet and gentle conversation about how, for example, 'many people have found use in these problem gambling leaflets.' We learn from the feedback of responsible gaming ambassadors [about what works and what does not].

In some cases, this difficult conversation is even more difficult because you are having it with a colleague that you show up to work with every day, and not with a stranger. One of the things we focus on is that this will be difficult and it's okay to be uncomfortable. It's okay for the conversation to not have a happy ending like in a movie. We talk instead about how these conversations can help to turn lives around. I don't want to sound melodramatic, but we do hear stories about how this can be life-saving if it plants a seed that results in people reevaluating their relationship with gambling.

MDT - Treating problem gambling once it is detected is one thing, but prevention through education must also be a part of the solution too. Is there a way to approach this in Macau's major visitor source market, mainland China, where gambling is outlawed?

BJB - We have research conferences on the mainland about problem gambling where the education piece is important. The tendency is to think of education as an unimportant prevention tool, when in fact with virtually every health problem, awareness and knowledge is a hugely powerful tool. It is said that after someone has a heart attack, they need to get really informed about hearts. And your children need to get really informed about heart disease, what foods to eat and what exercise is needed, because they probably have a higher risk [of heart attack too]. This is true for all health conditions. That's a big part of what we do, educating on all of the warning signs. I think that kind of education can actually be quite powerful. We have seen it with other health afflictions and it makes sense to apply it with this one.

It's an interesting challenge [in mainland China]. I have noticed that there is an evolving group of professors who have become more interested in the subject in recent years. But, as an outsider, it's difficult to know the goings-on of the mainland sometimes. It's clearly something that is encouraged at the universities, because we have hosted events at Shanghai University, Peking University and Beijing Normal University with academics focused on problem gambling research.

that. It is sort of unique in the way that it has been able to diversify away from gambling.

MDT - Are there cultural nuances required in delivering this course to a Chinese audience?

BJB - Cultural nuance is very important. The last thing that we want to do is to just uncritically export our knowledge from the United States and just assume that it will work here. In the United States, popular television characters regularly meet with their psychologists and talk about their problems very openly. It's almost cool to have a psychologist in Hollywood.

Here [in Asia] it's very different - the idea of having an open conversation about something very difficult is embarrassing and shameful. There is a profound focus on 'saving face' in the conversations we have with problem gamblers in Asia. So, we had to back away from some

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Sands Cares Ambassadors Celebrate 10th Anniversary

Sands China's volunteer programme looks ahead to next decade of community service

Sands China Ltd. celebrated the 10th Anniversary of the Sands Cares Ambassador Programme with a gala dinner Aug. 29 at The Venetian Macao.

Attended by government officials, community partners and Sands China executives, the commemoration honoured Sands China's team of volunteers for their decade of service to the Macao community. A total of 250 Sands Cares Ambassadors attended the event.

Part of Sands Cares, the global corporate citizenship programme of parent company Las Vegas Sands Corp., the Sands Cares Ambassador programme was established in August 2009. It gives Sands China team members an outlet for serving the local community by organising community activities and initiatives that work toward creating a better Macao. Beginning with only 200 or so volunteers, membership in the programme now surpasses 3,300 volunteers from across all Sands China properties - Sands Macao, The Venetian Macao, The Plaza Macao, Sands Cotai Central and The Parisian Macao. Together they have contributed more than 100,000 hours of voluntary community service since the programme's founding, having worked with over 300 organisations to date.



"We are very proud of our volunteers, who have been working tirelessly in their free time over the last 10 years to help make Macao a better place to live for everyone - in particular for some of society's more vulnerable groups," said Dr. Wilfred Wong, president of Sands China Ltd. "Sands China is a firm believer in the importance of corporate social responsibility, and we strive to have a positive impact in the Macao community - whether that's in the form of providing family-friendly leisure experiences, running an environmentally sustainable operation, or engaging with the local community. We congratulate the Sands Cares Ambassadors on this milestone as the company looks ahead to another decade of service to the community."

Guests at the gala dinner received a commemorative gift pack designed by Antonio Luis Leong, the president of Macau IC2 Association, as a token of appreciation to the Sands Cares Ambassador programme's supporting entities and volunteers. The first association of its kind in Macao to be led by members with intellectual disabilities, IC2 (I can too) is a self-help and non-profit organisation formed in 2016. Leong was invited to create a design that reflected the Ambassadors' 10th anniversary theme of Spreading Love and Embracing Our Community, as an artistic representation of the Sands Cares spirit.



The gala dinner event included an awards presentation which honoured Sands Cares Ambassadors with top service hours, and a special performance by winners of Sands China's team member talent competition Start Your Show. Meanwhile, homegrown Macao pop-trio MFM was invited to perform "Be With You," a theme song written especially for the 10th anniversary of the Sands Cares Ambassador volunteer programme, highlighting the positive impact the programme has had in the community. Sands China's support and encouragement of MFM is part of the company's effort to support local talent and youth development, in line with the values of Sands Cares.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE HOLDS STEADY

The general unemployment rate held steady at 1.8% during the three-month period of June-August 2019, compared with previous period between May and July, according to the latest data from the Statistics and Census Service. Meanwhile, the unemployment rate for local residents also stood unchanged at 2.4%. At the same time, the total labor force in Macau was 394,400, with a labor force participation rate of 70.3%. Total employment was 387,300, up by 200 from the previous period, but the number of employed residents fell by 100 to a total of 281,600. With fresh graduates entering the labor market, the proportion of new labor market entrants seeking their first job increased by 4.1 percentage points to 19.3% of the total number of unemployed. In comparison with the same period last year, the unemployment rate held steady, while the labor force participation rate dropped by 0.7 percentage points.

UM HOLDS SECOND MACAU STEM CELL SYMPOSIUM

The University of Macau (UM) held the Second Macau Stem Cell Symposium on Friday, attracting more than 100 experts and scholars from around the world, according to a statement published on the government news portal. The symposium was organized by the UM's Faculty of Health Sciences, with assistance from the Institute of Chinese Medical Sciences, the State Key Laboratory of Quality Research in Chinese Medicines and the Macau University of Science and Technology. The event included 11 talks on topics such as embryonic development and tissue production, translational medicine and the mechanistic study of stem cell development. During the event, participants held in-depth discussions on the latest developments in stem cell research. According to Professor Wei Ge, vice rector of UM, stem cell research holds tremendous promise for medical treatment and is considered a key research area at UM. With Chinese and overseas experts participating, organizers say the symposium will provide a boost to stem cell research in Macau.

MACAU, MAINLAND MUTUALLY RECOGNIZE UNIVERSITY DEGREES

Last week, the local government signed a memorandum with the Ministry of Education of China to mutually recognize higher educational degrees. According to the memorandum, mainland Chinese higher vocational, undergraduate, postgraduate, bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees will be recognized by Macau. In turn, Macau associate degrees, bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees will also be recognized in mainland China. The memorandum also included words of encouragement and support for higher education institutions in both regions to cooperate on course credit recognition, hoping to promote student exchanges. Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture Alexis Tam says the memorandum demonstrates a new phase of cooperation between Macau and the mainland regarding higher education.

DGR2019

Sixty 'gentlemen' take distinguished

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THE Distinguished Gentleman's Ride (DGR) event was founded in Sydney, Australia by Mark Hawwa in 2012. The event was inspired by a photo of the character Don Draper from the TV show "Mad Men," where Draper is depicted astride a classic motorbike wearing his finest suit.

Hawwa decided to turn the idea into a themed ride and since then, the DGR has become an annual event that unites classic and vintage motorbike riders all over the world to raise funds and awareness for prostate cancer research and men's mental health.

Although it is not common knowledge, Macau was part of the first group of countries and regions to join the event and it

has been held in the region ever since.

Yesterday, DGR2019 was held worldwide and Macau was no exception. A group of around 60 gentlemen (and ladies) gathered by the Nam Van Lake with their motorcycles, before beginning their tour around the city. The group made a few stops to refuel and for the riders to socialize, which is one of the main aims of the event, as local organizer Carlos Kuan told the Times.

"Each year we have more and more people [joining the event] and each year it gets better. I remember the first year, many people were reluctant to wear the suit, but slowly I have been telling them that is just once per year," Kuan said, adding that the motorcycles are always the first talking point among attendees.

"Some of them don't really

know the whole story and the [real] meaning of this ride, but others are already aware and [have been] joining for a couple of years. Every year we have many new people joining for the first time, so every time I take time - normally during our stops to take photos - to explain to them what this is all about and how we can all contribute."

Although the Macau ride is part of the worldwide event, Kuan notes that most of participants in Macau are not "officially registered" through the event website, and that some also are not yet contributing donations to the cause. But Kuan does not see this as the top priority.

"Even if they do not make any donations, it will help anyway, as it will inform them of this culture, so maybe they will be more keen to do it the next year," Kuan

remarked. "Many of the people joining are already coming on vintage style bikes and some already know the dress code for the occasion, although there aren't really strict rules on that. We know that takes time."

Aside from men's health, the organizers also hope to create awareness about road safety.

"What we are stressing is that we like to ride bikes, but we don't want to ride fast on public roads. This group is composed of people who love motorcycles and love to ride them, but just for cruising around, not for chasing each other. We believe this is also a good message to spread. Even if you ride a big bike, you can ride it smoothly," Kuan noted.

As fans of motorcycle customization and decoration, some riders think motorcycles deserve to be seen and appreciated

ride through Macau



as pieces of art – “something that cannot be achieved if you are flying past,” Kuan says.

Kuan also revealed that organizing the DGR is not complicated or difficult, although the recent events regarding public gatherings have created some concerns that did not exist in the recent past.

“It’s not difficult to organize the event, it’s a simple thing that does not require any bureaucracy or difficulties. I just post on my Facebook and remind the people I know about the event one

week before,” he said, noting that he had previously deliberately avoided posting about the event to “avoid

It has become an annual event for classic and vintage motorbike riders the world over to raise funds and awareness for prostate cancer research and men’s mental health

confusion with police.”

“I don’t want them to think that this is some kind of protest or demonstra-

tion,” Kuan said.

As the Times saw, during the riders’ meeting, a police officer stopped and asked the organizer about their route.

Kuan explained, “he just wanted to make sure that we were not going to pass the Macau Tower roundabout area, as there is an important function happening there.” The organizer noted that usually there are no problems with authorities

and, in fact, some of the riders participating worked in the police force and other security authorities.

“The only problem is that you also can’t know in advance if people are coming or not and how many will show up, but that’s okay,” Kuan said.

Those attending the DGR include police officers, lawyers, teachers, engineers and people with the most diverse jobs you can find. “It’s an event for people from all walks of life,” said Kuan.

Although the final results of the worldwide DGR2019 are not yet known, every year the international organizers set a goal, which is simply to “do better than last year and to raise more than last year.”

In 2018, over 114,000 riders from 102 different countries and 648 different cities participated in the DGR worldwide, raising a total of \$6.2 million (about 50 million patacas).

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GREAT TIMES

Ready to rock out this October?



Oktoberfest Macau is back for its 11th year at MGM COTA! Get ready to dance, drink and make merry from October 17 to 28, 2019. There’s no better way to kick-off the fall season than with an extravaganza of Bavarian fun. So, get ready to Prost!

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Oktoberfest tickets are on sale now, so mark your calendar, grab your friends and book yours now before they’re all sold out! Purchase them online on the MGM website or in person at MGM MACAU and MGM COTA!

See you there, cheers Macau!



More violence grips Hong Kong ahead of National Day

PROTESTERS and police clashed in Hong Kong for a second straight day yesterday, throwing the city's business and shopping belt into chaos and sparking fears of more ugly scenes leading up to China's National Day this week.

Riot police repeatedly fired blue liquid — used to identify protesters — from a water cannon truck and multiple volleys of tear gas after demonstrators hurled Molotov cocktails at officers and targeted the government office complex.

It was a repeat of Saturday's clashes and part of a familiar cycle since pro-democracy protests began in early June. The protests were sparked by a now-shelved extradition bill and have since snowballed into an anti-China movement.

"We know that in the face of the world's largest totalitarian regime — to quote Captain America, 'Whatever it takes,'" Justin Leung, a 21-year-old demonstrator who covered his mouth with a black scarf, said of the violent methods deployed by hard-line protesters. "The consensus right now is that everyone's methods are valid and we all do our part."

Protesters are planning to march again on Tuesday despite a police ban, raising fears of more violent confrontations that could embarrass Chinese President Xi Jinping as his ruling Communist Party marks 70 years since taking power. Posters are calling for Oct. 1 to be marked as "A Day of Grief."

"So many youngsters feel that they're going to have no future because of the power of China," Andy Yeung, 40, said yesterday as he pushed his toddler in a stroller. "It's hopeless for Hong Kong. If we don't stand up, there will be no hope."

Hong Kong's government has already scaled down the city's National Day celebrations, canceling an annual fireworks display and moving a reception indoors.

Despite security concerns, the government said yesterday that Chief Executive Carrie Lam, Hong Kong's leader, will lead a delegation of over 240 people to Beijing today to participate in National Day festivities.

Yesterday's turmoil started in the early afternoon when police fired tear gas to disperse a large crowd that had amassed in the popular Causeway Bay shopping district. But thousands of people regrouped and marched along a main thoroughfare toward government offices, crippling traffic.

Protesters, many clad in black with umbrellas and carrying pro-democracy posters and foreign flags, sang songs and chanted "Stand with Hong

Kong, fight for freedom." Some defaced, tore down and burned National Day congratulatory signs, setting off a huge blaze on the street. Others sprayed graffiti along walls, and smashed windows and lobbed gasoline bombs at subway exits.

Police then fired a water cannon and tear gas as the crowd approached the government office complex. Most fled but hundreds returned, hurling objects into the complex.

Members of an elite police squad, commonly known as raptors, then charged out suddenly from behind barricades, taking many protesters by surprise. A number who failed to flee in time were subdued and detained in a scene of chaos.

The raptors, backed by scores of riot police, pursued protesters down the roads to nearby areas. Officers continued to fire multiple rounds of tear gas as the cat-and-mouse clashes continued into nightfall.

The demonstration was part of global "anti-totalitarianism" rallies planned in over 60 cities worldwide to denounce "Chinese tyranny." Thousands rallied in Taipei, Taiwan's capital, while more than 1,000 took part in a rally in Sydney.

The protracted unrest, approaching four months long, has battered Hong Kong's economy, with businesses and tourism plunging.

Earlier yesterday, hundreds of pro-Beijing Hong Kong residents sang the Chinese national anthem and waved red flags at a waterfront cultural center in a show of support for Chinese rule. They were later bused to the Victoria Peak hilltop for the same repertoire.

Organizer Innes Tang said the crowd responded to his invitation on social media to "promote positivity and patriotism."

"We want to take this time for the people to express our love for our country China. We want to show the international community that there is another voice to Hong Kong" apart from the protests, he said.

Mobs of Beijing supporters have appeared in malls and on the streets in recent weeks to counter pro-democracy protesters, leading to brawls between the rival camps.

Many people view the extradition bill, which would have sent criminal suspects to mainland China for trial, as a glaring example of the erosion of Hong Kong's autonomy when the former British colony returned to Chinese rule in 1997.

China has denied chipping away at Hong Kong's freedoms and accused the U.S. and other foreign powers of fomenting the unrest to weaken its dominance. **MDT/AP**

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MACAU'S LEADING NEWSPAPER



HONG KONG

MURDER SUSPECT WHO SPARKED UNREST MAY SOON BE FREE

NATALIE LUNG, ADELA LIN & BLAKE SCHMIDT

AFTER four months of unprecedented violent demonstrations in Hong Kong and no end in sight, the city's beleaguered leader has one more thing to worry about: the suspect in the murder case that led to the social unrest could soon walk free.

When Chief Executive Carrie Lam proposed amending the extradition law in February, she cited the case of Chan Tong-kai, wanted in Taiwan in connection with the February 2018 slaying of his girlfriend, Poon Hui-wing. Chan was sentenced by a Hong Kong court in April to 29 months for money-laundering after he used Poon's bank card for ATM withdrawals, but no legal framework exists for him to be returned to Taiwan to face the murder charges.

While Lam was forced to eventually say she would withdraw the extradition bill, it wasn't enough to appease the protesters who've since broadened their demands to include an independent inquiry into police conduct and a more democratic form of governance. Meanwhile, Chan could be released as early as October on good behavior, Hong Kong's security head John Lee said in April.

"This administration has all the reasons to bring Chan to justice - not only was his alleged conduct serious and lethal, but also it was this administration who presented the victim's mourning family as a moral motive to push the now-withdrawn extradition bill," Alvin Yeung, a barrister and pro-democracy lawmaker in Hong Kong, said this week. "Now the chief executive has abandoned the murder case and the victim's family."

Emails to Ronnie Leung, a lawyer who represented Chan in Hong Kong, and to the Secretary for Justice's Office went unanswered. A spokeswoman for the Hong Kong Security Bureau said Friday that the exact date for Chan's release depended on different factors, including his discipline while incarcerated.

Chan and Poon, both Hong Kong residents, went to Taiwan on vacation in February 2018, the South China Morning Post reported. When Poon failed to return, her parents filed a missing persons report and her father traveled to Taiwan to find her, it said. Poon's decomposed body was found by Taiwan police on March 13, the day Chan was arrested, according to the Post.

Hong Kong police said that

Chan confessed under caution to killing his pregnant girlfriend in Taiwan, the Morning Post said. Chan said that after an argument he strangled Poon and stuffed the body in a suitcase, which he later disposed of in a park, according to the report, citing evidence at his trial. He was remanded in custody for 13 months, it said. Reports gave their ages at around 19 and 20.

JUDICIAL ASSISTANCE

"I suppose he will be a free man but I doubt he can stay in Hong Kong with such attention on his every move," said Bernard Chan, a top adviser to Lam and convener of the executive council.

Taiwan officials made requests to Hong Kong for judicial assistance in March and April 2018, and in December asked that the suspect be sent to Taiwan for investigations, Chiu Chih-hung, deputy chief prosecutor in Shilin district, said in a phone interview on Sept. 23. They received no reply, he said.

Still, the government in Taiwan made it clear that it would not agree to the extradition bill, which it said could infringe on its sovereignty. President Tsai Ing-wen in June said she rejected Hong Kong's use of individual extradition "as an excuse to make legal amendments."

"We cannot work together to crack down on crime using laws that infringe on human rights as a precondition," she said. "We will not be an accessory to the passage of this unconscionable law."

Lam's proposed law sparked protests because it would have permitted the extradition of criminal suspects to mainland China, opening the possibility that Hong Kong residents could become subject to its laws. In the 1984 joint declaration, Britain and China agreed among other things that the city would follow English common law under a "one country, two systems" arrangement for 50 years.

TAIWAN SYMPATHIZERS

In Taiwan, sympathizers of Hong Kong's protests have held their own rallies since June, ranging from small gatherings to several thousands of demonstrators surrounding the legislature. Others have rallied to the cause by donating tear gas masks and helmets to be shipped to the Hong Kong activists, according to the Taipei Times.

Poon's family has lobbied the government to return Chan to Taiwan to face justice. Her mother appeared in February in front of

the press in a baseball hat, mask and sunglasses and urged the administration to take action. While the parents initially backed the plan for an extradition bill, after the protests erupted her father asked Lam in a letter on June 26 to consider a one-off arrangement or other measures, instead of introducing a new law, HK01 reported.

Both Lam's office and Poon's family declined to comment on the report, HK01 said.

The Hong Kong Law Society said in an 11-page submission in June that the government should consult all stakeholders and the community before rushing into legislation regarding extraditions to China, Taiwan and Macau, which was proposed in the bill.

"The circumstances which have now purportedly given rise to this sudden need for legislation are not persuasive, notwithstanding the repeated reliance by the government on a murder case in Taiwan," the society said in the submission.

Yeung was one of three lawmakers who submitted alternative proposals for Chan to be sent to Taiwan, which were rejected by the administration in July. He said he was "disappointed and dismayed" at the administration's refusal to embrace alternatives.

"What is happening now politically and on the streets does not necessarily prohibit the administration from pursuing other legislative proposals" to bring Chan to justice, he said.

There is no law in the city enabling the government to surrender fugitive offenders to Taiwan, the Security Bureau spokeswoman said.

The government's initial reluctance to withdraw the bill allowed protests to develop beyond the original demand and increase in intensity. Almost every week for about four months police have fired tear gas, pepper spray and non-lethal firearms to disperse demonstrations. There have been almost 1,500 arrests, and extensive damage to train stations and government buildings since the civil unrest began.

"The entire unrest is caused by the government's work in amending the extradition law," Lam told a town-hall style meeting in Hong Kong last week.

When Lam suspended the bill on June 15, she said she told the Poon family the government has "done their best" to deal with the murder case, drawing an angry response from protesters.

BLOOMBERG

SAUDI ARABIA UNVEILS NEW TOURIST VISAS

SAUDI Arabia has announced a new tourist visa scheme, as part of efforts to open up the ultraconservative Muslim kingdom to foreign visitors and diversify its oil-reliant economy.

The kingdom says allowing more foreign visitors is "a key milestone." It is seeking to increase international and domestic visits to 100 million a year by 2030, by which time it aims to have tourism contributing up to 10% of gross domestic product compared to the current 3%.

The one-year, multiple-entry visa scheme unveiled late Friday allows for stays of up to 90 days at a time, and marks the first time the country is allowing foreigners to visit solely for the purpose of tourism. Until now visitor visas were issued for specific reasons such as for Muslim religious pilgrimages, to visit family or for business.

The visa information website indicated an easing of strict dress codes for visiting women, requiring shoulders and knees to be covered but not demanding they wear the full-body abaya.

"From this historic place and during this special day—Tourism Day



— we are pleased to announce that we will receive tourists from several places of the world. We are a people of hospitality," said Ahmed Al-Khateeb, chairman of the Saudi Commission for Tourism and Heritage, speaking from in Ad-Diriyah, which houses a UNESCO World Heritage site.

Saudi Arabia saw profound change last year as part of reforms by Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, including opening the first movie theater and lifting the world's only ban on women driving.

But there is a hard limit to the reforms, as revealed by last year's killing

of Saudi writer Jamal Khashoggi in Turkey by Saudi agents and the reported torture of several detained women's rights activists.

For the launch of its new visa, the country was highlighting five UNESCO World Heritage sites, contemporary art sites and natural beauties including the Red Sea, desert and mountains.

Visitors from 49 eligible countries will be able to apply for the tourist visas online or on arrival at airport visa kiosks, while those from other countries will have to apply via Saudi consulates or embassies before travel. AP

DATA PRIVACY

FACEBOOK, WHATSAPP WILL HAVE TO SHARE MESSAGES WITH UK

SOcial media platforms based in the U.S. including Facebook and WhatsApp will be forced to share users' encrypted messages with British police under a new treaty between the two countries, according to a person familiar with the matter.

The accord, which is set to be signed by next month, will compel social media firms to share information to support investigations into individuals suspected of serious criminal offenses including terrorism and pedophilia, the person said.


Priti Patel, the U.K.'s home secretary, has previously warned that Facebook's plan to enable users to send end-to-end encrypted messages would benefit criminals, and called on

social media firms to develop "back doors" to give intelligence agencies access to their messaging platforms.

"We oppose government attempts to build backdoors because they would undermine the privacy and security of our users everywhere," Facebook said in a statement. "Government policies like the Cloud Act allow for companies to provide available information when we receive valid legal requests and do not require companies to build back doors."

The U.K. and the U.S. have agreed not to investigate each other's citizens as part of the deal, while the U.S. won't be able to use information obtained from British firms in any cases carrying the death penalty. **BLOOMBERG**

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Micro Homes in Concrete Pipes
"What Macau can learn from HK's housing crisis"

Cities such as Hong Kong and Macau are all becoming more expensive to live in. Many people struggle to afford to own or rent a decent size home. This has created frustration and anguish for many especially the young who have little hope to getting on a housing ladder. Some have had to resort to living in squalid conditions including in sub divided flats and caged homes. This talk illustrates this current difficult situation and highlights a project called OPod that seeks to alleviate this problem by creating affordable homes out of concrete water pipe in Hong Kong.


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Chinese parade a glimpse into military ambitions

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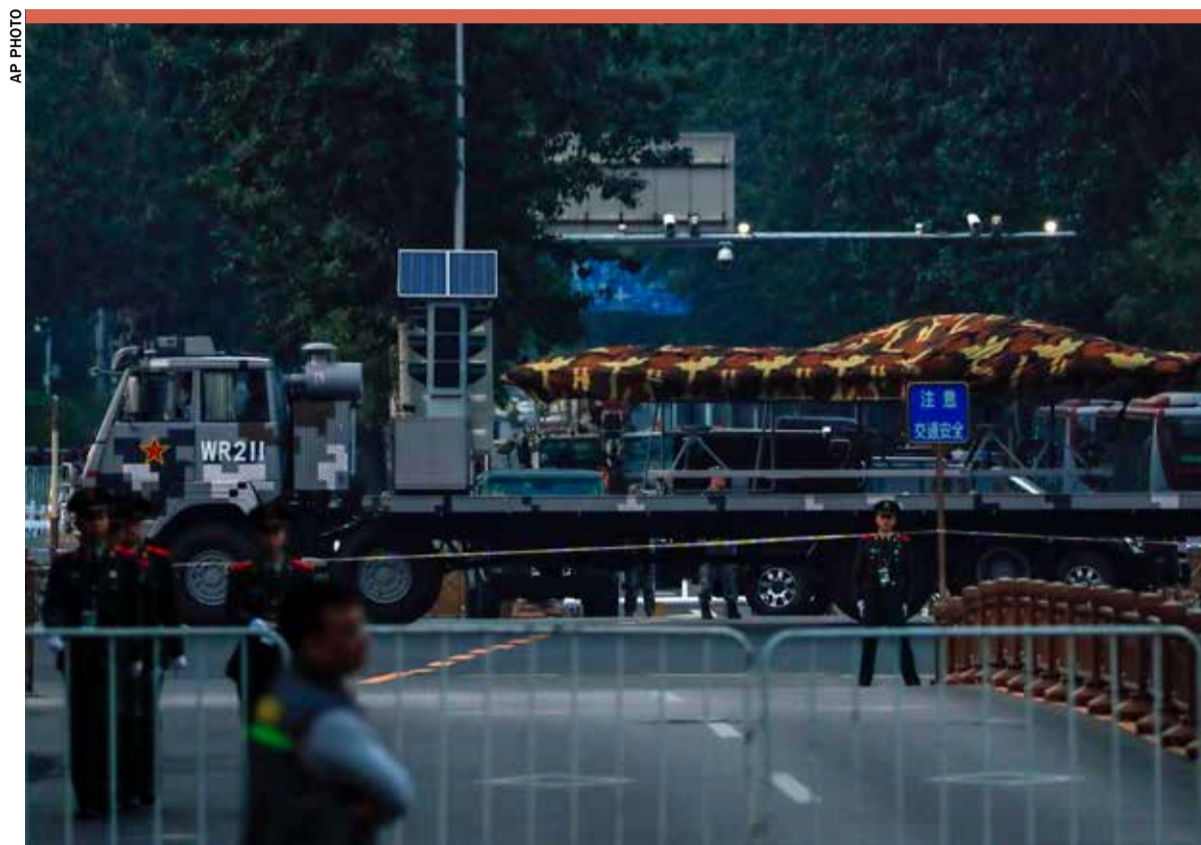
A parade tomorrow by China's secretive military will offer a rare look at its rapidly developing arsenal, including possibly a nuclear-capable missile that could reach the United States in 30 minutes, as Beijing gets closer to matching Washington and other powers in weapons technology.

The Dongfeng 41 is one of a series of new weapons Chinese media say might be unveiled during the parade marking the ruling Communist Party's 70th anniversary in power. Others include a supersonic drone and a robot submarine.

The parade will highlight Beijing's ambition to enforce claims to Taiwan, the South China Sea and other disputed territories — and to challenge Washington as the region's dominant force.

The People's Liberation Army, the world's biggest military with 2 million men and women in uniform and the second-highest annual spending after the United States, also is working on fighter planes, the first Chinese-built aircraft carrier and nuclear-powered submarines.

"There are quite a lot of observers, including the U.S. military, who say, 'This is getting close to what we do,' and they are starting to worry," said Siemon Wezeman



A Chinese military vehicle possibly carrying a drone passes along the Jianguomenwai Avenue during a rehearsal for the 70th anniversary of Communist China in Beijing

of the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute.

Tomorrow's parade will include 15,000 troops, more than 160 aircraft and 580 pieces of military equipment, according to Ministry of Defense spokesman Maj. Gen. Cai Zhijun.

Many new weapons "will be shown for the first time," Cai told

reporters last week. Asked whether that would include the Dongfeng 41, Cai said, "Please wait and see."

The ability to project power is increasingly urgent for Chinese leaders who want to control shipping lanes and waters also claimed by Japan, South Korea, Vietnam, the Philippines and other governments.

"China has developed nuclear, space, cyberspace and other capabilities that can reach potential adversaries across the globe," the U.S. Defense Intelligence Agency said in a report in January.

Last year's spending on the PLA rose 5% to USD250 billion, or about 10 times its 1994 level, according to SIPRI. The United Sta-

tes, with a force of 1.3 million, was far ahead at \$650 billion, or more than 2½ times China's level.

Beijing is regarded, along with the United States, as a leader in drone aircraft, which it sells in the Middle East.

"In unpiloted aerial vehicles, China has made a lot of progress in recent years and has a vast array of systems under development," said Harry Boyd of the International Institute for Strategic Studies in London.

No details of the Dongfeng 41 have been released, but the Center for Strategic & International Studies in Washington says it may have the world's longest range at 15,000 kilometers.

Analysts say the DF-41, flying at 25 times the speed of sound, might be able to reach the United States in 30 minutes with up to 10 warheads for separate targets — a technology known as MIRV, or multiple independently targetable re-entry vehicles.

China's current mainstay missile, the Dongfeng 31, has a range of more than 11,200 kilometers that puts most of the continental United States within reach.

Photos circulated on Chinese social media of parade preparations show blurry images of a possible attack drone dubbed "Sharp Sword" and another drone, the DR-8 or Wuzhen 8.

The parade also might give more subtle signs of China's plans, said Wezeman.

Airborne tankers or marines in amphibious vehicles could "indicate the importance of long-range intervention," he said. Air defense missiles might show Beijing is preparing for war with the United States or another advanced opponent. AP

US treasury says no plans to block Chinese listings 'at this time'

A U.S. Treasury official said there are no current plans to stop Chinese companies from listing on U.S. exchanges, a day after a report that the Trump administration is discussing ways to limit U.S. investors' portfolio flows into China.

"The administration is not contemplating blocking Chinese companies from listing shares on U.S. stock exchanges at this time," Treasury spokeswoman Monica Crowley said in an emailed statement on Saturday.

Crowley was responding to Friday's Bloomberg News report on various measures under consideration by the U.S., including delisting Chinese companies from U.S. exchanges. The report

unnerved markets, with the S&P 500 Index closing about 0.5% lower. U.S.-listed shares of China-based companies, such as Alibaba Group Holding and Baidu Inc., tumbled.

Other potential measures include limiting Americans' exposure to the Chinese market through government pension funds, and ways to put caps on the Chinese companies included in stock indexes managed by U.S. firms, according to people familiar with and involved in the discussions. Crowley's statement didn't address or rule out any of those possibilities.

INTER-AGENCY MEETINGS

Administration officials for weeks have been exami-

ning their options, and Treasury has been participating in inter-agency meetings chaired by Larry Kudlow, the National Economic Council director, the people said.

Still, the push largely comes from Trump's more hawkish aides, like White House trade adviser Peter Navarro, and outside advisers like Steve Bannon. The NEC and Treasury are wary of the market reaction and are working to ensure that any plan would be executed in a way that doesn't spook investors, the people added.

People close to the administration on Friday expressed annoyance at the discussions being publicized, contending that the White House hasn't decided on a course of action. They said

the discussions were examining a wide range of options and were therefore not yet ready for public consumption.

Some advocates of a crackdown on financial flows within the administration said they saw the fact the discussions were being leaked as an effort by doves inside the White House to kill the effort by stirring up opposition.

While various Chinese media republished the Bloomberg report and the Treasury Department's statement, they were not immediately seen responding to the deliberations by the Trump administration. The Commerce Ministry didn't address the issue at a press conference yesterday.

GREEN LIGHT

President Donald Trump has given the green light for the review, a person familiar with the deliberations said, but exact mechanisms or a timeline had not been worked out.

More dovish advisers involved in the discussions frame any action as necessary to create a level of reciprocity.

The administration's hawks argue that any U.S. investment in Chinese companies, whether they're listed in the U.S. or China, exposes investors to potential fraud as a result of poor Chinese corporate governance standards.

Some even say that the close relationship between the ruling Chinese Communist Party and many listed companies, whether formal or informal, means that any investment in them amounts to support for the party and even the People's Liberation Army.

In their eyes, U.S. investors are effectively underwriting Washington's biggest economic and strategic rival.

Hawks like Navarro have in the past publicly accused Wall Street of seeking to undermine Trump's efforts to rein in China's economy.

A bipartisan group of lawmakers -- notably Senator Marco Rubio, a Florida Republican -- have pushed for stronger investment restraints and greater scrutiny for Chinese companies in stock indexes and U.S. pension funds.

The White House has been in touch with Rubio to discuss the matter and could potentially support legislation he's put forward that would set up a process to delist Chinese companies from U.S. exchanges for continued failure to comply with U.S. laws. The prospects for the Rubio-backed legislation in Congress are unclear. BLOOMBERG



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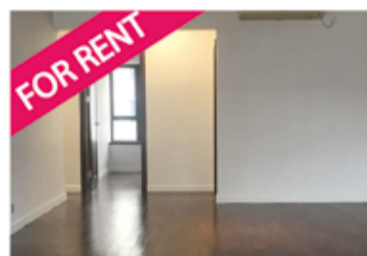
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Hellene Gardens, Coloane

\$8,400,000
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Manhattan High Floor, Taipa

\$26,800/mth
2,305 ft²
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Office Space, Macau - Tong Nam Ah Building

\$26,000/mth
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- [Macau] Keng Ou 3 2,352 ft² **\$38,000/mth** (ref: 19091000)
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N. Korea to Trump: Make 'bold decision' to revive diplomacy

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NORTH Korea accused the United States on Friday of failing to follow through on summit agreements between U.S. President Donald Trump and the country's leader, Kim Jong Un, but said it is placing hope in the U.S. president's "wise option and bold decision."

A statement from Foreign Ministry adviser Kim Kye Gwan circulated by North Korea's U.N. mission came days after Trump said, without elaborating, that another summit meeting with Kim "could happen soon."

"It draws my keen interest that it is highly topical these days in the U.S. to hold another DPRK-U.S. summit," the adviser said, using the initials of the country's official name, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

But he was critical of U.S. inaction since the summits.

While past summits were "historic occasions" for the two leaders "to express their political will to put an end to the hostile relations between the two coun-

tries and have peace and stability settled on the Korean peninsula," Kim Kye Gwan said "no practical follow-up was made to implement the issues agreed upon at the summit talks."

The Foreign Ministry adviser said North Korea "has made sincere efforts to build trust" and execute the joint Washington-Pyongyang statement issued after the first summit between Kim and Trump in Singapore last year. He pointed to North Korea's repatriation of American detainees "who committed hostile acts" against the country and the return of remains of soldiers killed during the 1950-53 Korean War.

"However, the U.S. has done nothing for implementing the joint statement," the North Korean official said.

On the contrary, he cited the resumption of U.S.-South Korean military drills "which the U.S. president personally pledged to suspend," and the ratcheting up of U.S. sanctions against the North.

Kim Kye Gwan said it is "hard reality" that politicians in Washington are obsessed with "nuclear disarmament first" by

North Korea before sanctions can be lifted and the country "can get access to a bright future." The adviser said this makes him doubt whether "a new breakthrough" could take place in U.S.-North Korean relations through another summit.

But he left a door open.

"I came to know that President Trump is different from his predecessors in political sense and decision while watching his approach to the DPRK, so I would like to place my hope on president Trump's wise option and bold decision," he said.

Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi, speaking at the U.N. meetings, said that North Korea "has demonstrated a readiness to promote dialogue. It is hoped the U.S. can meet the DPRK halfway."

In his mid-70s, Kim Kye Gwan is a veteran diplomat who led the North Korean delegation at much of the now-dormant six-nation nuclear disarmament talks held in Beijing in 2003-2008.

His statement was issued during the annual meeting of world leaders at the U.N. General Assembly, where North Korea-

-U.S. relations, which made headlines last year, have been relegated to the background.

In his speech to the global gathering on Tuesday, Trump briefly mentioned North Korea, saying the United States has pursued "bold diplomacy on the Korean Peninsula."

"I have told Kim Jong Un what I truly believe: that, like Iran, his country is full of tremendous untapped potential, but that to realize that promise, North Korea must denuclearize," the U.S. president said.

Last year, North Korea's foreign minister represented his nation at the General Assembly meeting. Without any explanation, North Korea downgraded its presence this year from a minister to the "chief of delegation," usually the country's ambassador.

The Pyongyang representative will speak to the 193-member world body on Monday at the General Assembly's final ministerial session.

North Korea entered talks with the United States last year, saying it was willing to negotiate away its advancing nuclear arsenal in exchange for U.S. security gua-

rantee and sanctions relief.

The North wants a step-by-step disarmament process, in which each of its denuclearization steps is matched by a corresponding U.S. reward. The United States says sanctions on North Korea will remain in place until the country takes significant steps toward denuclearization.

During the Singapore summit, Kim Jong Un promised to work toward complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula without providing any timetable or roadmap for disarmament steps. In Singapore, Kim and Trump also agreed to establish new bilateral relations and build a lasting peace on the Korean Peninsula.

They met again in Vietnam in February for a second summit. But that meeting abruptly fell apart after Trump rejected Kim's request for extensive relief of sanctions in return for dismantling his main nuclear complex, a limited denuclearization step. The two leaders held a brief, impromptu meeting at the Korean border in late June, and agreed to restart talks.

Last week, North Korea's Foreign Ministry said working-level nuclear talks with the United States could resume in a few weeks. But it said discussions of North Korea's denuclearization will only be possible when "threats and hurdles endangering our system security and obstructing our development are clearly removed beyond all doubt." AP

TRUMP BLURS LINES BETWEEN PERSONAL LAWYER, ATTORNEY GENERAL

MICHAEL BALSAMO, WASHINGTON

AS Washington plunges into impeachment, Attorney General William Barr finds himself engulfed in the political firestorm, facing questions about his role in President Donald Trump's outreach to Ukraine and the administration's attempts to keep a whistleblower complaint from Congress.

Trump repeatedly told Ukraine's president in a telephone call that Barr and Trump personal lawyer Rudy Giuliani could help investigate Trump's Democratic rival Joe Biden, according to a rough transcript of that summertime conversation. Justice Department officials insist Barr was unaware of Trump's comments at the time of the July 25 call.

When Barr did learn of that call a few weeks later, he was "surprised and angry" to discover he had been lumped in with Giuliani, a person familiar with Barr's thinking told The Associated Press. This person was not authorized to speak about the matter publicly and spoke



on condition of anonymity.

Giuliani, a former New York City mayor, often appears in rambling television interviews as a vocal defender of the president. Giuliani represents Trump's personal interests and holds no position in the U.S. government, raising questions about why he would be conducting outreach to Ukrainian officials.

Barr is the nation's top law enforcement officer and leads

a Cabinet department that traditionally has a modicum of independence from the White House.

Yet to Trump, there often appears to be little difference between the two lawyers.

"I will have Mr. Giuliani give you a call and I am also going to have Attorney General Barr call and we will get to the bottom of it," Trump told Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy, according to the memo of the call

that was released by the White House this past week.

Since becoming attorney general in February, Barr has been one of Trump's staunchest defenders. He framed special counsel Robert Mueller's report in favorable terms for the president in a news conference this year, even though Mueller said he did not exonerate Trump.

Kathleen Clark, a legal ethics professor at Washington University School of Law in St. Louis, said Trump is treating the country's attorney general as if he's just another personal lawyer.

"I think it represents a larger problem with President Trump," she said. "To him, it appears Giuliani and Barr both have the same job."

Trump has frequently lauded Barr and his efforts to embrace the president's political agenda. That's in stark contrast to Trump's relationship with his first attorney general, Jeff Sessions, whom the president repeatedly harangued in public.

Trump's frustration with Sessions made clear how the president views the Justice Depart-

ment — as a law enforcement agency that exists to carry out his wishes and protect him. Despite a close relationship during the 2016 campaign, Trump never forgave Sessions for withdrawing from the government's investigation into 2016 election interference, a move that ultimately cleared the way for Mueller's investigation.

Barr has come under the scrutiny of congressional Democrats who have accused him of acting on Trump's personal behalf more than for the justice system. Democrats have also called on Barr to step aside from decisions on the Ukraine matter. Those close to Barr, however, have argued there would be no reason to do so because he was unaware of the Trump-Zelenskiy conversation.

The department insists Barr wasn't made aware of the call with Zelenskiy until at least mid-August.

Barr has not spoken with Trump about investigating Biden or Biden's son Hunter, and Trump has not asked Barr to contact Ukrainian officials about the matter, the department said. Barr has also not spoken with Giuliani about anything related to Ukraine, officials have said. AP

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Britain's Johnson denies any wrongdoing in ties with US tech exec

DANICA KIRKA, LONDON

B RITISH Prime Minister Boris Johnson denied wrongdoing yesterday over his links to an American businesswoman who allegedly received money and favorable treatment because of their friendship during his time as mayor of London.

Asked during a BBC interview about his ties to tech entrepreneur and model Jennifer Arcuri, Johnson sought to suggest that political motivations were behind the decision Friday by the Greater London Authority to refer a conduct matter to a police watchdog agency.

The matter arose from a Sunday Times report saying Arcuri was given 126,000 pounds in public money and privileged access to trade missions to the United States, Israel and Asia that Johnson led as mayor, even though her fledgling business had not yet met eligibility requirements for such trips.

"Everything was done in accordance with the code ... and everything was done with full propriety,"



Johnson said yesterday. When pressed again by BBC journalist Andrew Marr, Johnson added: "There was no interest to declare."

The scandal worsened as Johnson's Conservative Party was opening its annual party conference in Manchester following a tumultuous week for a leader who has only been in the job since July.

In just the last few days, the U.K. Supreme Court declared Johnson's attempt to suspend Parliament illegal and he cut short a trip to the United States, racing home to face the House of Commons, where

lawmakers greeted him with cries of "Resign!" He then lost a vote on a normally routine matter — a request to adjourn for a week so that Conservatives could attend their conference.

Complicating things further, questions were raised about the 55-year-old Johnson's links to Arcuri, now 34, who set up a cyber firm in East London after moving to the capital seven years ago.

Yet even as the British leader visited North Manchester General Hospital to talk about his government's plans to build 40 hospitals,

his efforts to change the subject failed.

"Let's be absolutely clear, I am very, very proud of everything that we did and certainly everything that I did as mayor of London," he said, adding that the current London mayor, Sadiq Khan of the Labour Party "could possibly spend more time investing in police officers than he is investing in press officers and peddling this kind of stuff."

The independent office, which oversees police complaints in England, was asked to consider if there were grounds to investigate Johnson for misconduct in public office. The authority said Friday it had a "statutory duty" to record the matter because Johnson served as police commissioner during his 2008-2016 tenure as London's mayor.

The probe is the latest sign of animosity that has consumed British politics since the country narrowly voted in 2016 to leave the European Union. Three years later, Britain and its politicians remain bitterly divided over how, or even whether, to leave the 28-nation bloc.

Johnson took power two mon-

ths ago with a "do-or-die" promise that Britain will leave the EU on the scheduled date of Oct. 31 — even if there's no divorce deal outlining Britain's commercial relations with the other 27 EU nations. His foes in Parliament are determined to avoid a no-deal exit, which economists say would plunge Britain into recession.

In unusually heated debate Wednesday, Johnson referred to an opposition law ordering a Brexit delay as the "Surrender Act" and said postponing the country's departure would "betray" the people. He also brushed off concerns that his forceful language might endanger legislators as "humbug."

Opponents accused him of fomenting hatred in the country with his populist, people-versus-politicians rhetoric.

As tempers smoldered, Johnson rejected the notion that he himself had played a role in whipping up tensions.

"I think I've been a model of restraint," Johnson said yesterday. But I think everybody should calm down." AP

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Offbeat

THIEF NETS \$4K WORTH OF ORNAMENTAL FISH FROM NEW MEXICO POND

It's a fishy mystery caught on camera.

KOB-TV reports authorities say fish worth thousands of dollars recently were stolen from a Santa Fe, New Mexico, business and the alleged theft was captured on video.

Owner Melissa D'Angelico says the thief hit the pond in front of Santa Fe Landscapes and Water Gardens and took 10 of her koi. A video shows a man using a net to remove fish.

Koi fish are colorful, ornamental versions of the common carp and can grow up to three feet (90 centimeters).

D'Angelico says a thief stole fish at different times over the past few months. She says the fish were worth more than \$4,000.

No arrests have been made.

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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
17:50	Amor Maior (Repetição)
18:35	Semana Internacional (Repetição)
19:10	Resumo Liga dos Campeões 2019/2020
19:30	Ouro Verde Sr.1
20:30	Telejornal
21:15	TDM Talk Show
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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26 Sep - 2 Oct



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Starring: Brad Pitt, Tommy Lee Jones, Ruth Negga

Language: English

Duration: 169min

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ROOM 2

2:30, 7:15pm

Director: Jacky Lee

Starring: Patrick Tam, Michael Tong, Jade Leung

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 169min



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ROOM 2

4:15, 9:00pm

Director: Andy Muschietti

Starring: Jessica Chastain, James McAvoy, Bill Hader

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 169min

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ROOM 3

2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30pm

Director: Gurinder Chadha

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Language: English (Chinese)

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this day in history



1994 SLEEPY BORIS 'SNUBS' IRISH LEADER

A meeting between two international statesmen in Ireland had to be cancelled - because one of them overslept.

Russian President Boris Yeltsin had agreed to break a flight from the United States to Moscow in County Limerick for a reception with the Irish prime minister.

But instead there was a minor diplomatic incident when the Russian leader failed to appear.

Taoiseach Albert Reynolds, Ireland's leader, had to be content with meeting the Deputy Prime Minister Oleg Soskovets, who reported the president was asleep.

The taoiseach, his wife, two ministers, a group of Irish MPs, an Irish guard of honour, a military band and a delegation from the Russian embassy were all waiting on the tarmac to greet Mr Yeltsin.

They stood while his plane inexplicably circled Shannon airport for an hour, and for another 15 minutes after it landed, before they were told the president was too tired, and then too ill, to see them.

Mr Reynolds - who had to cancel a lavish reception at the nearby Dromoland Castle - denied he had been snubbed.

"I completely understand - Mr Yeltsin was acting on the orders of doctors who said it would be better for him not to get off the plane.

"He suffers from bad blood pressure - when a man is ill, a man is ill," he said.

But Mr Reynolds was said to be frustrated that the Russian president could not attend a news conference about the peace process.

And it was rumoured the vodka-loving leader had over-indulged his taste for the drink on the journey from Washington.

He finally appeared in Moscow to set the record straight.

"I feel excellent - I can tell you honestly, I just overslept.

"The security services did not let in the people who were due to wake me - of course I will sort things out and punish them," he said.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

Boris Yeltsin could be an unpredictable president. Before the "Shannon Sleepover" he had twice jumped on stage during receptions to entertain the assembled dignitaries - much to the embarrassment of his officials. The Russian president was also prone to making statements immediately denied by his press secretary. In Sweden in 1997 he announced Russia was cutting its nuclear arsenal by a third and at the height of the Kosovo crisis he threatened to "send a missile" to the US. Mr Yeltsin's health seriously declined after suffering a heart attack in 1996 and he resigned in 1999.

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YOUR STARS

ARIES
 Mar. 21-Apr. 19
 Are you a person of action? Maybe you think you are, but don't be surprised if you feel like mulling things over before jumping into a new situation today.

TAURUS
 Apr. 20-May. 20
 It's important to trust your friends and loved ones when they give you advice about your heart and your feelings, but right now you should not listen to any of their financial advice.

GEMINI
 May. 21-Jun. 21
 Eat up the limelight and savor all the adulation you're getting. You know darn well that you're an asset to any situation, so do not be bashful, and, whatever you do, don't you dare hide your light.

CANCER
 Jun. 22-Jul. 22
 Every once in a while, you have to put it first and give yourself the attention you need. If any part of you dreads mingling with a roomful of people, do yourself a favor and politely opt out.

LEO
 Jul. 23-Aug. 22
 Give yourself time to get used to them being around, and do not make any attempt to spend more time with them in a planned way. If you see them again, you see them again.

VIRGO
 Aug. 23-Sep. 22
 This is a wonderful quality, and it is part of what makes you an exceptional friend. You won't miss out on the fun too much, and you'll move a relationship to the next level.

LIBRA
 Sep. 23-Oct. 22
 This won't keep you from making choices, but it will definitely keep you from making enemies! Enjoy your objectivity, and try to encourage other people to follow in your footsteps.

SCORPIO
 Oct. 23-Nov. 21
 You can be forgiven for getting caught up in the moment today if good news sends you into a silly rant of excitement! Let loose when the good news hits your ears.

SAGITTARIUS
 Nov. 22-Dec. 21
 You are coming to realize that friendships come in all shapes, sizes, and power dynamics. You cannot be the leader all the time, and you most certainly cannot be a follower all the time.

CAPRICORN
 Dec. 22-Jan. 19
 Just one little breeze of effort will take this idea and send it soaring to greater heights than you could have ever imagined. Take one step; momentum will take care of the rest.

AQUARIUS
 Jan. 20-Feb. 18
 The best kind of wisdom comes from people who know you well, so if you are feeling the urge to start a new relationship with one of your old relatives, then you shouldn't wait to get started.

PISCES
 Feb. 19-Mar. 20
 Do they encourage you to be the best you can be or make you doubt your actions? Do they celebrate your successes or try to one-up you all the time? Answer these questions, and you'll know what to do.

The Born Loser by Chip Sansom



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Xi'an	24	35	cloudy
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
Hangzhou	28	38	cloudy
Taipei	26	30	overcast
Guangzhou	26	35	thundershower
Hong Kong	28	33	cloudy
WORLD			
Moscow	17	22	moderate rain
Frankfurt	21	33	clear
Paris	22	32	clear
London	16	24	clear
New York	18	27	clear

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Active one; 5- Pitch; 9- Reverse of NNW; 12- Cross inscription; 13- Bad lighting?; 15- Actor Ken; 16- Salon sound; 17- Starbucks order; 18- French film; 19- Regulate; 21- Janitor; 23- Electrically charged particles; 24- RR stop; 25- In disagreement; 28- Suave; 33- Conical native American tent; 34- Baum barker; 35- Father; 36- Go with; 37- Friendship; 38- Sought office; 39- Feminine suffix; 41- Part of N.B.; 42- Actress Scacchi; 44- Presumptuous; 46- Wedgellike tool; 47- Stutz contemporary; 48- Pequod captain; 49- Extend; 53- Fedora ribbon; 57- Field yield; 58- Cruise stops; 60- Woodwind instrument; 61- Uncouth; 62- Swindle; 63- It's a gas; 64- Funny Phillips; 65- Staffer; 66- Chamber workers; Abbr.;

DOWN: 1- It may be compact; 2- ___ account (never); 3- 2000 role for Julia; 4- Dangerous current; 5- Claws; 6- Tough tests; 7- Fast flier; 8- Drunkards; 9- Fall prey to a banana peel, say; 10- Coscant's reciprocal; 11- Cabinet dept.; 14- Paper carrier; 15- Vast seas; 20- Took the train; 22- Zone for DDE; 25- Sailing; 26- Ages between 13 and 19; 27- Goes into business; 28- Performance; 29- Novel ending?; 30- Buenos ___; 31- Ticked off; 32- Related to the kidneys; 34- Revenuers, for short; 37- Of the absence of life; 40- The continent; 42- Steps down to an Indian river; 43- Streamers; 45- Chaps; 46- Virginal; 48- Leading; 49- Land measure; 50- Percussive instrument; 51- Extinct flightless bird; 52- Org. concerned with working conditions; 54- Busy as ___; 55- Midday; 56- Studies; 59- Hawaiian necklace;

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MCDONALD'S TAKES A NIBBLE OF THE PLANT-BASED BURGER



MCDONALD'S is finally taking a nibble of the plant-based burger.

McDonald's said that will sell the PLT, or the plant, lettuce and tomato burger for 12 weeks in 28 restaurants in Southwestern Ontario by the end of the month. McDonald's says it developed a special recipe using burgers from Beyond Meat, a California-based startup that makes "meat" from pea protein, canola oil, beet juice and other ingredients.

The small-market test is rolling out about six months after rival Burger King began testing the plant-based Impossible Foods burger, a rival to Beyond Meat. It's

now selling the Impossible Whopper nationwide because of strong demand from customers.

The entry of McDonald's, the world's largest burger chain, into the alternative meat arena has largely been seen as a question of when, and not if.

The burgers aren't really aimed at vegans or vegetarians, but at meat eaters who perceive plant-based eating as healthier and more environmentally conscious. In a recent survey, the consulting firm AlixPartners found that 61% of U.S. meat eaters sometimes order vegan or vegetarian food at restaurants.

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SPLIT NO MORE, SPIDER-MAN GETS ANOTHER SWING WITH MARVEL

SPIDER-MAN won't be leaving the Marvel Cinematic Universe anytime soon.

After a public fallout last month, Sony Pictures Entertainment and The Walt Disney Studios have found a way to work together. The studios said Friday that they would be teaming up once more to produce a third "Spider-Man" film starring Tom Holland.

Disputes over the profit-sharing structure put Spidey's future in the

MCU in doubt, much to the chagrin of many fans who had enjoyed seeing Spider-Man fighting alongside The Avengers.

Marvel Studios president Kevin Feige said in a statement that he's thrilled that the character's journey in the MCU is continuing. Producer Amy Pascal added that it has been a "winning partnership" for both studios.

The next Spidey film will hit theaters on July 16, 2021.

TAYLOR SWIFT, LIZZO, BTS TO PERFORM ON JINGLE BALL TOUR

TAYLOR Swift, Lizzo, Billie Eilish and BTS are set to perform on the iHeartRadio Jingle Ball Tour this holiday season.

iHeartMedia announced Friday that the 12-city tour kicks off Dec. 1 in Tampa, Florida. The lineup, which varies by city, also includes Lil Nas X, Sam Smith, Camila Cabello, Khalid, Halsey, Katy Perry and Jonas Brothers.

The tour will visit Inglewood, California; San Francisco; Philadelphia; Boston; Washington, D.C.;

Chicago and Atlanta. The tour wraps Dec. 22 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

The Dec. 13 show at New York's Madison Square Garden will livestream on CWTV.com, the CW app and iHeartRadio stations. It will be broadcast Dec. 19 on the CW Network.

Other performers include 5 Seconds of Summer, Normani, Charlie Puth, French Montana, Dan + Shay and Monsta X.

Tickets go on sale Oct. 11.

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Japanese rugby fans celebrate historic win over Ireland

JIM ARMSTRONG, TOKYO

JAPANESE fans celebrated their team's stunning upset of Ireland at the Rugby World Cup with everyone from the prime minister to rivals paying tribute to the historic win.

A day after the hosts toppled Ireland 19-12 in one of the tournament's greatest upsets, Japan was basking in the glory of yet another historic win at rugby's showpiece event.

"It was a big victory made possible by teamwork," Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe wrote in a Twitter post. "Thank you for a tremendously thrilling game."

Japan captain Michael Leitch, who came on as a replacement against Ireland, said the atmosphere at the Shizuoka Stadium Ecopa was unrivalled in his career.

"I've played in a few stadiums, won in Brighton against South Africa and also played in Twickenham but that was the best stadium I've played in in my life," said Leitch at a news conference on Sunday.

In addition to the sold-out crowd at Shizuoka Stadium Ecopa, thousands of supporters crammed into fan zones around the country to witness the match. Bars and restaurants in Tokyo's bustling Roppongi entertainment district were overflowing with fans wearing the red-and-white jersey of the Japanese team.

The largest-ever single-day Rugby World Cup fanzone attendance saw more than 120,000 fans witnessing the match while millions more watched on TV and followed the game on social media.

Ireland was ranked No. 1 coming into the tournament so Saturday's win mirrored Japan's famed defeat of two-time champion South Africa at the 2015 World Cup, dubbed the Miracle of Brighton.

The result saw the host nation jump to a record-high of eighth in the World Rugby rankings.

Japan won three games at the 2015 tournament under Australian coach Eddie Jones, including the stunning 34-32 victory over the Springboks, and narrowly missed out on a place in the quarterfinals.

Japan has set a goal of making the top eight for the first time in the history of Japanese rugby. After wins over Russia and Ireland that now seems well within reach for Jamie Joseph's team.

Players and coaches in rugby's

top tier also took note of Japan's upset win.

"It is really important for Japan to effectively back up 2015 and their coaching team has done a great job building that team over the four years," said England's forwards coach Steve Borthwick.

"There is a lot of competition for sport in Japan and every time I have come back since 2015 you see the growth of rugby and popularity. There is an expectation they can win and that is great credit to the coaching team. It's good rugby to watch and they play to their strengths."

Japan is the first country outside of the traditional rugby strongholds to host the World Cup, which started in 1987 with a tournament held jointly by Australia and New Zealand. The tournament has also been hosted across

Britain and Ireland, France and South Africa.

"We knew how tough it was going to be," Ireland captain Rory Best told Kyodo news agency after Saturday's game. "Anyone that has ever been shocked hasn't seen how good they are."

"We came in with a game plan, we felt we were really prepared. Credit to them, they played really well. We made a few mistakes, a few unforced errors, we were on the wrong side of the penalty count. I think Japan played really, really well — they posed a lot of questions to us and unfortunately we couldn't come up with the right answers."

This year's Japanese team includes a record 15 descendants of non-Japanese players. While that's within the tournament's eligibility rules, some in Japan have refused to accept the team as being truly representative of Japan.

But with wins over South Africa and Ireland even the skeptics are getting onboard.

"It's pretty impressive," said long time baseball fan Shigeru Uchida, who runs a sports fitness business. "Even though the team is not entirely Japanese they showed incredible teamwork and I'll certainly watch their remaining games."

Meanwhile, the commissioner of Japan's Sports Agency said the win should have a ripple effect on Japan's preparations to host the 2020 Tokyo Olympics.

"I can say the Japan team has rewritten sports history," said Daichi Suzuki. "The win also gave an immeasurable momentum toward the Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics next year."

Japan's next game in Pool A is against Samoa on Oct. 5 in Toyota before they take on Scotland in Yokohama on Oct. 13 in the final pool game of the tournament.

"This tournament is shaping up to be something very special on and off the field," said World Rugby chairman Bill Beaumont. "Japan's victory has excited a nation and captured the imagination of the world with exceptional social and digital media reaction. This tournament is big in Japan." AP

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WALLED CITY

While penning this column, we do not know yet what happened at the so-called Hong Kong Town Hall meeting; and that is a disclaimer to guard ourselves from a situation mounting by the minute, and from the chance of a miracle. Chief Executive Carrie Lam called upon Hong Kong people to show up and openly debate the grievances that led to months of civic demonstrations, sparked by that notorious Extradition Law.

Perhaps because of the possibility that such an invitation to a candid dialogue could go astray, CE Carrie Lam went for the safe small-circle of 150 speakers randomly picked from a pool of the first 20,000-strong registered citizens. We underline randomly.

We do not anticipate a cool soothing session; we do not believe the get together comes to imply some undesirable outcome, either. Hong Kong's Chief Executive cannot suffer another public blow to her face. Anyway, things seem to go through other channels.

On the eve of the 70th anniversary of China's Communist Party celebrations, all parties are aware that a fresh round of protests would be a discomfort to...all parties. That is why, to defuse the situation, Beijing called upon a political heavyweight and high cadre in the local deputy commissar of Foreign Ministry. Song Ru'an set the boundaries of the imbroglio: China believes Hong Kong has the tools to scale down the situation; and acknowledges the natural difficulties of the "one country, two systems" given its unprecedented nature.

Despite the shades of ambiguity marring Song remarks, it is natural to believe that the Central Government is not preparing any type of intervention on the ground, and, more than that, is prepared to tolerate, or ignore, a certain degree of protest activity during the 70th anniversary.

As we stated above, this is the 3-months of "be water" protest episodes moving and unfolding by the minute that came to separate the waters. Today that rough demagoguery - the one that breeds only in an environment where the contradictory is not permitted or taken into consideration - is of no use.

A few examples to illustrate the low grade argument, dwindling by the day, Hong Kong residents seem to be fed up. The pro-democracy movement lacks the legitimacy of the working class, since it breeds exclusively from the privileged university crowd. Like 2 million residents marching for the rights granted in the Basic Law. And who confronted pro-democracy protesters in Mong Kok, lumpen proletariat?

The incredible narrative of the brutal protesters violently attacking the police and security forces, that way discrediting the pro-democracy movement, thus democracy itself! The longing for that primordial Rousseau moment of naivety justifying the will to protest on behalf of the noble savage.

And we can go lower on the downward spiral, but we close for an ingenious fake and absurd syllogism: to protest for democracy in an assertive manner is not the best option for those who want more democracy within the second system!

If we were to take the prophetic assessment of Albert Cheng that the idea of One Country, Two Systems is already finished...we will be out of water.

The final notes go to that paramount intervention of Fu Ziying demanding that the Macau members of the CPPCC voice "real opinions" to the Liaison Office. Director Fu urged Macau members of the CPPCC to speak the truth.

Evidently it was not a good day for the Macau representatives. That aphorism comes to mind: in "war" truth is the first casualty.

MUSK UNVEILS SPACEX ROCKET DESIGNED TO GET TO MARS AND BACK

THE BUZZ

Elon Musk has unveiled a SpaceX spacecraft designed to carry a crew and cargo to the moon, Mars or anywhere else in the solar system and land back on Earth perpendicularly.

In a livestreamed speech from SpaceX's launch facility near the southern tip of Texas, Musk said Saturday that the space venture's Starship is expected to take off for the first time in about one or two months and reach 65,000 feet

(19,800 meters) before landing back on Earth.

He says it's essential for the viability of space travel to be able to reuse spacecraft and that it's important to take steps to extend consciousness beyond our planet.

A crowd watched as Musk spoke from a stage in front of the large spacecraft, which has a reflective, metal exterior.

Musk says Saturday marked the 11th anniversary of a SpaceX rocket reaching orbit for the first time.

HELLENIC SILK ROAD

GREEK FASHION FIRMS REVITALIZE CENTURIES-OLD TRADITION

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ILIANA MIER, SOUFLI

At Kostas Mouhtaridis' silk factory in Soufli, the non-stop "clunk-click" of the weaving machinery is a loud but welcome sound.

The factory is a few hundred meters from the Evros River, which forms Greece's natural border with Turkey. It is one of Europe's most heavily militarized areas, patrolled constantly to deter illegal immigration into the European Union.

Soufli, a once-booming silk factory town in Greece's remote northeastern Thrace region, saw its centuries-old tradition of silkworm rearing, weaving and dying nearly snuffed out during Greece's decade-long financial crisis. The town had already suffered a heavy blow when cheaper Chinese and Indian silk flooded the market in the 1990s. The companies that managed to survive then were later finished off during the financial crisis that erupted in 2008.

By 2012, there were only two silk makers left in the town, eking out an existence by supplying small home furnishing stores.

Yet seven years later, Mouhtaridis has few complaints. The company founded by his father in 1977 has been revived by Greece's resurgent fashion and luxury goods industry as well as by technology that helps small-scale producers.

"We used to give [silk products] to stores that took five, 10 meters, or 50 meters," Mouhtaridis said,

speaking at his factory, which employs 10 people. "The maximum [order] we would get was 100 meters."

He now produces more than 200 times that amount annually for his largest customer.

Silk is the staple of offerings at Zeus + Dione, a luxury Athens label that prides itself on reinventing and incorporating laboriously-made elements found in traditional Greek garments onto its easy-to-wear women's line. Craftspersons were scouted out in rural areas around Greece to make it happen, as the company sought to inject glamor to dying trades that typically struggled to connect with city dwellers.

The label's flagship store is now in a trendy shopping area in central Athens and the company's co-owner, bank executive Mareva Grabowski, is married to newly-elected conservative Prime Minister Kyriakos Mitsotakis. She founded the company with her friend Dimitra Kolotoura, a former PR executive.

Kolotoura remembers walking into Mouhtaridis' silk factory as her company was just starting out seven years ago. He was skeptical when asked for 20 meters of 'spathoto' - an embossed silk that has become the firm's signature fabric.

"We said: 'Let's start the engines! We are going to produce, we are going to weave, we are going to create new fabrics,'" Kolotoura says. "And we're going to experiment."

The twist on tradition

caught the attention of the fashion world and orders from overseas snowballed. Silk shirts and caftans made from spathoto and Amalia-motif fabric types can be found on sale in Los Angeles, Paris, London and elsewhere.

Soufli's other main silk maker, Giorgos Tsiakiris, found an alternate route to survival, giving up weaving to focus on printing. When the future of the family enterprise seemed uncertain, he bet the business on expensive digital technology.

The bet is paying off. Replacing traditional dying with a computerized system and buying room-sized printing machines revolutionized his operation, allowing him to provide customized designs requested by fashion houses all over Europe, among them the Greek label Parthenis.

Orsalia Parthenis took over the company from her parents, renewing a relationship with the silk factory that went back to the 1970s.

Soufli silk was "part of my growing up," she says. "Soufli had focused mostly on traditional furnishing fabrics, things you'd use for curtains or tablecloths."

When she found out that Tsiakiris was printing silk in 2006, Parthenis jumped at the chance to reach out to graphic designers and created a silk caftan line.

"They invested in machines to do more printing and it wasn't just the weaving part," she says. "Technology is what revived the industry." AP

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Vatican City Pope Francis yesterday decried "the culture of comfort" that leads to indifference in the face of a global migration and refugee crisis.

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Austrians went to the polls yesterday to elect a new Parliament, four months after a corruption scandal brought down ex-Chancellor Sebastian Kurz's coalition government with the far-right Freedom Party.

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Switzerland Car lovers from around the world splashed out more than \$27 million at an auction yesterday for dozens of luxury cars seized from the son of Equatorial Guinea's president in a Swiss money-laundering probe.

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USA A New York City police officer and a man he was trying to arrest were both shot and killed during a struggle yesterday in the Bronx.

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