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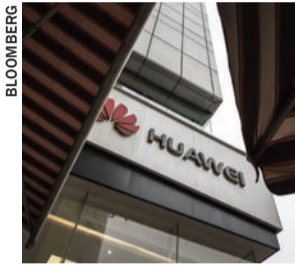
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North Korea sent a group of working-level officials to Dandong, China, last week to prepare for a possible visit by its leader Kim Jong Un, according to South Korean newspaper Dong-A Ilbo.

North Korea The government said it's not keen to hold more talks with the U.S. until measures are taken to withdraw Washington's "hostile policy" toward Pyongyang.



Afghanistan The Taliban met with a U.S. envoy in the Pakistani capital, a Taliban official said, the first such encounter since President Donald Trump announced a month ago that a seemingly imminent peace deal to end Afghanistan's 18-year war was dead.

Saudi Arabia plans to drop a requirement for men and women visiting the kingdom to prove they're related to share a hotel room, part of authorities' efforts to open the country to tourism.

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BUSINESSMAN SAYS THOSE CRITICIZING HK POLICE ARE UNCONSTITUTIONAL

MACAU businessman Vong Kok Seng, who is also a vice president of the Macau Chamber of Commerce, Board of Directors, has said that Macau people drawing attention to Hong Kong police brutality constitutes a "blatant violation of constitutional principles."

Vong published an article in Macao Daily News endorsing the Court of Final Appeal's (TUI) recent ruling to uphold a police ban on demonstrations in Macau against police actions in Hong Kong.

The TUI had ruled in favor of the decision taken by the local police authorities that deemed such assemblies illegal due to the motifs expressed by them.

The assemblies had sought to draw attention to the disproportionate use of force by the Hong Kong police during the months-long protests in the city.

Through a statement penned by their "representative", political activist Jason Chao, the organizers of the assemblies were last week joined by legal experts in expressing their disbelief over the ruling.

However, the ruling has found praise from pro-establishment figure and local businessman Vong.

"The relevant departments of the Macau SAR government have always handled assembly and demonstration notifications in accordance with the law [and the principles] of fairness, justice and rigorousness," noted Vong in the article. "I fully agree with the conclusion of TUI [which] agrees with the reasons given by the Public Security Police Force for not

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allowing the assembly."

"Moreover, no matter how the assembly is wrapped up, it is actually intended to mislead the public and to condemn the Hong Kong police authority, allowing, in turn, the creation of a platform to intervene in the internal affairs of the autonomous Hong Kong SAR," Vong said, adding that "it is a flagrant violation of the basic principles of the constitution of the SAR."

Vong remarked that Macau residents enjoy their right to assemble

and demonstrate in accordance with the law but are also subject to restrictions in the law.

He said that "a harmonious and stable society and a high degree of security are essential."

"Everyone agrees that Macau cannot become chaotic. Therefore, the relevant departments of the SAR government must decisively and appropriately stop activities which will affect social harmony and stability, in order to ensure Macau's security, stability and peace," Vong wrote. **JZ**

JAPAN CROWNED FIREWORKS CHAMPION WITH CHINA, FRANCE RUNNERS-UP

JAPAN has won this year's International Fireworks Display Contest, with China and France placing second and third.

The three countries were represented by Marutamaya Ogatsu Fireworks Co., Ltd., Liuyang New Year Fireworks Trading Co., Ltd. and SAS BREZAC Artifices respectively.

A total of \$20,000 in cash, broken down into the amounts of \$10,000, \$6,000 and \$4,000, respectively, was handed out to the top three as prizes.

This year was the 30th Macao International Fireworks Display Contest, themed "Duo Celebrations for Macao." The contest came to a close last Saturday.

This year was more competitive, as two extra teams were added to the lineup, compared to the 10 teams in previous years.

An extra night was also added to the program, with the contest expanded to six non-consecutive nights from five previously. The Macao Government Tourism Office arranged for the contest to cover Chinese National Day on October 1.

Coincidentally, Mid-Autumn Festival also fell on a competition night this year.

The other teams participating this year were Malaysia, the Philippines, Portugal, South Korea, the United

Kingdom, Romania, South Africa, Canada and Australia.

The awards ceremony was held on the last night of the contest, immediately following the show by the Australian team.

Macao Government Tourism Office Director Maria Helena de Senna Fernandes and Deputy Director Ricky Hoi joined jury members and other personalities at the ceremony, and presented awards to the winners. Pansy Ho, chairman and CEO of Shun Tak, also presented an award.

Vantage points on the Macau Peninsula and Taipa bustled with spectators. Besides the Fireworks Contest, the 4th Macao International Lantern Festival was held along the Waterfront Promenade of One Central Macau and Wynn Macau, as well as at Anim'Arte Nam Van, all of which were popular places for watching the fireworks this year.

Other outreach programs included a photo contest, a student drawing contest, a poster design contest and a video production contest. The office also said it supported community organizations in organizing a weekend workshop program and "immersed local participants in a palette of artistic experiences" through a variety of activities. **AL**

ASK THE VET

by Dr Ruan Du Toit Bester

CANINE HIP DYSPLASIA TREATMENT

CANINE hip dysplasia treatment consists of surgical and non-surgical remedies. Hip dysplasia is a progressive disease that is primarily inherited through genetics. Rapid growth and weight gain may exacerbate the disease. Dogs may be asymptomatic at birth but develop the disease as they mature. The main signs of hip dysplasia are lameness, a «bunny-hop» gait, and crying out when joints hurt.

Hip dysplasia defined

Hip dysplasia's defining feature is joint laxity, which causes increasing malformation of the hip joint as the dog repeatedly puts weight on it. One or both of the hip's ball joints begin to rub painfully against the hip sockets-eventually shallowing the

socket, eroding cartilage, stretching ligaments and forming bone spurs, resulting in painful arthritis.

Surgical treatments

Surgical treatment consists of three options:

- Reconstruction to stabilise the hip joint, which halts worsening joint laxity. Most effective in early stages.
- Removal of the femoral head, which effectively ends the ball colliding with the socket. A less-effective, less-expensive alternative to hip replacement, but beneficial to many dogs.
- Total hip replacement, which replaces natural bones with artificial ones to totally restore hip function and has a 91% success rate. Most effective with heavier, older dogs.

Non-surgical treatments

These non-surgical treatments may benefit your dog whether surgery is performed or not:

- Phenylbutazone, glycosaminoglycosans and corticosteroids, prescribed and monitored by a vet. Do not give your dog even plain aspirin without your vet's approval.
- Moderate exercise, which builds strong muscles that support weak bones. Choose walking, swimming, jogging. Avoid acrobatic exercise, like playing frisbee and jumping.
- Sensible diet.
- Warm, soft bed.
- Hot water bottles, placed on hurting hips. Do not use heating pads due to burn hazards.
- Laser therapy in hospital is very effective with pain and inflammatory bone conditions.

Hope this info helps
Till next week
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Macau bishop retreats after Secretary Tam's response

BISHOP of the Macau Diocese, Stephen Lee, has retracted the Diocese's strong stance expressed in an earlier statement regarding a light projection, saying that the Thursday "statement was not to express dissatisfaction but [to convey] comments from Catholics to the government." Lee made the comment on the sidelines of a public event yesterday.

For three days, beginning on Chinese National Day on October 1, the Macao Government Tourism Office held a light mapping performance at the Ruins of St. Paul's. Moving images praising the People's Republic of China and the Chinese Communist Party, including the national flag and emblem, were projected onto the façade of the Ruins.

The performance stirred up divided opinions, with the Diocese's chancellor, Rev. Cyril Jerome Law, issuing a statement last Thursday on behalf of the community to address the situation.

"The show in question evoked reactions of discontent from quite a number of [the] faithful of different nationalities, since it is deemed that the use of the historical monuments ought to correspond to its intended character," Rev. Law said.

Law recommended that the government relate the theme or content of future mapping performances to

the origin of the relics concerned.

The façade of the Ruins has been at the location since 1640, but in its current state since 1835, with only one façade remaining.

The Tourism Office acted quickly and responded positively the same day the comments were made.

Meanwhile, Secretary Alexis Tam, who overlooks social and cultural affairs and the tourism authority, responded late on Thursday evening, saying that he respects the statement and recommendations by the Diocese.

However, Tam didn't have any problem with the performance. He also heard that it had been received well by "a vast majority of locals and tourists."

He went on to say that the Ruins of St. Paul's is Macau's most identifiable structure and hoped the general public could understand the government's intentions.

After Tam's response last week, the bishop told the press yesterday that he "didn't want the incident [to become] exaggerated and cause too much misunderstanding."

Lee also described the incident as proof of the multicultural nature of Macau, that the city is able to embrace different religions and comments.

It was a good chance for the Diocese to reflect on itself, and to learn to be considerate and to listen, Lee explained. **AL**



Macau Bishop Stephen Lee

TAXI RECORDING DEVICE TENDER RECEIVES 8 BIDS

On Friday, the Transport Bureau (DSAT) received eight bids for the public tender to install recording devices inside taxis. The contract includes the installation of smart devices inside all of Macau's taxis and of a monitoring system at the DSAT, which will be the bureau's first background management system. The installation and testing of devices is expected to be completed in the fourth quarter of 2020 and operational by the end of 2020. Starting from the third quarter of 2020, all of Macau's approximately 1,900 taxis will be equipped and tested with the new devices, which include GPS, as well as audio and video recording capability.

JAPANESE-STYLE WATER PIPES TO BECOME POPULAR IN MACAU

Susana Wong, director of the Marine and Water Bureau, has said that imitating the Japanese-style of water supply, especially their use of steel pipes, will become more popular in future. Wong and Macau's water supply company recently went to Japan, where they visited water suppliers. Concluding the visit, Wong said that Macau could learn from Japan's world-leading water supply technology by combining it with Macau's own paradigm. With particular concern about possible land subsidence problems in the new urban zone, Wong believes that Macau will adopt Japanese solutions such as corrugated pipes made of durable and resistant Japanese stainless steel.

GONGBEI-DELTA BRIDGE SHUTTLE BUS UNPOPULAR

Tourist shuttles between Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge (HKZMB) and the Gongbei Border Gate are reportedly unpopular among mainland tourists, according to a report by Macao Daily News. At 9 a.m. on Thursday, the Gongbei Port initiated human flow control measures, hoping to control population pressures at the border. For the first time, the Gongbei Port authority arranged for a batch of large shuttle buses to run between Gongbei Port and the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge's Zhuhai-Macau Port, hoping to ease the pressure at Gongbei by taking some tourists to the HKZMB Port in order to enter Macau. Many signs were set up at Gongbei to guide tourists to the shuttle buses, but were only used by a few people.

241 children living in dormitory homes in Macau

BY the end of 2018, a total of 241 children in Macau were living in temporary dormitory homes provided by the Social Welfare Bureau (IAS) in collaboration with several other institutions.

The figures from the IAS note that the main reasons for this are mostly to do with extreme poverty or lack of parental care, public broadcaster TDM reported.

According to the same IAS report, specialists in the field have pointed out that the children have the

right to participate in family and society, noting that the absence of such an environment affects their growth and social development.

One of the institutions providing this type of service is "The Fountain of Hope," a social welfare service provider located in Taipa.

The institution, which has been led by Marjory Vendramini for several years and is part of the "Cradle of Hope Association," has been addressing the problem, noting

that children should not be isolated from their families and should be included in a family-like environment, to the extent that this is possible.

With this in mind, the association is planning to develop dormitories that provide a more "family-friendly environment," so the children can experience growing up in this environment.

A dormitory staff member said to TDM that "the place could be more like a community, that is, an even smaller family

dormitory home format, like the living spaces of regular families," noting that this project "needs support from the government or other service units to enable children or youngsters who are in need to have a more family-like living environment."

In the opinion of the person responsible for the dormitory, society must consider the right of participation of children so they can have the ability to carry out the responsibilities of a citi-

zen in the later stages of their lives.

In her opinion, keeping children from families and society in their early stages means "that they are alienated from family, alienated from school, and alienated from society [when they grow older]. It is not a good thing for fostering the development of society."

According to IAS' information, there are currently nine dormitories in Macau that provide temporary accommodation for children. **RM**

MACAU'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

MACAU PASSPORT CLIMBS THREE SPOTS TO 33RD IN GLOBAL INDEX

LYNZY VALLES

THE Macau SAR passport was the 33rd most powerful passport in the Henley Passport Index, as analyzed by Henley & Partners, with passport holders allowed to visit a total of 141 destinations visa-free. The ranking is an improvement over its number 36 spot in the previous ranking during the second quarter of 2019.

Compiled by residence and citizenship-planning company Henley & Partners, the Henley Passport Index ranks all the world's passports based on data from the International Air Transport Association (IATA) and the firm's research department.

Arton Capital, another global financial advisory firm based in Canada, ranked the Macau passport as number 26 in the world, four places up compared to its December 2018 data.

According to Henley & Partners, Asia's dominance on the most powerful passports list remains unfaltering, as Japan and Singapore retain a firm hold on first place in the Henley Passport Index.

The two passports offer access



to 190 out of 227 destinations without needing a visa in advance.

With visa-free/visa-on-arrival scores of 188, Finland, Germany and South Korea remain in second place. Denmark, Italy and Luxembourg are in third place, with citizens of these countries now able to access 187 destina-

tions without requiring a visa in advance.

Meanwhile, with scores of 184, the U.K. and U.S. remain in joint sixth place, the lowest position either country has held since 2010 and a significant drop from their first-place ranking in 2014.

For most of the index's 14-year

history, the top spot has been held by a European country or by the U.S.

However, according to U.S.-based Henley & Partners, this shifted dramatically in 2018, with Asian countries now firmly established as world leaders in both global economic activity and global mobility.

While positions on the index's top 10 have remained relatively stable since the last update in July, Henley & Partners stated that there have been some striking shifts further down on the list, such as the United Arab Emirates, which climbed five places over the last three months after gaining visa-free access to a number of African countries.

Syria, Iraq and Afghanistan remain at the bottom of the list, with visa-free/visa-on-arrival scores of just 29, 27 and 25 respectively.

Furthermore, on Friday, the Identification Services Bureau (DSI) announced that Macau SAR passport holders would not require a visa to visit Barbados for a stay of up to 30 days.

Confirmation was received from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade of Barbados.

Based on the principle of reciprocity, the DSI said that the government was conducting follow-up procedures for visit exemptions for citizens of Barbados traveling to the Macau SAR.

According to government data, a total of 143 countries or territories have agreed to grant visa-free or visa-on-arrival access to Macau SAR passport holders. Twenty-six countries have confirmed that Macau SAR passport holders can apply for e-visas or visas online.

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GOLDEN WEEK VISITORS RISE 11%

MACAU received 616,000 visitors during the first four days of the Chinese Golden Week holiday, which commenced on October 1. Compared with last year, the Public Security Police Force, which is responsible for border control in Macau, found an increase of 11%.

Visitors from Macau's largest source market, mainland China, also rose 11% to reach 527,000.

Simultaneously, there was a 6% increase in the number of people crossing Macau's borders compared with the same period last year, approximately 2.3 million in total. Of these, 90% used the Border Gate, the Lotus Checkpoint and the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge.

The airport handled 15% more passengers compared to last year's period.

Meanwhile, on the fifth day

of the holiday period, 256,000 people exited Macau at the Border Gate, marking a new record in checkpoint exits. Covering both entries and exits, in total 480,000 crossed the Border Gate checkpoint on the fifth day.

Police remarked that during the first four days, all the border checkpoints have allowed seamless passage. The checkpoints, however, are expected to be slightly more crowded than on normal days.

Travelers planning to cross the border in the next few days are reminded to use the live stream service of border checkpoints on the Public Security Police's website.

This is the first Golden Week after the enactment of the new "Taxi Law," which levies heavier penalties on taxi drivers who violate the law.

The police noted that during the first four days of the Golden Week, there were 17 violations, seven of which were refusals to take passengers. Two other violations were related to the operation of unpermitted passenger services.

After the enactment of the new law, the police have seen a drastic 88% fall in the number of violations compared with the same period last year. **AL**

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GROUP TOURS SUSPECTED AT HAC SA CAMPING AREA

MAINLAND group tours have been accused of occupying Hac Sa Beach's camping spaces and leaving a mess at the camping site after they leave, according to a report by Macau Concealers.

A frequent user of Hac Sa camping spaces reported to the news outlet that, during major mainland holidays, the Hac Sa camping area is frequently fully occupied by non-local people, specifically mainlanders who come to Macau as part of group tours.

According to the report, the complainant claimed that, once again, the camp has been fully occupied – and even crowded – during the Golden Week holiday. The complainant reportedly observed some visitors camping outside of the designated camping area and overcrowding in

singular tents.

The complainant said that the Hac Sa camping area was left in a mess after people abandoned the site.

The same complainant said that during the Mid-Autumn Festival, some tents were seen with suspected group tour flags.

The complainant is worried about Macau's natural environment being damaged due to these campers.

Hac Sa camp is Macau's only camping location open to the public, providing 108 tents for a total of 288 people.

In 2016, lawmaker Chan Hong wrote an interpellation to the local government urging better management of the facilities and in particular proposing that priority be given to local residents. **JZ**

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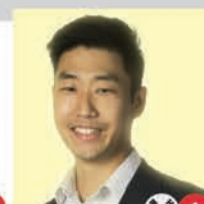
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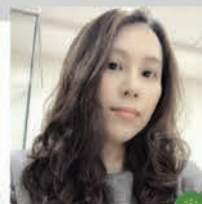
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Property of the Week



Lakeview Tower, Macau

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Located in front of the Nam Van Lake, this beautiful, spacious and bright apartment has two bedrooms and two bathrooms. Well designed Kitchen with built in appliances. This lovely home, in the popular area of Nam Van Lake is within 5 minutes walking from Ferreira Amaral and Senado Square.

Stunning Clubhouse facilities include pool, sauna, gym. Very convenient for all types of transportation, and close to cafes, restaurants, shops and banks.

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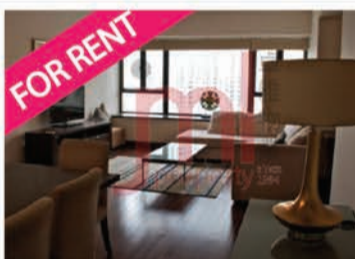
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\$23,800/mth
 1,720 ft²
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Nova Grand, Taipa

\$17,800/mth
 935 ft²
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People visit a memorial garden for victims of a mass shooting in Las Vegas

MANDALAY BAY SHOOTING

Payouts for Vegas victims a 'cold, mathematical calculation'

KEN RITTER & BRIAN MELLEY

THEY may have been united by a love for country music, but the people gunned down two years ago at a Las Vegas concert will not be seen as equals when up to \$800 million is paid out from a legal settlement.

The administrator overseeing the process will have the icy task of calculating the value of a life based on how much victims earned, the gravity of survivors' wounds and the hazy concepts of pain, suffering and emotional distress.

"It is a cold, mathematical calculation," said attorney Kenneth Feinberg, who has administered payouts for the nation's highest-profile tragedies but isn't involved in the Las Vegas settlement. "Forget courage and integrity. Those are characteristics to ask a priest or rabbi, not the administrator of a fund."

Attorneys announced last week that MGM Resorts International settled with the families of the 58 people killed and hundreds of others injured in the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history.

The agreement will resolve lawsuits in at least 10 states seeking compensation from the hotel owner for physical and psychological injuries after a lone gunman opened fire into a country music festival from a high-rise

Las Vegas Strip resort on Oct. 1, 2017.

Victims accused the casino giant of failing to protect 22,000 people at the concert venue it owns or stop the shooter from amassing an arsenal of assault-style weapons and ammunition over several days in his suite at the Mandalay Bay.

Lawyers representing relatives of the dead and those wounded or haunted by the shooting applauded the settlement and said it would eliminate a protracted court battle.

"They really don't want money," Los Angeles attorney Kevin Boyle said. "They want their loved ones back."

But it is money they will get, which will be divvied up based on formulas such as expected lifetime earnings

or severity of injuries. Payouts will be calculated by reviewing such items as medical bills, hospital records and the prognosis for a lifetime of long-term health problems.

While some people recovered from gunshots, others were injured when they were trampled or have emotional scars.

"There are a lot of people who may not have been touched by bullets but still have to live their life with the trauma that comes

from being a part of that event," said Stephanie Wellek, who has post-traumatic stress disorder from the shooting. "That's the biggest group that really is going to be helped, I think, by this lawsuit settlement."

Attorney Robert Eglet, who represents about 2,500 of 4,400

The settlement creates the third-largest victims compensation fund in U.S. history, with payments based on statistical data, age and lifetime earnings if the claimant had survived

people with claims, said a judge in Las Vegas will be asked in coming weeks to name one or more administrators to set up a program, review claims and disburse funds. It's not clear if Feinberg will be one of them.

The settlement creates the third-largest victims compensation fund in U.S. history, said Feinberg, a claims administrator who distributed \$7.1 billion to victims after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks and \$6.5 billion

following the 2010 BP oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico.

Payments are based on statistical data, age and lifetime earnings that would have been expected if someone had survived. Families of younger victims and higher earners will typically get more, Feinberg said.

"In a case like 9/11, a stock broker, a banker, a lawyer, an accountant, they are going to get a lot more money than the waiter, the busboy, the cop, the fireman, the soldier," he said.

James Frantz, a San Diego attorney representing 199 victims who include families of four of the dead, said he expected the process to be completed by early next year.

Attorneys will likely seek a percentage of the payout as settlement. He said he hasn't decided how much to ask for.

"MGM has stepped up and done the right thing, so the victims can put this behind them once and for all," Frantz said. "They didn't always do the right thing. They didn't secure their premises at all."

Publicly traded MGM Resorts admitted no liability or guilt in the settlement.

"Our goal has always been to resolve these matters so our community and the victims and their families can move forward in the

healing process," Chairman and CEO Jim Murren said.

At least three other lawsuits aren't affected by the settlement, attorneys said. Some name the gunman's estate, gun manufacturers, event promoters and others.

Two years ago, a concert became a killing ground when a retired accountant and high-stakes video poker player fired out the windows of his hotel room. Stephen Paddock, 64, killed himself as police closed in.

Officers found 23 assault-style weapons in his room, including 14 equipped with bump stocks that allow for rapid firing like an automatic firearm.

Police and the FBI found that Paddock meticulously planned the attack and theorized that he may have sought notoriety. But they said they never determined a clear motive.

As legal claims piled up, MGM Resorts drew outrage by filing lawsuits last year against more than 1,900 victims in a bid to avoid liability.

The company argued it didn't owe anything to survivors or families of slain victims under a federal law enacted after 9/11, which gave stadiums, corporate buildings and other facilities that draw crowds protection from lawsuits for strengthening security against terrorist attacks.

Dr. Heather Melton, an orthopedic surgeon in Big Sandy, Tennessee, whose husband, Sonny, died shielding her from gunfire, said she had mixed feelings about the settlement.

"There's some good that comes from it: It will help give families closure and alleviates their ongoing medical costs," she said. "But there's no amount of money I would take to not get my husband back." AP

**UN CHIEF URGES
RESTRAINT AS GLOBAL
PROTESTS UNFURL**

Secretary-General António Guterres is responding to the recent wave of street protests in many countries with a reminder that freedom of expression and peaceful assembly are fundamental rights — and an appeal to security forces to act with “maximum restraint.” U.N. spokesman Stéphane Dujarric said Friday the secretary-general stresses that upholding the rights to free expression and peaceful assembly are “bedrocks of our society” and are “crucial for advancing democracy, development and peace.” He pointed to protests in countries including Ecuador, Hong Kong and South Africa as well as Iraq where demonstrations have left 42 people dead. Guterres called on protesters to refrain from violence and urged law enforcement officials to respond in conformity with international human rights standards. He asked all countries to uphold human rights.

**HK MILLIONAIRES SEEK
IRISH RESIDENCY AMID
UNREST**

Some millionaires in Hong Kong are seeking fast-track residency in Ireland because of political unrest in the Asian city, the Sunday Times reported. About 100 residents contacted Bartra, which promotes Ireland's immigrant investor program to wealthy Asians, in the past eight weeks, compared with less than a handful before protests started in June, the paper said, citing Bartra Wealth Advisors. To qualify for the program that provides residency rights, applicants must invest at least 1 million euros (\$1.1 million) in the country, the Times said.

**GLOBAL TIMES EDITOR
RAPS PELOSI FOR
OPPOSING HK MASK BAN**

U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi is “so quick to instigate” with her opposition to Hong Kong's decision to ban the use of masks at protests, Global Times' Editor-in-Chief Hu Xijin said in a Twitter post. Hu was responding to a comment by Pelosi where she said a newly implemented anti-mask law in Hong Kong only intensifies concerns over freedom of expression. He said her comments showed what she wanted to see most is “turmoil, not democracy” in Hong Kong. “So quick to instigate, showing once again what you want to see in Hong Kong most is turmoil, not democracy. Canada, the US ally, bans mask at protest. The US can stage the beautiful sight of masked protest,” wrote Hu. On Friday, Hu said he hoped Western countries wouldn't apply double standards on the Hong Kong's government rule of banning face masks at public gatherings. He cited Canada and the state of New York as examples of places that had similar laws. The Global Times is a Chinese tabloid run by the People's Daily, which is the flagship newspaper of the Chinese Communist Party. Hu Xijin has said the paper voices opinions that official sources can't.

Hong Kong lawmakers challenge

A group of pro-democracy Hong Kong legislators filed a legal challenge against the government's use of a colonial-era emergency law to criminalize the wearing of masks at rallies to quell anti-government demonstrations, which diminished in intensity but didn't stop.

The mask ban that went into effect at midnight Friday triggered an overnight rash of widespread violence and destruction in the semi-autonomous Chinese territory, including the setting of fires and attacks on an off-duty police officer who fired a live shot in self-defense that wounded a 14-year-old.

Two activists failed to obtain a court injunction Friday against the ban on face coverings that the government says have made it tough for police to identify radical protesters.

In a second bid Saturday, lawmaker Dennis Kwok said a group of 24 legislators filed a legal appeal to block the anti-mask law on wider constitutional grounds. He said the city's leader, Chief Executive Carrie Lam, acted in bad faith by bypassing the Legislative Council, Hong Kong's parliament, in invoking the emergency law.

“This is a Henry VIII situation. This is basically I say what is law [...] and I say when that ceases to be law. That's not how our constitution works,” Kwok told a news conference late Saturday. “We say that she doesn't have such powers, that she cannot avoid” the Legislative Council.

Lawmaker Claudia Mo called the Emergency Ordinance a “weapon of mass destruction” that could pave the way for more draconian regulations.

Kwok said the group also asked the court to rule that the emergency law, enacted by British colonial rulers in 1922 to quell a sea-



men's strike and last used in 1967 to crush riots, was incompatible with rights and freedoms under Hong Kong's constitution that was put in place after it returned to Chinese rule in 1997.

HALLMARK OF HONG KONG

Face masks have become a hallmark of protesters in Hong Kong, even at peaceful marches, amid fears of retribution at work or of being denied access to schooling, public housing and other government-funded services. Some young protesters also wear full gas masks and goggles to protect against tear gas. Many are concerned their identities could be shared with the massive state-security apparatus that helps keep the Communist Party in power in mainland China, where high-tech surveillance including facial recognition technology is ubiquitous.

Lam's ban applies to all public gatherings, both unauthorized

and those approved by police. It makes the wearing of any face coverings, including face paint, punishable by one year in jail. A six-month jail term could be imposed on people who refuse a police officer's order to remove a face covering for identification. Masks will be permitted when wearers can prove they need them for work, health or religious reasons.

“Will they arrest 100,000 people on the street?” said a protester who gave his surname as Lui. “The government is trying to intimidate us, but at this moment, I don't think the people will be scared.”

In a televised address broadcast as protesters again marched in masks on Saturday, a solemn Lam described Hong Kong as “semi-paralyzed” and reiterated the mask ban was needed to stop the violence. Many malls, shops and the entire MTR network of subways and trains that usually handles more than 4 million trips a day shut Saturday following the

overnight rampage.

“The government needs to take drastic measures to say no to violence, restore peace in society, protect citizens' right to continue their daily lives and freedom, not allowing a small group of rioters to destroy it,” Lam said.

Lam said the mask ban would be “an effective deterrent to radical behavior.”

“We must save Hong Kong — the present Hong Kong and the future Hong Kong,” she said. “We must stop the violence. ... We can't just leave the situation to get worse and worse.”

Lam said she would seek the legislature's backing for the ban later. She insisted Hong Kong was not in a state of emergency but wouldn't rule out a further toughening of measures if violence continued. She also bristled at a suggestion that the mask ban nudged the territory closer to authoritarian rule.

She said she was not acting un-

HONG KONG**Apple approves controversial app after rejection****MARK GURMAN**

APPL Inc.'s App Store reversed a recent decision to reject a Hong Kong app that shows police activity in the midst of increasingly violent pro-democracy protests in the city.

The app, known as HKmap.live, is a mobile version of a website that helps users avoid potentially dangerous areas, according to the developer,

who uses the alias Kuma to remain anonymous. It was rejected from Apple's App Store because it “facilitates, enables, and encourages an activity that is not legal,” Apple told the developer, according to a copy of the rejection notice seen by Bloomberg News. “Specifically, the app allowed users to evade law enforcement,” Apple wrote.

On Friday, Apple reversed the decision and the

app has been approved for sale in Hong Kong. “Apple finally made the right decision,” the developer said.

The developer said the app is built to “show events happening” in Hong Kong, but what users choose to do with that information is their choice. “We don't encourage any advice on the map in general. Our ultimate goal is safety for everyone.”

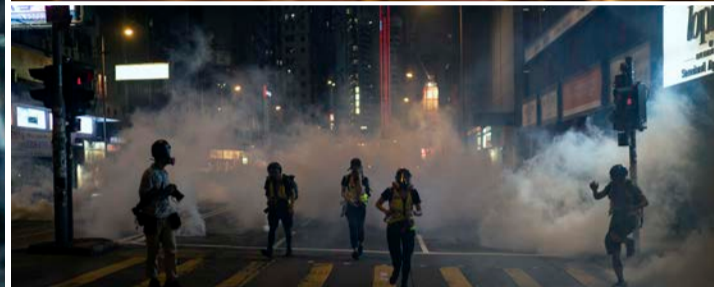
On Twitter, the deve-

loper had argued that the rejection was unfair because other apps, such as Google's Waze, help drivers avoid traffic cameras and police. Apple is assuming that HKmap.live users are lawbreakers “and therefore evading law enforcement, which is clearly not the same,” the developer wrote on Twitter. By contrast, the app was approved for download on Android phones via a “quick pro-

cess,” the developer added.

The app was submitted to the App Store on Sept. 21. It was initially rejected on Sept. 26 for another reason related to rules on payment options and what additional functions apps can tap, the developer said. After addressing that issue, the app was re-submitted and rejected again on Oct. 2 for helping users evade law

mask ban as protests persist



der orders from Beijing, which she visited this week when Communist Party leaders celebrated 70 years in power on Tuesday. But Yang Guang, a Chinese spokesman for Hong Kong affairs, expressed support late Friday, saying it was time for stern measures to end the conflict.

SECOND GUNFIRE VICTIM STOKES FEARS

Many peaceful protesters say violence has become a means to an end, the only way for young masked protesters to force the government to bend to clamors for full democracy and other demands.

But the shooting of the teen Friday night — the second victim of gunfire since the protests began in early June — stoked fears of more bloody confrontations. An 18-year-old protester was also shot at close range by a riot police officer on Tuesday.

Police said in a statement Saturday that the 14-year-old, who was hospitalized with a gunshot wound on his thigh, was arrested for participating in a riot and assaulting a policeman. Police have said they are still investigating exactly how he got shot.

A Hospital Authority spokesman

said the teen was in serious but not critical condition.

Protesters in masks popped up in the central business district Saturday afternoon, carrying a yellow banner marked “Glory to Hong Kong” and shouting, “Hong Kong, resist!” There were other scattered gatherings, with some holding hands in a long human chain and chanting anti-police slogans in an open-air stadium.

Trouble brewed at night, however, with police saying pockets of protesters again blocked roads and vandalized shops and public property in several districts but left be-

fore police arrived.

Police said no arrests had been made so far on the anti-mask ban but didn't explain why.

Protester numbers Saturday appeared down from previous weekends when tens of thousands flooded the streets. Some marchers said the protest movement that has become a big headache to Chinese President Xi Jinping was merely harboring strength for the long haul.

But the extensive violence has turned some to the government's side, even though they blamed Lam for sparking the protest mo-

vement with a now abandoned bill that would have allowed criminal suspects to be extradited for trial in Communist Party-controlled courts in mainland China.

“There is outright rioting,” said retiree Peter Tai, 67, stocking up on groceries for fear they'd become hard to find.

“Protesters want democracy and freedom, but don't they have freedom now? People can go anywhere and do things freely,” he said. “Freedom is more valuable than democracy. I hope these young people don't do things they'll regret forever.” MDT/AP

enforcement. The app was submitted for review again later that day, according to the developer.

Apple has to walk a fine line in China. The company sells millions of iPhones in the country and indirectly supports millions of jobs there. But it must also follow local laws that have become increasingly tough when it comes to digital information. In 2017, the company set up a data center in China to abide by laws that require global companies to store information within the country. Apple also pulled some VPN apps from its App Store in China, limiting users' ability to bypass a lo-

cal web firewall and access overseas sites.

“We would obviously rather not remove the apps, but like we do in other countries, we follow the law wherever we do business,” Apple Chief Executive Officer Tim Cook said at the time. “We strongly believe participating in markets and bringing benefits to customers is in the best interest of the folks there and in other countries as well.”

Apple couldn't immediately be reached for comment on the approval.

Reviewing app decisions several times is a common practice. According to Apple's website, the

company rejects 40% of the 100,000 apps considered each week. It has what is known as an App Review Board to evaluate rejections.

As part of its latest review of HKmap.live, Apple likely researched if the software violated local laws. Apple typically examines such laws before making approval or rejection decisions on third-party apps.

The developer had hoped Apple would change its mind. The person had to buy an iPhone and a Mac computer to build the app for the company's platform. “At least let me publish my app,” the developer said.

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HOW TO GET SUPER RICH SELLING SUPERYACHTS

BENJAMIN STUPPLES

GAZING across the sun-dappled harbor in Monaco, even the fathomlessly rich might get the feeling that some people have more money than they know what to do with.

Floating in Port Hercules the other week—ensigns fluttering, halyards singing—was one of the most spectacular displays of sea-going craft ever seen: 125 superyachts with a combined value of \$4.4 billion.

The mine's-bigger-than-yours lineup at the Monaco Yacht Show was yet another sign of how the wealth of today's ultra-rich is re-making the world in ways that might make many ordinary people cringe. Six hundred million dollars? For a boat?

Even Henk de Vries, one of the world's foremost superyacht builders, has conceded that no one needs one.

"I make the most unnecessary product that you can want, and I make it so nice that you still want it," he said a decade ago.

Even at a time of worrying inequality and anxiety over climate change, an astonishing number of the superwealthy want superyachts—so many, in fact, that the de Vries family and their chief yacht-building rivals, the Lurssen and Vitelli clans, have become fabulously rich themselves.

"You're essentially building a small skyscraper that floats on the water," said Martin Redmayne, chairman of the Superyacht Group, a London-based media company. To be successful, these shipyard owners must have "patience, time and passion—absolute passion. It's a very long game."

The business of building ocean-going palaces really got going in the Gilded Age when robber barons and their descendants traded up from schooners. The Vanderbilts owned a 332-foot steam-fueled vessel for getaways to Europe, while the J.P. Morgan clan built multiple yachts called Corsair, each bigger and better than the last. The 343-foot Corsair IV was launched in 1930 to sail the family up and down the East Coast and across the Atlantic until it was given to the British navy at the start of World War II.

Demand slowed in the immediate aftermath of the conflict, but rebounded as Greek shipping magnates, royalty and Hollywood movie stars became yacht owners.

Paolo Vitelli got his start in 1969 after selling a nightclub business. He used the proceeds to found the yacht-maker now known as Azimut Benetti.

Italy at the time was rocked with labor unrest, but Vitelli imported boats from the Netherlands and later designed and built mass-produced luxury vessels.

He expanded when Benetti,

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one of the biggest names in the industry, ran into trouble in the 1980s, partly because of the costs of developing "Nabila," a 282-foot vessel whose owners have included Saudi Arabian arms dealer Adnan Khashoggi and President Donald Trump. Vitelli bought the business in 1985 and overnight turned his firm into a boat-builder for the richest of the rich.

Two years later stock markets tanked and demand tumbled, but Vitelli, 72, stuck it out through this crash and the global financial crisis two decades later.

These days, business is again booming as Middle East royalty, Russian oligarchs, technology titans and real estate moguls compete for ever bigger or more advanced boats. There are more than 350 under construction currently, according to the Superyacht Group, including a 466-footer poised to launch next year code-named Project Redwood. The future owner's name is shrouded in secrecy.

Azimut Benetti is the world's biggest yacht-builder by volume. It reported annual sales—measured in value of production underway—of 900 million euros (\$986 million) for the year ended Aug. 31. That's made the Vitellis wealthy, but the family has little interest in cashing out.

"An American fund once wrote me a check for \$1.7 billion," Vitelli said in an interview at Azimut Benetti's shipyard in Livorno, Italy. He declined the offer. "Money and

cash ruin the family and take away the pleasure of running the company. You have to have rules and simplicity to love the real things."

That was evident in March, when Vitelli launched "IJE" with the customary Champagne bottle shattering against the side, green, white and red confetti fluttering into a blue sky and Luciano Pavarotti's voice echoing from throbbing speakers. The 354-foot yacht, built for Australian casino magnate James Packer, comes with a cinema, sauna and fire pit.

It's a monster by most standards and spent the week of the Monaco Yacht Show off Italy's western coast. The Monaco event started in 1991 as a place for owners, brokers and fans of megaboating to gawk at the latest designs. The inaugural show featured 32 vessels. Last month, four times that number were on display during a week that drew more than 30,000 visitors to Monaco, including Robert Redford and Gwen Stefani.

But the undoubted stars of the four-day event were the gleaming boats.

Germany's Lurssen displayed the 364-foot Tis, which comes with a massage room, helipads and nine cabins. It's owned by Russian commodities trader Alexei Fedorychev and is available for mere mortals to rent for \$2.2 million a week, plus expenses.

Lurssen announced plans for Tis three years ago, a typical time frame for the biggest custom superyachts. The process starts with

a naval architect and designers, and involves teams representing the owner and project managers, as well as thousands of hours of labor for shipyard workers.

Lurssen traces its roots to 1875, when 24-year-old Friedrich Lurssen started a boatyard near Bremen. At first he made only row boats, but later pioneered motorboats with a founder of automaker Daimler AG. Peter Lurssen, Friedrich's great grandson, now leads the company, which helped built the 414-foot superyacht of late Microsoft Corp. co-founder Paul Allen. About a third of the German firm's business is from repeat clients, Peter Lurssen said at a Superyachts.com event in London this year.

"So we must be doing something right," he added.

But for all the riches floating around there are ominous signs.

Rising inequality and a populist backlash has put a spotlight on the world's richest and their toys. British retail billionaire Philip Green's "Lionheart"—made by Azimut Benetti—has become a focus of outrage, highlighted by the media each time Green closes stores and cuts jobs.

In the U.S., the world's top yachting market, senators Bernie Sanders and Elizabeth Warren have proposed wealth taxes as they campaign for the 2020 Democratic presidential nomination. Across the Atlantic, left-wing firebrand Jeremy Corbyn is vying to lead the U.K., while China's su-

per-rich are braced for the possibility their government may go after the wealthy to provide tax cuts for the masses.

There's also the risk of another global recession that could slow sales.

And it's not just politicians and the global economy to worry about, either. The next generation of the uber-wealthy may have different attitudes towards such fuel-guzzling symbols of conspicuous consumption.

Azimut Benetti, Lurssen and Dutch yacht-builder Feadship, which is half owned by the de Vries family, have pledged to cut carbon emissions, but that's not easily done for ships that can burn 500 liters of diesel an hour.

"A lot of clients are looking at trying to be environmentally friendly," said Sean Bianchi, head of new construction at broker Burgess. Options for new yachts include on-board battery banks and installing hybrid or electric motors. But "there is only so far you can take a luxury yacht down that environmental route," he said.

Vitelli though is optimistic, as he prepares to hand the reigns to his daughter, Giovanna, 44, with hopes of sparking a dynasty to rival the Lurssens and de Vries.

"Her children, although they are young, are already dreaming of becoming the third generation at the company," Vitelli said. "The idea that we could have 100 years of history is appealing to me very much." **BLOOMBERG**

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Iran says Chinese state oil firm withdraws from USD5B deal

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CHINA'S state oil company has pulled out of a USD5 billion deal to develop a portion of Iran's massive offshore natural gas field, the Islamic Republic's oil minister said yesterday, an agreement from which France's Total SA earlier withdrew over U.S. sanctions.

The South Pars field deal, struck in the wake of Iran's 2015 nuclear deal with world powers, appears to be just the latest business casualty of America's pressu-

re campaign on Tehran following President Donald Trump's unilateral withdrawal of the U.S. from the deal.

It also comes as China and the U.S. engage in their own trade war, as Beijing and Washington levy billions of dollars of tariffs on each other's goods.

Oil Minister Bijan Zangeneh, quoted by the ministry's SHANA news agency, said that the China National Petroleum Corp. was "no longer in the project." He did not elaborate or give any reason for the withdrawal, though SHANA said the company "had pulled out

of a contract" to develop the field.

Officials in Beijing didn't immediately acknowledge their decision. Phone calls to the CNPC rang unanswered on yesterday and its website bore no mention of the withdrawal.

However, Iranian Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Zarif separately complained yesterday about the U.S. campaign against Tehran and its impact on foreign investments.

"We have been facing plenty of problems in the field of investment because of the U.S. maximum pressure policy," Zarif told a

parliamentary committee, according to the semi-official Tasnim news agency. "We are trying to remove the problems."

Iran holds the world's second-largest known reserves of natural gas and the world's fourth-largest oil reserves.

Much of its natural gas comes from its massive South Pars field, which it shares with Qatar. The initial plan for the development of South Pars involved building 20 wells and two wellhead platforms, a project that would have a capacity of 2 billion cubic feet of natural gas a day.

Under terms of the initial deal, Total was to have a 50.1% stake, with CNPC getting 30% and the Iranian firm Petropars getting 19.9%. With Total's withdrawal, CNPC had taken over the French firm's stake. Now Petropars will develop the field alone, Zangeneh said.

Total first pulled out of Iran in 2006 as United Nations sanctions first took hold over fears Iran's atomic program would be used to build nuclear weapons. Tehran has maintained its program is only for peaceful purposes. Iran cancelled another CNPC contract in 2012 amid increasing international sanctions which led to the 2015 nuclear deal.

After withdrawing from the nuclear deal with Tehran over a year ago, the U.S. imposed sanctions on Iran that have kept it from selling its oil abroad and have crippled its economy. Iran has since begun breaking terms of the nuclear deal. In late September, the U.S. sanctioned Chinese shipping firms it said were ferrying Iranian crude oil.

There also have been a series of attacks across the Middle East that the U.S. blames on Iran. Tensions reached their height on Sept. 14, with a missile and drone attack on the world's largest oil processor in Saudi Arabia and an oil field, which caused oil prices to spike by the biggest percentage since the 1991 Gulf War. While Yemen's Iranian-allied Houthi rebels claimed the assault, Saudi Arabia says it was "unquestionably sponsored by Iran."

Iran denies being responsible and has warned any retaliatory attack targeting it will result in an "all-out war." AP

Vietnam says Chinese ships escalating tension in South China Sea

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Vietnam accused a Chinese oil-surveying vessel and coast guard escorts of territorial violations by widening their activities after entering the country's exclusive economic zone and operating within offshore blocks for three months.

As of Friday, the ship called the Haiyang Dizhi 8 has made several passes through the foreign-owned blocks off the coast of central Vietnam after departing from the Chinese-controlled Fiery Cross Reef on Sept. 28, according to Marine Traffic satellite tracking data.

At least two Chinese Coast Guard ships further south meanwhile have in recent days maneuvered

around a Singaporean-flagged support vessel in an oil block operated by Russia's state-owned Rosneft Oil Co PJSC, the data shows.

"The Chinese survey vessel Haiyang Dizhi 8 and its escorted vessels continue, and expand their operations within Vietnam's exclusive economic zone and continental shelf, thus seriously violating Vietnam's sovereign rights," Vietnam's Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokeswoman Le Thi Thu Hang said at a Hanoi briefing Thursday.

Vietnam, which shares a long border with its fellow Communist country, stands virtually alone in the region as it pushes back against Beijing amid territorial disputes in the South China Sea, a region containing unexploited hydrocarbons that the U.S. says could be worth USD2.5 trillion.

Tensions between China and Vietnam have

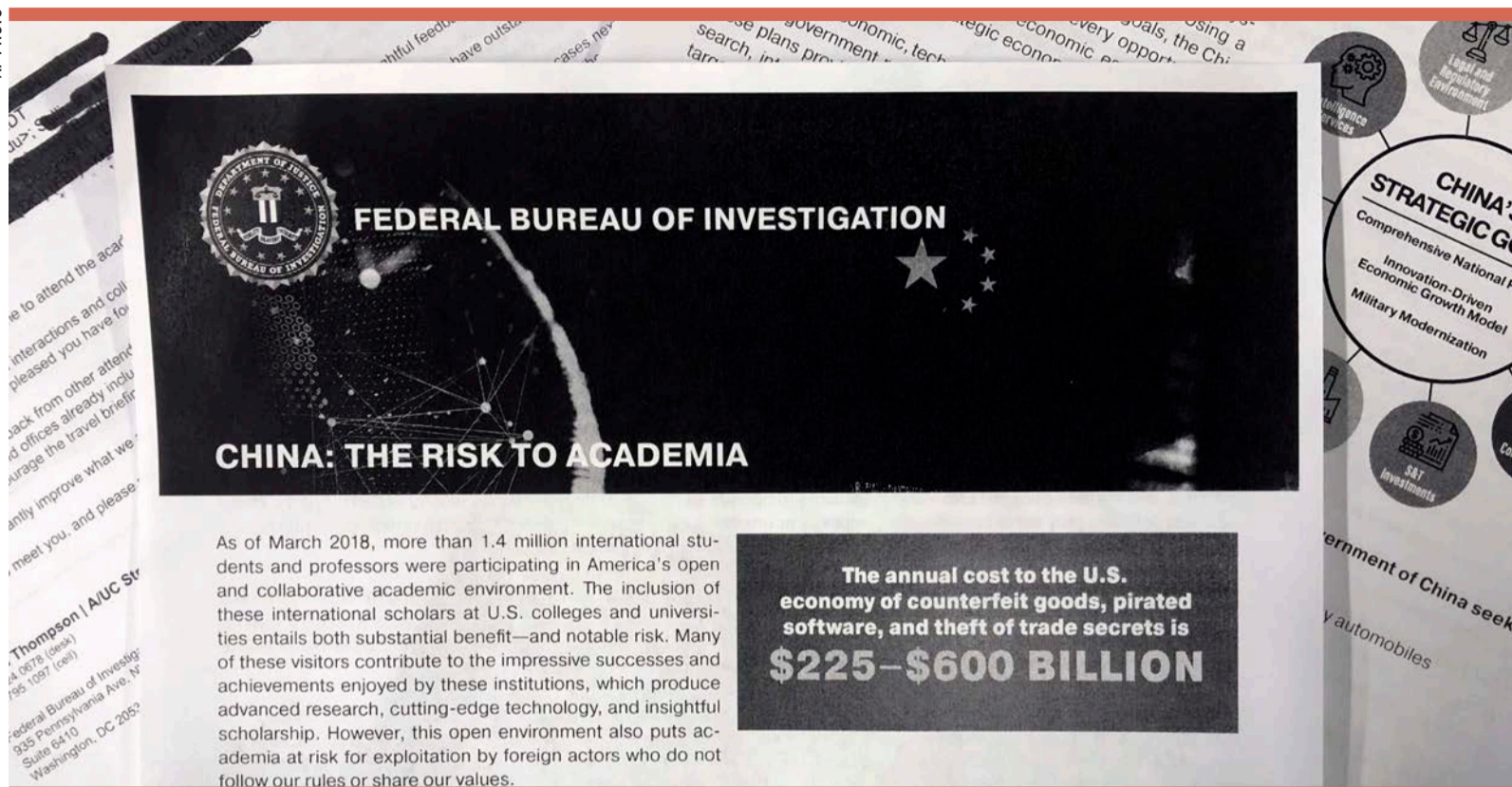
been on the rise since July, when the Chinese state-owned surveyor first began studying the seabed of the southern block in the disputed South China Sea operated by Rosneft.

China has repeatedly warned Vietnam to abandon exploration projects with foreign companies that it says threaten China's sovereignty.

Vietnam has become increasingly isolated in its efforts to push back against China, which is nearing a deal with the Philippines for joint energy exploration in a contested area of the sea and just set up one-on-one talks with Malaysia to settle disputes in the waters.

"Once again, Vietnam demands that China immediately cease its serious violations, withdraw all of its vessels from Vietnam's maritime zones and desist from repeating similar violations," said Heng. BLOOMBERG

MACAU'S LEADING NEWSPAPER



US RESEARCHERS ON FRONT LINE OF BATTLE AGAINST CHINESE THEFT

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As the U.S. warned allies around the world that Chinese tech giant Huawei was a security threat, the FBI was making the same point quietly to a Midwestern university.

In an email to the associate vice chancellor for research at the University of Illinois-Urbana-Champaign, an agent wanted to know if administrators believed Huawei had stolen any intellectual property from the school.

Told no, the agent responded: "I assumed those would be your answers, but I had to ask."

It was no random query.

The FBI has been reaching out to colleges and universities across the country as it tries to stem what American authorities portray as the wholesale theft of technology and trade secrets by researchers tapped by China. The breadth and intensity of the campaign emerges in emails The Associated Press obtained through records requests to public universities in 50 states. The emails underscore the extent of U.S. concerns that universities, as recruiters of foreign talent and incubators of cutting-edge research, are particularly vulnerable targets.

Agents have lectured at seminars, briefed administrators in campus meetings and distributed pamphlets with cautionary tales of trade secret theft. In the past 18 months, they've requested the emails of two University of Washington researchers, asked Oklahoma State University if it has scientists in specific areas and sought updates about "possible misuse" of research funds by a University of Colorado Boulder professor, the messages show.

The emails show administra-

tors mostly embracing FBI warnings, requesting briefings for themselves and others. But they also reveal some struggling to balance legitimate national security concerns against their own eagerness to avoid stifling research or tarnishing legitimate scientists. The Justice Department says it appreciates that push-pull and wants only to help universities separate the relatively few researchers engaged in theft from the majority who are not.

Senior FBI officials told AP they're not encouraging schools to monitor researchers by nationality but instead to take steps to protect research and to watch for suspicious behavior. They consider the briefings vital because they say universities, accustomed to fostering international and collaborative environments, haven't historically been as attentive to security as they should be.

"When we go to the universities, what we're trying to do is highlight the risk to them without discouraging them from welcoming the researchers and students from a country like China," John Demers, the Justice Department's top national security official, said in an interview.

The effort comes amid a deteriorating relationship between the U.S. and China and as a trade war launched by President Donald Trump contributes to stock market turbulence and fears of a global economic slowdown. American officials have long accused China of stealing trade secrets from U.S. corporations to develop their economy, allegations Beijing denies.

"Existentially, we look at China as our greatest threat from an intelligence perspective, and they succeeded significantly in the last decade from stealing our best and brightest technology," said William Evanina, the U.S. government's chief counterintelligence official.

The FBI's effort coincides with restrictions put in place by other federal agencies, including the Pentagon and Energy Department, that fund university research grants. The National Institutes of Health has sent dozens of letters in the past year warning schools of researchers it believes may have concealed grants received from China, or improperly shared confidential research information.

The threat, officials say, is more than theoretical.

In the past two months alone,

American officials have long accused China of stealing trade secrets from US corporations to develop their economy

a University of Kansas researcher was charged with collecting federal grant money while working full time for a Chinese university; a Chinese government employee was arrested in a visa fraud scheme that the Justice Department says was aimed at recruiting U.S. research talent; and a university professor in Texas was accused in a trade secret case involving circuit board technology.

The most consequential case this year centered not on a uni-

versity but on Huawei, charged in January with stealing corporate trade secrets and evading sanctions. The company denies wrongdoing. Several universities including the University of Illinois, which received the FBI email last February, have since begun severing ties with Huawei.

The University of Minnesota did the same, with an administrator reassuring the FBI in an email last May that issues raised by a best practices letter an agent forwarded "have certainly been topics of conversation (and occasionally even action) in our halls for a while now."

But the Justice Department's track record hasn't been perfect, leading to pushback from some that the concerns are overstated.

Federal prosecutors in 2017 dropped charges against a Temple University professor who'd been accused of sharing designs for a pocket heater with China. The professor, Xiaoxing Xi, is suing the FBI. "It was totally wrong," he said, "so I can only speak from my experience that whatever they put out there is not necessarily true."

Richard Wood, the then-interim provost at the University of New Mexico, conveyed ambivalence in an email to colleagues last year. He wrote that he took seriously the national security concerns the FBI identified in briefings, but also remained "deeply committed to traditional academic norms regarding the free exchange of scientific knowledge wherever appropriate — a tradition that has been the basis of international scientific progress for several centuries.

"There are real tensions between these two realities, and no simple solutions," he wrote. "I do not think we would be wise to create new 'policy' on terrain this complex and fraught with internal trade-offs between legitimate concerns and values without some real dialogue on the matter."

A University of Colorado associate vice chancellor equivocated in January on how to handle an agent's request for a meeting, emailing colleagues that the request to discuss university research felt "probing" and like "more of a fishing expedition" than past occasions. Another administrator replied that the FBI presumably wanted to discuss intellectual property theft, calling it "bright on their radar."

FBI officials say they've received consistently positive feedback from universities, and the emails do show many administrators requesting briefings, campus visits, or expressing eagerness for cooperation. A Washington State University administrator connected an FBI agent with his counterpart at the University of Idaho. The University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill requested a briefing last February with an administrator, saying "we would like to understand more about the role of the FBI and how we can partner together." A University of Nebraska official invited an agent to make a presentation as part of broader campus training.

Kevin Gamache, chief research security officer for the Texas A&M University system, told AP he values his FBI interactions and that the communication goes both ways. The FBI shares threat information and administrators educate law enforcement about the realities of university research.

"There's no magic pill," Gamache said. "It's a dialogue that has to be ongoing."

The University of Nevada, Las Vegas vice president for research and economic development welcomed the assistance in a city she called the "birthplace of atomic testing. "We have a world-class radiochemistry faculty, our College of Engineering has significant numbers of faculty and students from China, and we have several other issues of concern to me as VPR. In all of these cases, the FBI is always available to help," the administrator, Mary Croughan, emailed agents.

The AP submitted public records requests for correspondence between the FBI and research officials at more than 50 schools.

More than two dozen produced records, including seminar itineraries and an FBI pamphlet warning that China does "not play by the same rules of academic integrity" as American institutions observe. The document, titled "China: The Risk to Academia," says Beijing is using "non-traditional collectors" like post-doctoral researchers to collect intelligence and that programs intended to promote international collaboration are being exploited. AP

North Korea decries breakdown of talks US says were 'good'

JARI TANNER
& MATTHEW LEE, HELSINKI

NORTH Korea and Washington had two different takes on their nuclear talks, with North Korea's negotiator saying the talks had broken down but Washington maintaining the two sides had "good discussions" in Sweden that it intends to build on in two weeks.

The North Korean negotiator, Kim Myong Gil, said the talks in Stockholm on Saturday had "not fulfilled our expectations and broke down. I am very displeased about it."

Speaking outside the North Korean Embassy, he said that negotiations broke down "entirely because the U.S. has not discarded its old stance and attitude" and came to a negotiating table with an "empty hand."

Saturday's talks were the first between the U.S. and North Korea since the February breakdown of the second summit between President Donald Trump and Kim Jong Un in Vietnam. The two leaders held a brief, impromptu meeting at the Korean border in late June and agreed to restart diplomacy.

North Korea has since resumed missile and other weapons tests, including the first test of an underwater-launched missile in three years that fell inside Japan's exclusive economic zone Wednesday.

AP PHOTO



North Korean negotiator Kim Myong Gil

State Department spokesman Morgan Ortagus said Kim's comments did "not reflect the content or the spirit" of the "good discussions" that took place over 8 1/2 hours, adding that the U.S. accepted an invitation from Sweden to return to Stockholm in two weeks to continue discussions. Kim, the North Korean negotiator, said North Korea proposed a suspension of talks until December.

The Vietnam summit fell apart because Trump rejected Kim Jong

Un's calls for extensive sanctions relief in return for dismantling his main nuclear complex, a partial disarmament step. North Korea has since demanded the United States come up with mutually acceptable proposals to salvage the nuclear diplomacy by the end of this year.

During the Stockholm meeting, Kim Myong Gil said North Korea made it clear that the two countries can discuss next denuclearization steps by North Ko-

rea if the United States "sincerely responds" to the previous North Korean measures including the suspension of nuclear and long-range missile tests and closing its underground nuclear testing site. He called the North Korean stance "practical and reasonable."

Kim repeated North Korea's previous statement that the complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula will only be possible when "all hurdles endangering our safety and obstructing our

development are removed clearly and undoubtedly." He said whether North Korea will lift its self-imposed moratorium on nuclear and long-range missile tests is completely up to the United States.

North Korea has said it was compelled to develop nuclear weapons to cope with a U.S. military threat. Before entering nuclear disarmament negotiations early last year, North Korea had argued it won't abandon its nuclear program unless the United States withdraw its 28,500 troops from South Korea, end its military drills with South Korea and take other steps that guarantee North Korea's security.

In a statement, Ortagus said the U.S. delegation "previewed a number of new initiatives that would allow us to make progress in each of the four pillars" of a joint statement issued after Trump and Kim's first summit in Singapore.

"The United States and the DPRK will not overcome a legacy of 70 years of war and hostility on the Korean Peninsula through the course of a single Saturday," Ortagus said. The DPRK stands for the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the North's official name.

Talks were held at the Villa Elfvik Strand conference facility in Lidingo, an island in the Stockholm archipelago located northeast of the capital, Swedish news agency TT said. It added that Kim Myong Gil arrived on Thursday while U.S. Special Representative for North Korea Stephen Biegun came on Friday.

Because the U.S. does not have official diplomatic relations with North Korea, Sweden has often acted as a bridge between Washington and Pyongyang. AP

AUSTRALIA

Gov't mum on possible swap of detainees with Iran

TRISTAN LAVALETTE

THE release from Iran of two Australians and an Iranian student held by Australia bears the hallmarks of a swap, a legal expert said yesterday, while the attorney general refused to comment on a possible deal with Tehran.

The blogging couple, Jolie King and Mark Firkin, returned to Australia on Saturday after all charges against them were dropped. They spent almost three months in Tehran's notorious Evin prison after they were arrested for flying a drone near a military zone without a license.

At the same time, Iran's

state TV reported that an Iranian scientist, Reza Dehbashi, who was detained for 13 months in Australia for purchasing a defense system for his country from the United States, had returned home.

Dehbashi had been a research student at the University of Queensland.

Attorney General Christian Porter confirmed that Dehbashi would not be extradited to the United States but refused to comment on an apparent swap.

"The Australian government does not comment on the details behind its consideration of particular cases," he said in a statement.

"And while it is likely that because of Mr Dehbashi Kivi's nationality some will speculate regarding this matter, consistent with prior practice I do not intend to comment further on the particular details of this case, particularly when any such response from me may diminish our government's capacity to deal with future matters of this type in Australia's best interests," he said.

The U.S. Embassy in Australia did not immediately respond to a request for comment yesterday.

Donald Rothwell, an Australian National University expert on international law, said the nature

of the releases had the hallmarks of a quid pro quo. "It is the inevitable conclusion when one looks at the facts," he told The Associated Press.

"Normally in prisoner swap matters, the details are held very closely by the relevant governments until such time the prisoners have been swapped and handed over to the relevant authorities and returned to their homeland. That's designed so that nothing untoward happens during the process. That is consistent with what we've seen here," he said.

He said although such swaps were common during the Cold War, "this is

very exceptional in terms of Australia's practices."

Foreign Minister Marise Payne said her government continued to seek the return of a third Australian, Melbourne University lecturer Kylie Moore-Gilbert, who has been in detention since October 2018. Payne described her situation as "very complex," adding that the government did not accept the spying charges against her.

Rothwell believed Australia would have tried to negotiate a "three-for-one outcome" with Iran. "The fact that it has taken some time to finalize this matter subsequent to the prime minister's visit to the United

States suggests there was some significant behind-the-scenes diplomacy to try to get the three Australians released but ultimately that has not proven possible," he said.

Professor Amin Saikal, a Middle East expert at ANU, said Australia's relationship with Iran provided some optimism over Moore-Gilbert's potential release.

"Australia has had a good working relationship with Iran despite there being hostilities between the United States and Iran," he said. "The (Moore-Gilbert) case is more complex [than the bloggers] but with negotiations still going on that generates a bit of hope." AP

Microsoft says Iran tried hack of US presidential campaign

ALYZA SEBENIUS

AN Iranian-government linked group of computer hackers tried to infiltrate email accounts of a U.S. presidential campaign, current and former U.S. officials and journalists, among others, Microsoft Corp. said.

Four accounts, though none connected to the unnamed presidential campaign or the current and former U.S. government officials, were "compromised" by the group, called Phosphorus, Tom Burt, Microsoft's vice president for customer security & trust, said Friday in a blog post.

The attacks took place "in a 30-day period between August and September," Burt said in the post. Phosphorous made "more than 2,700 attempts to identify consumer email accounts belonging to specific Microsoft customers and then attack 241 of those accounts," he said. "The targeted accounts are associated with a U.S. presidential campaign, current and former U.S. government officials, journalists covering global politics and prominent Iranians living outside Iran."

Microsoft's announcement comes as the presidential campaign heats up amid concerns the 2020 election faces the same dangers as the Russian hacking and social-



-media effort in 2016.

"While the attacks we're disclosing today were not technically sophisticated, they attempted to use a significant amount of personal information both to identify the accounts belonging to their intended targets and in a few cases to attempt attacks," Burt said in the post. "This effort suggests Phosphorous is highly motivated and willing to invest significant time and resources engaging in research and other means of information gathering."

Reuters and the New York Times reported that President Donald Trump's re-election campaign was targeted in an attack by Iranian hackers, citing people

familiar with the issue. "We have no indication that any of our campaign infrastructure was targeted," Tim Murtaugh, the Trump campaign communications director, said in a statement to Bloomberg.

Cyber-attacks during the 2016 election included the targeting of personal email. It's unclear if the "consumer email accounts," highlighted by Microsoft are personal or official campaign accounts that would be considered part of a campaign's infrastructure.

Spokesmen for the campaigns of Democratic presidential candidates Joe Biden and Bernie Sanders declined to comment. The campaign of Democrat Kamala Harris has "no indication" it was

the organization referenced by Microsoft, Ian Sams, a campaign spokesman, said. Other major presidential campaigns couldn't immediately be reached for comment.

The Democratic National Committee received an alert about the cyber-attack from Microsoft and warned the campaigns of its presidential candidates, according to an email obtained by Bloomberg News. "As always, please be sure everyone in the organization has completed the DNC Device and Account Security Checklist and that your organization is incorporating our top 10 list for running an effective security program," the committee wrote in its email.

The campaigns were asked to tell the DNC if they "have seen any trace of this actor" so the committee could track investigations into the hack.

The Phosphorous group has previously targeted dissidents, activists, the defense industry, journalists and government employees in the U.S. and Middle East, according to Microsoft. The company announced in March it had taken successful court action against Phosphorous and seized 99 websites from the hackers, preventing them from using the pages for cyber-operations.

Cybersecurity company FireEye Inc. has seen a spike in Phosphorous activity in the U.S. and Middle East since the summer, said John Hultquist, the company's director of intelligence and analysis.

"While we suspect that a lot of this activity is about collecting intelligence, Iran has a history of carrying out destructive attacks," Hultquist said. Phosphorous, known by FireEye as APT 35, is "one of a handful of Iranian actors that we've seen actively carrying out large scale, noisy intrusion attempts," which have taken place in countries including the U.S., Israel, the United Arab Emirates, and Saudi Arabia, he said.

In July, Microsoft announced it had countered almost 10,000 hacks globally stemming from state-sponsored attacks in the previous 12 months. The effort included hundreds of attacks on democracy-focused groups, particularly non-governmental organizations and think tanks, which were mostly based in the U.S., the company said. **BLOOMBERG**

Socialists tipped to stay in power as Portugal votes

BARRY HATTON, LISBON

PORTUGAL held a general election yesterday, with the center-left Socialist Party widely expected to collect most votes and stay in power for another four years.

Socialist Prime Minister Antonio Costa has overseen a strong economic recovery, with growth climbing from 0.2% in 2014 to 2.1% in 2018 and unemployment dropping by around half, to 6%, over its term.

Under Finance Minister Mario Centeno, who also chairs the meetings of finance ministers from the 19 European nations that used the shared euro currency, they have also started straightening out Portugal's ill-managed public finances. The budget deficit — long a torment for Portugal as governments routinely overspent — is now close to zero.



Portuguese Prime Minister and Socialist Party leader Antonio Costa

The main opposition Social Democrats are still tainted by the deep cutbacks and three-year recession that ended in 2014, when the center-right party was in power. Party leader Rui Rio, an economist, has also struggled to silence his critics since he took over in 2018.

The party that wins the most seats in the 230-seat

Republican Assembly, the parliament, typically is asked to form a new government and appoint a prime minister to lead the country. The country's president is mostly a figurehead.

Portugal has not seen a surge of populist or nationalist parties like some other European countries.

Recent opinion polls have indicated the Social

ist Party will fall short of a majority in parliament. That means it may have to negotiate alliances with other left-of-center parties, as they did in their last term with the Portuguese Communist Party and the radical Left Bloc, to pass legislation.

The conservative Christian Democratic Party and the People-Animals-Nature Party are also expected to win seats.

Portuguese President Marcelo Rebelo de Sousa has appealed for a high turnout, saying that Portugal faces a series of major challenges in coming years, including the United Kingdom's impending departure from the European Union. The U.K. is one of Portugal's main export markets.

"The next four years will be decisive for Portugal," Rebelo de Sousa told the

nation on Saturday evening.

Those challenges include climate change, as droughts ravage the southern half of the country, and an aging population that threatens the financing of the welfare system. The EU says at current fertility rates, the number of Portuguese will decline from 10.3 million this year to 6.6 million in 2100.

The ballot is open to around 10.8 million eligible voters, including many Portuguese who are living abroad.

Costa, the Socialist leader, reversed some of the previous Social Democratic government's unpopular austerity measures. He restored four public holidays and slashed the sales tax on restaurant meals to 13% from 23%.

Critics, however, note that his government bene-

fited from the unpopular austerity measures put in place by the previous Social Democratic government.

The low budget deficit has also come at a cost: income taxes for all except the lowest earners remain at record high levels and public services have been starved of cash, with soaring waiting times for patients in the national health service. On top of that, government debt stands at 123 percent of GDP — the third highest in the EU.

The Socialist government has also profited from some circumstances that could swiftly change. The country's surge in tourism came after terror attacks in rival destinations, the strong recovery across the eurozone boosted demand for Portuguese goods, and European Central Bank policies have eased the pressure on national finances. **AP**

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Offbeat

MAN SUES OREGON CLINIC OVER DONATED SPERM USED FOR 17 KIDS

A man who says his donated sperm was used to father at least 17 children in violation of an agreement that allowed for no more than five has sued an Oregon fertility clinic.

Dr. Bryce Cleary believes it's possible that he has many more children from his sperm donations 30 years ago, the Oregonian/OregonLive reported.

The lawsuit filed Wednesday in Multnomah County Circuit Court says Cleary donated his sperm when he was a first-year medical student at Oregon Health & Science University in 1989 after the hospital's fertility clinic solicited him and other classmates.

In March 2018, his lawsuit says he began to learn that his sperm donations successfully resulted in the births of some children after two young women, born through the fertility clinic process, contacted him.

The suit says the young women told him they used Ancestry.com data as well as "specific and substantive information" given to them by the fertility clinic to identify more siblings and Cleary himself. Cleary then sent his own DNA to Ancestry.com, discovering that he had at least 17 offspring born through his sperm donations.

Cleary is "profoundly distressed" as he wades through the "moral, legal, ethical, and personal obligations" he now feels toward those 17 children, the lawsuit said. He is seeking \$5.25 million.

OHSU spokeswoman Tamara Hargens-Bradley said it treats any allegation of misconduct with "the gravity it deserves. In light of our patient privacy obligations and the confidentiality of protected health information, we cannot comment on this case."

Cleary, who had three sons with his wife, as well as adopted a daughter, says the clinic also breached another promise that all of the children be born to mothers living outside Oregon.

Cleary, who lives in Corvallis, learned that at least two of the offspring have attended the same schools as the children he raised with his wife, according to the lawsuit.

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Language: English

Duration: 122min

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ROOM 2

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Director: Jil Culton

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Duration: 97min

THE CLIMBERS

ROOM 2

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Language: Putonghua (Chinese/English)

Duration: 125min



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ROOM 1

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Director: James Gray

Starring: Brad Pitt, Tommy Lee Jones, Ruth Negga

Language: English

Duration: 123min

this day in history



2001 US LAUNCHES AIR STRIKES AGAINST TALEBAN

The United States has begun its military campaign, Operation Enduring Freedom, against al-Qaeda and the Taliban in Afghanistan.

Cruise missiles and bombers have targeted the airports of Kandahar and Kabul and terrorist training camps near Jalalabad.

The attacks which began around 1630 GMT were quickly followed by a public broadcast from President Bush who promised a "sustained and relentless" campaign.

The Taliban has condemned the strikes and says it shot down a plane, a claim denied by the Americans.

Up to 50 cruise missiles are reported to have been launched from submarines in the Arabian Sea.

The US also flew in B52 bombers stationed on the island of Diego Garcia, and B2 Stealth bombers direct from the US itself.

Tony Blair confirmed the initial strikes involved a British contribution by HMS Illustrious and a small number of submarines.

They form part of a US-British naval coalition gathered in the region within striking distance of Afghanistan, including two US aircraft carriers.

Speaking at a news conference, US Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld, said key targets would be terrorist training camps and Taliban communications, fighter planes and air defence installations.

But the Pentagon says it will be mounting operations from the air and the ground, and defence experts say special forces are likely to be used soon into the campaign.

In his broadcast, George Bush underlined America's commitment to pursue terrorism in light of the events of 11 September.

He warned there was "no neutral ground" and that any government sponsoring terrorism would be taking a "lonely path at their own peril."

The US administration has repeatedly rejected Taliban offers to bargain over the fate of its guest, Saudi-born militant Osama Bin Laden.

The al-Qaeda leader, who is accused of plotting the 11 September attacks, also released a speech to time with the strikes.

In a message delivered to Al-Jazeera television, an Arabic news channel, he sought to portray the bombing as part of a wider war of two sides, the "side of faith, and the side of infidelity".

Tony Blair pledged Britain's commitment to the campaign and stressed it would be fought on three fronts - military, diplomatic and humanitarian.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

The strikes were the first retaliatory response to the 11 September 2001 terror attacks in which nearly 3,000 people died.

The key objectives were to stop Afghanistan from remaining a terrorist haven and to find Osama Bin Laden.

Within three months, the Taliban were effectively ousted. With help from the Northern Alliance, an army of rebel Afghan factions, coalition forces have been hunting down al-Qaeda militants, but Bin Laden has not been found.

A US-friendly Afghan administration is in place until 2004. International forces are helping to maintain order in Kabul, but warlords maintain powerbases in the regions.

Human rights abuses are high and heroin production is up. Estimates of civilian deaths in Afghanistan vary between several hundred and several thousand.

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YOUR STARS

ARIES
 Mar. 21-Apr. 19
 It always pays to plan ahead - an upcoming journey or event will be much more enjoyable if you take a little bit of time to make sure you know where you're going, how you're going to get there.

TAURUS
 Apr. 20-May. 20
 Try not to act surprised when you receive some positive feedback from an unlikely source today. People in power have been noticing you in a new light.

GEMINI
 May. 21-Jun. 21
 Working with other people will be very interesting and stimulating for you today - you'll be exposed to more than one new point of view regarding a topic you thought was old-hat.

CANCER
 Jun. 22-Jul. 22
 If you are working closely with someone else or are moving closer, emotionally, to a friend, be mindful that the two of you will not always be on the exact same wavelength.

LEO
 Jul. 23-Aug. 22
 Your self-esteem could be a tricky thing to negotiate right now. As you build it, you could have a hard time balancing a healthy sense of pride with an appropriate level of humility.

VIRGO
 Aug. 23-Sep. 22
 Give concrete examples of where they fell short - and don't forget to let them know the ways that they blew you out of the water! Be sure that you communicate to them how much you know they are capable of.

LIBRA
 Sep. 23-Oct. 22
 Sometimes, it's easier to have fun when you are not trying so hard to have fun. In other words: Relax! If you're bored, don't put too much effort into planning something that will entertain you.

SCORPIO
 Oct. 23-Nov. 21
 Unguarded communication will be very fruitful today - expect quite a few sparks to be ignited when people deliver unexpected outbursts! This is a new era of freedom in your life...

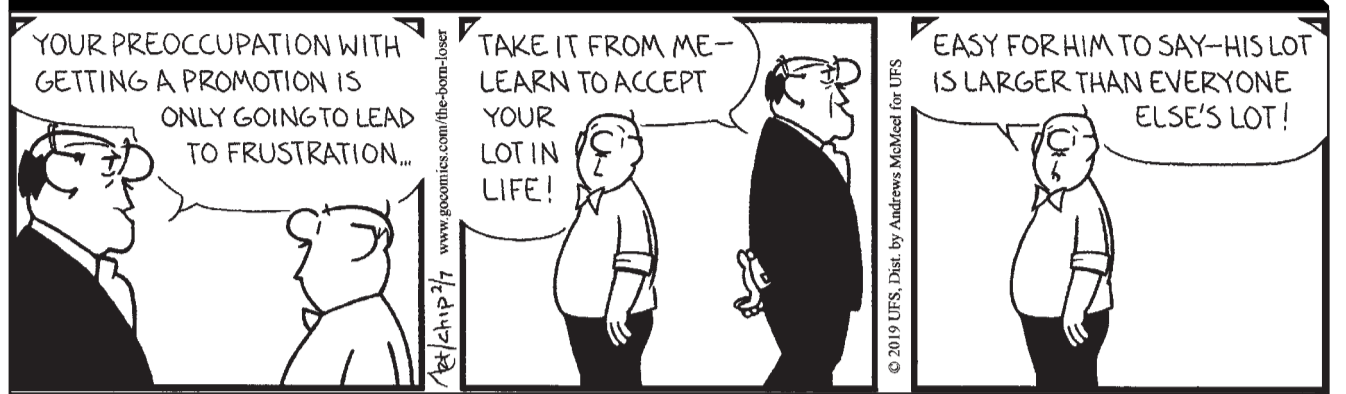
SAGITTARIUS
 Nov. 22-Dec. 21
 You will be asked to get involved with several different groups of people today - accept each and every opportunity. You could end up being the crucial voice of reason in each of them!

CAPRICORN
 Dec. 22-Jan. 19
 Change is usually a good thing in your life - it's smart to mix things up and keep yourself on your toes! But today, be very careful that you do not veer too far from your usual routine.

AQUARIUS
 Jan. 20-Feb. 18
 Today, your high energy will be useful in helping a poorly-positioned friend. Just by being around you, this person will get a new lease on life and start seeing things a lot more positively.

PISCES
 Feb. 19-Mar. 20
 Are you getting caught up in someone else's dreams or life goals? To make sure you're not losing sight of what you want out of life, do something today that is just for your own benefit.

The Born Loser by Chip Sansom



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Tianjin	27	35	thundershower
Urumqi	21	28	shower
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
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Frankfurt	21	33	clear
Paris	22	32	clear
London	16	24	clear
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CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Cave dwellers; 5- Morales of "La Bamba"; 9- Embankment; 14- Wicked; 15- Snug spot; 16- Author Jong; 17- Excellent; 18- What ___ can I say?; 19- Relish; 20- Untangle; 22- Projectile; 24- Delves; 25- Required; 26- Restaurant; 29- Breed of duck revered for its feathers; 31- Grocery, e.g.; 32- Hindu princess; 33- Director Howard; 36- Munched on; 37- Michigan State athlete; 40- Strong feeling of anger; 41- Young ___; 42- ___ extra cost; 43- A lot; 45- Misplaces; 47- Burning; 48- Join; 51- Nabisco cookie; 52- Hat, in french; 54- Mountain chains; 58- Plantain lily; 59- Muscle spasms; 61- Teeny bit; 62- Singer John; 63- Winglike parts; 64- Refinery residue; 65- Oozes; 66- "His and ___"; 67- Change for a fifty;

DOWN: 1- Boyfriend; 2- Mary Kay competitor; 3- Sardine containers; 4- Thin; 5- Vigor; 6- Offers at retail; 7- Beast of burden; 8- Tabloid twosome; 9- Person with a flat, say; 10- Rubber; 11- Brilliant; 12- Sorbonne, e.g.; 13- Like some seals; 21- Buenos ___; 23- Da Gama destination; 26- Genesis twin; 27- Env. notation; 28- Low digits; 29- Takes home; 30- Divider's word; 32- Appraise, charge per unit; 33- Singer Coolidge; 34- City near Provo; 35- Hawaiian goose; 38- Turkish title; 39- Like some checking accounts; 44- Retailer of flowers; 45- Portable PC; 46- Vast seas; 47- Crops up; 48- Pains; 49- Fulcrum for an oar; 50- One of the five senses; 51- Movie award; 53- Six-sided state; 55- Character; 56- ___ impasse; 57- Droops; 60- ___ du Diable;

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MACAU'S LEADING NEWSPAPER



ETHIOPIANS CELEBRATE THANKSGIVING FESTIVAL IN THE CAPITAL

HUNDREDS of thousands of people in the Ethiopian capital of Addis Ababa are celebrating a festival widely seen as promoting peace and unity.

The annual Irrecha festival is a thanksgiving event for the Oromo, Ethiopia's largest ethnic group. But the colorful event attracts revelers from other ethnic groups across the country.

In recent years the festival has been politically char-

ged, with people using the opportunity to voice dissent against the governing party. Some in the crowd Saturday displayed signs expressing opposition to the government of reformist leader Abiy Ahmed over concerns.

Several people were killed in the 2016 event following a stampede as police dispersed anti-government protesters. The unrest that followed led to the resignation of Abiy's predecessor.

HISTORY MUSEUM EXPLORES GERMANS' VIEW OF BRITAIN



AS Brexit looms, one of Germany's main history museums is examining Germans' views of the British, complete with a countdown clock that may be reset if Britain's departure from the European Union is delayed.

The "Very British: A German Point of View" exhibition at Bonn's Haus der Geschichte features among other things a dress worn by Queen Elizabeth II during her visit to West Germany in 1965.

Project manager Chris-

tian Peters said Friday aspects include "Britain's relationship with Europe; Germans' enthusiasm for the royal family; Britons' relationship with the past; their obsession, one must almost say, regarding World War II; and of course enthusiasm for British pop culture."

The show addresses Germans' dismay at the 2016 Brexit vote, reflected in a carnival float depicting former Prime Minister Theresa May.

The exhibition runs until March 8.

CLAMPDOWN ON VAPING COULD SEND USERS BACK TOWARD CIGARETTES

ONLY two years ago, electronic cigarettes were viewed as a small industry with big potential to improve public health by offering a path to steer millions of smokers away from deadly cigarettes.

That promise led U.S. regulators to take a hands-off approach to e-cigarette makers, including a Silicon Valley startup named Juul Labs, which was being praised for creating "the iPhone of e-cigarettes."

Today Juul and hundreds of smaller companies are at the center of a political backlash that threatens to sweep e-cigarettes from store shelves nationwide as politicians

scramble to address two separate public health crises tied to vaping: underage use among teenagers and a mysterious and sometimes fatal lung ailment that has affected more than 1,000 people.

New restrictions at the local, state and federal level are poised to wipe out thousands of fruit-, candy- and dessert-flavored vapes that have attracted teens. But experts who study tobacco policy fear the scattershot approach of the clampdown could have damaging, unintended consequences, including driving adults who vape back to cigarette smoking, which remains the nation's leading preventable cause of death.



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RUGBY WORLD CUP

Dream still on: wondrous Japan gets win, bonus point v Samoa

GERALD IMRAY, TOYOTA

SURELY Japan must be in love with rugby by now.

The Rugby World Cup host produced another wondrous display on Saturday to beat a ferocious Samoa with an immense effort, enhancing Japan's chances of becoming the first Asian team to make the quarterfinals.

And it could do it at rugby's first showpiece in Asia.

Japan is a step closer after winning a bruiser of an encounter 38-19 against the proud Samoans. But the game wasn't won until five minutes from the end when replacement winger Kenki Fukuoka scrambled in at the right corner to subdue Samoa's fightback.

And even that wasn't the final drama.

Almost five minutes after the clock ticked past 80 minutes at the City of Toyota Stadium, the relentless Japanese clinched a four-try bonus point through star wing Kotaro Matsushima that could be crucial in the final reckoning in Pool A.

It could be the difference between a brave showing and rugby history.

Japan has three wins from three and only a game against Scotland between it and the last eight now. Japan leads the pool with 14 points, but Ireland, which has one game left, and Scotland, which has two, could still both overtake the host. It's not certain what Japan will need to do yet in that final game as Scotland still has to play its penultimate game, against underdog Russia on Wednesday.

"It's obviously better having the bonus point than not having it," Japan coach Jamie Joseph said. "It was difficult to get and it may be important."



Japan also won three pool games at the last World Cup and still missed out on the quarterfinals, to Scotland because of bonus points. The Japanese know about fine margins.

The home team qualifying for the quarterfinals would set off a party of epic proportions in the host country, where rugby isn't historically the No. 1 sport. Or even No. 2. It must be top right now and for at least the next week until Japan vs. Scotland in Yokohama next Sunday, and likely in front of 70,000 fans.

Japan is enraptured with the game on the evidence of the crowd on Saturday as nearly 40,000 — just about the maximum the stadium could hold — lived every moment. Fans groa-

ned as one every time Samoa threatened, and roared when Japan won back the ball or stopped the Samoans in a tackle. The crowd's roars might even have lifted off the stadium's retractable roof — if it had been closed.

"Behind the scenes, that's what we knew could happen if we won test matches and that's hugely helpful," Joseph said of the growing support for his team across Japan. "It makes us incredibly proud that we're representing 120 million people, and the majority don't really support rugby. That makes us proud."

"It's a tailwind for the team because nobody thought we would be here."

Bitterly disappointed, Samoa coach Steve Jackson could appre-

ciate the moment.

"To be part of that it is something we've probably never experienced before," he said. "The crowd was amazing."

Japan has pulled off bigger results in isolation: Against Ireland a week ago, for one, and against the two-time champion Springboks at the World Cup four years ago.

But Saturday in Toyota the Japanese were favorites and the pressure bore down on them to not mess up. They didn't but left everyone guessing right until the end.

"A week ago no one thought we could win a game," Joseph said, "and now everyone thinks we can win every game. That's how silly it's become."

Samoa and Russia are out of contention, with this loss eliminating Samoa.

Japan scored its first three tries against Samoa through center Timothy Lafaele, No. 8 Kazuki Himeno and Fukuoka, the star of that shock win over Ireland that really got Japan believing.

Here, his score produced relief more than anything when it sealed a victory that looked certain with Japan 26-12 up, and then not so certain when Samoa made it 26-19 with seven minutes to go.

With home nerves jangling, the two speedy wingers, substitute Fukuoka and then Matsushima, delivered the final thrills. Samoa had tested Japan's nerves and commitment at every stage.

Japan made Samoa pay for a yellow card to flanker TJ Ioane when Lafaele — born in Samoa — scored the first try near the corner in the first half to give the Japanese enough of an advantage to cling to.

But Samoa set up the finish when center Henry Taefu spun out of a tackle and went over. He added the two points to make it just a converted try between the teams.

Japan responded by turning over possession from the restart, surging to within a meter, and then sending Fukuoka in from an overlap out on the right.

Matsushima's try might be the quarterfinal-clincher. That came after Japan, pushing for the bonus point, lost the ball and Samoa had a scrum on its five-meter line.

Deep in time added on, Japan summoned one more thrust from its outstanding forwards and won possession back through a free kick. It scrummed again, and moved the ball left to the short side, where Matsushima slipped through a half-gap.

From that moment it was all about Scotland.

"I think it was always going to come down to the final game," Joseph said. "It's building up to be a real ripper. I can't wait and I know the players can't wait because we've been subconsciously thinking about it for a couple of years now." AP

TENNIS

Thiem, Barty through to China Open finals

TOP seeds Dominic Thiem and Ash Barty are through to the finals of the China Open in Beijing.

Austrian Thiem will face Greece's Stefanos Tsitsipas in the final. In the women's tournament, Australian Barty meets two-time Grand Slam winner Naomi Osaka of Japan, who dined defending champion Caroline Wozniacki in strai-

ght sets.

Thiem dropped the first set to Russia's Karen Khachanov, but came roaring back to win 2-6, 7-6 (5), 7-5.

"I was disappointed to lose that set, but still I had the feeling that I'm not playing that bad. I just got a little more aggressive," said Thiem, who ousted Andy Murray in Friday's quarterfinals.

"I'm really proud that I was fighting like crazy through the whole match because Karen was playing exceptionally well today."

Third-seeded Tsitsipas fought past Germany's second-seeded Alexander Zverev 7-6 (6), 6-4.

Barty advanced with a three-set victory over Kiki Bertens. The French Open champion traded breaks of

serve in the third set before beating her Dutch opponent 6-3, 3-6, 7-6 (7).

"The quality from both of us was exceptional at times," said Barty, who credited new members of her backroom team and a better physical and mental outlook for the improvements she has made over the past 18 months.

"I'm pretty happy with

the way I was able to fight and dig in," she added.

Fourth-ranked Osaka came up big when it mattered by converting three of her five breakpoints, while Wozniacki went 0 for 7.

"My serve is confusing to me," said Osaka, who eased to a 6-4, 6-2 victory and won 76 percent of her first serve points to 58 percent for the Dane. "The percen-

tage is really low but when it goes in it's very helpful, I would say."

Osaka is in her second consecutive final after winning the title at the Toray Pan Pacific Open in her birthplace of Osaka, Japan. She has said she hopes her performances on the Asian swing of the tour would dispel any doubts following what she described as a year that has been "very up and down."

"I feel like I'm still in a way the underdog, which I really love," Osaka said. AP

OPINION

Tax Matters

Paulo Cordeiro de Sousa



STAMP DUTY ON PROPERTY TRANSFERS AND THE PRINCIPLE OF LEGALITY

The Rule of Law is based on certain principles, of which the principle of legality is paramount. In Macau, the principle of legality is not expressly established in the Basic Law, as is usual in modern constitutions, but it clearly follows from the Basic Law's general principles and from its provisions setting forth the fundamental rights and duties of the Macau residents.

What is the principle of legality? Generally speaking, in criminal law the principle of legality means that a person cannot be convicted for an action that was not a crime at the time it occurred, even if the action is criminalised by a future law, i.e. the criminal law cannot be applied retroactively. The commonly used Latin expression is "nullum crimen sine lege" or "nullum crimen, nulla poena sine lege." In tax law, the principle of legality means that a person should not be required to pay tax if the event was not taxable at the time it occurred – "nullum tributum sine lege," or "nullum tributum sine praevia lege." This principle also means that a taxable event cannot be subjected to higher taxation by subsequent laws. In addition, it follows from this principle that the law should be clear, ascertainable and non-retrospective, so that a taxpayer may be able to accurately estimate the amount of tax he will be required to pay regarding a certain taxable event.

The transfer of real estate in Macau is subject to the payment of Stamp Duty (SD). In the case of onerous transfers, it is usual for the parties to, firstly, execute a promissory agreement, and only afterwards the transfer deed. Pursuant to the Stamp Duty Regulations (SDR), the payment of SD shall be made within 30 days following execution of the promissory agreement. If the parties do not execute a promissory agreement, i.e. if they go directly to the transfer deed, or in the case of gratuitous transfers (donations), the SD payment shall be made within the same delay after execution of the transfer deed. According to the SDR, the taxable base for assessing the tax payable is the higher of the following values: (i) the tax value of the property registered with the tax administration or (ii) the transfer value declared by the parties.

Article 59 of the SDR sets forth that, whenever the Head of the Macau Tax Department considers that the real value of the property is lower than its registered tax value, the payment of SD will be deemed provisional and the property may be subject to appraisal for the purpose of additional SD assessment. In my opinion, this provision clearly violates the principle of legality and should therefore be considered unconstitutional (against the Basic Law), because it confers upon the Head of the Tax Department the power to, at his own discretion, alter the taxable base of a certain transaction or certain donation after the operation has occurred. A subsequent change of the taxable base amount is exactly the same as the subsequent change of the tax rate applicable to the taxable base. It is an obligation of the authorities to keep updated, registered data on the properties so that, as mentioned, the taxpayer may clearly ascertain the amount of tax they will be required to pay with respect to an envisaged operation. In order to improve legal certainty, if it is not possible to maintain updated registers, wouldn't it be better to create a procedure whereby the taxpayers would be required to declare and pay, in definitive terms, the tax related to a certain operation prior to the operation taking place, instead of giving a discretionary power to the Head of the Tax Department to change the assumptions under which the operation has been imagined by the parties?

ISRAELI ARCHAEOLOGISTS CLAIM TO DISCOVER ANCIENT CITY

Israeli archaeologists say they have discovered a large, 5,000-year-old city in northern Israel.

Israel's Antiquities Authority said Sunday the ancient city was discovered during preparations for a highway project near Harish, a town 50 kilometers (30 miles) north of Tel Aviv.

It calls the site a "cosmopolitan and planned city" that dates to the early Bronze Age. It says the city covered 65

hectares (160 acres) and was home to about 6,000 people.

Researchers say they discovered an unusual ritual temple, burnt animal bones — evidence of sacrificial offerings — and a figurine of a human head as well as pottery fragments, flint tools and stone vessels.

Researchers say the discoveries provide new insight into their understanding of the period when rural populations began to gather into urban settings.

MOTORSPORTS

MOROCCO TAKES OVER HK'S EPRIX AFTER SOCIAL UNREST

RENATO MARQUES

THE Hong Kong race of the International Federation of Automobile Federation (FIA) electric-powered single-seater championship (Formula E) has been removed from the final version of the 2019/2020 calendar, released after the latest meeting of the FIA World Motor Sport Council held on Friday in Cologne, Germany.

According to the FIA's decision, Hong Kong's Formula E race, which was expected to take place on March 1, 2020, was dropped and replaced by a race in Marrakech, Morocco, to be held a day earlier.

The decision to leave Hong Kong off the final version of the racing calendar follows on from the social unrest and protests that have been occurring in the city for the past four months and are not likely to end soon.

According to several media sources, Hong Kong's replacement in the Formula E calendar has been decided for this season only, with officials aiming to have it back for the 2020/2021 season.

The same sources noted that the decision was made after a meeting with regional officials, who ex-



pressed many concerns over the "smooth running of the event," namely concerning the timely and safe construction of the track.

A Formula E spokesperson was quoted in Autosport magazine as saying, "After careful consideration and following conversations with key stakeholders, Formula E and event organizers have mutually agreed to not race in Hong Kong in season six."

"All parties, including the HKSAR government, remain committed to continuing racing in Hong Kong in future, while ensuring the operational excellence of our events."

Although the Hong Kong ePrix won't take place for at least another year, Asia continues to gain momentum in this racing category.

China's races in Sanya, Hainan province will continue as part of the program and two new rounds in Asian cities are also expected to be added in Seoul, South Korea and Jakarta, Indonesia, though these races remain subject to FIA circuit homologation.

The 2019/2020 season will get underway, with the first two races to be hosted in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia on November 22-23, 2019.

Iran Microsoft said that hackers linked to the Iranian government targeted a U.S. presidential campaign, as well as government officials, media targets and prominent expatriate Iranians. More on p14



Portugal held a general election yesterday, with the center-left Socialist Party widely expected to collect most votes and stay in power for another four years.

France Conservative activists are gathering in Paris to protest a French bill that would give lesbian couples and single women access to in vitro fertilization and related procedures.



Germany A 25-year-old man turned himself in to Austrian police yesterday after allegedly killing his ex-girlfriend, her family and her new boyfriend in the Alpine resort town of Kitzbuehel.



USA A former Georgia police officer who fatally shot a fleeing, unarmed black man was acquitted of voluntary manslaughter and involuntary manslaughter.

THE DECISIVE MOMENT

Maxim Chernavsky/Xinhua



Golden Week. People take photos of pigeons in Moscow's Red Square during the "Golden Autumn" festival, Russia's main harvest festival and agriculture exhibition. This year it coincides with China's Golden Week, running from October 4 to 13.

HOLIDAY TIMES

Macau Daily Times will not be published during the holiday. The Times will be back on the stands on Wednesday, October 9. However the MDT website will be updated with breaking news during the recess period. We wish our readers, advertisers and friends the best of times.