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Malaysia said a property measure announced last week that allows foreigners to buy cheaper homes is temporary and applies only to unsold units.

Philippines The top diplomat apologized yesterday for Twitter posts on Mao Zedong, the founding father of the People's Republic of China, including referring to the revolutionary leader as "burnt rice."

South Korea Prime Minister Lee Nak-yeon will travel to Japan next week for the Emperor's enthronement ceremony, the first high-level visit by a Korean official after a history and trade dispute re-emerged in recent months.



Japan Helicopters, boats and thousands of troops were deployed across Japan yesterday to rescue people stranded in flooded homes as the death toll from a ferocious typhoon climbed to at least 33 with more missing. [More on p12](#)

Bangladesh A court in Bangladesh's capital has indicted eight suspected Islamist militants tied to a banned group over the 2015 killing of a man who published books on secularism and atheism.

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YULIN EARTHQUAKE FELT IN MACAU

The earthquake of magnitude 5.2 that registered in Yulin, Guangxi at 10:55pm on Saturday was felt in the Macau SAR, five minutes after it occurred.

The epicenter was registered as being 315km northwest of Macau.

According to the Meteorological Bureau, authorities have received reports from at least

half a dozen citizens. Many areas of Macau and Taipa were affected but the tremor lasted only around six seconds. There are no reports of any injuries or damage.

Many residents have expressed their sentiments on social media, with many noting that it was the first time that they felt an earthquake

in the city. "I felt that it shook twice, this is the first time I've felt the effect of an earthquake in Macau," said one.

"I also felt it around 11 p.m. because my bed slightly shook, but it everything just happened fast," said another.

According to reports, no casualties were reported in Yulin.

Since the epicenter was located at the border of Guangxi Zhuang autonomous region and Guangdong province, many places in the two regions felt the earthquake.

After the earthquake, the China Railway Nanning Bureau halted nine trains on Saturday, but later the trains began operating again.

Experts at the provincial Earthquake Networks Center said the quake did not cause too much damage and further destruction was not expected. LV



GEOMAGNETIC STORM BRIEFLY AFFECTS TDM BROADCASTS

A geomagnetic storm interrupted a TDM broadcast in the early hours of yesterday, freezing the broadcast for around 30 minutes.

A geomagnetic storm is a major disturbance of Earth's magnetosphere that occurs when there is a very efficient exchange of energy from solar winds into the space environment surrounding Earth.

The storm is caused by a solar wind shock wave which typically strikes the Earth's magnetic field approximately 24 to 36 hours after the event.

According to an insider, this matter also affects TDM Radio at times, particularly when the broadcast is acquired from its satellite in Portugal.

"Apparently, it seems that during this specific time of the year, this geomagnetic storm is quite strong and it's actually making it more difficult to receive satellite signals," said the insider.

The disturbance was witnessed by the Times during the broadcast of RTP, which is the public service broadcasting organization in Portugal.

TDM broadcasts both of its TV channels and radio in the SAR.

"This cannot be fixed. This is something that [...] even Radio Macau experiences. There is nothing that TDM can do because this is a cosmic effect," the insider explained, adding that such occurrences are "completely out of our human interference."

The insider clarified that the incident had nothing to do with the earthquake that occurred in Yulin, Guangxi on Saturday night. LV

ASK THE VET



by Dr Ruan Du Toit Bester

CANINE CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE

CANINE congestive heart failure is a leading cause of death among older dogs. It's a condition that arises as the heart ages and deteriorates over an extended period of time, and its characterised by a weakening of the heart muscles and subsequent lack of proper blood flow throughout the body. As the heart becomes unable to adequately pump blood to the rest of the body, the amount of blood returning to the heart increases. This blood eventually comes to congest the blood vessels and connected tissues around your pet's heart. While congestive heart failure in dogs can be fatal, it does progress over time. Recognizing the symptoms of this condition and taking proper treatment measures early on can help to prolong your pet's life, but a diagnosis is necessary in order to repair your dog's heart.

Symptoms of congestive heart failure

The first step toward diagnosing this condition is for you to recognize the initial symptoms of heart failure as they appear in your dog. The

condition typically arises in older dogs and large breeds, but it may affect any dog at any stage of life. Be aware of any of the following symptoms:

- Lack of breath
- Loss of stamina while exercising or playing
- Cough
- Loss of appetite or weight
- Fainting
- Abdominal distension
- Difficulty sleeping consistently through the night

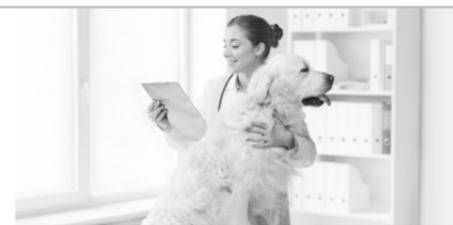
If you recognize one or more of these symptoms in your dog, take him to a veterinarian for immediate examination and further diagnosis.

Continuing the diagnostic process

After you have reported the symptoms that you've noticed to your veterinarian, he will conduct a thorough physical examination of your dog for further signs of congestive heart failure. During this test, your vet will likely use a stethoscope or other device to listen to your pet's heartbeat for signs of irregularity.

Additional tests will be necessary to confirm the cause of your dog's symptoms. An electrocardiogram or radiograph test measures the electrical process of your dog's heart, and tests for the heart's strength and proper functioning. Blood tests can show whether your pet is suffering from abnormal hormone or chemical levels in his blood, some of which may indicate heart problems. Typically, your veterinarian will conduct one or more of these tests in order to determine the cause of your pet's symptoms.

Once you have worked with your vet to determine the status of our dog's heart health, you can then access the potential treatment or management techniques. If your dog's heart is in early stages of congestive failure, long-term protective measures like changes of diet and drug regimens may be helpful. However, in some cases the damage to your dog's heart will be severe before he displays any outward symptoms of heart failure. In these cases, surgery may be helpful in remedying his condition. Otherwise, you can work with your vet to ease your pet's



discomfort and pain during the final stages of the condition.

Congestive heart failure can be prevented through a variety of means, including proper diet and exercise. Consult with your veterinarian for further information about this condition and its diagnosis.

Hope this info helps
Till next week
Dr Ruan Bester

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Macau submits application to set up stock exchange: report

A mainland official who oversees economic affairs has revealed that a plan to set up a yuan-based stock exchange in Macau has been submitted to the central government. He Xiaojun revealed the information during his speech at a symposium, TDM Chinese Radio reported yesterday.

He said that there is hope for the stock exchange in Macau "to become the Nasdaq of the People's Republic of China."

The official is confident that the stock exchange will be part of the gifts offered to Macau on the Special Administrative Region's 20th anniversary.

He is the director of the local Financial Supervision and Management Authority of Guangdong. According to mainland sources, the official has a PhD in economics from the Renmin University of China. He has spent time working and studying in Germany, Singapore, the U.S. and Hong Kong.

Following the report, the Monetary Authority of Macao (AMCM) issued a statement later yesterday

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clarifying that the project, set forth in the "Outline Development Plan for the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area," is still "being studied." The stock exchange will be cleared in Renminbi, according to the plan.

The financial market regulator has commissioned an international consultancy firm to conduct feasibility research. The research is progressing "in an orderly manner."

AMCM noted that there are several mature financial centers in Macau's neighborhood. If a city stock exchange materializes, it should understand its advantages and differentiate itself from other markets.

Once the research is in, the government will make an overall plan, combining the results and strategic plans for the Greater Bay Area.

With regards to the setting up of a stock exchange in Macau, two economists – one from the mainland and one from Hong Kong – expressed their views in an interview published in local magazine Macau Inc.

When asked about the feasibility of a stock exchange in Macau, Huang Guihai, academic at the Macau Polytechnic Institute, said, "this is quite a far-sighted plan." He

thinks Macau should research the limitations of other systems as it studies how to open its own stock exchange.

"It can make use of its late-mover advantage to establish complete and sound securities trading laws and systems, and advanced trading technology platforms to seek differentiated development compared with established stock exchanges in Hong Kong, Shanghai and Shenzhen," Huang said.

An economist from the City University of Hong Kong, Wilson Chan, told the magazine that he does "not think that the Greater Bay Area needs another stock exchange."

Chan thinks that Macau should have a clear vision of its stock exchange ambitions if it wants to compete within the financial markets of the Greater Bay Area.

He said that Macau "may consider setting up an equity trading center as a transitional arrangement in the first stage of developing stock market," but added that the numbers will tell whether a market is attractive or not.

Local economist Albano Martins, a former researcher at the AMCM, shrugged off the proposal as mostly "theoretical" during an interview with Macau Daily Times in June. He said that the idea has been studied many times before, but that "there can be no securities market without proper accounting of companies." **AL**

Macau Daily Times contest



Oktoberfest 2019

MGM is hosting Oktoberfest from October 17 to 28 (excluded October 20). We are giving away a total of 10 sets of entry tickets and F&B spending wristband. Readers will have to correctly answer today's question to be in with a chance of winning. Each prize set includes:

Oktoberfest entry ticket (with one free drink) X2	\$360
F&B spending wristband	\$100
Total value	\$460

Question for readers:

When does MGM Oktoberfest start?

Please email the answer to: Oktoberfest2019@macaudailytimes.com along with your name and contact details.

The highly anticipated event Oktoberfest Macau at MGM will soon return to MGM COTAI this October, rocking the town again with the 11-day Bavarian party! As one of the staple annual events in Macau, Oktoberfest this year is proud to celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Establishment of the Macau SAR with jubilation by offering an exclusive discount to all Macau local citizens.

This year's event will continue to partner with the Consulate General of the Federal Republic of Germany in Hong Kong and the German Macau Business Association, and will be supported by the Macao Government Tourism Office.

In the past 10 years, MGM has welcomed nearly 150,000 beer lovers with almost 150,000 liters of beer, over 40,000 kilograms of roasted pork knuckles and chickens. MGM captures the essence of the festivities through the traditional German food and beverage, entertainments and decorations, delivering the most authentic Bavarian party atmosphere to Macau. The beloved Högl Fun Band will once again fly over from Munich for several nights of dynamic live performances to hype up the nights, while Löwenbräu, one of the six genuine German Oktoberfest brews, along with the

traditional German gastronomies, Bavarian patterned beer tent and ceiling wreaths with a touch of Macanese decoration, as well as a wide range of carnival game booths, all of these will make Oktoberfest Macau at MGM a guaranteed fun and alive event, just like the Oktoberfest of Munich.

Oktoberfest Macau at MGM 2019 will be held between October 17 and 28, 2019 (excluded October 20) at MGM COTAI's 1/F Roof Terrace. Admission tickets and table are available for sale at both MGM properties now. To celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Macau SAR, all valid Macau ID holders and Mlife members will be eligible to enjoy a MOP20 discount on each entry ticket and 20% discount on Oktoberfest merchandises. In addition, all Mlife members are entitled to receive two Oktoberfest entry tickets upon spending MOP500 at any F&B outlets of MGM MACAU or MGM COTAI. The number of tickets and tables are very limited, so get them soon before they are out!

Ticketing Information

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NUMBER OF REPEATED ONLINE COMPLAINTS TO IAM DECREASES

THE number of repeated complaints made to the Municipal Affairs Bureau's (IAM) online complaint platform has decreased, bureau president José Maria da Fonseca Tavares said during a TDM radio program last week.

From its launch in January 2018 to September this year, IAM has received a total of 8,168 complaints on its online complaint platform, with 4,003 being related to trash piling up on the streets and 1,012 concerning public road maintenance.

Approximately 99% of the cases were given a preliminary response within 24 hours of receiving them, while 90% of complaints were completely handled within seven days.

On average, 169 repeated complaints were recorded each month in 2018, whereas in September this year that number was 57.

In terms of hygiene, IAM has placed 89 compressed trash cans on the streets. The



number of common trash cans has been reduced from over 1,600 to 135.

Macau has also made more public bathrooms available on the streets, from 59 public bathrooms 10 years ago to 83 public bathrooms currently. Since 2018, all these public bathrooms have been open to the public 24 hours a day.

In terms of greenery, IAM has replanted 2,800 trees

IAM has plans to renew 10 public bathrooms this year.

In terms of greenery, IAM has replanted 2,800 trees. Following the two severe typhoons the city has faced in recent years, IAM has recovered 35 hectares of forest and replanted 35,000 trees.

Last week, IAM decided to start laying additional guide bricks at Freguesia da Sé,

Freguesia de São Lourenço, Taipa and Coloane. As of today, IAM has laid 5,000 guide bricks at more than 500 intersections in Freguesia de Santo António.

On Friday, the IAM advisory committee held a plenary meeting where the committee decided to cancel plans for creating public bathrooms for dogs.

According to IAM, the original design of the bathrooms was not fulfilled. Macau has nearly 30 public bathrooms exclusively for dogs, including 20 on Macau Peninsula, seven in Taipa and two in Coloane.

The bureau will replace the bathrooms with boxes, which are said to be more effective.

In recent years, the number of complaints about dog excreta has been decreasing. In 2017, the number of complaints decreased by 40% compared to 2016. In 2018, the number decreased by 20%.

Complaints show that there is still a serious problem concerning dog urine in the streets, however.

IAM also plans to relocate the Dog Walking Areas in Taipa Central Park to another location near the park. JZ

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MACAU'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

Shin wins second PGA Tour title in Macau

CANADA'S Justin Shin won his second PGA Tour Series-China title yesterday, winning RMB378,000 at the season-finale in Macau. This was in place of the Hong Kong season-finale which was to be held at Clearwater Bay Golf & Country Club this coming weekend, but was canceled due to social unrest.

Starting the final day at Macau's Caesars Golf with six strokes clear of China's Zecheng Dou, after 63-62-66 in the opening rounds, Shin continued his flawless game to achieve a 3-under 68, finishing the weekend with 25-under and a three-stroke victory.

American Max McGreevy, tied at 41st, was named Player of the Year Honors over compatriot Trevor Sluman, who had missed the cut this week. McGreevy, who had nine top-10s and a victory this season, will have full playing rights for the 2020 Korn Ferry Tour season. Finishing third was American David Kocher, followed by France's Cyril Bouniol and South Korea's Luke Kwon, who placed fourth and fifth respectively.

Shin was flawless all week, carding 24 birdies and two eagles against only three bogeys to win his first title on the Tour since winning the 2015 United Investment Real Estate Open.

Speaking to PGA Tour-China, Shin said, "I just really wanted to have a second win here in China. My last one was in 2015 and I wanted to win so badly right away but it didn't happen until



now." He is hoping that more victories will follow from now on.

Shin, who played a full season on the Korn Ferry Tour in 2017, had been struggling with his game in China. He came into this week ranked 67th on the Order of Merit and in danger of losing his Tour card for next season. However, a putter change last month followed by two good results in the Korean Tour helped Shin to regain his confidence and concentration on his game, despite the pressure from partner Dou.

"I knew I needed to keep playing aggressively because I knew Dou could make a lot of birdies, and he did. On the first nine, he was 3-under, and he was catching," said Shin. "Luckily, I made a nice long putt on 12 [hole], which helped me make it through." RM

SMOKE FROM VEHICLE HANDLED, SAY FIRE AND POLICE DEPARTMENTS

A small truck was found emitting an unusual quantity of smoke in front of the main entrance of the L'Arc Hotel in NAPE on Saturday evening. The case was handled by the Fire Services Bureau (CB) and the Public Security Police Force.

The Times received a video of the incident sent by a reader on Saturday night, capturing a fire in front of the NAPE hotel.

Contacted by the Times, the Fire Services Bureau replied promptly, noting that a report was received on Saturday. The department thus deployed a team to handle the situation.

Upon arrival, the team found that the incident was caused by problems with the truck's exhaust system. The Fire Services Bureau determined that the smoke was not caused by a fire. They were also unable to find



signs indicating a burning fire.

The Fire Services Bureau's team also communicated with police officers at the scene. A police station is located near the hotel, so police officers arrived at the scene earlier than the Fire Services Bureau. As such, the emergency was called off and the team departed the scene. AL

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MGM Goes the Extra Mile to Promote Responsible Gaming

With its pledge to contribute to a healthy development of Macau's gaming industry, MGM has been committed to promoting responsible gaming with a diverse approach to impart positive thoughts and messages to employees and the community as a whole.

Led by its Responsible Gaming Committee, MGM has put in tremendous effort to help people develop a positive attitude towards gambling. The Company regularly holds roadshows, trainings and internal promotions to preach responsible gaming to all staff members. At community level, MGM continues to support Macau Government and local organization's responsible gaming initiatives through participating in themed forums, talks and promotional activities.



In 2019, MGM's responsible gaming staff continue to sharpen their knowledge and skills in helping problem gamblers by joining the Responsible Gambling Forum at Zhuhai Art College, with experts sharing their insights and exchanging views with participants. To keep abreast of the latest development of responsible gaming, MGM team members attended the 17th International Conference on Gambling and Risk Taking in the United States.

The above efforts are part of MGM's initiatives to continuously increase its staff's professionalism in promoting responsible gaming, which can be manifested by its sending of employees to complete the government-supported Certificate in Macau Responsible Gambling Advisor Program and the advanced version of the course – Certificate Program for Macau Responsible Gambling Trainer.

MGM Responsible Gaming Roadshow and Workshop, designed to help employees, their family and friends fight gambling addiction, were held in August and September with overwhelming response. Roadshow participants learned how to identify people with problem gambling and support the addicts wisely.

Those wanting to dig out what causes gambling disorder benefitted from the workshops, which comprise group discussions, interactive games, case studies and role-plays for added fun. In July, representatives of Youth Volunteers Association of Macao were invited to explain responsible gaming to staff at a roadshow in MGM COTAI. Meanwhile, nearly 200 MGM employees answered the Company's call to join the Healthy and Fun Family Day for Gaming Industry Workers organized by Social Welfare Bureau of Macao and local NGOs.



Additionally, MGM strives to help the public, especially the young generation, to acquire the rightful knowledge of responsible gaming with wide-ranging initiatives. In the first half of this year, MGM offered training in responsible gaming to a delegation from National Taiwan University. MGM representatives also attended the New Chinese Youth Association Debate Competition to share knowledge of responsible gaming with young people.

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SIX BIDS FOR WASTE INCINERATION EXPANSION PROJECT

The tender for design and construction of the third phase of the expansion project of the Macau Waste Incineration Center was opened on Friday. The Environmental Protection Bureau (DSPA) received a total of six bidders. After the review carried out by the bid committee, five tenders were accepted. The proposed price of the bids ranged from MOP1.8 billion to MOP3.8 billion. The maximum construction period was 1,100 working days. According to DSPA, the expansion project is to be located in Pac On, Taipa. The winning bid must build the third phase of a waste incineration plant and add two new incinerators capable of handling 650 metric tons of waste per day, a hazardous waste treatment station, and an administrative building and substation.

PROPERTY MGMT, SECURITY, CLEANING FIRMS SEE 2018 REVENUE GAINS

The number of people working in property management services, cleaning services and the security sector rose 5.6% to a total of 26,700 in 2018, according to the latest information provided by the government. Meanwhile, the combined revenue of these three sectors climbed 14.7% to 5.63 billion patacas, with revenue of security firms (MOP2.33 billion) growing the fastest at 17.9%, followed by property management (MOP2 billion) at 13.2% and cleaning (MOP1.3 billion) at 11.5%. With regard to gross value added, an indicator of productivity that measures the sectoral contribution to the economy, establishments engaging in security, property management and cleaning services all recorded double-digit growth last year.

DRUNK MAN CAUSES TWO ACCIDENTS IN ONE DAY

A local man in his 40s caused two accidents in a single day while driving under the influence of alcohol, the Public Security Police Force (PSP) reported last week. Around midnight last Wednesday, the suspect, who is a bar manager, crashed into a taxi located in Estr. do Istmo, damaging the front of the taxi. That same afternoon on the same road, the suspect collided with another taxi. A PSP investigation concluded that the suspect had a blood alcohol content of 2.56 grams per liter. The suspect admitted to causing the accidents while under the influence of alcohol.



António Trindade, president and CEO of CESL Asia

MONTE DO PASTO

CESL Asia invests in agribusiness

RENATO MARQUES

MACAU-BASED investment and services company CESL Asia has acquired Portuguese farming group Monte do Pasto (MdP). MdP is the largest beef producer in Portugal and has a business model based on the export of almost all of its production.

The acquisition, which was officially finalized last week, aims to continue the development of social and economic cooperation between Portugal, China, Macau and African Portuguese-speaking countries, a statement from CESL Asia said.

The acquisition of MdP, which is located in the municipalities of Cuba and Alvito in the Alentejo region of Portugal, was made through its wholly-owned subsidiaries "Focus Platform" and "Focus Agriculture," and formalized in Lisbon.

Previously, MdP was in the hands of Portuguese private bank Novo Banco.

For CESL Asia, the acquisition of the group is particularly important, not only because of the significant assets that come with the 3,700 hectares of agricultural land used mainly as cattle pastures, but also because the land can be developed to add value through additional agricultural activities, taking advantage of the natural conditions and access to Alqueva Dam's water supply.

According to the president and CEO of CESL Asia, António Trindade, who spoke to the media on the sidelines of the Lisbon signing event, the local company invested some MOP357 million (EUR40 million) in the acquisition of

Monte do Pasto this time alone, in a deal that had the support of Bank of China, which was represented at the event by the Deputy General Manager Ip Sio Kai.

Trindade noted that CESL

PORK PRODUCTION AND THE CHINA MARKET

During the event in Lisbon last week, Trindade said in his speech that the integration of MdP into CESL Asia involves the operation of the Portugal-Macau Platform which will allow MdP to "launch new and sustainable agricultural and livestock activities."

Trindade mentioned to the media on the sidelines of the event that there could be an expansion into pig farming, and potential markets where pork has a significant impact, such as China, are being considered.

"China consumes 60% to 70% of the world's pork production and is [currently] facing a very serious African swine fever outbreak," Trindade noted to Portuguese media, hinting that the idea of expanding MdP's

"We have technical and economic studies in hand to invest in a large-scale model production [for pork]."

ANTÓNIO TRINDADE

Asia has invested around MOP357 million in total on this project, noting that the company estimates that within a four to five year period, the company should see the investment grow by another MOP89 million to MOP125 million (10 to 15 million Euros).



MACAU AND PORTUGAL JOINTLY RECOGNIZE DEGREES

Associate, bachelor's, master's and doctorate degrees obtained in Macau are now automatically recognized by Portugal. The automatic recognition was recently announced by Lisbon. Students with higher education degrees and diplomas obtained in Macau can now apply to Portuguese local authorities, such as Portuguese public higher education institutions or higher education departments, and share the same rights as local Portuguese students. In turn, Macau's Higher Education Bureau stated that the SAR government is following up on draft administrative regulations for automatic recognition of Portuguese higher education degrees and diplomas in Macau, and that the regulations are expected to take effect from this year.

SPECIAL MENU PREPARED FOR CULTURAL WEEK

The 11th Cultural Week of China and Portuguese-speaking Countries has invited five chefs to prepare a special promotional menu of food from Portuguese-speaking countries' for the seven-day event, which will take place at the Macau Fisherman's Wharf. The five chefs invited are from Angola, Brazil, Portugal, São Tomé and Príncipe, and Timor-Leste. The menu has been served since Saturday at Rio Grill & Capriccio Italian at the Fisherman's Wharf. On October 16 and 18, the five chefs will visit the Institute for Tourism Studies and the Macau University of Science and Technology and bring a cooking experience to the schools' cooking enthusiasts. This year's Cultural Week features art exhibitions, and music and dance performances from China and Portuguese-speaking countries, as well as other activities.

70TH ANNIVERSARY PARADE MOVIE PREMIERED IN CANTONESE

A Cantonese film on the 70th anniversary parade of the People's Republic of China premiered on Friday. The film is named "This Moment – the National Celebration of the 70th Anniversary." Alexis Tam, Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, said that this film was produced with advanced technology in order to represent the national celebration, which took place on October 1. According to Tam, the film was brought to Macau by CCTV and the Liaison Office to allow Macau residents to understand China's extraordinary achievements over the last 70 years, and to share New China's pride and glory.

for China-Lusophone countries

production into pork would be aimed at this market directly.

However, Trindade also said that for the time being, this scenario represents an "opportunity" only, and the decision to move forward with the idea has "not been taken yet," as it is currently not clear if pigs can be raised on the MdP property.

Speaking to the Times yesterday, Trindade noted that the company has been studying the feasibility of expanding the farm for pork production for some time.

"We already have technical and economic studies in hand to invest in a large-scale model production [for pork]. Once we have concluded agreements with long-term partners regarding the supply to the Chinese market, we will begin the investment on the licensing process," Trindade said. "We will do everything to accelerate the project, but without compromising due care and strict

compliance with the law and best practices, and thus ensuring the long-term sustainability of the supply."

Regarding other the progress of other expansion projects, Trindade said, "in addition to cattle breeding, Monte do Pasta has been licensing, since last year, an important lamb breeding unit that we hope may be in operation within the next year. This unit was designed to supply the markets and customers we already serve. Of course, it could also serve China."

A recent report by Dutch bank Rabobank wrote that by end of 2019, as many as 200 million pigs could be lost to disease or culled in China, leading to a 30% drop in total pork production. Trindade said: "Confirming that it is necessary for China [to find new suppliers], naturally and diligently, we will respond with a sense of urgency and a duty of solidarity for what we strive for

and what we are known for at CESL Asia."

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In the interview with MDT, Trindade said, "MdP's export strategy serves the strategy of our Macau-Portugal Platform as it adds to our Portugal operation large and unique capabilities in key markets, such as Northern Africa and the Middle East, as well as Portugal and China."

Trindade also noted that MdP has been successful in its operation, and is a model of both scale and quality of operation and products, as well as the impact it has had on regional development.

"It is undoubtedly the beginning of a new era in the investment of Macau's private companies into prosperous Portuguese companies. It is also a way for CESL Asia to consolidate the growth strategy

and the path to excellence in our Macau Platform for financing, business management, and operation in the Greater Bay Area and with Portuguese-speaking countries."

At the event in Lisbon, a representative from Novo Banco, the bank which sold MdP assets to CESL Asia, said, "As former investors, we are delighted that we are facing a company that is healthy and very important to the region's ecosystem. Because it also represents an added value in a chain of producers that comprises over 100 producers in the region, which is an important support for the development of all the region's business."

According to the business plan that has been implemented, CESL Asia forecasts that by 2021, turnover will grow to around MOP624 million (70 million Euros) with 550 employees, over 100 of which will be based in Portugal.



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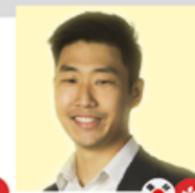
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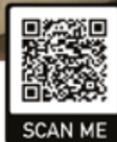
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HONG KONG

'Be water:' Police swoop as protests shift tactics

JOHN LEICESTER,
HONG KONG

TEARING a page out of ancient Chinese military philosophy, black-clad protesters in Hong Kong changed tactics and wreaked havoc by popping up in small groups in multiple locations across the city yesterday, pursued by but also often eluding police who made scores of muscular arrests.

Violence spiraled as protests stretched from the afternoon into the night, with police struggling to restore order.

A savage beating after dark by a group of masked protesters left a man bleeding profusely. Police said an officer was attacked from behind with a sharp weapon earlier in the day and was left with a bleeding neck wound.

Video broadcast on Hong Kong television also showed a masked, black-clad protester dropping a riot officer with a flying high kick, followed by two other protesters who beat the officer on the ground and tried unsuccessfully to snatch his gun.

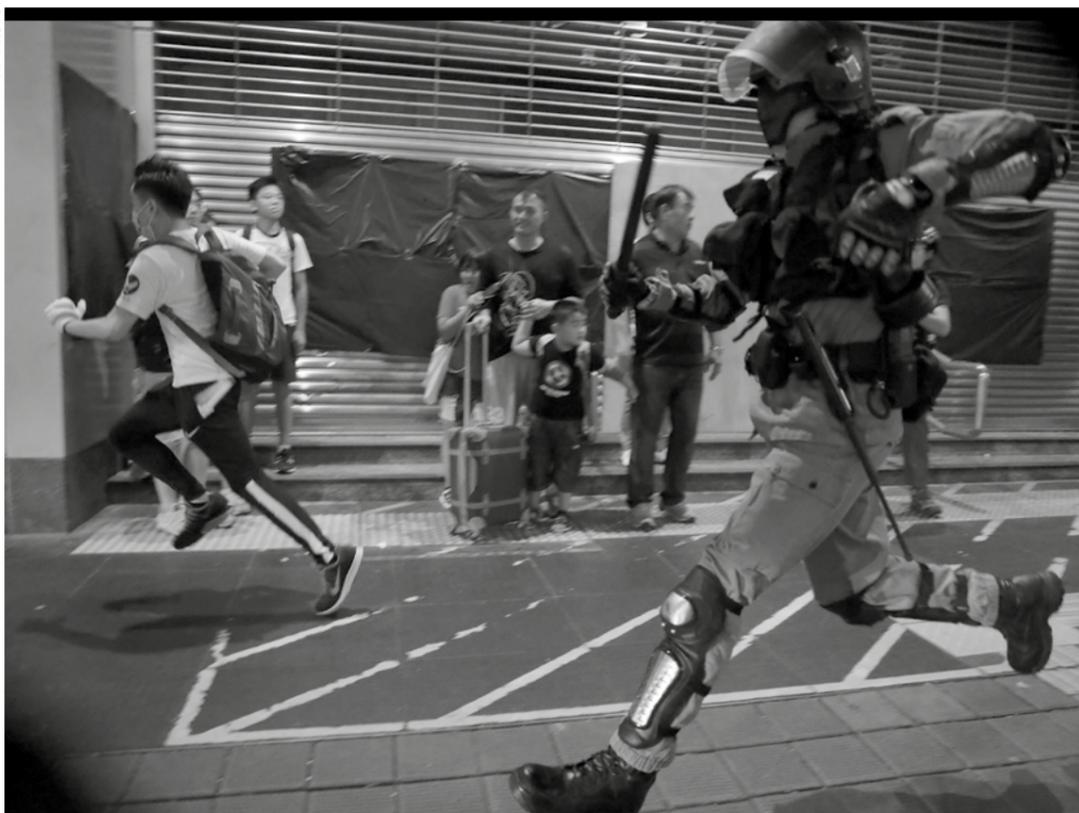
The guerrilla-like tactics sought to maximize the disruption and visibility of protests at a time when anti-government demonstrations have, as a whole, been showing signs of flagging as they stretch into a fifth month. Pressure from a government ban on the face masks worn by many protesters and extreme violence earlier this month appear to have cooled the ardor of some demonstrators and whittled down protest numbers.

Online calls for gatherings to start at 2 p.m. in dozens of malls, parks, sports grounds and other locations triggered an afternoon of mayhem and marked a shift from earlier more concentrated rallies in fewer spots.

"We're going to be more fluid and flexible," said Amanda Sin, 23, an office worker who joined a peaceful protest outside police headquarters in central Hong Kong. "We are interchanging different tactics."

Roaming clumps of hardcore protesters — too numerous, elusive and fast-moving to be policed — popped up out of nowhere, vandalizing stores, blocking traffic with makeshift barricades and spraying protest graffiti, often holding up umbrellas to shield their activities from view.

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Police chase a protester in Hong Kong yesterday

Masked protesters wielding hammers wrecked a Huawei store that was apparently targeted because of the brand's links to mainland China. On another store broken into and trashed, protesters sprayed, "We are not stealing." The words "black heart" were sprayed in black inside a vandalized Starbucks, another frequent target of the anti-government and anti-China protests that have gripped the semi-autonomous Chinese territory since June.

Changing strategies to adapt to shifting circumstances is a notion deeply engrained in Chinese thinking, notably detailed in the ancient military treatise "The Art of War," and inspiring Mao Zedong's Communist revolutionaries on their route to seizing power in China in 1949.

In Hong Kong, protesters speak of being "like water," fluid and adaptable. "It's a guerilla-kind of demonstration," said Edmund Tang, 59, who slept overnight at the rally outside police headquarters that started Saturday and was still going strong yesterday with about 200 people, many of them retirees.

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He said the week-old ban that makes the wearing of masks at rallies punishable by one year in jail dissuaded some demonstrators who had taken part in larger

previous demonstrations.

"It's no longer possible to get 100,000 people to come out," he said. The idea of protesting in small, diffuse groups was in part aimed at complicating policing efforts, Tang added.

"Keep the hunt dogs running everywhere, getting crazier and crazier, without catching the prey. That's best," he said.

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Police adapted, too, fanning out in multiple locations and quickly making arrests. Speeding police vans were on the scene within minutes after black-clad protesters set up a makeshift roadblock in a shopping district in Kowloon. One van rammed through a barricade of piled-up bamboo poles and officers sprinted off in pursuit of suspects.

Police pinned detainees to the floor and hauled them away. They held aloft blue banners ordering people to disperse. In one incident, officers fired tear gas rounds from a van before speeding away. Other patrols pointed riot-control guns and cans of pepper spray to keep crowds at bay

and hammered on their plastic riot shields as they cleared streets. Bystanders responded with torrents of abuse.

As police hared after suspects in one area, protesters sprang up in others like the "Whac-A-Mole" arcade game, overwhelming the spread-out policing effort.

One of the largest gatherings brought several hundred people together in a shopping mall in Shatin. A masked protester played the saxophone. On the closed metal shutters of a subway station, another protester dressed head-to-toe in black sprayed, "When dictatorship is a fact, revolution becomes our duty."

Before dawn, protesters also clambered up a peak and erected a 4-meter tall white statue of a demonstrator in a gas mask, dubbed "The Lady Liberty of Hong Kong," that gazed over the restive city.

The protests gripping the international business hub began in response to a now-withdrawn extradition bill that would have allowed criminal suspects to be sent for trial in Communist Party-controlled courts in mainland China. The movement then ballooned to encompass broader clamors for universal suffrage, an independent inquiry of the policing methods used against protesters and other demands. AP

HK PROTESTS HAVE CAUSED 100 RESTAURANTS TO CLOSE

About 100 Hong Kong restaurants have shut down because of the months-long protests in the city. Financial Secretary Paul Chan said in a blog post yesterday. Around 2,000 employees have been affected as a result of the closures, Chan said in the Chinese-language post, citing the catering industry. He didn't provide further details. Some retailers have also had to reduce the number of stores or cut back on staff, and several recent sport and entertainment events have had to be canceled for security reasons, Chan said. Chan urged property owners and developers to follow the lead of railway operator MTR Corp. in offering rent relief to affected retailers. He said Airport Authority Hong Kong is also considering assistance to tenants.

VICE PREMIER STRESSES EDUCATION, HEALTHCARE FOR GBA

Chinese Vice Premier Sun Chunlan has called for efforts to boost social causes such as education and healthcare in Guangdong Province to better serve the Greater Bay Area. Sun, also a member of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China Central Committee, made the remarks during a three-day research tour in Guangdong that ended this weekend. According to state news agency Xinhua, she visited major higher education and medical institutions in the province and presided over a symposium in Shenzhen, asking local departments to make more specific policies and measures to serve the construction of the Greater Bay Area, enhance their coordination and help push the development of the area to a new level.

FOUR DAILY FERRIES TO DONGGUAN LAUNCHED

The first ferry from Taipa to Humen, Dongguan departed on Friday, marking a new ferry route between the two cities. The public are able to choose from four available ferries sailing everyday between Taipa and Humen. The journey takes approximately 100 minutes. Ye Liang, general manager of Yuet Tung Shipping Co., Ltd, operator of the ferries, does not hold high expectations for the route. However, he expressed his faith in the development of Macau's ferry-airway cross-border transportation. The company currently operates two sea routes for tourists, both recording a 50% occupation rate during holidays and 20% on normal days. According to the deputy director of Macau's Marine and Water Bureau, a 50% decrease in ferry activity between Taipa and Hong Kong has been recorded, whereas a 14% increase has been recorded between Taipa and Shenzhen.

MACAU'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

HONG KONG TURMOIL SPELLS OPPORTUNITY FOR LONDON PROPERTY OWNERS

NOAH BUHAYAR

LONDON landlords eager to sell properties in the U.K. capital are seeing strong demand from investors fleeing an even more uncertain future in Hong Kong.

As Oxford Properties Group, the real estate arm of the Ontario Municipal Employees Retirement System, has looked to wind down some investments in London, worries over Brexit have taken a back seat.

"There's a very strong bid right now from the flight capital, particularly out of Hong Kong," Oxford President Michael Turner said in an interview. "London is the most international market in the world. And when we have a brand-new, shiny, well-developed building and somebody says, 'I just want to get my money out of China.' Then we say, 'Here you go.'"

In the past four years, Oxford has sold stakes in London offices including the Cheesegrater skyscraper and buildings on Paternoster Square. Bloomberg reported last month that the firm is considering a deal to sell its stake in a 700 million pound (\$882 million) office complex in London's financial district to its partner, Brookfield Property Partners LP.

Turner stressed that Oxford is not leaving London; he just sees better opportunities elsewhere for the next few years. Selling the U.K. properties has freed up funds to extend a global push. Turner said Oxford is looking for growth in Asia, as well as in the U.S. South and West. The company is also one of the developers behind New York's Hudson Yards.

Turner spoke last week on the sidelines of a symposium in San

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Francisco that Oxford co-hosted with OMERS' venture capital arm. The unit, which set up a Bay Area office earlier this year, is seeking to make more investments in property technology and presented a series of panels on innovative approaches to office design, retailing and building construction.

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Looming over the discussion was WeWork, the flexible-office provider that shelved its initial public offering last month. The

company has been the "elephant in the room" for venture investors for some time, given the amount of capital it raised, and its private-market valuation, which once stretched to \$47 billion, said Michael Yang, who leads OMERS Ventures' investment efforts in the U.S.

The flexible-office sector has become a prolific occupier of

space in recent years, accounting for as much as 30% of net absorption, a measure of demand, in the U.S., according to a report this week from Green Street Advisors.

WeWork's pullback will threaten those fundamentals for office owners, Turner said.

"The immediate impact they're going to have is taking the rate of growth out of some markets, such as London and New York," Turner said. "Momentum investing is terrific until the momentum changes." **BLOOMBERG**

CORPORATE BITS

MGM to present food, music festival



MGM will organize its first ever food and music festival in collaboration with Chef Nic, the gourmet brand founded by multi-talented celebrity Nicholas Tse, from November 30 to December 1.

Entitled "MGM Chef Nic Gastronomusic Fest," the two-day event will feature global gastronomic fare and pop music at MGM Cotai, according to a statement issued by the gaming operator.

"MGM Chef Nic Gastronomusic Fest" will bring together a lineup

of Asian performers and will be headlined by Tse, returning to the stage with his rock 'n' roll repertoire.

Fellow Canto-pop singers Joey Yung, Adason Lo and Angela Hui will also take to the stage, as well as Hong Kong pop-rock singer Joey Wong, Chinese singer Liu Junge, Singaporean singer Joanna Dong and emerging Macau music group MFM.

Renowned Asian music producers will also attend, and Asia's party fixture DJ Corsak will show off his mixing and scratching skills to create the best immersive EDM experience.

MECC appoints new board president



The Macao European Chamber of Commerce (MECC) has announced that it has appointed lawyer Carlos Duque Simões as president of the Board of Directors until 2021.

Simões succeeds Kevin Thompson, a professor at the

University of Macau, whose two-year term ended this year.

Thompson will be the vice chairman of the chairman's Supervisory Board.

As cited in Portuguese paper Tribuna Macau, Thomp-

son said that he was pleased that Simões will be taking over the chairmanship of the board and will continue on a good path to bring European, Macau and the Greater Bay Area's business interests together.

MECC is the first affiliation of the European Chambers in Macau which aims to promote commercial, industrial, financial, scientific and other economic exchanges of all types between Macau and Europe, as well as foster bilateral cooperation between the business communities.

MECC was founded by six European chambers of commerce in Macau, namely France, Germany, Ireland, Portugal, Romania and the United Kingdom.

DIPLOMACY

Modi tells Xi relations are stable, differences manageable

RISHI LEKHI,
MAMALLAPURAM, INDIA

INDIAN Prime Minister Narendra Modi told visiting Chinese President Xi Jinping on Saturday that relations between their countries have attained stability and momentum in the past year, and that it should enable them to manage their differences and avoid disputes.

The two leaders avoided the vexed Kashmir dispute from clouding their summit in the seaside temple town of Mamallapuram. Modi said both countries agreed to be sensitive to each other's concerns as they held delegation-level talks.

Modi and Xi were meeting at a time of tensions over Beijing's support for Pakistan, India's archrival, in opposing New Delhi's downgrading of Kashmir's semi-autonomy and continuing restrictions in the disputed region.

Indian Foreign Secretary Vijay Gokhale told reporters that "this issue was not raised and discussed," but that Xi apprised Modi of Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan's visit to Beijing earlier in the week.

"India-China relations are not predicated to a single issue," Gokhale said, adding that the la-

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test developments in Kashmir were an internal matter of India.

Without going into details, Xi said in his opening remarks at the delegation-level talks that he had taken part in candid and in-depth discussions with Modi on various issues since his arrival Friday.

Gokhale said the two countries decided to set up a group at the finance ministers' level to discuss trade and investment issues, especially India facing a whopping \$63 billion trade deficit with China.

According to India's Commerce Ministry, India's exports to China

amounted to \$13.33 billion in the 2018 financial year, compared with imports of \$76.38 billion.

Xi and Modi met over dinner for more than two hours on Friday after the Indian prime minister took the Chinese president around an ancient temple and some other monuments that are part of UNESCO's world heritage sites in Mamallapuram.

Besides emphasizing the expansion of trade and investment, Modi and Xi resolved to work together in facing the challenges of radicalization and terrorism,

Gokhale said.

There was an acknowledgment that both India and China were "very complex and very diverse countries," and that both will work together so that radicalization and terrorism does not affect their multicultural, multiethnic and multireligious societies, Gokhale said. He did not give details.

Tensions in Kashmir, which is divided between Pakistan and India but claimed by both in its entirety, have escalated since August, when India downgraded the

semi-autonomy of Indian-administered Kashmir and imposed a security and communications lockdown.

China supported Pakistan in raising India's actions at the U.N. General Assembly meeting in New York. China said India should not act unilaterally in Kashmir, a portion of which China also controls.

Xi arrived in India two days after hosting Pakistani Prime Minister Khan in Beijing.

India accuses neighboring Pakistan of arming and training insurgent groups fighting for Kashmir's independence or its merger with Pakistan. Pakistan denies the charge. The two countries have fought two wars over the region's control since they won independence from British colonialists in 1947.

A meeting between Xi and Modi in Wuhan, China, in April 2018 was preceded by tensions caused by a 10-week standoff between their countries' armed forces on the Bhutan border.

China claims some 90,000 square kilometers of territory in India's northeast, while India says China occupies 38,000 square kilometers of its territory on the Aksai Chin Plateau in the western Himalayas. Officials have met at least 20 times to discuss the competing border claims without making significant progress.

India and China fought a border war in 1962.

India also is concerned about China's moves to build strategic and economic ties with its neighbors Sri Lanka, Nepal, Bangladesh and the Maldives. Xi visited Nepal on Saturday. **AP**

Gov't, Nepal sign deals for connectivity, security and trade

ROSHAN SEDHAI,
KATHMANDU

NEPAL and China signed 20 agreements yesterday including one on a trans-Himalayan railway, as Chinese President Xi Jinping wrapped up a two-day visit to the Himalayan nation.

After talks in Kathmandu, Xi and Nepalese Prime Minister K.P. Sharma Oli witnessed the signing of 18 agreements and two letters of exchange in areas of connectivity, security, border management, trade, tourism and education.

Xi, who arrived Saturday from India after meeting Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, became the first Chinese president in more than two decades to visit Nepal.

One of the deals includes an understanding to start a feasibility study of a

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China-Nepal cross-border railway project being considered under an ambitious project that is a component of China's signature Belt and Road Initiative.

China is working to stretch out the Qinghai-Tibet railway up to Keirung, a border town less than 35 kilometers from Nepal, by 2020. Kathmandu, Nepal's capital, is around 70 kilo-

meters from the border point.

A statement issued by Nepal's Ministry of Foreign Affairs made no mention of an extradition treaty that was expected to be high on the agenda of the meetings.

Nepalese officials earlier ruled out the possibility of any immediate agreement on the extradition issue.

China has been pressing Nepal to sign the treaty for some years to improve the administration of border areas and fight against illegal border crossing and transnational crimes like banking fraud, trafficking and the smuggling of gold and wildlife parts.

India has extensive influence on Nepal's economy and politics, while China and Nepal share a border covered with high mountain peaks. Nepal is traditionally cautious in building relations with its bigger neighbors India and China.

Xi's visit and the subsequent deals could be seen as an important development between the two countries as India traditionally maintains close relations with Nepal for their shared religious, cultural and historical ties and a 1,751-kilometer

border on three sides.

In a counter move involving a historic trade and transit treaty signed between Nepal and China in 2016, New Delhi in 2018 announced the expansion of India's railway system to Kathmandu and access to its waterways.

Xi's visit also generated excitement in Nepal's tourism sector.

In an article published in Nepali media ahead of his visit, Xi described Nepal as the first South Asian country to be designated an approved destination for Chinese tourists and pledged China's support of Visit Nepal 2020, an ambitious plan unveiled by Oli's government to bring in 2 million foreign tourists in a year.

Kapil Shrestha, a political science professor at Nepal's Tribhuvan University, said Xi's visit is likely to

pave ways for greater engagement between the two countries, and would check India's "high-handedness in Nepal's affairs."

"This visit will slightly curtail India's influence and force New Delhi to think twice before imposing an economic blockade like it did in 2015," Shrestha said. "For China, Nepal, with a favorable government in Kathmandu, is the easiest route to spread its tentacles in South Asia."

But Nepal's position on Tibet remains an issue of concern.

Shrestha said that in its pursuit to improve ties with China, Nepal should not compromise in its core values like democracy and human rights, and protect the rights of Tibetan refugees.

"Nepal has symbiotic and organic relations with Tibet," he said. **AP**

TYPHOON LEAVES 33 DEAD AS JAPAN LAUNCHES MAJOR RESCUE

YURI KAGEYAMA, TOKYO

HELICOPTERS, boats and thousands of troops were deployed across Japan yesterday to rescue people stranded in flooded homes as the death toll from a ferocious typhoon climbed to at least 33 with more missing. One woman fell to her death from a rescue helicopter.

Public broadcaster NHK said 14 rivers across the nation had flooded, some spilling out in more than one spot.

The Tokyo Fire Department said a woman in her 70s was accidentally dropped 40 meters (131 feet) to the ground while being transported into a rescue helicopter in Iwaki city in Fukushima prefecture, a northern area devastated by the typhoon.

She was rushed to a hospital but died, a department official said.

The casualty toll was compiled by Kyodo News service and was higher than one given by the government spokesman earlier, a day after Typhoon Hagibis made landfall south of Tokyo and battered central and northern Japan with torrents of rain and powerful gusts of wind. The typhoon was



Vehicles are seen in mud water as Typhoon Hagibis hit the city in Sano, Tochigi prefecture

downgraded to a tropical storm yesterday.

"The major typhoon has caused immense damage far and wide in eastern Japan," government spokesman Yoshihide Suga told reporters, adding that 27,000 military troops and other rescue crews were taking part in the operation.

News footage showed a rescue helicopter hovering in a flooded area in Nagano prefecture where an embankment of the Chikuma River broke, and streams of water were continuing to spread over residential areas. The chopper plucked those stranded on the second

floor of a home submerged in muddy waters.

Aerial footage showed tractors at work trying to control the flooding and several people on a rooftop, with one waving white cloth to get the attention of a helicopter. Nearby was a child's school bag. In another part, rows of Japan's prized bullet trains, parked in a facility, were sitting in a pool of water.

A stretch of Fukushima, in the city of Date, was also flooded with only rooftops of residential homes visible in some areas, and rescuers paddled in boats to get people out. Parts of nearby Miyagi prefecture

were also under water.

The Tama River, which runs by Tokyo, overflowed its banks, flooding homes and other buildings in the area.

Authorities warned of a risk of mudslides. Among the reported deaths were those whose homes were buried in landslides. Other fatalities included people who got swept away by raging rivers.

Suga said recovery was on its way. Some 376,000 homes were without electricity, and 14,000 homes lacked running water, he said.

Boats as well as helicopters were sent to the flooded areas,

while rescue crew dug through dirt elsewhere to try to get people out from homes buried by landslides.

Several train service in the Tokyo area resumed early morning, although others were undergoing safety checks and were expected to restart later that day.

Ruling party politician Fumio Kishida said the government will do its utmost in rescue operations, including making sure that those who moved to shelters were taken care of.

He acknowledged Japan's power grids need to be strengthened so people in disaster areas can rely on timely information.

"So many risks remain, and it is a reality we must stay on guard," Kishida said on an NHK TV news talk show. "We must do our utmost. In these times, a disaster can hit anytime."

The Rugby World Cup match between Namibia and Canada, scheduled for yesterday in Kamaishi, northern Japan, was canceled as a precautionary measure, but organizers announced Japan will play Scotland as scheduled in the evening. Matches on Saturday had been canceled. Stores and amusement parks had also closed.

Evacuation centers had been set up in coastal towns with tens of thousands seeking shelter. Kyodo News service said evacuation warnings had been issued to more than 6 million people. AP

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Thai army chief rants at critics, warns of Hong Kong unrest

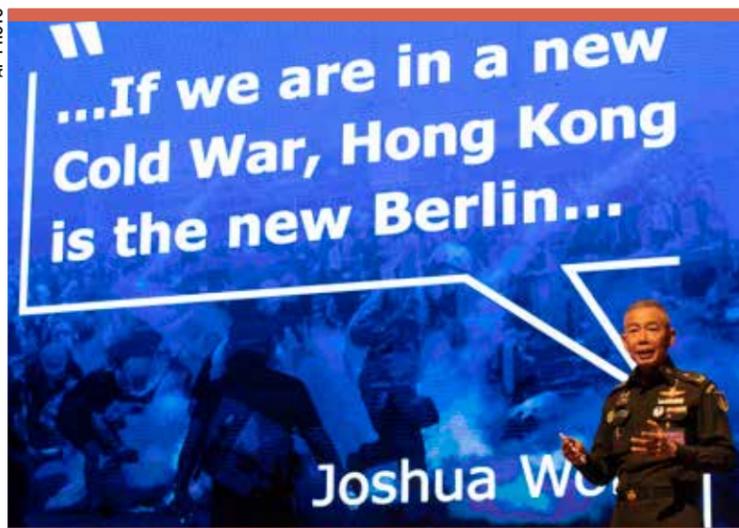
BUSABA SIVASOMBOON & TASSANEE VEJPONGSA, BANGKOK

THAILAND'S powerful army chief declared Friday that the country's government is virtually at war with its critics, warning that politicians, academics and other intellectuals may "manipulate" young people to stage protests like those in Hong Kong.

Gen. Apirat Kongsompong in a prepared speech to an audience at army headquarters charged that "hybrid warfare" incorporating methods such as online propaganda and more traditional violent means was already being employed in Thailand to destroy the nation.

It was unclear exactly what he was referring to because Thailand is not at war, the military and its allies are firmly in charge having run the country for the past five years, and a long-running insurgency is limited to the nation's three southernmost provinces. Apirat's comments appeared lar-

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gely aimed at opposition politicians who campaigned on efforts to reform the military but have not advocated war or violence.

Nevertheless, and he said the politicians were linked to former communists who he said never gave up efforts to seize power and were still trying to destabilize the country. He didn't identify the politicians by name, but the context of his remarks made it clear he

was including Thanathorn Juangroongruangkit, the head of the Future Forward Party.

Thailand's military is a key player in the country's often tumultuous politics and is known to stage coups during periods of unrest — including twice since 2006. The current government is led by a former army chief who staged a 2014 coup and was kept in the prime minister's office by a military-

-backed party that earlier this year won the first post-coup election, a vote critics charge was unfair.

The upstart Future Forward Party did surprisingly well in the election, especially among young people and others in agreement with its criticism of the military's involvement in politics, and is now the third biggest in parliament. That puts it at odds with Thailand's traditional ruling establishment, which is centered around the military and the monarchy.

Apirat is known as a staunch nationalist and royalist, and at least once Friday appeared to be in tears when speaking of King Maha Vajiralongkorn.

In his speech and a supporting slideshow, Apirat tried to tie together all the stands of government opponents into one vast conspiracy. His major target appeared to be Thanathorn.

Thanathorn recently posted a photo on his Facebook page of him standing with leading Hong Kong dissident Joshua Wong, drawing a rebuke Thursday from the Chinese Embassy in Thailand.

A statement from the embassy said some Thai politicians — not identified by name — had contacted "separatists" in Hong Kong in a supportive manner, an action the embassy decried as wrong and irresponsible.

Apirat echoed the Chinese line that protesters in Hong Kong were being used by outside powers. Speaking rhetorically, Apirat questioned whether Thai students in the audience could be manipulated by "social media and propaganda" into taking to the streets.

A slide projected during his speech showed the photo of Thanathorn with Wong, but with Thanathorn's figure greyed out. Apirat pondered out loud whether the politician had conspired with Wong.

Thanathorn in a Facebook posting after Apirat's speech said he only posed for a photo with Wong at a seminar and did not support Hong Kong separatism.

Apirat's references to communists could have been about former Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra, who took office in 2001 and had some top aides who had been in the jungle with the Communist Party of Thailand in the 1970s. They had fled there after an army-backed massacre of students at a university in Bangkok set up a coup against an elected government. AP

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A LOOK AT THE ETHIOPIA-ERITREA WAR WHOSE END BROUGHT A NOBEL

CARA ANNA, JOHANNESBURG

IT was a war that killed some 80,000 people and sputtered to life again and again over two decades, pulling in soldiers including a young Ethiopian who fought in a contested town at the center of the conflict. On Friday, Abiy Ahmed, now Ethiopia's prime minister, received the Nobel Peace Prize for taking the crucial step to end the fighting.

The bitter border conflict between Ethiopia and Eritrea, once a single nation, played out far from the global spotlight. Abiy's abrupt announcement last year, just weeks after taking office, that his country would fully embrace a peace deal revived hopes for an end to one of Africa's longest wars.

No one immediately knew whether the gesture of peace would be returned. Eritrea is one of the world's most closed-off nations, and longtime President Isaias Afwerki's response, if any, was mere speculation. Then, in another surprise, he accepted.

Here is a look at the conflict and its end.

WHY WERE THEY FIGHTING?

Eritrea gained independence from Ethiopia in 1993 after years of rebel warfare. Friction remained, especially along the border, which was never completely settled. In 1998 fighting broke out and raged for two years, ending with a peace deal that Ethiopia refused to accept. It rejected the



Eritrean President Isaias Afwerki (left) and Ethiopia's Prime Minister Abiy Ahmed

agreement's handing of key border locations to Eritrea.

Nearly two decades of a no-peace-no-war situation followed, and Eritrea continued to withdraw into itself.

WHAT HAPPENED LAST YEAR?

Ethiopia early last year was weary from months of anti-government protests demanding greater freedoms from a repressive ruling coalition. When Prime Minister Hailemariam Desalegn resigned, a relatively little-known

young leader took his place.

Abiy quickly surprised the country with a wave of reforms, but the gesture of peace to Eritrea was the most unexpected. For the first time in years, families long divided by the conflict dared to consider the possibility of seeing loved ones again. But how would Eritrea react?

Its leader, Isaias, appeared wary, noting "positive signals" and sending a rare delegation to "gauge current developments directly and in depth." Things pi-

cked up quickly from there.

"We have tried war and found it useless," Abiy told his Eritrean visitors. "We want our brothers and sisters to come here and visit us as soon as possible."

Less than two weeks later, Abiy arrived in Eritrea's capital and was welcomed with hugs and laughter by Isaias, a joyous scene that was once unthinkable. Diplomatic, communication and transport ties would soon be restored, the leaders announced.

"We can assure you we will face

the future together," Isaias said. "We will work as one."

A week later he arrived in Ethiopia for the first time in 22 years, clasping his hands over his heart and addressing the crowd in Ethiopia's official language, Amharic. It surprised one longtime Eritrean colleague, who said he'd never heard Isaias speak it.

HAS ERITREA CHANGED, TOO?

While communication and transport links remain open, border posts between Ethiopia and Eritrea didn't stay open long, and there is no sign that Ethiopia's reforms have infected its neighbor. The country remains tightly controlled and has not loosened the harsh system of military conscription that has led thousands of young people to flee.

But the war has ended, Ethiopia says, and some army units have been moved away from the border on its side. The two countries are said to still be working out the details of their new state of relations. Traffic and trade at the border, when it was open, was brisk.

Despite the warmth of last year's reunions and Abiy's meetings with Isaias since then, there was no comment from Eritrea's government on the Nobel Peace Prize, even though the committee noted its leader's role: "Peace does not arise from the actions of one party alone. When Prime Minister Abiy reached out his hand, President Afwerki grasped it," the Nobel committee said.

The only comment appeared to come from Eritrea's ambassador to Japan, who tweeted congratulations and added: "People of #Eritrea & #Ethiopia with blood, sweat & tears have won again over evil." AP

Brexit divorce talks between UK and EU go down to the wire

JILL LAWLESS, LONDON

BRITISH Prime Minister Boris Johnson was to brief his Cabinet yesterday on the progress of last-minute Brexit talks with the European Union, amid signs of progress but also deep-seated skepticism about the chances of a deal.

Britain is due to leave the 28-nation bloc on Oct. 31, and attempts to find a deal have foundered over plans for keeping an open border between EU member Ireland and the U.K.'s Northern Ireland.

The challenge of maintaining an invisible border — something that underpinned both the local economy and the region's peace deal — has dominated Brexit discussions for three



years, ever since U.K. voters chose in 2016 to leave the EU.

But negotiations intensified last week after Johnson and Irish Prime Minis-

ter Leo Varadkar said they could see a "pathway" to a divorce agreement that avoids a no-deal Brexit, something economists say would hurt both the U.K.

and EU economies.

Both sides say substantial gaps remain and it's unclear whether they can be bridged in time for an orderly British departure

at the end of this month. A crucial EU summit, the last scheduled chance to strike a deal, begins Thursday.

If a Brexit deal is reached, it still needs to be approved by both British and European parliaments. Many British lawmakers — on both pro-Brexit and pro-EU sides of the debate — remain unconvinced.

Opposition Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn said yesterday that his party was unlikely to support any deal agreed upon by Johnson.

Lawmaker Nigel Dodds of Northern Ireland's Democratic Unionist Party — which props up Johnson's Conservative minority government — has rejected one suggested compromise, in which Northern Ireland stayed in a customs

partnership with the EU in order to remove the need for border checks. The DUP strongly opposes any measures that would treat Northern Ireland differently than the rest of the U.K.

But other Brexit supporters signaled they could back such a deal. House of Commons leader Jacob Rees-Mogg, a strong Brexiteer, said a "compromise will inevitably be needed, something even the staunchest Leavers recognize, albeit unwillingly."

Rees-Mogg told Sky News that the chances of a Brexit agreement were rising.

"I think it's always difficult to put specific odds on things, but it certainly looks a lot more positive this week than it did last week," he said. AP

MACAU'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

Putin relishes US pullback from Syria, turmoil in Ukraine

FROM Syria to Ukraine, new fault lines and tensions are offering the Kremlin fresh opportunities to expand its clout and advance its interests.

In Syria, the U.S. military withdrawal in the face of a Turkish offensive leaves Russia as the ultimate power broker, allowing it to help negotiate a potential agreement between Syrian President Bashar Assad and the Kurds who were abandoned by Washington.

And in Ukraine, where the new president saw his image dented by a U.S. impeachment inquiry, Russia may use the volatility to push for a deal that would secure its leverage over its western neighbor.

The Turkish offensive in northern Syria followed President Donald Trump's decision to withdraw U.S. forces from the area, cold shouldering the Kurdish-led Syrian Democratic Forces, the key U.S. ally in the fight against the Islamic State group.

Washington's abrupt decision to ditch the Kurds contrasted



sharply with Moscow's unwavering support for its ally Assad, which helped his government reclaim the bulk of the country's territory in a devastating civil war.

Along with military power, Russian President Vladimir Putin has relied on diplomacy to achieve his goals in Syria, reaching out to regional powers — from Iran to Saudi Arabia, Israel and Turkey.

NATO member Turkey has become a particularly important partner for Russia. Even though the two countries have backed

opposite sides in the Syrian conflict, they have pooled efforts to negotiate a de-escalation zone in the Syrian province of Idlib and co-sponsor talks on forming a committee that would draft a new Syrian constitution.

The Russia-Turkey rapprochement came as Ankara's relations with Washington grew increasingly chilly and were further strained over Turkey's recent purchase of Russian air defense missiles.

Turkey's offensive in Syria, which has drawn harsh criticism from

the U.S. and European Union, may now push Moscow and Ankara even closer.

"Russia wants to benefit from that operation, and one of the gains could be the strengthening of ties with Turkey," said Kirill Semenov of the Russian International Affairs Council. "The harsh response from Washington, the EU reaction, the threat of sanctions against Turkey all play into Moscow's hands by making Moscow and Ankara even closer."

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan called Putin just before unleashing air strikes and an artillery barrage on Kurdish-controlled areas in Syria. Ankara charges that the Kurdish fighters in Syria are allied with the outlawed Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, which has led an insurgency against Turkey for 35 years.

While Russia has noted the need to respect Syria's territorial integrity, it also has emphasized Turkey's right to ensure its security — a benevolent stance contrasting with the harsh Western criticism of the Turkish offensive.

Russia has long urged the U.S.-allied Kurdish fighters in Syria to come back to Damascus' fold, an offer they may need to take more seriously now.

"We heard that both Syrian officials and representatives of Kurdish organizations expressed interest in Russia using its good relations with all parties to the process in arranging such talks," Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov told reporters on Thursday. "We will see what we can do."

Lavrov also pointed at another Moscow goal — brokering a dialogue between Turkey and Assad's government, something Ankara has strongly rejected in the past.

"It would be good for Russia to bring Ankara and Damascus to the table and have Ankara acknowledge the legitimacy of the regime in Damascus, if not Assad himself," Semenov said.

In another power game, Russia hopes to see major gains in its long-running effort to retain leverage over its neighbor Ukraine, a former Soviet republic looking to align itself with the West. In 2014, Russia annexed Ukraine's Crimean Peninsula and threw its support behind a separatist insurgency in eastern Ukraine following the ouster of Ukraine's Moscow-friendly leader, moves that triggered bruising Western sanctions. AP

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Offbeat

DOG LOST SINCE 2007 FOUND OVER 1K MILES AWAY IN PITTSBURGH



A toy fox terrier that disappeared from its family's south Florida home in 2007 was found this week over a thousand miles away in Pittsburgh and reunited with its owner this weekend.

The 14-year-old named Dutchess was found hungry, shivering and in serious need of a nail trim under a shed on Monday, according to Humane Animal Rescue.

The property owner took the dog to a Humane Animal Rescue location, where staffers were able to locate a microchip and trace the dog back to its owners in Boca Raton, Florida.

The dog's owner, Katheryn Strang, drove all the way to Pittsburgh for an emotional reunion with Dutchess.

Boca Raton, Florida, is about 1,130 miles (1818.74 kilometers) from Pittsburgh.

Strang said she couldn't believe it when she got the call that her dog had been found after all these years.

She said her son opened the door after school one day and Dutchess got out and they never saw her again. They were living in Orlando at the time near a very busy street and she assumed the dog was either hit or scooped up by someone.

She checked shelters daily in the weeks after Dutchess went missing, and continued to pay the annual fee on the microchip, as well as update her contact information whenever she moved.

"They are like your babies. You don't give up hope," she said at a news conference after reuniting with Dutchess.

As she kissed and hugged her long-lost pet, she murmured to the dog: "Where have you been?"

TV canal macau



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13:30	Telejornal RTPi (Diferido)
15:00	Agua de Mar
15:35	Zig Zag
16:00	Viajante da Música
16:30	Quem Quer Ser Milionário
17:30	LiteraturAqui
18:00	Amor Maior (Repetição)
18:55	Semana Internacional (Repetição)
19:30	Ouro Verde Sr.1
20:30	Telejornal
21:15	TDM Talk Show
21:50	Livros com João Guedes
22:00	Todas as Palavras
22:25	Amor Maior
23:15	TDM News
23:50	Justiça de Chicago
00:30	Telejornal (Repetição)
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10 - 16 Oct



JOKER

ROOM 1

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

Director: Todd Phillips

Starring: Joaquin Phoenix, Robert De Niro, Zazie Beetz

Language: English

Duration: 122min



GEMINI MAN

ROOM 2

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

Director: Ang Lee

Starring: Mary Elizabeth Winstead, Will Smith, Clive Owen

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 117min



47 METERS DOWN: UNCAGED

ROOM 3

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

Director: Johannes Roberts

Starring: Sophie Nélisse, Corinne Foxx, Brianne Tju

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 90min

this day in history



1954 ETHIOPIAN EMPEROR VISITS UK

Emperor of Ethiopia, Haile Selassie has arrived in Portsmouth on the cruiser the Gambia.

His visit is part of a world tour, his first since his triumphant return to Ethiopia in 1941.

The Emperor was welcomed at Portsmouth on behalf of the Queen by the Duke of Gloucester, before boarding a special train to London.

His tour of the UK is expected to last a fortnight, which will include visits to schools and hospitals, the cities of Bath and Oxford, a debate in the House of Commons and lunch at 10 Downing Street.

On his arrival in Portsmouth warships flew the Ethiopian flag and cannons fired royal salutes. RAF Coastal Command staged a fly-past.

In London the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh received the Emperor at Victoria Station in a lavish red carpeted and curtained enclosure.

Crowds cheered the Emperor throughout his tour of the capital. His schedule included a visit to the Queen Mother at Clarence House and dignitaries from London City Council and the City of Westminster.

Welcoming him at the state banquet held in his honour the Queen said:

"We greet you as the Sovereign of an ancient Christian State which has many links with our own Church and...as the Sovereign of the country which was the first to regain its freedom during the last war."

Diplomatic analysts say Ethiopia is strategically important to Britain and the West for its geographical position, in terms of African and Commonwealth security.

The Ethiopian economy is receiving Western loans, aid and capital investment to develop its resources of oil and uranium, and bolster its exports, principally coffee.

The International Bank has lent £8.5 million towards transport and communications and British and US representatives are advising on Ethiopia's industry, social services and legal system.

At the state banquet, the Emperor spoke of his gratitude for Britain's help in liberating Ethiopia and his desire for continued warm relations between the two nations.

"Your support and the loyalty of the British people... make today the preservation and the strengthening of that friendship and affection a sacred trust."

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

Tafari Makonnen 'Haile Selassie' (Might of the Trinity) 'Negus Negussie' (King of Kings) 'Jan Roy' (His Imperial Majesty) was the Emperor's full title.

Under Selassie, Ethiopia was a founding member of the UN and the Organisation of African Unity.

He is credited with modernising Ethiopia and implementing social reform, but he also ensured that his religious power was absolute.

Until Mussolini invaded in 1935, Ethiopia was never colonised. Britain only helped liberate Ethiopia after Italy sided with Nazi Germany in 1940.

Selassie was deposed in a coup in 1974. He died in 1975 under house arrest, some say in suspicious circumstances, others because of ill health following prostate surgery.

Selassie inspired the Rastafarian movement which considers him a 20th Century manifestation of God.

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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...

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
 This is a new era of freedom in your life, so embrace it and let the chips fall where they may. Spending too much time trying to prevent problems is keeping you from being able to appreciate the beauty of accidents.

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 Sanson



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Lhasa	5	18	cloudy
Chengdu	15	19	drizzle
Chongqing	18	21	drizzle
Kunming	14	21	shower
Nanjing	17	22	shower
Shanghai	20	25	drizzle
Wuhan	17	22	overcast
Hangzhou	19	24	drizzle
Taipei	21	24	drizzle
Guangzhou	22	29	shower
Hong Kong	24	27	shower
WORLD			
Moscow	10	12	cloudy
Frankfurt	12	24	drizzle
Paris	14	24	drizzle
London	9	18	drizzle
New York	13	16	drizzle

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- ___ close to schedule; 5- Hair goop; 8- Child, who has no home; 12- Third Gospel; 13- Chips in chips; 15- Object of devotion; 16- Waiting for the Robert ___; 17- Colorful parrot; 18- Vanished; 19- Geyser in Yellowstone National Park; 22- Order's partner; 23- Hurler's stat; 24- Centrepiece of the human face; 26- Pulsates; 29- Self-centered person; 31- Jack of "Barney Miller"; 32- Paella pots; 34- Indiana basketballer; 36- Auto loan figs.; 38- Bridge positions; 40- Spiteful; 41- Big cats; 43- Swarms; 45- Code-breaking org.; 46- Attire; 48- Go around; 50- Off-Broadway theater award; 51- ___ Girls; 52- Cloudlike mass; 54- Navy officer; 61- City west of Tulsa; 63- Vassal; 64- Sandwich shop; 65- New driver's hurdle; 66- More cunning; 67- Baseball's Slaughter; 68- Plastic or liberal, e.g.; 69- Radical '60s org.; 70- Ooze;

DOWN: 1- Margarine; 2- Void partner; 3- Approved; 4- Marijuana cigarette; 5- Pesky biter; 6- Engrave; 7- Foliage unit; 8- Hairpiece; 9- Youthful; 10- College in New Rochelle; 11- Soared; 13- Affable; 14- Moved back and forth; 20- Slangy suffix; 21- Coil; 25- Former name of Thailand; 26- Subject; 27- Watchmaker; 28- Roofing stone; 29- Aromatic compound; 30- Kid; 31- Gal of song; 33- Enzyme ending; 35- Genetic inits.; 37- Hoity-toity sort; 39- Burn without flame; 42- Agitate; 44- Pipe part; 47- Loaf ends; 49- Parenthetical comments; 52- Greek cheese; 53- Standout; 55- Has a bug; 56- Nevada senator Harry; 57- Matures; 58- Russo of "Ransom"; 59- Medicinal plant; 60- Speech problem; 62- Jimjams;

Friday's solution

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Finding art in everyday life

What makes life beautiful? Sometimes it's difficult, other times it's celebratory. It all depends on what you focus on. That's exactly what drives artist Wen-You Cai to take photographs, focusing on the beauty of discovering the multi-faceted dynamics of everyday life. She'll be presenting her first photography exhibition in China entitled Rooster, Tiger, Sheep by Snake for MGM's art and cultural series under the theme "Beautiful Life Memories." The series in celebration of the 20th anniversary handover of the Macau SAR Government, which is extra joyful this year as it coincides with 70th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China.

In the exhibition, Wen-You shares private moments of her family. With over 170 photographs from 2006 to 2018, the collection eloquently documents the unique characteristics of each family member, their daily lives and their many travels around the world. She labels them under their Chinese zodiacs, after discovering that despite the discord from their distinct animal groups, they are able to find harmony together.

Wen-You's perspective is rooted in her multicultural background. She considers herself a reluctant artist as she was thrust into the art world, having grown up traveling to international art events with her father. But after being given a camera at age five, she found her passion, mastering her candid photography approach along the way. She seeks to unveil the hidden reality around us, making her subjects come to life so intimately that you might feel as if they were your own family members.



She is also the founder of Special Special, an art production, gallery and retail space based in New York. Inspired by her travels to different museum shops, Wen-You wanted to bridge art with the everyday. She collaborates with a wide range of artists to create speciality art objects that can be touched, used and played with in various aspects of daily life.

Come visit the photography exhibition and explore a selection of limited-edition items from Special Special at MGM COTAI's lobby.

Date: October 5, 2019 to February 9, 2020
Location: Emerald Lobby
Admission: Free



STILL WORKING '9 TO 5,' DOLLY PARTON MARKS 50 YEARS AT OPRY

COUNTRY superstar Dolly Parton is still working "9 to 5," and doing what she loves as she celebrated her 50th anniversary as a Grand Ole Opry member.

The 73-year-old actress, singer and songwriter, who first played the Opry when she was just a teenager, played the longstanding radio show yesterday [Macau time] in Nashville in front of sold-out crowds. Hank Williams Jr., Lady Antebellum and Toby Keith performed in her honor as well.

She joked to reporters before her performance that when the Opry approached her about the anniversary, she told them, "I don't want people to think I'm 50 years old."

Parton said she was grateful to still be chasing her dreams and said she's got more film, TV and music projects on the way.



ROMANIA'S AUTUMN FAIRS DELIGHT ALL AGES, INCOMES

ROMANIA'S autumn fairs are a loud, colorful reminder that summer has come to an end. And for many families in poorer areas of the country, they are one of the few affordable events of the year.

Fairs like the one in Titu, northwest of Bucharest, which is on its 187th edition, were the sole public entertainment in 19th-century rural Romania. It's a bit more high-tech nowadays, but otherwise little has changed in two centuries.

Thousands flock to fields outside small cities, where entertainment areas are set up from mid-week until the weekend.

Music and flashing lights strike visitors on arrival at the fairground, which is constantly engulfed in smoke from the food grills and an endless



mix of food flavors.

Nowadays, music blasts from large speakers at deafening levels, featuring trendy pop songs from international bands or techno versions of Romanian popular songs.

Entertainers scream at the top of their lungs to advertise the rides, painted in a kitsch style with images of famous action movie actors like Vin Diesel or performers like Michael Jackson.

SHEPARD SMITH LEAVES FOX NEWS CHANNEL

SHEPARD Smith, whose newscast Son Fox News Channel seemed increasingly an outlier on a network dominated by supporters of President Donald Trump, abruptly quit after signing off his final newscast on Friday.

Smith, who had signed a contract extension last spring, said that he had asked the network to let him out of his deal and it had agreed.

"Even in our currently polarized nation, it's my hope that the facts will win the day, that the truth will always matter, that journalism and journalists will thrive," he said.

His departure comes one day after Attorney General William Barr met privately with media mogul Rupert Murdoch, founder of Fox News, although Smith's representatives cautioned against conflating the two events.

Trump has been increasingly critical of personalities on Fox News that he views as disloyal.



RUGBY

A deserving Japan reaches first World Cup quarterfinal

JOHN PYE, YOKOHAMA

JAPAN 28, SCOTLAND 21

WHEN Michael Leitch thanked everyone for supporting his team, he meant absolutely everyone in Japan.

When he dedicated the team's unprecedented success to the people suffering in the wake of a deadly typhoon that almost caused this game to be cancelled, he meant it from the heart.

His team got the chance to play the game that would prove it was a worthy World Cup quarterfinalist, and he inspired them to take it bravely with a 28-21 win over Scotland last night, about 24 hours after the destructive storm made landfall.

Against all odds, Japan finished unbeaten to top Pool A and earn a shot at South Africa next week. And it has form against the two-time champion, after producing the so-called Miracle of Brighton to upset the Springboks in 2015.

"It's a tough time at the moment with the typhoon," Leitch said. "Everyone who is suffering with the typhoon, this game was all for you."

"Today was more than just a game for us."

Japan is into the knockout stage for the first time, fittingly in the first Rugby World Cup staged in Asia.



AP PHOTO

Japan's Isileli Nakajima (left) celebrates with Yu Tamura

"I'm incredibly proud. From the very start, we played with our heart," Leitch said. "Today was nothing about skill, it was all about emotion and physicality and we showed that. We are representing Asia, we are representing Japan."

After a stirring comeback, Scotland missed the quarterfinals for only the second time and will go home with its streak of seven wins over Japan ending in a narrow defeat. The result meant Ireland placed second in the group

and will play the defending champion All Blacks next week.

Japan won with its pace and width, but also with the resolve in the toughest moments that can come out of adversity. And with raucous, almost unanimous support at a Yokohama Stadium packed with 68,000 people almost entirely wearing red-and-white striped shirts.

Winger Kenki Fukuoka was voted player of the match, creating the first try for fellow speedster

Kotaro Matsushima, scoring his own try moments before halftime and touching down again three minutes after the break to secure Japan a four-try bonus point with almost half a game to play.

It was Scotland that ended Japan's hopes of a quarterfinal run four years ago. And the Scots rallied from a 31-0 deficit to draw with England in the Six Nations this year, so there was no counting them out. The Scots threatened legal action if they didn't get the chance to play the game, so they had to back that up with a performance.

"We gave it a good crack in the second half but when you leak 28 points you are always going to be chasing the game," Scotland captain Greig Laidlaw said. "Credit to Japan."

It started well for Scotland when flyhalf Finn Russell strolled through some weak defense in the seventh minute, but then Japan responded with three tries.

After spurning a shot and missing a shot at goal, Japan went ball-in-hand.

From halfway, Japan spread the ball left to find both speedsters in space. Fukuoka almost got around his opposite but lost his footing and somehow managed a one-handed offload to Matsushima, who sprinted away to score.

A jinking run from Matsushima was the spark for Japan's second

try, with prop Keita Inagaki diving over. Yu Tamura missed another penalty attempt from near the right touchline, but again it resulted in a try another minute later.

After a Scottish 22-meter restart, Japan spread the ball left, where Tim Lafaele grubbered a kick through for Fukuoka to grab one-handed and stumble over to score. Tamura's sideline conversion made it a 14-point margin.

The new half had barely started when Fukuoka stripped the ball from Chris Harris and ran away to extend the lead to 28-7.

That's when Scotland threw caution to the wind. Two tries in six minutes to front-rowers Willem Nel and Zander Fagerson narrowed the gap to seven points and set up a tension-filled last 25 minutes.

Both teams threw everything into attack and, when needed, both teams defended grimly. The Scots repelled 22 phases from Japan before earning a relieving penalty. But Scotland just couldn't crack Japan's defense, either.

Three minutes from fulltime, first-half hero Matsushima accidentally carried the ball back over his line, resulting in a five-yard scrum and giving Scotland a chance to equalize. But the Japanese defended their line, regained possession and expertly wound down the clock.

The game that caused so much angst for organizers was green-lit only yesterday morning after the stadium was assessed, started with a minute of silence.

That was to pay respects for the dead and injured from overnight. From the national anthems on, the noise didn't stop until well after fulltime. Then the celebrations really got underway when Leitch and co bowed to the crowd. AP

FOOTBALL

Norway ends Spain's perfect record; Italy at Euro 2020

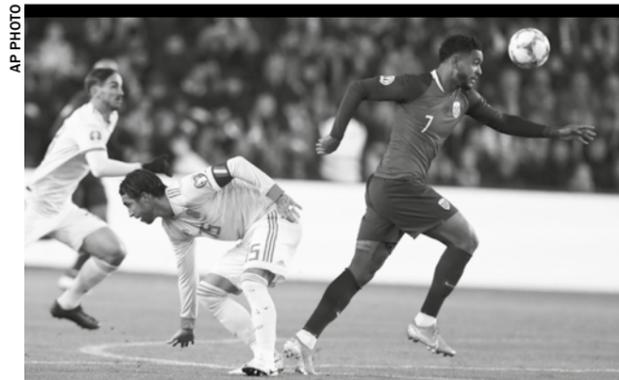
NORWAY 1, SPAIN 1

SERGIO Ramos was seconds away from celebrating his record for most appearances for Spain with a victory that would have ensured his country a spot at next year's European Championship.

But Norway's last-gasp push for an equalizer paid off in their evenly fought qualifier yesterday [Macau time] which finished 1-1.

That ended Spain's perfect run of six wins in six matches. Italy did stay perfect by overcoming Greece's defensive tactics in a 2-0 victory and qualified for next year's continent-wide tournament.

Spain slipped up after



AP PHOTO

Spain's Sergio Ramos (left) fights for the ball against Norway's Joshua King

goalkeeper Kepa Arrizabalaga gave away a penalty by fouling Omar Elabdellaoui in stoppage time, allowing Joshua King to step up and equalize from the spot just before the final whistle in Oslo.

Spain will have another chance to advance on Tuesday at Sweden, but it will do so without Ramos, who will be suspended for an accumulation of yellow cards.

Saúl Ñíguez had put

Spain ahead with a long-range goal only two minutes after halftime, and Fabián Ruíz went close to sealing the win when he hit the post on two occasions.

The 33-year-old Ramos surpassed Casillas' mark by making his 168th appearance for "La Roja."

"I would trade (the record) for a win," Ramos said. "But it is a reward for all these years of sacrifice. It is an honor. Every time I put on this shirt I am moved with emotion."

Ramos and Sergio Busquets are the last remaining members of the great Spain teams that won the 2010 World Cup and European Championships in 2008 and 2012.

Spain leads Group F with 19 points. Sweden has 14 points after beating Malta 4-0 with Sebastian Larsson scoring twice from the penalty spot in the second half.

Romania beat the Faroe Islands 3-0 and has 13 points, three more than Norway.

Italy ensured its qualification from Group J after defeating Greece in Rome.

Brazilian-born midfielder Jorginho converted a penalty after the hour mark after a handball by Andreas Bouchalakis. Then substitute Federico Bernardeschi scored from beyond the area.

Roberto Mancini's team got its seventh win in seven matches and has 21 points.

Next is Finland with 12 after it lost 4-1 at Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Armenia has 10 points — along with Bosnia and Herzegovina — after drawing 1-1 at last-place Liechtenstein.

Denmark beat Switzerland 1-0 to take the joint lead of Group D with Ireland.

The Irish were held to a 0-0 draw at Georgia.

Denmark and Ireland have 12 points. Switzerland, which has eight points and a game in hand, hosts Ireland on Tuesday.

The top two teams of each group advance. The other four qualifiers will come through four tiers of playoffs in March. AP

OPINION

Rear Window

Severo Portela



TOO MUCH ADO ABOUT COMMON SENSE

Though, now, in low-key public protest mode – perhaps an apparent stand-still between “Be Water” activism and the security apparatus under Carrie Lam – resorting to sound common sense to wrangle over a “fast” pace reality seems to be wise and realistic. To take shelter under the cliché, it sits between a rock and a hard place! Be it Carrie Lam muscle or the PLA hand.

As we write this column, a small crowd in the hundreds made their way to Admiralty’s Court of Appeal to support “localist” Edward Leung. Young Leung, at 28, still qualifying as a young rioter, so the officious script rules, was sentenced to six years for leading the 2016 upheaval known as the “fish ball riot”.

Edward Leung’s ordeal may constitute a double warning signal to Carrie Lam’s mishandling of the situation these frantic four months. Not only is he one of a pool of detainees to be potentially convicted, to offer justification enough for civic protests in the future, but it also presents the fact that Leung, a few weeks after the “fish ball”, lost an election for an open legislative seat, although he collected 15% of the ballot.

So, besides the menacing equation postulated by the cliché “rock and hard place”, Carrie Lam now faces a Leninist moment. What to do about the District Council Elections scheduled for the 24th of November, 2019? Occupy Central Benny Tai vowed to take the bigger slice, which he named a “storm”, of the 452 seats. As to the 2020 Legislative Elections, she will probably be absent.

The truth is, the Hong Kong Chief Executive Carrie Lam, regardless of being pressured or not, insisted on the extradition bill even after it was obvious that all walks of civil society descended to the streets. It was far from a youth problem.

Making the problem one of (poor) youth education, youth housing, and so on from the list of youth issues was wrong and reminiscently desirous of a May 68. Indeed, that agitated spring in Paris took just two-months of civil unrest, demonstrations, a two-week general strike, and occupations. And suddenly violence evaporated.

But the consequences of that May went on to change the “world”, because it was a cultural and social event. Up from a 22 million-strong labor general strike to the frivolous slapping of old ladies in fur coats at Les Champs-Élysées.

Hong Kong may replicate the French season and move abruptly to calm demonstrations. But the consequences of the four-month civic unrest will go on to change Hong Kong – how deeply we do not know – because it is a political event: freedom’s challenge to Beijing’s rule.

Back to common sense and across the Pearl River Delta, it is tempting to pester the over-quoted “A Tale of Two Cities” to illustrate how different Macau is. It is conventional wisdom that Macau is a happy square where “no pasa nada”.

Joining hands with fellow lawmaker Pereira Coutinho, Macau’s pro-democracy maverick legislator took his ANM to denounce the acting Chief Executive’s renewal of appointments to various committees, most recently the “Economic Development Council”. This move leaves Ho Iat Seng with fewer options in hand.

Apparently, Chui Sai On insists on the “continuity” of government, thus the renewals at the end of the day, while Ho Iat Seng is clearly betting on new blood for the new political cycle.

As an example, Sulu Sou and Pereira Coutinho expect a total revamp of the powerful Executive Council to work with the new Chief Executive, given the unwritten criteria of mission accomplished for recipients of Decorations, Medals and Certificates of Merit. Seven recipients are Executive Council members. According to that criteria their positions are to be discontinued.

Finally, an appropriate quotation from that May when everything was possible: be realistic, demand the impossible!

Facing intense scrutiny from President Donald Trump and his Republican allies, Hunter Biden announced yesterday that he will step down from the board of directors of a Chinese-backed private equity firm at the end of the month as part of a pledge not to work on behalf of any foreign-owned companies should his father win the presidency.

Biden, the 49-year-old son of Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden, revealed his plan in an internet post written by his attorney, George Mesires, who outlined a defense of the younger

Biden’s work in Ukraine and China, which have emerged as one of Trump’s chief lines of attack against Hunter’s father despite no proof of impropriety.

“Under a Biden Administration, Hunter will readily comply with any and all guidelines or standards a President Biden may issue to address purported conflicts of interest, or the appearance of such conflicts, including any restrictions related to overseas business interests. In any event, Hunter will agree not to serve on boards of, or work on behalf of, foreign owned companies,” Mesires wrote.



NEARLY 3,000 PEOPLE SET WORLD RECORD FOR LARGEST CALLIGRAPHY LESSON

ANTHONY LAM

2,793 people gathered yesterday to break the Guinness World Record for the largest Chinese calligraphy lesson by writing the Chinese character for longevity together at the same time.

In order to be officially recognized, the world records accreditation body deployed a team to oversee the entire process. Once the time started, the writing progressed under the supervision of the Guinness World Records team.

The event was organized not only for the sake of setting a new record for the Macau Special Administrative Region of the People’s Republic of China, but also, more importantly, it was held as part of celebrations of the 70th anniversary of the People’s

Republic of China and the 20th anniversary of Macau Special Administrative Region. This was the reason the Chinese character for longevity was picked for the event.

The event was co-hosted by the International Association of Calligraphy Painting and Artwork Macao and Calligraphic Education Association of Macau. Before the record was broken, the organizers showcased about half a dozen robotic arms that had been programmed to write Chinese calligraphy.

Event organizer Lun Weng U said, “I am very grateful for all of the support. It was exceptionally memorable as many art experts were among the participants.”

Meanwhile, participating students felt remarkably excited to be there.

Many of them have been practicing so as to perfect their calligraphy and ensure the record is set.

Joyce Lun, managing director of the International Association of Calligraphy Painting and Artwork Macao, said, “The event was not only arranged to celebrate the ‘Double Anniversary,’ but also to showcase the technological progress our country has achieved in all these years. Now, we have robotic arms that can write, paint and even play chess.”

As introduced by the organizers, the event marked a crucial day in the history and development of Chinese calligraphy. It is also the first instance in which technology and calligraphy were presented together. They hope that the event will help promote traditional Chinese culture.

Iran Pakistan’s prime minister says that his country is opposed to any war between Iran and Saudi Arabia, as he tries to mediate skyrocketing tensions between the U.S.-allied kingdom and its regional archrival.



Ecuador’s army took to the streets after President Lenin Moreno ordered the first 24-hour curfew in decades in response to a day of attacks on government buildings and media offices.



Tunisia Tunisians voted for president yesterday in an unusual contest pitting a populist tycoon who just got out of jail against a conservative professor backed by resurgent Islamists.



Turkey Turkish forces approached a key Kurdish-held town in northern Syria yesterday, setting off clashes that allowed hundreds of Islamic State supporters to escape from a camp for displaced people and prompted U.S. soldiers to withdraw from a nearby base.

Italy Humanitarian groups yesterday said they have rescued 74 migrants on a rubber boat in the Mediterranean Sea off the coast of Libya while Tunisian authorities reported blocking a smuggling boat carrying 110 migrants from setting off for Italy.



USA President Donald Trump said that he is an “island of one” for removing U.S. forces from northeastern Syria.

THE DECISIVE MOMENT

Xinhua/Mao Siqian



Icebreaker. People pose for photos with China’s first domestically built polar icebreaker “Xuelong 2,” or “Snow Dragon 2,” at a port in Shenzhen.