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FIVE PEOPLE WERE SENT TO HOSPITAL AFTER A RESIDENTIAL BUILDING IN THE AREIA PRETA AREA WENT ABLAZE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON

IMF WARNS MACAU GROWTH MIGHT NOT RETURN BEFORE 2024

A FORMER WYNN RESORTS EMPLOYEE IS SUING THE COMPANY FOR ALLEGEDLY INVADING HIS PRIVACY AND SPYING ON HIM

China People's Bank of China Governor Yi Gang said the yuan is at an "appropriate level" and cross-border capital flows have stayed balanced since the currency weakened past 7 per dollar in early August.

US-China U.S. lawmakers from both parties slammed Apple Inc. and Chief Executive Officer Tim Cook for "censorship of apps" at the "behest of the Chinese government."



Indonesia President Joko Widodo, who rose from poverty and pledged to champion democracy, fight entrenched corruption and modernize the world's most populous Muslim-majority nation, was sworn in yesterday for his second and final five-year term with a pledge to take bolder actions. More on p13



Syria Kurdish fighters and civilians began evacuating from a besieged Syrian town yesterday, the first pullback under the U.S.-brokered cease-fire deal, opening the way to a broader withdrawal of the Kurdish-led forces from parts of the Turkish border.

Pakistan-India Pakistani and Indian soldiers traded fire in disputed Kashmir yesterday, killing at least nine people on both sides, officials said.

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FIVE SENT TO HOSPITAL DUE TO AREIA PRETA RESIDENCE FIRE

AN apartment at the Edifício Jardim Kong Fok Cheong in Areia Preta went ablaze yesterday afternoon, causing one male and four females to be sent to the hospital after inhaling smoke.

The Fire Services Bureau received the initial report of the fire at 4:18 p.m. and arrived at the scene at 4:25 p.m. Upon arrival, the bureau saw fire and smoke billowing from the window of an apartment on the sixth floor facing the garden.

It took the Fire Services

about three hours to preliminarily put out the fire because in the first place, the building's fire system was out of water. The Fire Service was required to pump water from its trucks to facilitate the operation.

Information released by the Fire Services at 8 p.m. yesterday showed that a total of 150 people were evacuated from the building. The bureau deployed 19 fire engines and 110 fire fighters to the operation.

The bureau's back-up

and special task team was also deployed to assist with the operation. Drones were deployed for the first time as auxiliary support and were used to assist the Fire Service to evaluate the situation from a three-dimensional perspective.

Apart from the drained fire hose of the building, according to the commander of the service, Leong Lok Sam, the team was also faced with another difficulty.

The burnt apartment, Leong said, has been sto-

red with a large amount of cargo. The fire kept reigniting on this cargo and this posed a great and ongoing challenge for the fire fighters.

Crowds of onlookers gathered on the street beside the building yesterday afternoon to watch the fire fighters tackle the blaze.

The apartments right above and next to the main site were affected and sustained collateral damage.

Further investigation is required to determine the cause of the fire. **AL**

URBAN RENEWAL

SONIA CHAN: ROSÁRIO KEPT IN THE LOOP

SPEAKING on the sidelines of a public event, Secretary for Administration and Justice, Sonia Chan, said that her team and Raimundo do Rosário's team had been in constant communication on the public consultation for the urban renewal law.

The comment was made in defense after Chan was accused of bypassing her colleague in the commencement of the public consultation. Rosário is both the Secretary for Transport and Public Works and the President of the Urban Renewal Commission, responsible for such policies.

On October 11, Chan suddenly announced the commencement of the consultation period.

When asked about the consultation, Rosário replied that he was unfamiliar with the public consultation texts, but added he was aware of the overlapping between parts of the texts and the research and advisory services outsourced by his commission.

Chan said that the consultation texts had taken into account the results obtained by the Urban Renewal Commission's research and discussion. She thought it was the right time to start the consultation.

The public consultation will last for 60 days, ending on December 9.

Some commentators have suggested that the current text is not reflective of the vision of the incoming Chief Executive, Ho Iat Seng, according to Chinese media.

Other comments include the venues chosen for public hearing sessions, held by the government to directly communicate with the general public. These sessions were planned to be held in newer districts, and prompted worries that the government will not be able to hear from residents in older districts. Secretary Chan said she is open to holding extra sessions if necessary. **AL**

ASK THE VET

by Dr Ruan Du Toit Bester

CANINE CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE

THE heart is one of the most important organs in a dog's body. It ensures oxygen in the blood reaches all areas of the body. When it doesn't pump efficiently, other organs are affected. The dog's heart contains two chambers: the atrium and the ventricle. When either of these chambers stop pumping blood correctly, the blood and fluid begins building up around the heart leading to canine congestive heart failure.

Two main causes of canine congestive heart failure:

- Dilated Cardiomyopathy
 - Degenerative valvular disease
- With degenerative valvular disease one of the valves that prevents blood from back-flowing into the other chamber of the heart begins to fail. If blood escapes one chamber while the heart is pumping, it causes an imbalance in pressure. This form of heart failure is more common in small breeds like Yorkshire Terriers.

When the cause of the congestive heart failure is

related to dilated cardiomyopathy, either the left or right ventricle chamber starts growing. As one chamber is larger, the blood doesn't move around effectively. Larger dogs, such as Great Dane, are most susceptible.

First stage of canine congestive heart failure

Generally, there is little you'll notice during the first stage. The heart rate increases and the body adjusts to the changing blood flow by contracting the blood vessels. This triggers a bodily response to retain more sodium and water within the body. These three actions, when combined, trigger a higher blood pressure.

Some pets are diagnosed with a heart murmur years before developing congestive heart failure. If your vet hears a murmur, be aware that it may progress to congestive heart failure when your canine becomes elderly.

Signs you may see include an intolerance for exercise, coughing or wheezing when extremely active or

overly excited and restlessness before going to sleep.

Advancing congestive heart failure in dogs

As the congestive heart failure progresses, symptoms become a little more obvious. Coughing and wheezing following activity occur, as well as weight loss and lack of appetite. In some dogs, abdominal swelling becomes apparent.

As pressure builds on the lungs, fluid begins developing. Pulmonary edema is a risk. If your dog begins coughing up red or pinkish foam, contact your veterinarian immediately.

Late stage canine congestive heart failure

In the latter stages of congestive heart failure, the dog becomes lethargic. He'll breathe heavily when resting, refuse most activity and lay around all day. During activity, it isn't uncommon for the dog to collapse or faint. The dog's gums and tongue often turn a bluish-gray color during this fainting spell because the extremities are not getting enough blood. What to Expect from Treatments



Dogs with congestive heart failure will be on medications to regulate the heart rhythm and to tighten blood vessels so that fluids cannot leak into the chest cavity. Low-sodium diets and diuretics are used to regulate the amount of fluid in the body. Light exercise is often advised.

Hope this info helps
Till next week
Dr Ruan Bester

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Local gambling rates drop to new lows

RESULTS of a study on Macau residents participation in gambling activities has shown that the gambling participation rate and prevalence of gambling disorders among Macau residents have continued to decline.

Since 2007, the Social Welfare Bureau (IAS) has commissioned the University of Macau's gaming research institute to conduct the survey.

The current edition of the study's questionnaire was sent out between May 18 and June 8, and 2,003 local residents aged above 18 years old were interviewed.

The survey results show that the percentage of Macau residents who gambled in the past year was 40.9%, which represents a drop of over 10 percentage points from the 51.5% registered in 2016.

Sixteen out of the 2,003 respondents may have gambling disorders, which means that the latest prevalence of gambling disorder of Macau is 0.8%, also falling from the 2.5% verified in 2016.

The five most popular gambling activities among Macau residents are Mark Six Lottery (26.5%), social gambling (12.6%), casinos in Macau (9.4%), football and basketball betting (7.6%), and slot machines (4.8%). Apart from a slight increase in the participation rate in football and basketball betting, the other four recorded varying degrees of regression.

The survey further conducted research on respondents' betting frequency during the 2018 World Cup. Results show that betting frequency after the World Cup saw a marked decrease compared to before the event.

During this survey edition, interviewees were also asked about using gaming centers to play games that involve money transactions. Results show a participation rate of 0.7%, with one respondent possibly having a gambling disorder.

Overall, according to the survey, gaming participation rate of Macau residents dropped from 59.2% in 2007 to 40.9% in 2019. The prevalence of gambling disorders has been gradually declining from 6% during the peak of 2007 to 0.8% in 2019. **JZ**

Economic growth expected to return only by 2024

THE International Monetary Fund (IMF) has forecasted that the Macau SAR's economic growth is slated to return only in 2024, as the earliest year for which it has data showing gross domestic product expansion.

According to the World Economic Outlook report, it is expected that the city's economy will contract by 1.3% this year. Next year, the city may face a contraction of 1.1%, the IMF suggests.

The latest figures released by the Statistics and Census Bureau (DSEC) show that the economy of Macau has entered recession, contracting by 2.5% in the first half of 2019, and enduring two consecutive quarters of negative growth.

Macau's economy con-

tracted by 1.8% year-on-year in the second quarter of 2019, an improvement compared to the 3.2% decline in the first quarter. A technical recession is defined as two consecutive quarters of negative growth.

According to the IMF, the remaining indicators remain broadly unchanged in 2019 and 2020 compared to 2018, such as the inflation rate, the current account balance and the unemployment rate.

The IMF previously warned that Macau economy faces several medium-term risks, including the diminishing spending power of mainland tourists and the possibility that gaming revenue tax, which provides the bulk of government income, will be unable to keep

up with mounting social welfare costs incurred by an ageing population.

It had also lowered its growth expectations for 2019 and 2020 several times this year, citing the worsening conditions of the China-U.S. trade war.

Meanwhile, the report also noted that growth has also weakened in China, where the regulatory efforts needed to rein in debt and the macroeconomic consequences of increased trade tensions have taken a toll on aggregate demand. Growth is projected to continue to slow gradually in coming years, reflecting a decline in the growth of the working-age population and gradual convergence in per capita incomes.

Global growth is forecast

at 3% for 2019, its lowest level since 2008/09 and a 0.3 percentage point downgrade from April 2019 World Economic Outlook.

The report noted that growth is projected to pick up to 3.4% in 2020 (a 0.2 percentage point downward revision compared with April), reflecting primarily a projected improvement in economic performance in a number of emerging markets in Latin America, the Middle East, and emerging and developing Europe that are under macroeconomic strain.

The world economy is projected to grow at 3% in 2019—a significant drop from 2017/18 for emerging markets and developing economies as well as advanced economies—before recovering to 3.4% in 2020. **LV**

TAIPA FERRY TERMINAL NOT PLANNED AS A TOURIST DESTINATION

THE Macau local government has no intention to transform the Taipa Ferry Terminal into a tourism destination, the Marine and Water Bureau said in reply to lawmaker Lam Lon Wai's interpellation.

Earlier, Lam told the SAR government that Macau's sea transportation development is not ideal, having suggested to develop the premise of the Taipa Ferry terminal for tourism.

Lam argued that the terminal benefits from an excellent location by being near the airport and from soon having a Light Rapid Transit access connecting

to Taipa old town, Cotai casinos, and Lotus Frontier. Moreover, Macau does not have a large-scale shopping center that is not operated by the gaming operators.

Lam believes that tourists do not have sufficient choice for shopping, and, in recent years, tour agencies have approached resident communities for shopping and dining, which caused a severe negative impact to Macau residents.

In view of these factors, Lam wants the Taipa Ferry Terminal to become the new popular tourism destination. The marine autho-

rity told Lam that the SAR government currently has no plan to transform the Taipa Ferry Terminal into a tourist attraction and that the area will instead be developed into a major transportation hub.

Citing the Macau Government Tourism Office, the Marine authority said that, for the Pac On temporary ferry terminal to be reformed as a large-scale shopping and dining facility, or the neighboring areas of the Taipa Ferry terminal to be developed into new tourist attractions, a comprehensive urban plan is required. **JZ**

BUS CONCESSIONS EXTENDED FOR ANOTHER 14 MONTHS

THE Secretary for Transport and Public Works, Raimundo do Rosário, has confirmed to the press that the bus service concession has been extended for a 14-month period.

Macau's bus service is operated by two bus companies under concessions issued by the government. The government pays a subsidy to the operators.

Considering that the current bus services have been criticized by the public, many, including lawmakers from both pro-government and democratic camps, have urged the government to act cautiously while renewing the contract.

If the public interest cannot be guaranteed in the new contract, the government is encouraged to extend the current one for a shorter

period of time.

The terms and subsidy of the extended contract remain unchanged, at an annual cost of about 1 billion patacas.

Explaining the move, the secretary said that consensus on a new contract had not yet been reached. He added that it takes time, while admitting that he wrongly estimated the time needed to draw up a new contract.

The last contract extension added a period of 15 months to the concessions. This was done to buy time for negotiations, "but an agreement could not be reached," said Rosário.

He suggested that the media inquire with the incoming administration on the progress of the negotiations. **AL**

Lawyers rally in support of Menezes after

PAULO COUTINHO
& DANIEL BEITLER

LAWYER Jorge Menezes has appealed to the security forces in both Macau and Portugal to protect his family after they were threatened in a cyberattack that has the hallmarks of triad activity.

Widely viewed as an attack on the legal profession, Macau lawyers are rallying around Jorge Menezes with messages of solidarity.

Last week, the lawyer's email account was hacked and a message was sent to himself with the negative image of his relative's resident identity card (BIR) attached. The hacking occurred on the eve of an important trial hearing in Macau and is being interpreted as an attack against Menezes, his family and the legal profession.

Contacted yesterday by the Times, Menezes declined to comment on the emailed threat on the basis that it is now under investigation by the authorities in Macau.

News of the threat was first reported by Hoje Macau, which reviewed a letter sent by Menezes and addressed to Portugal's Ministry of Foreign Affairs. According to the Portuguese-language daily, additional letters were sent to Macau's Secretary of Security, Wong Sio Chak, the President of Portugal, the Secretary of State of the Portuguese Communities, and the Consul-General of Portugal in Macau.

In the letter seen by Hoje Macau, dated October 15, Menezes appeals to the government

of Portugal to intervene "in the manner that it deems most efficient, with the authorities of the MSAR, so that they act to investigate and, mainly, to prevent the materialization of this threat."

"I am addressing [...] following an unmistakable threat which I received a few days ago, this time addressed to one of my family members. I have already filed a criminal complaint with the Macau prosecutor and addressed a letter to the Secretary," starts the letter.

"Someone signed in to my email account, sent me an email, as if sent by me, and attached in a threatening manner the back of my family member's Resident Identity Card (BIR), stating his name and the 'negative photography,' whose gloomy aspect has an obvious and symbolic significance to local mafias," ex-

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PEDRO LEAL

plains Menezes in the letter.

"The cruel step of mafias now threatening one of my completely identified family members, telling me that they know how to get into my email, in my house, in our lives, compels me to appeal to the Government of Portugal [to intervene]."

Menezes also asserts that the identity card in question was only recently issued, "has always

been with me, has never been used," and there are no electronic copies on his computer or mobile phone.

Menezes's immediate family left the Special Administrative Region in 2013 after he was ambushed in a shocking broad daylight attack in downtown Macau. Bearing the signs of triad activity, two mainland assailants cornered the Portuguese lawyer and came at him with bricks strapped to their hands.

Local prosecution and judicial authorities did not conclude a link to organized crime and instead treated the case as an isolated attack. Earlier this year, one of the assailants was sentenced to one year and nine months imprisonment, while the other was acquitted.

News of the crude cyberattack was quickly overshadowed by what many in the legal profession considered to be inappropriate, off-the-cuff remarks offered by Jorge Neto Valente, president of the Macau Lawyers Association (AAM), on the sidelines of an event on Friday.

In his correspondence with the media, Neto Valente used the opportunity to draw attention to his poor relationship with Menezes. "I have known [Menezes] for many years, over 20 years now, and I don't want to make

any comments on his personality because if I make comments on his personality, he is the one that will file a case against me," he said.

Neto Valente said that the association had not received any reports or complaints about the incident. "I don't know anything about the matter," he told the media. "I don't know what is going on and so I can't comment."

DANIEL BEITLER



Only when asked in general terms whether threats to lawyers might jeopardize the exercise of their duties, Neto Valente answered, "of course it can, but not just a lawyer, this applies to any person because it puts the threatened person into a crisis situation, naturally."

"Certainly, I cannot defend that any lawyer could be threatened or attacked. I can't be in support of such a thing. [But] in this particular and individual case, I don't know what is going on and so I can't comment."

The inopportune comment about Menezes's character

CORRUPTION

CCAC to release report on investigation into Mi Jian

ANTHONY LAM
& JULIE ZHU

THE Commission Against Corruption (CCAC) has completed an investigation into the recent complaints against the Policy Research and Regional Development Bureau (DSEPDR) and its director, and will release a report in due course.

On Friday, CCAC Commissioner André Cheong Weng Chon said he was

reviewing the contents of the report and preparing a press release to provide an explanation to the public. It is expected that the results of the investigation will be announced by the end of this month.

In July, the director of the DSEPDR, Mi Jian, was accused of committing 11 types of misconduct. The accusation was made in the form of a complaint letter sent to the CCAC by "a group of DSEPDR

workers."

The authors of the letter claim that Mi had admitted several doctorate candidates into the bureau to work without going through the central recruitment procedures. Normally, government recruitment is done publicly under certain criteria. The complainants accuse Mi of nepotism.

Mi was also accused of having terminated local employment contracts

and having reserved positions for his students by emptying certain managerial positions.

The bureau head was accused of having divided research projects into small parts, each costing less than MOP500,000, in order to bypass the legal requirement to open a public tender.

He was also reported to have regularly smoked in his indoor office space. The letter stated that re-

ports had been made to the Health Bureau but no obvious follow-up action was seen.

Afterwards, Mi issued a statement to deny the accusations. His bureau held internal meetings and issued a statement about its conclusion that the complaint had not originated from the DSEPDR.

As the complaint was made publicly, the CCAC responded quickly.

Cheong has said to the media that the CCAC is handling the case in accordance with the established working procedures, assuring the public that Mi's statement would not affect the commission's impartiality.

The DSEPDR, formed by the Chief Executive to study ways to coordinate Macau's integration into the Greater Bay Area, has been in operation for a little over one year.

triad-like threat



has invited measures of concern and condemnation from lawyers in the city, including many at the AAM.

Miguel de Senna Fernandes, a lawyer and a leader of the Macanese community in Macau, described the personal grievances between Menezes and Valente as

“absolutely irrelevant to the rest of us” and called on his colleagues in the profession to “unambiguously show their solidarity with Menezes.”

“Surely, this is an attempt [to constrict] the free exercise of the lawyers’ profession,” he said. “I don’t know if it has to do with the

vile attack perpetrated against him in 2013, but apart from this, any threat against a lawyer is damaging of his practice and is an attempt against the free exercise of his profession. This alone is terrible.”

“Threat, coercion or other restrictions on the freedom and

rights of a lawyer are abominable acts and should therefore be severely punished,” commented Leonel Alves, a lawyer and member of the Executive Council, the core policy-making organ of the administration.

Lawyer Pedro Leal said that although he “unconditionally” supports Neto Valente in his role as AAM’s president, the association leader had carelessly “trivialized” the situation.

“[Neto Valente] should have opted for a simpler statement,” said Leal. “However, by commenting on his poor or nonexistent personal relationship with Menezes, Neto Valente trivialized a situation that is gravely serious.”

Leal said that the incident was “necessarily an attack on the free exercise of the law” and constituted “a threat to all lawyers, and if Menezes will not [capitulate], more fragile colleagues may shudder their way and give up advocating this or that cause.”

“Knowing Menezes, as I do, it does not seem to me that any threat, wherever it comes from, can have any effect [on his practice],” continued Leal. “However, this threat is even more serious than the aggression against Menezes a few years ago. It seems that, as the first attempt of intimidation had no effect whatsoever, now [the author of this threat has sought] a more fragile and unprotected target.”

“As AAM’s president, Neto Valente must represent all lawyers equally. Anyone who heard Neto Valente’s statements gets the impression that Menezes may be blamed for the threat he was a victim of. At least, I understood it that way. This not only trivializes the situation but may result in less attention being paid to the investigation of the crime,” argued the lawyer.

“If, for example in Portugal, someone listens to the statements of Neto Valente, they may think that Menezes is a ‘madman’, whose conduct as a lawyer would be reprehensible. And that is not true by any means!”

Alves further remarked that the AAM, as a representative body of lawyers in Macau, should act accordingly to the seriousness of the threat “to ensure the effective exercise of a profession which is intrinsically linked to the realization of constitutional rights and freedoms.”

“The AAM president’s statements are unfortunate and reveal a lack of ethical and moral stature to run an association of free lawyers,” commented lawyer Sérgio de Almeida Correia, a veteran in the profession, who last year grappled with Valente in a pre-election spat after Correia announced his desire to take over the leadership of the AAM.

“It seems that Neto Valente cannot separate the exercise of his institutional functions from his personal interests,” added Correia. “No one had asked him if he was in close relations with Menezes, or what he thought about the personality or character of a colleague.”

Neto Valente’s unwillingness to defend a colleague whose profession he claims to represent is, according to Correia, a “gross violation” of Macau’s Lawyers Code of Practice, as well as the recommendations of the United Nations Human Rights Committee, which in 2017 passed a resolution that “condemns acts of violence, intimidation and reprisals against judges, prosecutors and lawyers themselves and reminds States of their duty to protect these persons and their families, by condemning such acts and bringing the perpetrators to justice.”

“In my view he tried to discredit a colleague, [...] but with this he only revealed his lack of nobility upon exercising his duties,” said Correia. “His statements are a disgrace and a shame to all true lawyers anywhere in the world. In Portugal, under the Bar Association (Ordem dos Advogados), he would certainly be punished for what he said.”

RANT AGAINST THE WEST

‘Inflammatory comments create rebel spirits’ says Neto Valente

RENATO MARQUES

THE president of the Macau Lawyers Association (AAM), Jorge Neto Valente, takes issue with the comments made by Gu Xinhua, a professor at the University of Macau’s Faculty of Business Administration, who delivered an inflammatory “rant against the west” last week.

The comments were made during a speech at the Annual Conference of Macao Studies.

“When I see a teacher of the University of Macau saying that in Macau the system works better because it doesn’t have as many ‘white people’ as in Hong Kong, I seriously question myself if this person has enough qualities to

be a teacher of anything?” remarked Neto Valente. “I never had any teacher, either primary school or secondary school, music or sports that could say such brutality.”

In the AAM president’s opinion, “what is dangerous is that this person isn’t here alone, these are the people that want to impose the patriotic values, and

impose the ‘love to Macau’, among others.”

“They think they have the monopoly over patriotic and China-related virtues. These are the dangerous ones because they aim to create a rebel spirit in the people that hear them.”

Noting that Gu is entitled to express himself, Neto Valente added, “people

that have different mindsets and values to the ones in Macau have the right to express themselves, they just don’t have the right to make such comments.”

Questioned also by the media on whether or not the AAM would consider taking any actions regarding the comments, Neto Valente said, “I don’t think [such comments] deserve any kind of reply except to completely disregard them.”

Following the story uncovered by the Times last Wednesday, Hoje Macau newspaper contacted lawyer Pedro Leal, who

said that Gu’s speech did not fit under any criminal offense.

“I don’t think such statements are sufficient rationale for a crime. It’s a silly opinion from a person, which deserves to be criticized [for its content] but I don’t think it can be considered a crime,” said Leal.

After repeated attempts since early last week, the Times is still looking for an official statement from the University of Macau on whether the views of Gu reflect the university’s stance on such matters. The UM has not yet provided any comment on the case.



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Property of the Week



Keng Ou Office space, Macau

HK\$17,500,000 2,352 ft² 3 🏠

Just on the market is this open spaced office centrally located in Macau. Across the road from New Yaohan department store and next to China Law Building, Keng Ou office building is well placed with major banks and office towers within a 5 minute walk.

Originally 2 separate office's, 12A and 12B, it is now combined into one large open space with 3 office rooms at the front face of the building. Being on the 12th floor, each office room has pleasing views of Nam Van lake, city and the luscious green park below.

With plenty of natural light from the front and side light wells, this space is well suited for a host of business's.

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1,404 ft²
2 🏠



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\$3,200,000
170 ft²



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Office Space in NAPE, Tong Nam Ah Building

\$26,000/mth
1,043 ft²
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Largo de Ponte, Taipa

\$8,500/mth
426 ft²
1 🏠



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HK's 'social unrest' is boosting property sales in Portugal

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AN event was held in Macau this weekend to present, promote and sell a new real estate development in Lisbon. The Residences at Hyatt Regency were presented by Portuguese company United Investments Portugal (UIP), known for developing and promoting real estate projects in luxury resorts such as Algarve's Pine Cliffs Resort or Sheraton Cascais, among others.

UIP holds a majority of its investments in Portugal, although it also controls several others across the globe through the company or its subsidiaries.

At the sidelines of the event held at the Grand Emperor Hotel, the general manager of real estate of UIP, Daniel Correia explained to the Times that the company builds, develops and associates itself with several international brands to sell real estate that tends to several purposes.

"Some [are investments] with a guaranteed return, others just for secondary housing or holiday homes," said Correia.

Driving the interest of both Macau and Hong Kong residents is the recent unrest in the neighboring SAR, according to Correia.

"The presence of UIP is not just related to the recent events [in Hong Kong] but obviously in part, and due to these events we have intensified our work here since the demand and interest for our solutions have significantly increased."

For Correia, the interest of local people, as well as Hong Kong people, for the UIP products comes from a combination of factors in which the "social unrest" of the recent months also plays a role.

"The recent events [in Hong Kong] have given an extra boost on the search for investments in other regions of the globe. And in this sense, the association to the [Portuguese] 'Golden Visa' program is working as we note people have been expressing concerns in having some alternative plans in terms of residency."

Nevertheless, Correia explains that the presence in Macau and Hong Kong is not only because of Hong Kong's situation.

"We have been promoting Portugal for several years, namely in China, the Middle East, and the Americas for some time now. We started promoting in the mainland in 2013, initially in Shanghai and Beijing, but

RENATO MARQUES



General manager of real estate of UIP, Daniel Correia

then diversifying to other cities, including Hong Kong where the company had had clients for at least four years."

Correia added that the local presence comes from the work previously done and now facilitated by the partnership with local business consulting firm &Beyond, which has helped to promote the investments in both Macau and Hong Kong.

MACAU AS A FINAL USER, NOT A PLATFORM

Steering away from most government policies that tend to regard Macau as a "platform," Correia notes that in the case of UIP, Macau is also, and above all, a final user.

"Macau is not just a bridge or a platform to connect to the region but also a final destination in the sense that many of the clients of the company are Macau residents."

Patrícia Rato, General Manager of &Beyond, told the Times that the opportunity allowed for good feedback to be obtained and it was easy to find similar business interests to partner with in terms of sales from local and regional real estate agencies.

"We have gathered very interesting feedback, in a way that we have been receiving requests from some partners, namely

Chinese real estate agencies from Macau and from Hong Kong that are working with us to push this promotion even a little further," she said. "It was very easy, to attract them to this product as the real estate agencies showed interest on their own. They understand its value easily," Rato said.

For the local company, this partnership is also a way of broadening the range of offers to customers, including Chinese nationals from Macau and Portuguese nationals.

"At the moment, we are very focused on the investment part. The results have been very positive, people in Macau have a sense of trust and security in what concerns Portugal because although it is a faraway place, we have a close relation in many aspects and that transmits trust and confidence to potential investors."

'GOLDEN VISA' IS AN ADDED BENEFIT

Correia explained that the access to the "Golden Visa" program is an added benefit for their investors in Portugal, namely as real estate is not UIP's main target but an added advantage and one more factor contributing to the positive outcome.

"On the UIP group, we work with properties in a market seg-

ment that is above the minimum requirement [for the Golden Visa]. In this sense, we are not the first choice when people search for a product to achieve the minimum 500,000 euros to reach the requirements in terms of investment," he said.

"Our investment product is not planned to the program of the 'Golden Visa.' It is a product for a client in a higher segment of the market, which is looking for, above all, quality and security. [Here] the residency visa is an added advantage."

MORE PROJECTS COMING SOON

On his second visit to Macau this year, Correia admits that this might not be the last in the short-term as the company is soon launching another project available for investment.

"We have a new project, just recently unveiled in the Portuguese market, which is the Quinta Marques Gomes in Gaia [close to Porto city]. But in this first phase, it is being presented to the local investors that have priority on the deal," he said.

"We expect that until the end of this year or start of next year, we should start selling it to the open market and in that sense, we will once again present in the Asian market to launch it and promote it."

HUMAN BONES FOUND AT A-MA TEMPLE

A plastic bag containing human bones has been found at the A-Ma Temple, the Judiciary Police (PJ) reported last Friday. According to the PJ investigation, the bag of bones was found on Thursday afternoon by an employee of the A-Ma Temple. Upon discovering the bag, the employee informed the person in charge of the A-Ma Temple, who reported it to the police authority. Upon inspection, a stone monument, an ash container, an incomplete skull without a jawbone and another piece of suspected human bone were found in the bag. The human bone has been weathered and the tibia is believed to be at least 10 years old. The incident, which was listed as a human remains discovery case, has been referred to the investigation department of the PJ.

60 IMMIGRATION APPLICATIONS CONTAINED IRREGULARITIES

More than 60 immigration applications concerning technical immigration and major investments were found to contain irregularities, according to a report by TDM. The director of the Macao Trade and Investment Promotion (IPI), Irene Lau, said that these cases were already referred to the judicial department for a follow-up. Last year, in July, the Commission Against Corruption (CCAC) published a report condemning IPI's immigration application assessment measures for having loopholes. Lau claimed that, in the aftermath of the CCAC's report, IPI has already reviewed more than 1,600 major investment immigration application archives received from 2017 until 2019. Regarding the SAR government's plan to amend the immigration law, Lau said that IPI has already consulted more than 20 organizations and research groups.

CHUI PLEDGES TO REOPEN HOUSING APPLICATION BY DECEMBER

During the press conference at the open day of the government headquarters, Chief Executive Chui Sai On mentioned that he will restart the applications for government housing before his term ends. His successor, Ho Iat Seng, will take office on December 20. To justify the act, Chui stressed that he had already "sufficiently discussed" with Secretary for Transport and Public Works, Raimundo do Rosário, who is pressing his team to reactivate the application before the Handover Anniversary Day. Chui emphasized that his promise to restart applications is crucial to Macau. Government housing is an inevitable responsibility of the government, he said.

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EX-SALON CHIEF ALLEGES WYNN RESORTS SPIED AT HIS NEW JOB

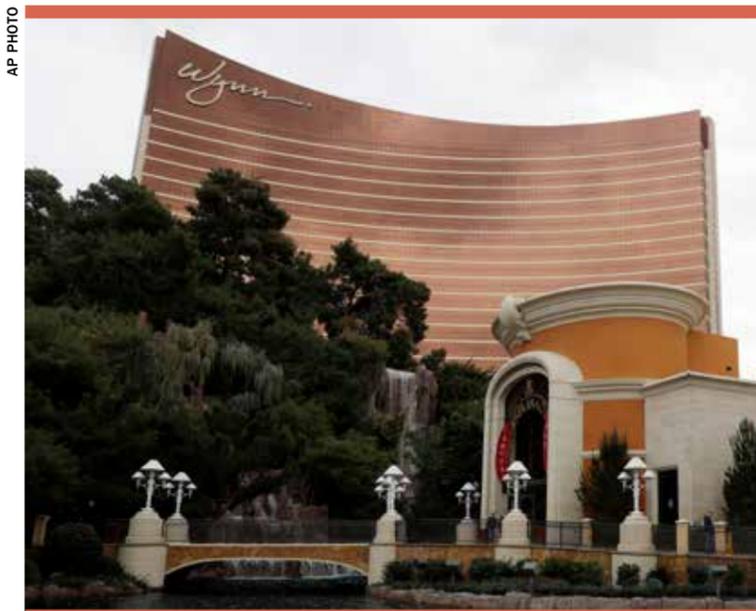
KEN RITTER, LAS VEGAS

A former beauty salon director who went public about sexual misconduct allegations against casino mogul Steve Wynn nearly two years ago is suing Wynn Resorts and company executives, alleging they invaded his privacy and spied on him at his next job in a bid to undercut his accounts.

Jorgen Nielsen, once a Wynn Las Vegas hairstylist, told the Wall Street Journal for a January 2018 report that no corporate action was taken after female resort employees informed company executives about sexual advances by Steve Wynn.

Nielsen's lawsuit, filed last week in state court in Nevada, accuses Wynn Resorts chief executive Matt Maddox, former general counsel Kim Sinatra and former security director James Stern of civil conspiracy and other damaging acts.

Steve Wynn is not a named plaintiff in the lawsuit and has denied all allegations against him.



AP PHOTO

His attorney, L. Lin Wood, did not immediately respond to telephone and email messages.

Nielsen's lawsuit points to testimony made public in April following an investigation by the Massachusetts Gaming Commission that Maddox and Sinatra approved Stern's plan to send

what the lawsuit calls an "undercover operative" to pose as a customer and question Nielsen at his salon job at another resort.

The lawsuit alleges the company also admitted conducting surveillance in March 2018 on then-current Wynn salon employees "and the possibility that

their surveillance activities would scare persons, like plaintiff Nielsen and those who would support and corroborate his statements, from speaking out."

Wynn Resorts said in a statement that Maddox testified before the Massachusetts regulators that "the company did not authorize any inappropriate surveillance activity."

"This lawsuit is without merit and we will vigorously defend ourselves against it," said the statement from spokesman Michael Weaver.

It added that Sinatra and Stern no longer work for Wynn Resorts. Contact information for them was not immediately found.

Nielsen worked at several Las Vegas hotels built by Wynn, who stepped down from his casino company in February 2018 — shortly after Nielsen was quoted commenting about employees' fears of Wynn.

Wynn followed with several defamation lawsuits, including one against Nielsen. It remains open in Clark County District Court in

Las Vegas.

Nielsen's attorney, Kathleen England, cited other legal and regulatory actions in recent months involving Steve Wynn and Wynn Resorts. She said the company should "figure out how to proclaim that what Steve Wynn did was wrong," apologize to employees and commit to compensating victims.

The lawsuit points to a record \$20 million fine the company paid in February to settle a Nevada gambling regulatory probe of claims that executives failed to investigate sexual misconduct claims against Wynn before he resigned.

Steve Wynn was not part of that settlement. The Nevada Gaming Commission had frozen his Nevada casino license, and the state Gaming Control Board this month filed a complaint that could ban him from getting it back.

In Massachusetts, regulators fined Wynn Resorts \$35 million for failing while applying for a casino license to disclose years of allegations of sexual misconduct against Steve Wynn. Maddox was fined \$500,000 more for failing to investigate at least one misconduct complaint.

The company was still allowed to open a Boston-area resort, renamed "Encore," after stripping Wynn's name from the marquee.

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Hong Kong defies police ban in latest chapter of unrest

HONG Kong protesters flooded the city's streets yesterday in defiance of a ban by the authorities on their march, setting up roadblocks and tossing firebombs amid the firing of tear gas by police.

Protest leaders carried a black banner at the front of the procession that read, "Five main demands, not one less," as they pressed their calls for accountability and political rights in the semi-autonomous Chinese territory.

Police beefed up security measures for the unauthorized rally, the latest chapter in unrest that has disrupted life in the financial hub since early June.

Black-clad and masked protesters barricaded streets at multiple locations in Kowloon, where the city's subway operator restricted passenger access.

The protesters tore off stones from the sidewalk and scattered them on the road, commandeered plastic safety barriers and unscrewed metal railings to form makeshift roadblocks. They sang the protest movement's anthem and held up placards depicting the Chinese flag as a Nazi swastika.

Matthew Lee, a university student, said he was determined to keep protesting even after more than four months.

"I can see some people want to give up, but I don't want to do this because Hong Kong is my home, we want to protect this place, protect Hong Kong," he said. "You can't give up because Hong Kong is your home."

A water cannon truck and armored car led a column of dozens of police vans down Nathan Road, a major artery lined with shops, stopping frequently to spray liquid tinted blue as they moved to clear the road of protesters and barricades.

Residents jeered at riot police walking alongside the vehicles, cursing them and telling them to leave. The officers, in turn, told people they were part of an illegal assembly and warned them to leave, and unleashed rounds of tear gas in an attempt to disperse the crowds.

Along the way, protesters trashed outlets of a discount grocery chain because of what they say is its pro-Beijing ownership. They also tried to set fire to ATMs and branches of mainland Chinese banks, setting off sprinklers in at least two.

As night fell, protesters returned to the streets, setting trash on fire in intersections. Police responded with more tear gas.



Many of the protesters wore masks in defiance of a recently introduced ban on face coverings at public gatherings, and volunteers handed more out to the crowd.

Organizers said they wanted to use their right to protest as guaranteed by the city's constitution despite the risk of arrest.

"We're using peaceful, rational, nonviolent ways to voice our demands," Figo Chan, vice convener of the Civil Human Rights Front, told reporters. "We're not afraid of being arrested. What I'm most scared of is everyone giving up on our principles."

The group has organized some of the movement's biggest protest marches. One of its leaders, Jimmy Sham, was attacked last week by assailants wielding hammers.

On Saturday, a man distributing leaflets near a wall with pro-democracy messages was stabbed and wounded. Police said they arrested a 22-year-old man in connection with the knife attack that wounded a 19-year-old.

Meanwhile, thousands of kilometers away, a bipartisan group of U.S. lawmakers including Republican Sen. Ted Cruz and De-

mocratic Rep. Alexandria Ocasio Cortez wrote to tech company Apple and video game studio Activision Blizzard to condemn what they called protest-related censorship on behalf of China.

The group urged Apple to reverse its decision to remove from

its app store the crowdsourced mapping app HKMaplive that was used to report police locations so that they could be avoided.

They also wrote separately to Activision to reconsider its decision to suspend a Hong Kong

gamer after he voiced support for the protesters during an interview.

"Cases like these raise real concerns about whether Apple and other large U.S. entities will bow to growing Chinese demands rather than lose access to more than a billion Chinese consumers," said the letter sent Friday and co-signed by Sens. Marco Rubio and Ron Wyden and Reps. Mike Gallagher and Tom Malinowski.

The lawmakers also cited China's pressure on the NBA after Houston Rockets general manager Daryl Morey's tweet in support of the protesters. On Friday night, some basketball fans held signs, wore shirts and chanted support for Hong Kong at a Brooklyn Nets preseason game.

One sign called out LeBron James and Nets owner Joe Tsai, co-founder of Chinese e-commerce giant Alibaba, who were critical of Morey's tweet. Tsai wrote a Facebook post explaining why the since-deleted tweet upset China.

Also Saturday, Hong Kong leader Carrie Lam said the murder suspect whose case inadvertently helped ignite the city's protest movement wants to surrender to authorities in Taiwan after he's released from prison later this week for a different offense.

Lam said on a radio show that Chan Tong-Kai's decision to surrender has led to a "relatively relieving" conclusion to the case.

Chan is wanted by Taiwanese authorities for allegedly killing his girlfriend during a trip to the self-ruled island last year but wasn't sent back to face charges because there's no extradition agreement, though he was jailed in Hong Kong on money laundering charges.

Lam had tried to resolve the case by proposing extradition amendments, but the bill sparked massive protests over fears they would put Hong Kong residents at risk of being sent into mainland China's Communist Party-controlled judicial system. **MDT/AP**

MASQUERADE: THE NEW PROTEST TACTIC

WINNIE the Pooh, Guy Fawkes, Pepe the Frog — these are the new faces of Hong Kong's pro-democracy protest movement.

Demonstrators masqueraded Friday night as their favorite characters in defiance of the government's ban this month on face coverings at public gatherings.

Protesters in the semi-autonomous Chinese city took a humorous approach to draw attention to their cause as they try to keep up the pressure on the government five months since the movement erupted.

Many assumed the identity of Winnie the Pooh, because Chinese internet users joke that the talking bear resembles President Xi Jinping.

Others wore Guy Fawkes masks, a global symbol of antigovernment protests. Some became Pepe the Frog, a character adopted by Hong Kong protesters unaware of its association with U.S. far-right extremists. **AP**



ON THE STREETS, NEW IMF IS GETTING SAME PUSHBACK AS OLD ONE

ALAA SHAHINE & JEFF KEARNS

AS the International Monetary Fund holds its annual meeting in Washington this week, mutinies are breaking out in countries that borrow from it.

From Ecuador and Argentina to Egypt, the upheaval has a familiar look, even after the IMF spent years trying to reinvent itself - posing a challenge for new chief Kristalina Georgieva.

Since the financial crisis the IMF, long resented for supporting austerity, has devoted more attention to how the benefits of growth are shared.

Its research has sometimes challenged the free-market consensus that the IMF itself has been a pillar of - highlighting the dangers of inequality and the potential benefits of capital controls. "Neoliberalism: Oversold?" was the headline of one 2016 report.

But while the general guidance has changed, prescriptions for individual borrowers are still running into trouble.

A primary-vote drubbing for Argentina's President Mauricio Macri derailed the biggest-ever IMF loan program. Violence in Ecuador forced officials to flee the capital and back away from IMF-endorsed policies. Rare protests in Egypt, which usually keeps a tight lid on dissent, have fueled speculation its government may do the same. Tunisia has also seen anti-austerity demonstrations.

To some extent, the problem is baked in. Countries only turn to the Fund for cash if their economies are already in trouble - so the conditions for unrest are already there before the first IMF delegation touches down.

Still, the backlash is unsettling for an institution working to change its image.

Adnan Mazarei, a former IMF deputy director who helped oversee the response to the 2011 Arab Spring, said the Fund has worked to improve its understanding of the "social impact of what may be unavoidable reforms."

"Has it learned adequately? No," said Mazarei, now at the Peterson Institute for International Economics. But he said there's often little choice. "We get called in when someone needs to be brought to the emergency room. And you can't say, at that moment, 'I'll do surgery if you fill a list of 12 things you'll never do that brought you here.'"

Georgieva told finance ministers and central bankers this week that the IMF has "significantly stepped up its engagement on social spending issues." Fund officials say they often just set outlines, and leave it up to borrowers to decide where to trim budgets.



An indigenous woman wears a mask during a protest last month in Quito, Ecuador

IMF First Deputy Managing Director David Lipton said on Friday that reforms taken by countries as part of IMF programs should always be designed to take care of the less fortunate.

One problem is that success is measured by indicators like growth, inflation or fiscal balances "to the exclusion of almost everything else," according to Ziad Daoud, chief Middle East economist at Bloomberg Economics.

As a result, "the programs rarely get a buy-in from the general

public," he said. "The risk of popular backlash is material."

Egypt, hailed as an IMF success, is a case in point. The Fund's \$12 billion loan helped avert a crippling dollar shortage and lured billions into local-currency bonds. The budget deficit narrowed, and the economy is now growing faster than most Middle East peers.

But the cost has been steep and the benefits unevenly shared. Egypt had to devalue the pound and slash subsidies, in-

creasing poverty. Businessmen complain privately that army-backed companies are quashing competition, defying the IMF's support for a private sector-led recovery. Long-term foreign investment outside the oil and gas industry has yet to recover.

The IMF has encouraged countries to quit subsidizing fuel, often making the case on distributional grounds. Wealthier people are more likely to own cars, so it's better to target spending on those in most need.

"The removal of energy subsidies ticks the boxes on fiscal sustainability and more equitable social support," said Simon Kitchen, head of strategy at EFG-Hermes, an investment bank focusing on emerging and frontier markets. "But this takes a while to work. And in the meantime, the impact can be quite severe."

In Ecuador, cuts of this kind underlay an explosive confrontation between protesters and authorities. Argentina also lowered subsidies. But after his shock defeat in August's primary elections, which triggered a market collapse, Macri restored some of them.

The Fund still has plenty of supporters. Egyptian officials say they're keen on maintaining close ties. Gulf Arab monarchies struggling to cope with lower oil prices have followed IMF advice by introducing value-added taxes.

IMF research has tilted toward recommending looser fiscal policies for countries that can afford it. Saudi Arabia even credits the Fund for delaying a plan to balance the budget that would have squeezed growth.

The Fund's research often reflects what's already happening in the world, but it's hard to see measures like capital controls featuring in policy recommendations, said Kitchen at EFG. "The question is whether the IMF becomes a thought leader or just adapts to new trends in the global economy."

And the recent revolts against partner governments in South America are a blow in a region where the IMF has been "trying to re-engage," according to Monica de Bolle, director of Latin American studies at the School of Advanced International Studies at Johns Hopkins University.

"When you talk to people in Argentina or Ecuador, yes, they blame their country officials for the situation they're in," she said. "But they also blame the IMF."

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THESE 20 COUNTRIES WILL DOMINATE GLOBAL GROWTH IN 2024

ALEX TANZI

THE global economy, weighed down by tensions that have stalled international trade and elevated uncertainty, is expected to see slower growth in the next half decade across a wide swath of economies.

China's growth rate is expected to continue to slow, and will be a smaller driver to global GDP growth in the near term. China's share of global GDP growth is expected to fall from 32.7% in 2018-2019 to 28.3% by 2024 - a relatively steep 4.4 percentage point reduction.

Weaker global growth, expected to fall to 3% this year and the slowest since the global financial crisis, will affect 90% of the world, according to estimates released this week by

the International Monetary Fund.

Which economies are the key players now and where will global growth come from in five years? Bloomberg used International Monetary Fund projections, adjusted for purchasing power parity, to identify these growth engines.

The U.S., while still expected to contribute a sizable portion to world growth, is projected to fall to third place, after India. America's share of global growth is expected to slip from 13.8% to 9.2% by 2024, while India's share is projected to rise to 15.5% and eclipse the U.S. over this five-year period.

Indonesia will remain in the fourth spot as its economy is expected to have a 3.7% growth share in 2024, a slight downward adjust-

ment from 3.9% in 2019.

The U.K. will see its importance wane amid Brexit as its economy drops from ninth as a share of world growth in 2019, to 13th.

Although world GDP growth attributable to Russia is at 2% now and expected to stay there in five years, the country is likely to displace Japan as the number five growth contributor. Japan will fall to the ninth spot by 2024. Brazil is projected to move up from No. 11 to No. 6. Germany's share of growth is expected to remain at 1.6% and 7th on the list.

The IMF said new growth engines among the top 20 countries in five years will include Turkey, Mexico, Pakistan and Saudi Arabia, while Spain, Poland, Canada and Vietnam drop out of the first 20. **BLOOMBERG**

HANGZHOU Hikvision Digital Technology Co. warned it may lose customers in overseas markets because of its U.S. black-listing, underscoring the extent to which curbs on the sale of American technology may hurt the world's largest video surveillance business.

Executives at the Chinese camera provider, which reported profit in line with estimates Friday, said however the company was large enough to withstand U.S. sanctions and develop its own technology in the longer term. Its own market remains a rich source of revenue even though the U.S. business is also shrinking, a trend that may persist for a while, Huang Fanghong, a Hikvision senior vice president, said on an earnings call on Saturday.

Hikvision found itself in the cross-hairs of the Trump administration this month after it joined other Chinese companies -- including Huawei Technologies Co. -- on an Entity List that prevents American firms from supplying it with components and software. The seller of video cameras used around the world in surveillance was accused of involvement in human rights violations against Muslim minorities in the far-western region of Xinjiang.

Hikvision executives say they had anticipated the action and stockpiled enough key parts to keep operations going for some time. The company has said it didn't foresee a major impact on its business as a result of the ban.

In Huawei's case, for instance, some suppliers including Intel Corp. and Micron Technology Inc. developed workaround solutions to the prohibition. Most of Hikvision's American suppliers are continuing to do business with it, while abiding by export regulations and without the need for special licenses, according to Huang.

"We have made a great deal of preparations, from a year ahead of the ban," said Huang. "There's no way for us to fully discuss the impact from the entity list in 10 days. We need more time to talk to our suppliers and customers. A

Surveillance giant warns of client losses after US curbs



steady component supply is key in this process, no matter if we decide to use original materials or a replacement design."

The U.S. decision, which came on the eve of sensitive trade negotiations, takes President Donald Trump's economic war against China in a new direction: the first time his administration has cited human rights as a reason for action. It deals a potentially heavy long-term blow against Hikvision, which has steadily switched to Chinese-made components in recent years but still relies on the likes of Intel Corp., ON Semiconductor Corp. and Texas Instruments Inc., particularly for higher-end chips.

Still, as much as 80% of Hikvi-

sion's sales are insulated from the U.S. ban, analysts Charles Shum and Simon Chan of Bloomberg Intelligence wrote in an Oct. 8 note.

"Hikvision's sales may continue to rise over the next year despite the Trump administration's decision," they wrote. "It can also source alternative parts, though with a weaker performance, from local suppliers in the medium term."

Hikvision reported Friday that net income grew 17% to 3.81 billion yuan (\$538 million) in the September quarter, while revenue grew 23%. The company forecast growth of 5% to 20% in net income this year. Its shares are still up 18% this year despite a 5%

loss this month.

Hikvision was added to the Entity List alongside SenseTime Group Ltd. and Megvii Technology Ltd., two giant enterprises Beijing is counting on to spearhead advances into a revolutionary technology. Hikvision doesn't play as outsized a role in China's ambitions but it's a key partner to Beijing as well as governments around the world. Its cameras are used from Paris to Bangkok and Urumqi, and are considered pivotal to crime prevention as well as helping build "smart cities" or networked urban environments.

Longer term, U.S. sanctions threaten to crimp some of the explosive growth Hikvision has managed this decade, in large part

due to China's effort to put in place the world's largest surveillance and monitoring network. The company may find itself short of the components it needs to build advanced systems, unless Chinese chipmakers succeed in developing more advanced chips -- another of Beijing's stated policy ambitions in tech.

Thanks to cheap but capable cameras, the Chinese company has enjoyed double-digit growth over the past eight years. Demand for its surveillance cameras, video storage and data analysis services has boomed particularly in its home market. Overseas, the company competes against Canon, Hanwha Techwin and Bosch. **BLOOMBERG**

Gov't calls for tech collaboration while criticizing US action

A senior Chinese official called for governments around the world to work more closely together to regulate emerging technologies, while taking a veiled swipe at the U.S. for undermining collaboration.

"The foundation for an open and shared-by-all internet is unstable," Huang Kunming, a member of the

Politburo, which is comprised of China's 25 most-senior officials, said at a technology forum yesterday. "Some countries restrain and suppress companies from other countries using cyber security as an excuse. Such moves cast uncertainty and even antagonism over cyberspace," he said, without naming the U.S.

Technology has come increasingly to the fore of a confrontation between the U.S. and China that began with trade and has since spread to 5G mobile networks and artificial intelligence. Washington has lobbied countries to not use gear from Huawei Technologies Co. in their 5G plans, arguing it could

facilitate spying by Beijing, and the U.S. black-listed some of China's leading AI companies, citing their links to the detention of ethnic minorities.

"We need to respect each country's approach to Internet development, governance, policy making and their rights to participate in interna-

tional governance based on mutual trust," said Huang, who's also head of the Communist Party's publicity department. "We need to pay attention to each others' interests and concerns, effectively deal with disagreements and avoid strategic misjudgment."

Huang spoke at the

World Internet Conference held in the small town of Wuzhen in eastern China's Zhejiang province. Alibaba Group Holding Ltd. Chief Executive Daniel Zhang, Baidu Inc. Chief Executive Robin Li and Western Digital Corp. Chief Executive Steve Milligan were among executives in attendance. **BLOOMBERG**

MACAU'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

CHINA'S top trade negotiator offered positive signals that talks with the U.S. are making progress and both sides are working toward a partial trade deal.

"China and the U.S. have made substantial progress in many aspects, and laid an important foundation for a phase one agreement," Vice Premier Liu He said at a technology conference in Nanchang, Jiangxi, on Saturday. He reiterated that China is "willing to work in concert with the U.S. to address each other's core concerns on the basis of equality and mutual respect."

The comments come as the U.S. and China work toward getting some sort of agreement ready for presidents Donald Trump and Xi Jinping to sign at the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit next month in Chile. The U.S. has said China will buy as much as \$50 billion in U.S. agricultural goods in exchange for the suspension of additional tariffs, though Bloomberg has reported that the Chinese want more talks and would need existing tariffs rolled back in order to reach that amount of imports.

The "phase one" deal described by Washington may not address many of the larger issues that initiated the trade war which has dragged on for more

LIU CONFIRMS PHASE ONE OF US TRADE DEAL IS IN PROGRESS



than a year, such as forced technology transfers and industrial subsidies. The White House is also looking at rolling out a previously agreed currency pact with China, people familiar said earlier. The agreement would be similar to commitments China has already made in accordance with International Monetary Fund standards, they said.

Liu did not address any speci-

tics in his speech, though he reiterated that China would boost intellectual property protection, especially for small and medium enterprises.

U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin said that lower-level talks would take place by phone this week. Chinese officials are working on the text of an agreement on trade in close contact with U.S. negotiators, and have

begun discussions on the next stage, Ministry of Commerce spokesman Gao Feng said last week.

China's economic growth slowed further to 6% in the third quarter, according to data released on Friday, increasing pressure on Beijing to put an end to the trade conflict. With a drop-off in exports to the U.S. expected to continue as long as tariffs

remain, the economy is likely to keep struggling as deflationary pressures hit company profits.

China is targeting 6% to 6.5% gross domestic product growth this year. Liu said the fundamentals of China's economy remain unchanged, even as it goes through a significant re-balancing, and the nation is "confident" of reaching its economic targets. **BLOOMBERG**

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ELECTION

Indonesia's popular president sworn in for second term

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INDONESIAN President Joko Widodo, who rose from poverty and pledged to champion democracy, fight entrenched corruption and modernize the world's most populous Muslim-majority nation, was sworn in yesterday for his second and final five-year term with a pledge to take bolder actions.

Army troops and police, along with armored vehicles, firetrucks and ambulances, were deployed across Jakarta, the vast capital, and major roads were closed in a departure from the more relaxed atmosphere of the popular Widodo's 2014 inauguration. An Oct. 10 knife attack by an Islamic militant couple that wounded the country's security minister set off a security crackdown.

Known for his down-to-earth style, Widodo, 58, opted for an

austere ceremony at the heavily guarded Parliament without the festive parade that transported him after his inauguration five years ago on a horse-drawn carriage in downtown Jakarta, where he was then cheered on by thousands of waving supporters.

On his way to the ceremony yesterday, Widodo got out of his convoy with some of his security escorts and shook the hands of supporters, who yelled his name, waved Indonesia's red-and-white flag and called him "bapak," or father.

After taking his oath before the Quran, the Muslim holy book, in front of hundreds of lawmakers and foreign dignitaries in the heavily guarded Parliament, Widodo laid out ambitious targets to help Indonesia join the ranks of the world's developed nations by the time it marks a century of independence in 2045.

He said in his inauguration

speech that he expects poverty — which afflicts close to 10 percent of Indonesia's nearly 270 million people — to be just about wiped out and the country's annual GDP to reach \$7 trillion by then.

"For those who are not serious, I'll be merciless. I would definitely fire people," Widodo warned.

Western and Asian leaders and special envoys, including Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison and Chinese Vice President Wang Qishan, flew in for the inauguration. President Donald Trump sent Secretary of Transportation Elaine Chao for the ceremony in Indonesia, Southeast Asia's largest economy and a member of the G-20 bloc of nations.

Indonesia is a bastion of democracy in Southeast Asia, a diverse and economically bustling region of authoritarian regimes, police states and nascent democracies.

After decades of dictatorship

under President Suharto, the country was convulsed by political, ethnic and religious unrest in the late 1990s and early 2000s. Since then, it has consolidated its democratic transition. While most of the country remains poor and inequality is rising, it is home to a rapidly expanding middle class.

Popularly known as Jokowi, Widodo is the son of a furniture maker who grew up with his family in a rented bamboo shack on the banks of a flood-prone river in Solo city on Java island. He is the first president from outside the country's super rich, and often corrupt, political, business and military elite.

Widodo presents himself as a man of the people, often emphasizing his humble roots. His popular appeal, including his pioneering use of social media, helped him win elections over the past 14 years for mayor of Solo, governor of Jakarta and twice for president.

In a reflection of his popularity, he has nearly 26 million followers on Instagram and more than 12 million on Twitter.

He has been likened to Barack Obama, but since taking office he has been perceived as unwilling to press for accountability that threatens powerful institutions such as the military. Instead, he has emphasized nationalism while also fending off attacks that he is not devout enough as a Muslim.

Widodo was sworn in with his new vice president, Ma'ruf Amin, one of the most important religious figures in Indonesia. He chose Amin as his running mate to shore up his support among pious Muslims. Amin was chairman of Majelis Ulama Indonesia, the country's council of Islamic leaders, and supreme leader of Nahdlatul Ulama, the world's largest Muslim organization.

But Amin, 76, has been criticized for being a vocal supporter and drafter of fatwas against religious minorities and the LGBT community. Human Rights Watch says the fatwas, or edicts, have legitimized increasingly hateful rhetoric by government officials against LGBT people, and in some cases fueled deadly violence by Islamic militants against religious minorities.

Widodo has been widely praised for his efforts to improve Indonesia's inadequate infrastructure and reduce poverty. He inaugurated the nation's first subway system, which was financed by Japan, in chronically congested Jakarta in March after years of delay under past leaders.

Pressing on is the biggest challenge, however, in his final years in office given the global economic slowdown, major trade conflicts, falling exports and other hurdles that impede funding.

In an interview with The Associated Press in July, Widodo said he would push ahead with sweeping and potentially unpopular economic reforms, including more business-friendly labor laws, because he'll no longer be constrained by politics in his final term.

"Things that were impossible before, I will make a lot of decisions on that in the next five years," he said then. **AP**

BANGLADESH

Police say violence over Facebook post kills 4

AT least four people were killed and dozens injured yesterday after security officials in southern Bangladesh opened fire to disperse hundreds of Muslims during a protest over an alleged social media post undermining Islam's Prophet Muhammad, po-

lice said.

The violence took place in Borhanuddin in the southern district of Bhola when angry protesters demanded the punishment of a Hindu man for the alleged Facebook comment, said local police chief Sarkar Mohammad Kaisar.

The man denied making the comment, saying his Facebook account had been hacked.

Kaisar said four people were killed and the injured, including about a dozen police officials, were being treated in local hospitals. Bangladesh's leading

newspapers said about 100 people were injured.

Bhola is 72 miles south of the capital, Dhaka.

Local authorities held a meeting yesterday to try to defuse the tensions that began Friday as the Facebook post gained attention in the area. But the

angry protesters started attacking security officials, prompting them to retaliate, Kaisar said.

He said that following a complaint by the Facebook account holder, police detained three people for allegedly hacking the account.

Communal tensions often pop up in Muslim-majority Bangladesh, with minority groups saying they face discrimination.

Bangladesh is a parliamentary democracy and its legal system is based on British common law. Despite demands by hard-line Islamist groups, authorities in Bangladesh have long refused to introduce tougher Islamic laws in the South Asian nation. **AP**

MACAU'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

UK'S JOHNSON ASKS FOR A BREXIT DELAY THAT HE DOESN'T WANT

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BRITISH Prime Minister Boris Johnson pressed ahead yesterday with plans to try to win parliamentary backing for his new Brexit deal even as the European Union began considering his grudging request to extend the looming Brexit deadline.

As the dust settled on a day of high drama in Parliament, the next steps in Britain's divisive, tortuous Brexit saga became clear. Monday will feature more legal action, more arm-twisting, cajoling and veiled threats by Johnson and his ministers and more amendments designed by lawmakers to stymie Johnson's plan to have Britain leave the 28-nation bloc on Oct. 31.

In the midst of all this, EU leaders and officials across the Channel were pondering whether to grant the British leader a Brexit extension that he does not even want.

As required by law, Johnson sent an unsigned letter to the EU at the last possible moment late Saturday seeking a delay to Britain's impending Oct. 31 departure.



re. But he followed it with a signed letter indicating that he does not favor another Brexit extension.

"My view, and the government's position, (is) that a further extension would damage the interests of the U.K. and our EU partners, and the relationship between us," Johnson wrote to European Council President Donald Tusk.

Johnson has long declared that he plans to take the U.K. out of the

EU on Oct. 31 with or without a divorce deal, and his minister in charge of Brexit again emphasized that stance.

"We are going to leave by Oct. 31st," Michael Gove told Sky News on yesterday. "We have the means and the ability to do so."

The EU's chief Brexit negotiator, Michel Barnier, said Tusk would consult with other leaders "in the next days" about Johnson's

request, but most signs indicate the EU would prefer an extension to an abrupt no-deal Brexit.

Finnish Prime Minister Antti Rinne, whose country holds the European Union's rotating presidency, said yesterday "it makes sense to allow extra time."

At home, British Foreign Secretary Dominic Raab said he believes Johnson has enough support to get his deal through Parliament, but added the government would keep talking with its Northern Ireland ally, the Democratic Unionist Party, to persuade it to back the deal. So far, the party, which holds 10 seats in Parliament, has refused to support Johnson's deal because it treats Northern Ireland differently than other parts of the U.K.

"We'll keep talking to the DUP and see if there's any further reassurances that can be provided," Raab told the BBC's Andrew Marr Show.

Johnson's Conservative party has only 288 seats in the 650-seat House of Commons, so he needs the support of some opposition lawmakers.

While the Conservatives are focused on getting more votes, the

opposition Labour Party was in favor of a second referendum on the whole question of leaving the EU.

Labour's Brexit spokesman Keir Starmer told the BBC it is "inevitable" that lawmakers opposed to Brexit will put forward an amendment seeking a second referendum — something strongly opposed by Johnson and his government.

"Whether it's this deal or any future deal, it's got to go back so the public can say, 'Do you want to leave on these terms?'" Starmer said. "If so, then we do. If not, we remain."

Johnson's letters came after another tumultuous day in the House of Commons, which worked in a Saturday session for only the first time since the Falklands War in 1982. For hours, British lawmakers issued both ringing endorsements and scathing condemnations of Johnson's Brexit deal, only to kick any decision on it down the road by passing an amendment withholding approval for the deal until laws enabling it are passed. That could take days, or even weeks.

While Johnson insists on sticking to the Oct. 31 Brexit deadline, lawmakers are trying to avoid a no-deal Brexit, which economists say would wreak damage on the U.K. economy. **AP**

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RESPONDING to stinging criticism, President Donald Trump has abruptly reversed his plan to hold the next year's Group of Seven world leaders' meeting at his Doral golf resort in Florida.

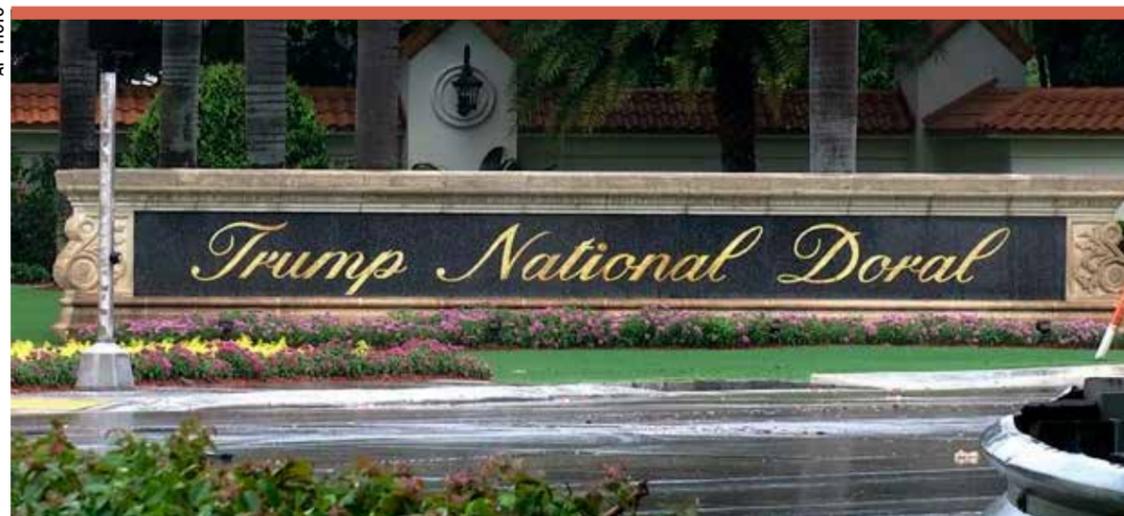
Trump announced a rare back-track Saturday night after facing accusations that he was using the presidency to enrich himself by hosting the international summit at the private resort owned by his family.

"Based on both Media & Democrat Crazy and Irrational Hostility, we will no longer consider Trump National Doral, Miami, as the Host Site for the G-7 in 2020," Trump tweeted. He said his administration "will begin the search for another site, including the possibility of Camp David, immediately."

The striking reversal raises further doubts about the position of the president's acting chief of staff, Mick Mulvaney, who held a news conference Thursday announcing the choice of Doral for the summit. He insisted his staff had concluded it was "far and away the best physical facility." Mulvaney said the White House reached that determination after visiting 10 sites across the country.

Mulvaney on Sunday claimed that Trump was "honestly surprised at the level of pushback" after

Trump scraps plan to host G-7 at his Doral golf resort



the Doral announcement. "At the end of the day he still considers himself to be in the hospitality business," Mulvaney told "Fox News Sunday."

At the same news conference, Mulvaney acknowledged a quid pro quo was at work when Trump held up U.S. aid to Ukraine in exchange for Ukraine's investigation of Democrats and the 2016 elections. Mulvaney later claimed his

comments had been misconstrued, but not before drawing the ire of the president and frustration from other senior aides.

Trump had been the first administration official to publicly float the selection of his property to host the summit when in August he mentioned it was on the short-list and praised its facilities and proximity to Miami's international airport. His comments, more

than a month before the official announcement, drew instant criticism from good governance groups and Democrats, who said it raised concerns that Trump was using the White House to boost his personal finances.

The vociferous criticism only intensified with last week's official announcement, drawing wide condemnation from Democrats and even some Republicans.

Trump insisted he would host the summit at cost, though he refused to disclose financial details. The annual heads-of-state gathering would at minimum have provided goodwill value to his property.

Noah Bookbinder, executive director of Citizens for Responsibility and Ethics in Washington, said Trump's reversal Saturday "is a bow to reality, but does not change how astonishing it was that a president ever thought this was appropriate, or that it was something he could get away with."

An hour before Trump's announcement, Democratic presidential candidate Joe Biden condemned the selection of Doral for the summit. "Hosting the G7 at Trump's hotel? A president should never be able to use the office for personal gain," the former vice president said.

On Thursday, Mulvaney had discounted Camp David, the government-owned presidential retreat, as the site for the summit, claiming, "I understand the folks who participated in it hated it and thought it was a miserable place to have the G-7." He added that it was too small and remote for the international summit.

Mulvaney said then that unspecified sites in Hawaii and Utah had also been on the short list. It was unclear if they were still under consideration. **AP**

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Offbeat**WYOMING MAN GROWS 1,491-POUND PUMPKIN, BREAKS STATE RECORD**

Wyoming officials say a Cheyenne man has grown a pumpkin that weighs in at 1,491 pounds (676 kilograms), a new state record.

The Wyoming Tribune Eagle reported Thursday that Andy Corbin grew the gourd in his backyard.

For perspective, scientists say newborn elephants weigh about 200 pounds on average.

Corbin says the pumpkins he grows at his east Cheyenne home require a hand-made tripod to move them.

He says his pumpkins require yearlong maintenance and can gain dozens of pounds a day during growing season.

Corbin says he hopes to grow three pumpkins weighing more than 4,000 pounds combined.

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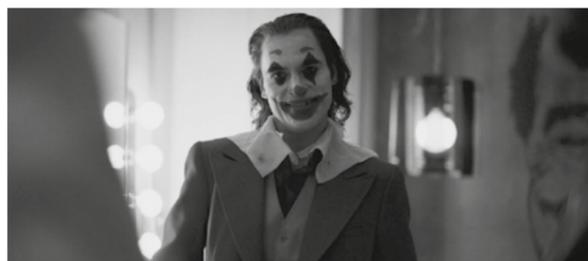
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JOKER

ROOM 3

9:30pm

Director: Todd Phillips

Starring: Joaquin Phoenix, Robert De Niro, Zazie Beetz

Language: English

Duration: 122min

this day in history**1982 SINN FEIN TRIUMPH IN ELECTIONS**

Sinn Féin, the political wing of the Provisional IRA, has won its first seats in the elections to the new Ulster Assembly.

Gerry Adams, vice president of Sinn Féin, took the Belfast West seat. It is the first time his party has stood for election since the Troubles began.

Mr Adams, 34, made clear that being elected would not stop the IRA's campaign of violence.

"The IRA have said that while the British army is in Ireland they will be there fighting" he said.

As he emerged from City Hall in Belfast, where the votes were counted, he was met by chants of 'murderer' and 'scum' from members of the Democratic Unionist Party.

Former IRA 'brigade' commander Martin McGuinness was elected to a seat in Londonderry.

The seats gained by Sinn Féin are at the expense of the Social Democratic and Labour party (SDLP), traditionally a voice for Roman Catholics in Ulster.

Referring to the creation of the Ulster Assembly the leader of the SDLP John Hume said: "It's dead. It's dead as a dodo. There is no possibility of cross-community partnership; there is no possibility of devolution of power".

The elections were called to introduce a power sharing executive to Northern Ireland.

The Secretary of State for Northern Ireland, James Prior, said it would be a while before the full implications of the results were apparent.

"We shall have to wait and see how it gets on. We are not going to change the situation in Northern Ireland quickly and I think we shall have to persevere. Every solution put forward in recent years has had great difficulties" he said.

The date of the first meeting of the 78-seat Ulster Assembly is yet to be announced.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

When counting in the first Ulster assembly poll finished it was revealed that Sinn Féin had won 10.1% of the votes. Neither Sinn Féin nor the SDLP took up their seats on the Assembly when it opened in November 1982. In 1986, following the withdrawal of several other parties the Assembly was dissolved.

In April 1998 the Good Friday Agreement was signed by the British and Irish governments. In June of the same year the Northern Ireland Assembly was resurrected with the SDLP taking most of the seats.

This power-sharing executive has been suspended four times. Lack of weapon decommissioning by the IRA and accusations of IRA intelligence gathering in the Northern Ireland office were the main causes.

The Northern Ireland Assembly met for the first time after a five year suspension in May 2007 with DUP leader Ian Paisley as first minister.

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YOUR STARS

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Mar. 21-Apr. 19
 Exploration is fine for some today, but you aren't going to be in the best frame of mind to go off discovering new hot spots, meeting new people, or uncovering new rock bands.

TAURUS
Apr. 20-May. 20
 You and another person need to come to an understanding today, so make sure that you make talking to them one of your top priorities. The two of you need to sit down and work things out.

GEMINI
May. 21-Jun. 21
 If that phrase "I'll get back to you" makes your eyes roll, you are not alone. There is a great deal of unfinished business going on around you, and everyone is just dying for someone to actually deliver.

CANCER
Jun. 22-Jul. 22
 Today, your presence will be requested by many fun-loving people, but your mood might not make it easy to get social. Like a broken swing set, your mood will be going back and forth unpredictably.

LEO
Jul. 23-Aug. 22
 And don't loan out any money unless it's an emergency. It's not about being selfish versus being generous. It's about avoiding any misunderstandings or implied insults.

VIRGO
Aug. 23-Sep. 22
 You don't have to figure them out. Just try to be aware of them, and have faith that they will sort themselves out soon enough. Then get back to being your fabulous, relaxed self.

LIBRA
Sep. 23-Oct. 22
 Impatient much? There are many exciting things coming up soon and it's understandable that you are finding the wait unbearable. But you can't get too wrapped up in what will be.

SCORPIO
Oct. 23-Nov. 21
 A mystery person in your life has been intriguing you more and more, and today you should try to work up the courage to find out a few more clues about who they really are.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov. 22-Dec. 21
 Think back to a time when someone inspired you in the past, today. You know, that person who helped you understand what you were capable of, and who helped to point you in the right direction.

CAPRICORN
Dec. 22-Jan. 19
 This is a wonderful day to travel for that very reason - the chances that you will be stuck sitting next to an annoying fellow passenger are very slim. Be ready to engage with the world, because it will be fun.

AQUARIUS
Jan. 20-Feb. 18
 You have an extremely strong sense of what is right and wrong today, but it's tailored just to your needs and goals, so don't try to apply it to the problems of others.

PISCES
Feb. 19-Mar. 20
 Step in and become part of a discussion today - don't wait for an engraved invitation. Interacting with others is the best way to try out new ideas or philosophies.

The Born Loser by Chip Sansom



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Urumqi	11	21	clear
Xi'an	11	17	drizzle
Lhasa	6	19	cloudy
Chengdu	16	22	clear
Chongqing	19	22	drizzle
Kunming	13	23	cloudy
Nanjing	18	27	cloudy
Shanghai	19	27	cloudy
Wuhan	18	28	cloudy
Hangzhou	17	28	cloudy
Taipei	23	26	clear
Guangzhou	24	33	clear
Hong Kong	27	31	cloudy
WORLD			
Moscow	6	10	drizzle
Frankfurt	10	15	moderate rain
Paris	11	18	drizzle
London	9	18	cloudy
New York	11	15	drizzle

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Judge's cry; 6- "The Dukes of Hazzard" deputy; 10- Vane dir; 13- São ____; 14- Actress Campbell; 15- Bosc; 16- Go off-script; 17- Coconut-husk fiber; 18- New thought; 19- Make it to the end; 20- Graceful roundness; 22- Checked; 24- Reflecting surface; 28- Security; 31- Hang loosely; 32- Page of music; 34- Former nuclear agcy; 36- Toledo's lake; 37- City official; Abbr.; 38- Elderly person; 41- Demise; 42- Disfigure; 44- Snookered; 45- Monetary gain; 47- Wee hour; 49- Trader; 51- Workroom; 53- Half the diameter; 56- Requests; 59- Steep cliff; 61- Mild cheese; 64- Baseball family name; 65- Take to the ice; 66- Deodorant brand; 67- Aggregate of fibers; 68- Ignited again; 69- Caribbean, for one; 70- Risked a ticket; 71- Sailing;

DOWN: 1- October birthstone; 2- "M*A*S*H*" name; 3- Edible red seaweed; 4- Snob; 5- Steal from; 6- Encrypt; 7- Noble gas; 8- "Metamorphoses" poet; 9- Word with truth or blood; 10- Actor Beatty; 11- Not for a Scot; 12- Pitcher's stat; 15- Capital of South Dakota; 20- Ballpoint insert; 21- Disencumber; 23- Western pact; 25- Less common or less cooked; 26- Express a viewpoint; 27- Saxophone part; 29- Flavor; 30- Eventually; 32- Factory; 33- Farewell; 35- Underground room; 37- OT prophet; 39- Accomplished; 40- Wished undone; 43- Title for a woman; 46- Chirping insect; 48- Fire starter?; 50- About; 52- Green-lights; 54- Russian range; 55- Composer Erik; 57- Smack; 58- Golfer's "watch out!"; 60- "___ grip!"; 61- Road curve; 62- Deserved; 63- Football's Parseghian; 65- Madrid Mrs.;

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RUGBY WORLD CUP

MOMENT OF MADNESS: SENSELESS RED CARD RUINS FRENCH HOPES

STEVE DOUGLAS, OITA

WALES 20, FRANCE 19

It was savage, it was reckless and galling for the French — it was so unnecessary.

France lock Sebastien Vahaamahina's sending-off against Wales in the Rugby World Cup yesterday will go down as one of the most mindless acts of violence in the 32-year history of the competition.

It probably cost his team a place in the semifinals, too.

Vahaamahina clasped his hands together in a praying gesture and nodded his head toward Jaco Peyper after the South African referee brandished the red card. He held out an apologetic hand toward his teammates, too, before trudging off the field.

What possessed him to swing his right elbow flush into the face of Wales flanker Aaron Wainwright at a 49th-minute maul is anyone's guess.

France coach Jacques Brunel said it was a "reflex" action. Wales coach Warren Gatland called it "an error of judgment" that happens

AP PHOTO



France's Sebastien Vahaamahina leaves the field after receiving a red card

when "you have a lot of testosterone in a pretty high intensity match."

It was the first red card in a World Cup knockout game since Wales captain Sam Warburton's for a tip-tackle in the same fixture in the 2011 semifinals.

While that was slightly unfortunate for Warburton, there was no arguing against Vahaamahina's red card.

France flanker Wenceslas Lauret said his teammate had apologized in the locker room but will "carry on paying for it."

"Obviously he blames himself," France flyhalf Camille Lopez said. "He got a red card in a quarterfinal and he left us with 14 for part of the match, so of course he blames himself. But the group won't in the slightest."

That's a very charitable reaction.

The French were leading 19-10 in the 49th minute, and playing their best rugby not just of the tournament but maybe this year, when Vahaamahina was sent off. They went on to lose agonizingly, 20-19, bringing to an end the international coaching career of Brunel.

He departs with 13 losses in 23 matches as France coach, and confusion about where exactly his

team stands in the world rugby's pecking order.

Les Tricolores remain frustratingly inconsistent. How can the team struggle to see off Tonga in the pool stage, then play so well against Wales — for about 50 minutes anyway — a few weeks later?

Their first-half performance in the quarterfinal was excellent and contained one of the tries of the tournament, an 80-meter move that started with a burst through the line from Virimi Vakatawa outside his own 22 and finished with Charles Ollivon racing over the line between the posts.

Gatland said he was thrilled that his team was only nine points behind at halftime.

"I want to stress the quality of our team," Brunel said, "which showed courage ... and lots of panache."

Brunel will be replaced by former France captain Fabien Galthie and said he bequeaths a young team "with all the potential" going into the four-year cycle for the 2023 World Cup, held in France.

Flyhalf Romain Ntamack is only 20. Scrumhalf Antoine Dupont, one of the standout players against Wales, is 22. Imposing center Gael Fickou is 25 and should be at his peak of his powers in four years' time.

France has won the world under-20 championship the past two years. AP

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RUGBY WORLD CUP

No shock for the Boks: SA beats Japan, reach semis

JOHN PYE, TOKYO

JAPAN 3, SOUTH AFRICA 26

THERE was no great shock this time, regardless of how much Japan threw at the Springboks.

South Africa advanced to the semifinals with a grinding 26-3 win over Japan yesterday, bringing an end to the home team's exciting run at the first Rugby World Cup staged in Asia.

The week-long hype over a potential repeat of Japan's upset over South Africa at the 2015 World Cup, the so-called Miracle of Brighton, was muscled out of reality by a big Springboks lineup that stuck to its attritional game plan.

With a halftime score of 5-3 it was still anybody's game. The "epic moments" of Japan's famous win four years ago were replayed on the stadium screen during the break but it seemed only to remind the South Africans of what was at stake in the second half.

Handre Pollard landed three penalty goals from the 44th to the 64th minutes to extend the margin to 14-3 before the South Africans finally opened up.

Scrumhalf Faf de Klerk scooted over in the 66th after a powerful driving maul from the Springboks had Japan on the back foot, and Makazole Mapimpi added his second try of the match by



finishing off a long-range movement in the 70th to put the result beyond doubt.

Captain Michael Leitch and his Japanese squad won millions of converts to the sport for their high-intensity brand of running rugby, beating Russia in the tournament opener, upsetting Ireland and confirming top spot in the group with victories over Samoa and Scotland.

But they weren't able to cross South Africa's line in what was their first ever trip to the knockout stages of the tournament.

The two-time champion Spring-

goboks are old pros at this end of the tournament, improving to 5-2 in Rugby World Cup semifinals and setting up a meeting against Wales next Sunday for a place in the final. England plays New Zealand in the other semifinal.

"I'm really proud of what we've achieved at the World Cup, we'll accept that, we'll enjoy that a little later on," Japan coach Jamie Joseph said. "But I'm really disappointed for the players because they give so much to the group and they give so much to the country at this World Cup, I'm just a little disappointed."

The South Africans had to defend for most of the first half, were a man down for 14 minutes and only had 30% of the field position, but held their composure despite a mounting tally of handling errors.

The Springboks eventually made 140 tackles against 91 for Japan, stole four lineout throws and got the possession and territory stats back to about even.

"The score did not really reflect how tough it was," South Africa coach Rassie Erasmus said. The Springboks "were very determined, but the Japanese team is well coached and they're tough

and they're fit and they fight and they've got great support. At the end of the day we must be satisfied with the win."

Mapimpi gave South Africa a 5-0 lead in the 4th, easily beating an attempted tackle from Yu Tamuru on the short side after a big shove from the Springbok scrum and outpacing the cover defense to the left corner.

But Japan absorbed the early pressure from a much bigger Springboks pack and started to take control when veteran South Africa prop Tendi Mtawarira was yellow-carded in the 10th minute for a tip-tackle.

He immediately put his hands up to acknowledge the mistake, but left his team with 14 men for the next 10 minutes and Japan attacked relentlessly — even taking a scrum against the head.

That led to Japan's points, from a calmly taken penalty goal by Tamura in the 20th minute.

Japan had done most of the running in the first half and went close after a Kenki Fukuoka surge on the left wing, but wasn't able to turn almost 70% of possession and territory into a try. South Africa crossed the line twice but was called back, and had to regroup at halftime.

That hurt after the break. Eventually the battering took a toll on the Japan side and possession and territory stats ended about even.

The Japan team did a lap of Tokyo Stadium, where die-hard fans stayed long after fulltime to celebrate their team as it thanked them in a way that would normally be reserved for the victors.

Clusters of South Africa supporters in their green jerseys also stayed in solidarity to salute the Japan team long after the Springboks had left the field. **AP**

RUGBY WORLD CUP

All Blacks, England in semis

NEW ZEALAND 46, IRELAND 14

IT'S one thing to beat the All Blacks in Chicago or Dublin. It's an entirely different challenge at the Rugby World Cup, where they feel right at home.

Defending champion New Zealand scored seven tries in a 46-14 demolition of Ireland on Saturday to move into a semifinal against England, which beat Australia 40-16 earlier in Oita.

The result was virtually beyond doubt by halftime, when the All Blacks led 22-0, and the continuance of two opposing streaks seemed certain.

New Zealand extended its unbeaten run at the World Cup since an upset

quarterfinal loss to France in 2007. Ireland is now 0-8 in World Cup knockout games.

The Irish may never have felt more confident, after their drought-breaking win over the All Blacks in Chicago in 2016 and another victory in Dublin last November that capped a year that included a Six Nations Grand Slam.

They were ranked No. 1 ahead of the tournament, but were never in the contest at Tokyo Stadium.

Scrumhalf Aaron Smith crossed for a pair of tries from close range and Beauden Barrett finished off a long-range try against the run of play in the first half, and the All Blacks ad-

ded four more tries in the second half. The All Blacks, winners of the first World Cup in 1987 and the last two, are shaping up well for a third consecutive title.

ENGLAND 40, AUSTRALIA 16

The strains of English rugby anthem "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" were already triumphantly swirling around Oita Stadium when Anthony Watson intercepted a long pass out wide and bounded over for England's fourth try that clinched a record-tying win over Australia.

A 40-16 victory. A place in the Rugby World Cup semifinals. An unprecedented seven straight



wins over its bitter rival.

For England and its jubilant fans, days do not get much better than this.

Making it worse for the Wallabies, an Australian masterminded the entire thing.

"At this moment," said

England coach Eddie Jones, when asked if he had any sympathy for his native country, "there's not a lot of sympathy. No."

A humiliating 33-13 loss to Australia at the 2015 World Cup contributed to England's pool-sta-

ge exit in the tournament it was hosting and led to the hiring of Jones, who was tasked with getting the world's wealthiest rugby union back on track.

This was the biggest game of his tenure and he nailed it. **MDT/AP**

OPINION

World Views

Lionel Laurent, Bloomberg

EMMANUEL MACRON CAN'T SAVE BORIS JOHNSON

Whoever came up with the Article 50 process for leaving the European Union probably never thought it would be used, let alone turned into a maddening form of procedural torture worthy of Kafka.

Brexit was meant to have been wrapped up in March, yet the U.K.'s inability to decide what it wants has frustrated the best-laid plans of Brussels's technocrats. After Westminster's three rejections of former prime minister Theresa May's original Brexit deal, and after the EU's two extensions of the original Brexit deadline, Boris Johnson is now in Downing Street and we've entered a Bizarro World where reality has been turned upside down.

We have a new Brexit deal that the EU insists is not a renegotiation, a special arrangement for Northern Ireland that the U.K. says is not a backstop (the name of the original guarantee in May's deal to avoid a hard border in Ireland), and an official British request for an extension to the Oct. 31 deadline that Johnson says he doesn't want.

You can imagine the EU's 27 other leaders taking deep breaths and counting to 10. The bloc has made a Herculean effort to parry British attempts to divide its members on Brexit, and last week's hard-fought new deal with Johnson was greeted with back-slapping relief. Finally, the EU could get on with other issues, from a tariff war with Donald Trump's America to tackling climate change and trying to hold a firm line on China.

France's president Emmanuel Macron showered Johnson in compliments, no doubt glad that seeing off the Brits — amicably, of course — would remove an obstacle to his ambitions for deeper EU integration. Now, once again, the prospect of delay is back, and with it the threat of more contagion as Britain's dysfunctional national politics infects the orderly running of the EU and threatens that cherished unity.

So what should the bloc do? Responding hastily is in nobody's interest. Parliament hasn't actually voted on the new Brexit deal yet. The demand for a three-month extension was forced on Johnson by British lawmakers as a way to make sure the Halloween deadline wouldn't let him and his Brexiter allies bully the House of Commons into accepting "his deal or no deal."

Any ruling from Brussels on an extension before Parliament votes on Johnson's deal (which may happen in the next couple of days) would be seen as meddling in U.K. politics. Likewise, siding with Johnson by ruling out any delay would mean committing the EU to an ugly and economically damaging no-deal split on Oct. 31 if Westminster failed to rubber-stamp his deal.

If Members of Parliament do approve Johnson's deal rapidly, the debate is moot. The EU would obviously give the U.K. enough time to jump through the various legislative hoops to put Brexit into law.

Where things get complicated is if Westminster thwarts Macron's plans for a quick divorce and rejects Johnson's deal. If the deal fails by a handful of votes, and if those votes come from Johnson's disgruntled allies in Northern Ireland's Democratic Unionist party, then Macron's more hawkish views on an extension could hold sway. Brussels might offer only a short delay (less than the three months asked for) to try to force the last few holdout MPs into line or face a no-deal exit.

But if Johnson's deal is defeated heavily in the Commons, as May's deal was, that will show the EU that Britain needs deeper political change to break the logjam. More dovish European calls for a longer extension — long enough to accommodate a general election or a second referendum — would probably win the day.

Even if it appears today that some kind of extension is inevitable, no one should underestimate how tense this debate might become among the EU's leaders.

Macron's impatience with London is spreading to his fellow leaders, with Germany's chancellor Angela Merkel talking of Britain as a post-Brexit "competitor." There's a point where infinite delays will be deemed costlier than no deal.

Italian authorities evacuated 4,000 people from the center of the northern city of Bolzano yesterday to defuse a World War II bomb found during construction.

Three experts defused the 500-pound American bomb during a three-hour operation that also forced 60,000 people to stay in their homes and closed sporting complexes and churches.

An alarm signaled the all-clear to reopen the city center just before

noon, as well as a nearby north-south highway and rail line both connecting Italy with Austria and Germany.

The bomb was found close to the city's central cathedral and not far from the train station — the likely wartime target — during excavation work for a new shopping center.

The online news site Neue Suedtiroler Tageszeitung said after being defused, the bomb was brought to a secure site nearby for a controlled explosion.



IN MANY PARTS OF MEXICO, GOVERNMENT CEDED BATTLE TO CARTELS

MARK STEVENSON, EL AGUAJE

THE Mexican city of Culiacan lived under drug cartel terror for 12 hours as gang members forced the government to free a drug lord's son, but in many parts of Mexico, the government ceded the battle to the gangs long ago.

The massive, rolling gunbattle in Culiacan, capital of Sinaloa state, was shocking for the openness of the government's capitulation and the brazenness of gunmen who drove machine-gun mounted armored trucks through the streets.

But in state after state, the Mexican government long ago relinquished effective control of whole towns, cities and regions to the drug cartels.

"They are the law here. If you have a problem, you go to them. They solve it quickly," said a young mother in the town of El Aguaje, in western Michoacan state. El Aguaje is so completely controlled by the Jalisco New Generation Cartel that the young wife of lime-grove worker - who would not give her name for fear of reprisals - can't turn to police: They are too afraid to enter the town.

When a convoy of Michoacan state police did make a rare appearance in El Aguaje last week, they were ambushed and slaughtered by Jalisco cartel gunmen. Thirteen state police officers were shot or burned to death in their vehicles.

When police returned to recover the burned-out patrol vehicles the next day, they were in such a hurry to accomplish their task that they left behind the crushed, burned, bullet-pierced skull of one of their colleagues lying on the ground.



A burnt out truck used by gunmen smoldering on an intersection, a day after street battles between gunmen and security forces in Culiacan

In the neighboring town of El Terrero, meanwhile, the rival New Michoacan Family cartel and its armed wing, the Viagras-who control that side of the river - have daubed their initials on houses and lamp posts, and last week burned several trucks and buses to block the bridge and prevent a Jalisco cartel incursion.

In some cases, the go-

vernment has even defended cartel boundaries, apparently as part of its strategy of avoiding bloodshed at all costs.

For example, in the Michoacan town of Tepalcatpec, police line up every day to man a checkpoint at a highway leading into Jalisco state to prevent an armed incursion by Jalisco cartel gunmen. The problem is that the government force is working in coordination with a vigilante group allied with a drug cartel. The vigilantes are posted on a nearby hilltop where they can watch over

the highway, armed with .50 caliber sniper rifles.

In Guerrero state, to the east of Michoacan, soldiers and state police man checkpoints between rival gangs of vigilantes, many of which are allied with drug gangs. Soldiers allow vigilantes armed with assault rifles to roam freely, but not to invade each other's territories.

And in the northern state of Tamaulipas, when the United States began returning asylum seekers to wait for hearings in Mexico, the government knew it couldn't protect the migrants from the Zetas drug cartel in the border city

of Nuevo Laredo and so it simply bused them out of the city. Now known as the Cartel of the Northeast, the former Zetas control Nuevo Laredo so completely that they recently ordered local gas stations to refuse to sell gasoline to army vehicles.

In many regions, cartels enriched by drug profits have held extensive control for at least a decade, buying off or cowering law enforcement and building huge arsenals, along with networks of informants to protect narcotics routes from the government or rivals. AP



Afghanistan U.S. Defense Secretary Mark Esper says that under current plans all U.S. troops leaving Syria will go to western Iraq and the American military will continue to conduct operations against the Islamic State group to prevent its resurgence.

Botswana The ruling party faces the tightest election of its history on Wednesday after former President Ian Khama, annoyed with his hand-picked successor, announced his support for the opposition, shaking up one of Africa's most stable countries.



Switzerland Voters are electing a new national parliament, with recent polls suggesting that green parties could fare well in a year when environmental concerns have swept across Europe.

Italy Milan's mayor is asking U.S. authorities to apologize for a World War II bombing raid that killed 184 elementary school children.



USA Witnesses have gathered in a small city in upstate New York over the past three weeks to testify in the trial of a man accused of strangling a young nursing student to death. But there is no jury, no American judge and the man accused is seated next to his defense attorney 2,200 miles away — in Nicaragua.

USA Responding to stinging criticism, President Donald Trump has abruptly reversed his plan to hold the next year's Group of Seven world leaders' meeting at his Doral golf resort in Florida. More on p15