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Japan Emperor Naruhito and Empress Masako waved and smiled from an open car in a parade yesterday marking Naruhito's enthronement as more than 100,000 delighted well-wishers cheered, waved small flags and took photos from packed sidewalks. Security was extremely tight, with police setting up 40 checkpoints leading to the parade area.

Iran has discovered a new oil field in the country's south with over 50 billion barrels of crude, its president said yesterday, a find that could boost the country's proven reserves by a third as it struggles to sell energy abroad over U.S. sanctions.

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Bolivia President Evo Morales called for new elections yesterday following nationwide protests over a disputed vote that he claimed he had won. Morales made the announcement after a preliminary report by the Organization of American States found irregularities in the Oct. 20 presidential elections. More on p14

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Vatican City Pope Francis yesterday called for South Sudan politicians to salvage a tenuous peace deal and to bring a definitive end to conflicts to the African nation, which he announced he intends to visit in the coming year. In public remarks from a Vatican palace window overlooking St. Peter's Square, Francis also urged South Sudan's leaders to find "consensus" for the good of the country, where hundreds of thousands of people died in a civil war several years ago.

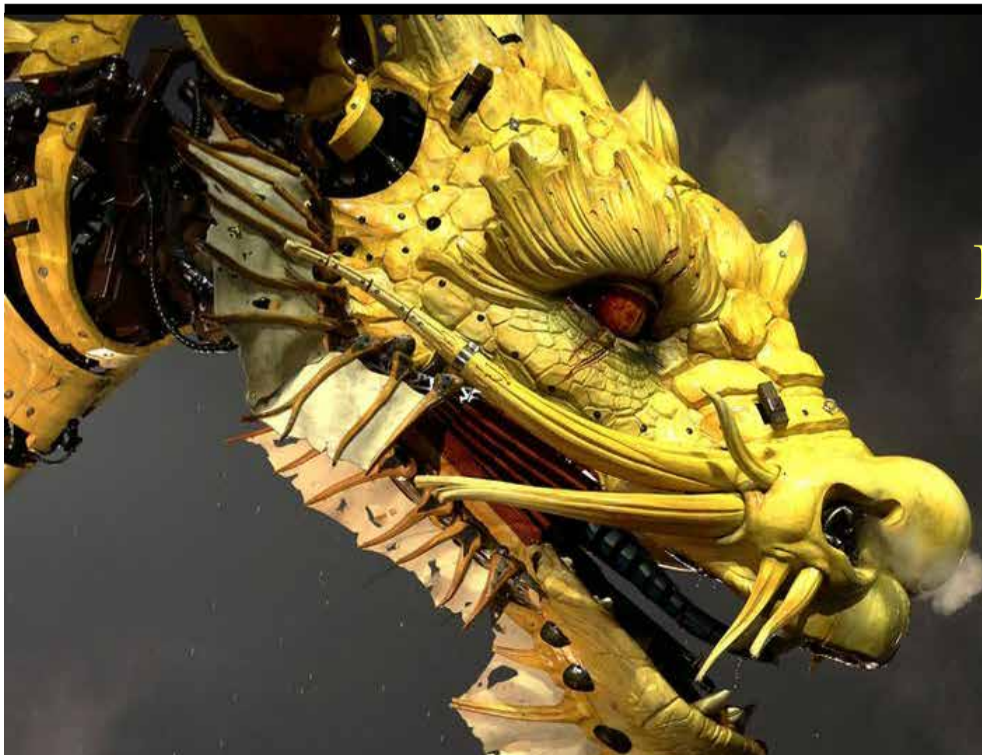
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CESL ASIA HIGHLIGHTS FIRM'S SOCIAL COMMUNITY PURPOSE

CESL Asia hosted its annual Community event, CESL Asia and Friends Sport Fun Day, yesterday with the theme "community care and harmonious development of our society."

The activity falls under the company's Social Investment Program, which aims to promote the development of a caring city towards the underprivileged.

The event hosted two tournaments, including a bocce tournament and a soccer competition.

CESL Asia also donated 2,000 patacas for each participating bocce team.

The company's long-term partner, the Macau Special Olympics (MSO), is the beneficiary of the total amount received as contributions from CESL Asia and participants.

"Participants have been more active. People are really willing to come, and even in the football tournament we had too many people who registered [and] had to mix teams up so we could accommodate them," said CESL Asia president António Trindade.

For Trindade, companies should have a social community purpose to provide them with an additional perspective on sustainability.

"There's no point to be the best today - to be the best means continuously contributing to society," he said.

"In this way, we are able to create a meaningful contribution in whatever we do as a business, and also let the community know [about] us because if they gain a better understanding of us, then

there would be better trust between us," Trindade added.

CESL Asia has again invited MSO athletes to participate in the bocce tournament.

The company previously said in a statement that the activity "fostered face-to-face interactions [between] the participating teams and MSO athletes, [and] cultivated mutual understanding."

CESL Asia, a solutions company specializing in environmental infrastructure, energy, facilities management and urban planning, hosted the fundraising and community engagement event at the Macau Federation of Trade Unions Workers Stadium.

This year, a total of 21 companies including sponsor organizations participated in the event. LV

ON THE ROAD TO GP

Guia race 66 officially kicks-off

RENATO MARQUES

THE 66th Macau Grand Prix was officially inaugurated on Saturday in a ceremony held at Tap Seac Square.

The event extended over Saturday afternoon and Sunday until 5 p.m. featuring, as in previous inaugurations, some of the vehicles that will be racing in the streets of Macau later this week.

The GP Auto Show attracted a good number of people, curious to see some of the racing machines up close. It was also a rare opportunity to meet the racers that will be driving them.

The Auto Show featured all the motorcycles that will race in the 53rd Macau Motorcycle GP as well as some of the most celebrated contestants from the FIA GT World Cup.

As a special centerpiece of the event this year, the public observed in detail the new Formula 3 car that will race in Macau next Thursday for the first time. On display was the SJM Prema Theodore Racing from 2019 FIA F3



Championship winner, Robert Shwartzman.

Some of the rescue and support vehicles, including safety cars, medical cars and extrication vehicles were also displayed.

The official opening ceremony was led by the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Alexis Tam, and joined by several racers, including Macau's only F3 contestant Charles Leong.

The Yearbook of last year's Macau Grand Prix was also launched at the

same event.

The exhibition also included a chance for enthusiasts to take pictures with their favorite drivers and riders and test their driving skills on race simulators.

The Auto Show has been held since 2011 and aims to bring the event closer to families and young children.

The pre-racing events will continue with a series of media and community gatherings before the racing action commences Thursday.

ASK THE VET

by Dr Ruan Du Toit Bester

CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE IN DOGS

CONGESTIVE heart failure in dogs can be the result of parasitical heart-worm infection, or even caused by congenital deformity. However, obesity can also put your dog at risk for congestive heart failure. Here are some ways in which you can use an exercise program to prevent congestive heart failure.

Maintain a lean, healthy dog

Don't wait until your dog becomes obese to start making sure he gets plenty of exercise. Walk your dog two or three times a day from the time he is a puppy. Your dog might also enjoy swimming, jogging, running alongside your bike, or playing fetch.

Play with your dog

A daily play session is a great way to make sure your dog gets plenty of exercise; it also allows the two of you to form a strong relationship. Outdoor

games played with balls, sticks, and Frisbees are always fun, but even if the weather is bad, you can play with your dog indoors.

If you have a multi-level home, encourage your dog to run up and down the steps. This is great exercise for him. You can also play quiet games inside; use soft, plush toys to play fetch or tug-of-war in a living area. You can teach your dog tricks to help tone his muscles and sharpen his mind.

Consider your dog's special needs

If your dog has special needs due to an illness, don't let that stop you from instituting an exercise regimen. All dogs need exercise, even dogs who are ill. But consult your veterinarian to make sure the program you have in mind isn't too much for him. If your dog is at risk for canine congestive heart failure due to a congenital heart defect, as is often the case, he may be able

to perform only mild exercise.

Don't push too hard

If your dog is already obese, then his risk of congestive heart failure is high and you'll want to take steps to reduce it immediately. However, you'll have to approach exercise more slowly with an obese dog. Start with short bouts of exercise, ten to fifteen minutes long, several times a day; allow your dog to set the pace. You may also want to consider a weight-loss diet in conjunction with exercising your obese dog to prevent canine heart disease.

If your dog is obese, remember that many forms of exercise, especially those involving running and walking, can place additional strain on his joints. If your obese dog is older, he may be at especially high risk for arthritis as well as canine congestive heart failure. Choose a low-impact form of exercise, such as swimming.

Hope this info helps
Till next week
Dr Ruan Bester



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EXHIBITION INDUSTRY DEPENDS LESS ON GOVERNMENT FUNDS

The Macao Trade and Investment Institute said that the exhibition industry's dependence on government funds has decreased. IPIM Executive Director Sam Lei said on Friday's TDM radio program that, in 2018, non-government-organized exhibition revenue reached 180 million patacas. Of this, the amount funded by the government and other organizations was 70 million patacas, representing 38% of total revenue. Likewise, the amount of governmental sponsorships decreased 3.2% in 2018 compared to 2016. In 2018, the income from renting booths represented 57% of the total revenue; in 2017, that figure represented a little less than 54%, which shows that this particular income source is growing. Furthermore, Lei stated that IPIM has strict criteria for the assessment of funding applications. When granting funds, IPIM considers the scale, the degree of internalization, and the exhibition's contribution to Macau's economy. The bureau also reviews applicants' past performance and any complaints made against them. According to Lei, some trade fairs in recent years have not been held due to the lack of drawcard themes and issues of quality. He claims that the exhibition industry has shown fierce competition.

ONE INJURED IN CAR ACCIDENT

On Friday, a senior citizen was injured in a car accident occurring at Avenida do Coronel Mesquita. The accident took place on Friday morning, around 10 a.m. near the Dom Bosco Sport Field bus stop. The victim, a woman in her 70's, was crossing the road. She sustained head injuries and a suspected fracture in her right foot. She was sent to Conde S. Januário Hospital. The windshield of the private car was broken and the victim's shoes were left on the ground. According to a Fire Services Bureau officer, the victim was in a state of confusion. The private car driver was not found to be driving under the influence of alcohol.

UGAMM OPENS SERVICE CENTER IN HENGQIN

The General Union of Neighborhood Associations of Macau (UGAMM) opened a branch in Hengqin on Friday. The branch marks the first integrated service center opened in mainland China by a Macau association. The center covers an area of about 15,000 square feet and provides services to both children and the elderly. It is expected that, during its first year of activities, the center will serve 10,000 people in total. In order to improve its Hengqin office, UGAMM plans to extend its Peng On Tung service to Hengqin. The Peng On Tung service is a 24-hour emergency support service provided to Macau's senior citizens who live alone or only with their spouse.

Ho to announce half-revamped government: report

THE new Chief Executive (CE) Ho Iat Seng is preparing to change three out of the five secretaries from the previous government.

In the new government, Wong Sio Chak and Raimundo do Rosário will retain their respective offices at Security and at Transport and Public Works, the Chinese news outlet All About Macau reported yesterday from sources inside the government.

According to the report, the Commissioner Against Corruption (CCAC), André Cheong, will replace Sónia Chan as the

next Secretary for Administration and Justice.

The Commissioner of Audit (CA), Ho Veng On, is thought to be the most probable successor for Lionel Leong in the Secretariat of Economy and Finance.

Probably the most unexpected of all the changes announced was the promotion of Ao Ieong U, the current director of the Identification Services Bureau, to the post of Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture.

These changes will also prompt further developments, as seats will be vacant at CA, CCAC, and other departments.

In CCAC, the choice seems to have fallen on the internal promotion of the Commissioner's deputy Hoi Lai Fong to the main post, while Lei Wai Nong, Vice President of the Municipal Affairs Bureau should take office at the CA.

According to All About Macau, there will be a total of 10 changes in higher official posts in the Ho Iat Seng government.

These changes also include several Bureau heads, such as the Unitary Police Service, where Commander Ma Io Kun will retire and be replaced by the Commander of the Public Security Police Force, Leong

Man Cheong.

Another Bureau to have the head change is the Customs Service, where current Vice Director Wong Man Chong will replace Alex Vong.

More changes are expected in the Justice sector where the Public Prosecutor-General Ip Song San will replace the current President of the Court of Final Appeal, Sam Hou Fai, who will also retire. Deputy Prosecutor Chan Tsz King will move up into the post of Ip.

With less than two months left until the next CE is sworn in, an official announcement is expected this week. **RM**

DSSOPT reassures on-ramp to Ferry Bridge is safe

THE Land, Public Works and Transport Bureau (DSSOPT) issued a statement yesterday afternoon affirming that the access ramp to the Friendship Bridge from the peninsula side is safe to use although emergency repair works is planned.

The DSSOPT state-

ment followed reports from local citizens on several social media platforms that show the on-ramp located opposite the Macau Outer Harbour Ferry Terminal with a crack on the pavement and unevenness between two structural pieces.

According to the same

statement, the Bureau said that at around midnight on Sunday, the staff of DSSOPT received a notice from the Public Security Police Force (PSP) revealing the problem.

The Bureau deployed technicians to the area to conduct a preliminary inspection that revealed

that there were no structural defects.

The Bureau explained that after long-term use, the different segments of the structure had experienced different degrees of settlement. The Bureau further explained that since the structure needed to be flexible, it was normal for the expansion and movement of joint parts to require repairs or replacement, reaffirming that this did not compromise structural integrity or safety.

The repair work would be tentatively completed during the night-time and would not affect the normal traffic and use of the bridge, which is otherwise in good condition, DSSOPT remarked.

Although avoiding unnecessary alarmism, the Bureau calls on the public to immediately report to the DSSOPT any unusual or abnormal observations on the roads and bridges via the Bureau's telephone hotline at 85903800. **RM**

MACAU'S LEADING NEWSPAPER



GOVT SPENDS 15 MILLION BRINGING SINO-FRANCE SOUVENIR TO MACAU

THE local government is spending 15 million patacas to bring the French Mechanical Spirit of the Dragon-Horse to Macau for tourists and local residents in celebration of both the 70th anniversary of the establishment of the People's Republic of China and the 20th anniversary of the Macau handover.

Organized by the Municipal Affairs Bureau (IAM), the Parade of the Spirit of the Dragon-Horse will commence on November 22.

The 12-metre-tall giant mechanical Dragon-Horse will make its debut in Macau and parade with a number of local and overseas performing groups to mark a climax in the year of double celebrations.

The focus of this parade will be

on the Dragon-Horse mechanical installation, which was jointly designed and created by the Winland Creative Foundation Limited and the French association of mechanical installation art, La Machine.

The Dragon-Horse was created in 2014, the year of the 50th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and France. It was the Year of the Dragon when diplomatic relations between China and France were established, and the 50th anniversary of such relations was the Year of the Horse. In celebration of this commemorative year, over a hundred Chinese and French professionals spent a year designing and creating the large mechanical installation that

combines a dragon head with a horse body. It was named "Spirit of the Dragon-Horse" and has been exhibited in mainland China, Canada, France and other places, attracting universal praise.

The Dragon-Horse is made of special wood and weighs 47 tons. The whole body is yellow, and the heart is a thermoelectric power engine. With a variety of accessories and a complicated structure, it requires 15 people to control it during the performance. Its scale, weight, artistic creation, craftsmanship and technique are currently top in the world. Measuring 18 meters in length, 5 meters in width and 12 meters in height when prancing, it is equipped with a built-in mechanical structure, hydraulic power trans-

mission, and electronic induction control system. With a unique appearance, the Dragon-Horse is capable of running, prancing, bending its legs, moving backwards, blinking, turning its neck and ears, moving its tail, as well as spurring fire and puffing smoke. It is a mechanical giant beast that is as vivid as life.

In addition to the Dragon-Horse, the Vorrarat Suksa Nonthaburi Marching Band of Thailand, the Flagpole waving art group of Hebei, the Macau Lo Leong Sport General Association and the Associação de Danças e Cantares Portuguesa "Macau no Coração" will form a parade team of over 300 people to present various cultural performances. Moreover, there will be large

floating balloons of giant pandas, flying dragons, and performers in inflatable costumes to create a grand and fabulous backdrop to the celebratory activities for the 70th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China and the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the Macao SAR.

The commencement ceremony of the Parade of Large Mechanical Installation "Spirit of the Dragon-Horse" will take place at 5 p.m. on Friday 22 November in the coach parking area in Estrada Governador Albano de Oliveira in Taipa (opposite the Macau Jockey Club). After the ceremony, the area will be open for public visits and photo-taking until 10 p.m. The first session of the parade will start at 3 p.m. on Saturday 23 November from the coach parking area in Estrada Governador Albano de Oliveira to Rua de Coimbra in Taipa, next to Taipa Central Park. After arrival, the Dragon-Horse installation will stay on site for the public to engage with it that night. The second session of the parade will take place at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday 24 November on the Cotai Strip. The parade will begin in the open space next to Sands Cotai Central and will end in Avenida da Prosperidade via Estrada do Istmo.

The government planned a parade in the Macau peninsula but did not find a suitable route due to the conditions of the roads. The parade route in Taipa is approximately 1,000 meters long.

Children with special needs will be granted priority access to visit the dragon before it is open to the public.

During the parade, the government will make special arrangements for transportation to facilitate ease of access by public transport, with the aim of reducing traffic congestion and minimizing any environmental impact. JZ

RENATO MARQUES

THE exhibition "Strong Sport, Strong China," which will display the development of sports in China over the past 70 years, opens today, the Sports Bureau (ID) announced last week during a press conference.

The exhibition, an initiative of the General Administration of Sport of China in cooperation with ID, highlights a series of sports achievements by the People's Republic of China under the leadership of the Communist Party, and will be on display until December 8 in the Entry Hall of the Tap Seac Multisport Pavilion.

'Strong Sport, Strong China' opens today

During the press conference announcing the opening, ID president Pun Weng Kun said that the purpose of the exhibition was to "present to the general population the history of sports in the country, [so they may] learn of the development of sports in China over the past 70 years and, at the same time, look back on the results of Macau sports over the 20 years after the establishment of the Macau Special Administrative Region."

The display featu-

res both old and recent photographs, as well as objects that show the development of sports in China over the period, including trophies, medals, sports equipment and uniforms.

The exhibition is divided into six different themes: party leadership, the hoisted national flag, the sporting spirit, leisure sports, sports diplomacy and the country's strengthening through sports. The section dedicated to Macau will display results from both local com-

petitive sports and the government's sports-for-all initiatives.

This is the second time this type of exhibition is being held. The first one was held last August in the city of Tai Yuan in Shanxi province during the 2nd China National Youth Games.

A reservation is required to visit the exhibition. Group bookings will be taken for a minimum of 20 and a maximum of 50 people, who will be offered a guided tour of the exhibition. Tours will be held in Mandarin only.

RENATO MARQUES



MACAU'S LEADING NEWSPAPER



Top golfers inspire juniors in Macau

GOLF champions Phil Mickelson and Li Haotong recently led a youth golf clinic in Macau.

The event, a joint initiative between Las Vegas Sands Corp. (LVS) and its subsidiary in Macau, Sands China Ltd. invited the two top players of the moment, including World Golf Hall of Fame Mickelson, to share their talent, skills and tips on the game with a group of 30 young golfers from the Macau Junior Golf Club Association, the Zhang Lianwei Sports Development Foundation and the Macau Special Olympics (MSO).

Rob Goldstein, president and chief operating officer of LVS, expressed the company's feelings about hosting the event. "We are honored to have Phil and Haotong in Macau, and glad that they were able to connect with our guests and the local community. We are committed to supporting Macau's transformation into a world-class leisure and business tourism destination and will continue to work with role models like Phil and Haotong who inspire and educate the local community here," Goldstein remarked.

After a morning dedicated to the Pro-Am tournament at the Macau Golf and Country Club, the professional golfers spent the afternoon with local youth at the Caesars Golf Macau, participating in a series of games, challenges and skills-practice, giving the young golfers the opportunity to

team up with pros and learn from them.

Boasting two European Tour victories at the age of 24 and one of the most exciting new players in the game, Li displayed his talent at the golf clinic, demonstrating his putting ability and several other skills in challenges and games.

After the event, Li shared his experience of the coaching day.

"We had a lot of fun coaching some promising young golfers today. It was an inspiring afternoon for us all and I hope they'll walk away with a few helpful pointers. The young athletes here seem very dedicated to improving their skills. It is so exciting to see that golf is loved and played by so many young people here in Macau," Li said.

The Chinese player commented on the qualities of the sport, saying that in his opinion, it "teaches many values, from patience to sportsmanship," adding that he was very happy to be able to meet the young Macau golfers and to pass this message onto them.

During the event, Li advised those who, like him, want to pursue the sport at a higher level, saying, "You must love the game. You must love what you are doing, otherwise, you will get bored easily."

Visiting Macau for the first time, Mickelson said that during his career he has been "fortunate to travel the world playing golf, and to be able to come and get to know new places like Macau is very special."

He also added that he hopes that through events like the Sands Junior Golf Clinic, "golf [will] become more accessible to the community here, because it is such a great sport and has been such an important part of my life that gave me so many gifts that I feel that is my duty to give back to the game, to help promote it, and to introduce it

"I'm so glad I had the opportunity to participate in this event and play golf with the masters. I hope we will meet again soon."

TAM CHAN KIT
MACAU SPECIAL OLYMPICS

to many young players and get them involved in the game."

Sharing his insights and the aspects that played a major role in improving his own game, Mickelson pointed out that two factors contributed enormously to the leap forward of his game – nutrition and physical fitness.

"I started to recover better from my training sessions

by changing my diet, having a healthier diet and eating a smaller quantity," he said, adding, "working out [outside of golf practice] also helped a lot, and contributed significantly to boost my career."

Joy at the opportunity – and hopes that it would continue – were in the thoughts of some of the youngsters who had the chance to meet and play with these professionals. "[I'm] so glad I had the opportunity to participate in this event and play golf with the masters. I hope we will meet again soon," Tam Chan Kit from the MSO said.

The Macao Junior Golf Club Association's Emily Huen added, "Phil Mickelson and Li Haotong have always been my favorite players, so I was very excited to see these top players in action, up close and personal. Activities like this helped me appreciate golf more and inspired me to approach each game with enthusiasm and passion, in turn giving me a new perspective on how I look at the sport."

During the press conference that announced the partnership of LVS and Sands China with the Chinese golfer as their new brand ambassador, the president of Sands China, Dr. Wilfred Wong,

remarked that, "Sands China has always placed importance on leveraging our entertainment and leisure events to give the local community a chance to interact with some of the leading figures in their industries. We hope this youth clinic inspires its participants to work hard for their goals while learning from these two exceptional professionals as they share their skills and passion for their sport."

Wong also said that the event is one example of LVS's role in bringing sporting events and professional athletes to Macau, showing the company's commitment to increasing access to opportunities for young people.

Showing his appreciation for the organizer of the event, which continues on in the tradition started by Sands China with the appointment of former footballer David Beckham as brand ambassador, was the CEO and national director of MSO, Hetzer Siu, who said, "Sands China has established a long history of engaging with our athletes."

"Our members have thoroughly enjoyed their interactions with superstars like David Beckham at Sands China's events, and they were very excited to be meeting two famous professional golfers at this clinic. MSO is grateful to Sands China for their continued effort to support our mission of inclusiveness for Macau's athletes with intellectual disabilities," Siu added.



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Property of the Week



Unique Ground Floor Loft, central Macau
HK\$9,990,000 2,200 ft² 2 2



A unique opportunity to live in this sleek, modern property. The large open space area on the ground floor houses the open plan living and dining areas with fabulous designer kitchen located at back of the property.

Adjacent to the dining area there is a wonderful outside area perfect for barbecuing and al fresco dining. On the mezzanine floor two large double bedrooms with a lots of built in storage share a good size walk in shower room. This property is truly unique in design, and location.

This unique opportunity is located on a quiet street behind the San Januario hospital which has regular bus service and various eateries and shopping nearby. The property is also walking distance to Macau business district

Property Hotlist



Beautiful apartment, Coloane

\$7,980,000
 1,665 ft²
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Hoi Wan Garden, Taipa

\$5,100,000
 900 ft²
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Furnished apartment, Taipa

\$12,500/mth
 700 ft²
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Largo de Ponte, Taipa

\$8,500/mth
 478 ft²
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Sold Lakeview, Macau, 3,430 ft², 3 beds

Rented Nova Park, Taipa 1 bed



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Accounting industry a key component in CSR

ANTHONY LAM

IN the latest decade or so, the global accounting industry has been working to promote and invigorate the practices of corporate social responsibility (CSR).

When CSR is mentioned, many will immediately make the connection to charitable initiatives that corporations run to achieve certain goals, such as bringing benefits to the community and building corporate image.

However, a forum titled "The Role of Government, Gaming and Accounting Sectors in Sustainable Development of the Greater Bay Area," held yesterday by the Macau Institute for Corporate Social Responsibility in Greater China, highlighted other key elements of CSR.

Environment, society and governance, abbreviated as ESG, are key elements of CSR practices. The latest academic trends in CSR in Macau focus on ESG as well as the broader topic itself.

For instance, corporations today focus on, or are expected to focus on, the impact on the environment caused by their daily operations. Recent research conducted by accounting firm PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) showed that 24% of the companies it interviewed have chosen to follow international environmental standards, which are stricter than those of the Hong Kong Stock Exchange (HKEx). Some 14% comply with the UN's Sustainable Development Goals and 90% made disclosures on an environmental key performance indicators (KPI) that measure the effectiveness of their activities.

The results were reported by Bernard Li, PwC Macau's assurance partner, who spoke at the forum. He said many stock exchange administrators require publicly listed companies to disclose their ESG activities.

In March 2014, the Company Ordinance of Hong Kong began requiring companies to report on ESG. On January 1, 2016, the ordinance further mandated detailed disclosure of ESG.

One year later, the disclosure of KPIs on ESG efforts became mandatory in annual reports. In May 2019, the HKEx further reviewed the requirement on disclosure of ESG efforts. Further changes have been speculated for January 1, 2020.

In the HKEx review: the policy is expected to become "Comply or Explain," which means that publicly listed companies



have to disclose all of their work conducted to meet ESG reporting requirements, unless they provide a reasonable explanation to justify their failure to do so.

Companies' climate change countermeasures should also be disclosed. The strictest part of the review is that future ESG reporting will need to be audited by a third-party professional.

Many other stock exchanges have similar requirements, including Shenzhen and Shanghai.

Dr Liu Lizhi, vice director at the Guangzhou Academy of Social Sciences, presented what the mainland government has been doing to promote CSR practices.

According to Liu, non-national level administration in the mainland must follow national policies, which have recently changed from economy-oriented to constructing sustainable, harmonious societies.

Besides economic achievements, mainland cities currently need to emphasize their sustainability successes. These achievements can fall within areas such as policy advantages and geographic advantages. These governments thus need to make policies that encourage CSR practices.

In order to promote CSR effectively, companies need to be trained in CSR. Governments can host events, including symposia and workshops, to familiarize companies with the practice. These events are essential because CSR is part of the city's strategic planning.

Incentive policies need to be set up to encourage CSR, in areas such as taxation, subsidies, simplifying procedures and access to government contracts. Governments should also collaborate with various entities, such as International Standards Organizations, the media and

through public dialog, to promote the importance of CSR.

In the meantime, in the Greater Bay Area, companies need to consolidate their resources to cope with CSR requirements.

Liu also said that governments should not be afraid of the financial costs of commencing CSR practices. When factories moved out of Beijing, there was a short period of financial difficulty in the city. However, when the old factories were turned into cultural incubators, the money returned.

Speaking about this change of mentality in sustainability, Dr Leanda Care, who is also a contributing editor at the Times, told the forum that "we are going far too slowly" in terms of developing sustainable and regenerative businesses.

Care raised the question: "Should integrated resorts lead the way in Regeneration or Sustainability?" which was also the title of her presentation.

She began by pointing out that there are alternative ways to think about production that enable stakeholders in a business to thrive. She poses a new vision proposed by an influential economist, that broader economies should aim to thrive whether they grow or not.

In her opinion, many companies are working on ESGs, but merely comply with them, without seeing this as an opportunity to adapt their businesses from within, finding ways to become sustainable and regenerative, in turn supporting thriving communities and environments.

Although many governments provide guidelines or regulations as to how much effort should be invested in ESG and CSR, Care recommended that decision makers start with themselves and take the initiative.

Efforts to transform their governance structure, metrics, incentives, operations and identity can be achieved.

As an example of what is already occurring, she also pointed out that resorts in Macau are at differing stages on their paths to true sustainability. As an example, some have explored energy production for their own use, utilizing the large spaces on the roofs of their properties. This also improves community resilience.

At the end of her presentation, she encouraged the audience to not "wait to be told what to do," as proactively working towards the development of sustainable business models creates competitive advantage.

Dr Carlos Noronha, Assistant Professor of Accounting at the University of Macau and Vice Director General of the forum organizer, introduced a mechanism to evaluate CSR input adopted by the Shanghai Stock Exchange, the Social Contribution Value Per Share (SCVPS). In Shanghai, companies that fail to achieve certain goals may be fined.

Noronha also introduced the framework of CSR. It includes the Stakeholder Theory, which focuses on the benefits to a company's group of stakeholders; the Legitimacy Theory, which states that a company must obtain legitimacy to use resources from the community in order to operate; and the Resource Dependence Theory, which overlaps with the previous theory and states that when a company loses legitimacy, society will withhold resources for its operations.

He also pointed out that Chinese investors are becoming more sophisticated and that they care more about non-financial aspects, such as CSR and social information.

Forum talks about GBA youth policy

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THE 2019 Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area Youth Forum was held last week to discuss matters relating to youth and human resources' policies in the Greater Bay Area (GBA).

The forum was organized by the Macao Creative Intelligence Development and Research Association at the Macau University of Science and Technology (MUST).

The forum discussed exchanges and development strategies for urban agglomerations, youth exchange mechanisms, human resources policy to build talent, youth innovation, entrepreneurial development and diversification of skilled personnel in the Greater Bay Area.

Vice President of MUST, Pang Chuan, who is also the president of the association, talked about 15 measures which were recently announced by the Central Government to benefit both Macau and Hong Kong.

Pang believes that the measures are very practical and will better integrate the residents of the two SARs and Guangdong. In particular, he believes that the measures can help consolidate differences in the treatment of residents from the two different systems.

The measures announced by the Central Government are intended to treat residents from the SARs and Guangdong equally in terms of employment, living and other policies.

Pang believes that the measures provide more suitable conditions to integrate people from the three regions. Pang also voiced that Macau local youth should first improve their competitiveness and seize opportunities to compete.

On the sidelines of the forum, Vice President of Greater Bay Youth Association, Cheung Wing-tat, said that the GBA provides many benefits for the employment of Hong Kong and Macau residents. In his opinion, Macau depends strongly on a singular industry and entrepreneurial costs in Macau are high as well. He recommends that youth from Macau with entrepreneurial aspirations learn more about the Greater Bay Area, especially about Guangdong province.

Cheung thinks that development in Macau and Hong Kong is rather mature, although Guangdong's Greater Bay Area has more opportunities.

Of the 15 measures announced by the Central Government, Cheung is most focused on the measures that aim to facilitate Hong Kong and Macau residents to purchase houses in Guangdong's Greater Bay Area cities. He believes that the measures offer ease of access to the SARs' youth and may solve the housing affordability problem.

In Cheung's opinion, the Greater Bay Area development needs a high-end and talented workforce and intellectuals.

Macao Creative Intelligence Development and Research Association is a community of professionals that was established in 2017. The association aims at promoting exchange between Macau, Hong Kong and Guangdong GBA cities.



BAY AREA CONSTRUCTION STRENGTHENED BY CHINESE GOVERNMENT MEASURES

THE preferential policies and measures accorded to Macau by the Central Government of China will boost the construction of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay, Macau Chief Executive Chui Sai On said in a statement.

He also said they would further facilitate the integration of Macau residents into employment, studying and housing, strengthening people, logistics and finance, and benefit the professional practices of Macau's professional sectors.

"The Government of the Macau Special Administrative Region will endeavour to promote the implementation of preferential policies and measures, with the aim of contributing jointly to the development of the construction of the Greater Bay," said the Chief Executive.

The fifteen policies and measures adopted by the Central Government are divided into policies that aim to benefit all Macau and Hong Kong residents and policies and measures to support the professional sectors.

These include the acquisition of real estate, means of electronic payment and the residence of foreigners holding Hong Kong or Macau permanent resident ID cards in the nine cities of mainland China that are part of the Greater Bay.

The Greater Bay Area is a city cluster formed by nine cities in Guangdong Province – namely Guangzhou, Shenzhen, Zhuhai, Foshan, Huizhou, Dongguan, Zhongshan, Jiangmen and Zhaoqing – plus the Hong Kong SAR, and the Macau SAR. **MDT/MACAUHUB**

THE 15 PREFERENTIAL POLICIES AND MEASURES

I. Policies benefitting members of the public

1. The facilitation of property purchases by Macau residents in mainland cities within the Greater Bay Area. Macau residents will be treated as local residents in purchasing properties in those mainland cities, without being required to provide evidence of their duration of residence, study or employment; nor to meet conditions on the payment of individual income tax and social security.
2. Enabling the use of mobile electronic payment by Macau residents on the mainland. Routes for this encompass encouraging and supporting development of e-payment options by commercial banks, payment institutions, and China UnionPay and its network entities. Using existing e-wallet platforms developed by mainland-based companies, there would be greater support for qualified Macau operators of e-wallet platforms to enable mobile payments. The same would apply to those payment-clearing institutions – based outside the mainland – that fulfill the necessary requirements.
3. Ensuring that children of Macau residents enjoy the same standard of education within the mainland cities of the Greater Bay Area as that offered to children of mainland residents. This measure ensures children of Macau residents enjoy public education services in pre-primary institutions, in accordance with regulations at their place of mainland residence within the Greater Bay Area. It also supports the creation of special classes serving children from Hong Kong and Macau. Children of Macau residents will be able to participate in the senior high school entrance examination for admission to senior high school in the relevant mainland cities, under the applicable local rules. This would be applicable to children who had relocated with their parents.
4. The exploration of the establishment of a cross-boundary wealth management scheme. Mainland people residing in the Greater Bay Area will be permitted to purchase wealth management products from banks based in either Hong Kong or Macao. Hong Kong and Macau residents will be supported if they wish to buy wealth management products in banks based in mainland cities within the Greater Bay Area.
5. The facilitation of travel – by foreigners holding Macau permanent identity cards – to and from the Guangdong cities covered in the Greater Bay Area. There would also be facilitation of a system whereby foreigners holding Macau permanent identity cards would be able to stay or reside in any of the nine mainland cities in the Greater Bay Area. They would additionally be able to apply to the relevant mainland authorities for a visa – or permission for residence – with a validity of between two and up to five years.
6. The loosening of restrictions regarding importation of medicine and medical instruments to the nine mainland cities of the Greater Bay Area. Designated medical institutions operating in the nine cities of Guangdong within the Greater Bay Area are to be allowed to use medical instruments – where urgently needed – that have been marketed in Hong Kong and Macau and that are already in use in public hospitals in Hong Kong and in Macao. Such permission shall be granted by the Guangdong Provincial Government.

II. Policies and measures supporting professional services

7. The loosening of restrictions regarding formation of partnership-based law firms. There is to be removal of the regulation that currently requires a Macau law firm to inject not less than 30 percent in a partnership association with mainland-based law firm.
8. Further extension of the scope of mutual recognition of qualifications. This would include enabling architects and structural engineers who are members of relevant professional institutes in Hong Kong to be members of corresponding institutes on the mainland.
9. The expansion of coverage of supporting measures for Macau professionals working on the mainland. Macau professionals in the fields of construction and engineering – who have professional qualifications that are either approved via the mutual recognition system or are based on examinations successfully completed on the mainland – already enjoy supporting measures if they perform work in either Guangdong, Guangxi or Fujian. The new policy enables such supporting measures to be extended to all places on the mainland.
10. The building of a Shenzhen-Hong Kong cooperation zone for science and technology innovation. The Central Government supports such development and there would be further supporting policies to facilitate the flow of talent, capital, goods, and information.
11. The facilitation of customs clearance of imported animal-derived biomaterials. There would be further measures to facilitate customs clearance – via simplifying the vetting process and shortening the processing time – regarding import of certain other biomaterials.
12. The relaxation of a limitation on export of human genetic resources from the mainland to Hong Kong and Macau. Mainland branches of Macau higher education institutes, scientific research institutes, and hospitals would be treated as mainland entities. Upon meeting specific requirements, they would be allowed to lodge applications for exporting human genetic resources to Macau under a trial scheme. Such applications would have to be submitted by the Macau SAR Government, and the Ministry of Science and Technology would have to be notified.
13. The introduction of favorable policies on insurance supervision. When mainland insurance companies reinsure to qualified Hong Kong and Macau insurance companies, a relatively flexible approach to credit requirements would be adopted.
14. The supporting of insurance-assessment institutions from Macau in establishing business on the mainland. The new measure would remove the eligibility requirement – regarding number of years of operating experience required – in order to enable relevant Macau institutions to establish business on the mainland.
15. The supporting of development of a bond market in Macau. Certain requirements would be further relaxed, such as grading, level of principal capital, and ability to repay in relation to establishment of special-purpose insurers by mainland insurers seeking to issue catastrophe bonds in Macau.

GAMING

Wynn's ex-wife mounted smear campaign against him: witness

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A new court filing from Wynn Resorts Ltd. suggests that tension between the casino giant and its largest individual shareholder, Elaine Wynn, is still smoldering more than a year after they settled a legal dispute over control of the company.

In testimony Wynn Resorts introduced Friday in an invasion of privacy suit brought by former employee, a witness claimed Elaine Wynn engineered a smear campaign against her ex-husband Steve Wynn, the founder and former chief executive officer of the casino company. He stepped down from Wynn Resorts in early 2018 following allegations of sexual misconduct.

The witness, Renee Palleggi, claimed she was told that Elaine Wynn would pay her a six-figure sum to accuse Steve



Elaine Wynn

Wynn of rape. Palleggi also said she heard that Wynn gave the Wall Street Journal a list of 150 women to contact about her ex-husband's behavior.

The Journal published an expose on Steve Wynn in January 2018 that ultimately led to his ouster from the company.

Elaine Wynn referred to the Journal's report, which said she declined to speak with the newspaper. She added that it was the paper that had contacted the more than 150 people who work or had worked for her. "Ms. Wynn never engaged with reporters from The Wall

Street Journal," she said in the statement.

By introducing such incendiary allegations in court, Wynn Resorts is likely to further inflame relations with its largest shareholder. Wynn Resorts and Elaine Wynn, who holds an 8% stake in the company, have had a rocky relationship since she lost her seat on the Las Vegas-based company's board of directors in 2015. Steve Wynn was chairman and CEO at the time, and the pair fought over her right to vote and sell her shares.

In the Friday filing, Wynn Resorts seeks to dismiss a lawsuit brought last month by a former hairdresser at the company. Jorgen Nielsen claims Wynn Resorts spied on him after he was quoted in the Journal article about alleged sexual harassment by Steve Wynn.

Ever since Nielsen left the company, he "has lashed out against those he perceives as opposed to his interests [which he apparently believes are

aligned with those of Elaine Wynn]," Wynn Resorts' attorneys say in the filing. They say Nielsen is a self-described close friend of Elaine's and thinks she'll benefit from his efforts.

After Steve Wynn left last year, Elaine Wynn got control of her shares in a settlement. She also successfully pressed the company to install longtime industry executive Phil Sattre as chairman. She hasn't returned to the board, however, and Matt Maddox, a long time protege of Steve Wynn, is CEO.

Nielsen said in his suit that he was the top hairdresser at the Wynn salon in Las Vegas for eight years until he was replaced in 2013 by the stylist for Steve Wynn's second wife, Andrea.

His suit is one of several filed in the past two months involving Wynn salon employees. Nielsen is seeking more than \$50,000 in damages. In its filing Friday, Wynn Resorts said the former employee wasn't harmed in any way.

As part of the filing, the casino company attached testimony from Palleggi, who identifies herself as friend of Steve Wynn. She made a declaration backing Wynn in a separate defamation case that the former casino mogul brought against Nielsen last year. The case is still pending. **BLOOMBERG**

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Huawei's founder Ren Zhengfei

HUAWEI FOUNDER SAYS US WOES NOT HARDEST CRISIS

JOE MCDONALD, SHENZHEN

FOR decades, Huawei's founder stayed out of sight as it grew to become the biggest maker of network gear for phone carriers and passed Apple as the No. 2 smartphone brand.

Now, Ren Zhengfei is shedding that anonymity as China's first global tech brand mobilizes to fight back against U.S. sanctions and warnings Huawei Technologies Ltd. is a security risk.

The entrepreneur at the center of the Trump administration's battle with Beijing over technology is a survivor of competition that drove Western rivals out of the market, brushes with financial disaster and job stress so severe he contemplated suicide.

The 75-year-old former army engineer who worked his way out of childhood poverty sees American pressure as just the latest of the tests that have hardened him and his company.

"For three decades, Huawei has been suffering and no joy," Ren said in an interview. "The pain of each episode is different."

This episode has a personal dimension: Ren's daughter, Huawei's chief financial officer, is under arrest in Canada on U.S. charges she helped to violate sanctions against Iran.

The escalating clash with Washington has transformed Ren from an admired but rarely seen

businessman worth an estimated \$3 billion into one of China's most prominent figures.

He belongs to the generation of entrepreneurs who founded communist-era China's first private companies in the 1980s. They navigated a shifting, state-dominated landscape, overcoming shortages of money and technology to create industries that are expanding abroad.

Ren launched Huawei in 1987 after his military post was eliminated.

Huawei is a star in industries the ruling Communist Party is promoting but a target for complaints those plans are based on stealing or pressuring foreign companies to hand over business secrets.

Despite his success, Ren talks like a struggling rookie, worrying aloud that employees might get too comfortable.

Ren writes letters urging employees to "prepare for the worst," said Nicole Peng of Canalys, an industry research firm.

As for "whether his character can help the company to survive," said Peng, "I'm sure it will. It will survive. Like he said, they are prepared for it. They know there is always difficulty."

Born in 1944, Ren was raised by a schoolteacher who he said fed

seven children on a monthly wage of 40 yuan (\$6).

When Ren was a teenager, the ruling party embarked on the Great Leap Forward, a disastrous campaign to become an industrial power overnight. At least 30 million people died in the 1959-61 famine that followed.

Ren's mother declared no one would die and divided each meal into nine portions, one for each family member, said Tian Tao, co-author of "The Huawei Story."

US export controls, if enforced, will disrupt Huawei's access to processor chips and other technology

"His mother's 'meal system' had a big impact on him," said Tian.

Following that ethos, Huawei says it is owned by the Chinese citizens who make up half its workforce of 180,000. Ren's ownership has declined to 1.14% as more shares are distributed to employees.

Ren joined the army in the 1960s and was sent to the northeast to build a textile factory. He said he slept outdoors in weather as cold as -28 C and ate noodles

and pickled radish.

Ren says he has tried to ensure Huawei's long-term survival through a system of shared decision-making. Still, he is known as a forceful, even autocratic, decision-maker.

That was highlighted by a battle in 2000 over whether to develop the personal handy-phone system, which caught on as a low-cost alternative to mobile service. Ren rejected PHS as a distraction from work on next-generation mobile technology that promised to be cheaper and more reliable.

Ren said he resisted appeals to back PHS as bills for 3G development rose to 6 billion yuan (\$750 million).

"Today's crisis is one-tenth or 1% of the pressure at that time," Ren said.

Tian, his biographer, said Huawei employees told him Ren, unable to sleep, would call and worry aloud about how to pay a 300 million yuan (\$50 million) monthly wage bill.

"When Ren Zhengfei talked with employees six or seven years ago, he revealed a secret: He had suicidal thoughts several times," said Tian, a Huawei adviser and co-director of the Ruihua Innovation Research Institute at Zhejiang University.

Following his daughter's December 2018 arrest in Vancouver, Huawei launched a charm offensive aimed at defusing Western suspicions the company facilitates Chinese spying.

Ren gives interviews lasting up

to two hours to reporters and TV crews who trek to Shenzhen, a former fishing village near Hong Kong that is now a technology center of 15 million people.

Ren, a ruling party member, tried to defuse security concerns by promising in January he would defy any official demands to reveal foreign customers' secrets.

Huawei, along with Nokia Corp. and LM Ericsson, leads in fifth-generation telecom technology. It is meant to upgrade and expand networks to support self-driving cars and other futuristic applications. But that increased reach makes 5G politically sensitive.

The company's U.S. market vanished in 2012 after a congressional panel declared Huawei a security risk.

Despite that, sales tripled as Huawei made inroads into Europe, Asia and Africa. Sales last year rose almost 20 percent to \$105 billion.

U.S. export controls, if enforced, will disrupt Huawei's access to processor chips and other technology. Its smartphones would lose Google maps and other services, making it hard to compete.

To limit that impact, Ren has emphasized making Huawei a self-reliant technology creator. This year's research spending is due to rise 20% to \$17 billion.

The company has released a smartphone operating system it says can replace Google's Android if necessary. It makes some of its own processor chips but needs U.S. suppliers for high-end products.

"They do things from scratch," said Peng. "I think this is the influence of the founder." AP

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Trump pushes back on reports US will remove China tariffs

PRESIDENT Donald Trump on Friday dismissed a Chinese official's assertion that his administration has agreed to roll back some of the higher tariffs it's imposed on Chinese goods.

The Chinese official said Thursday that the two sides had agreed to a phased cancellation of their tariff hikes as part of an emerging agreement.

Trump's pushback suggested that negotiations haven't progressed as far as hoped as the world's two biggest economies struggle to negotiate an end to their trade war, which has hurt both economies.

"They'd like to have a rollback," Trump told reporters at the White House, referring to the Chinese. "I haven't agreed to anything."

The two sides have been working on an initial "Phase 1" deal that was announced Oct. 12 but that still isn't final.

Financial markets in the U.S. and globally rallied Thursday at the prospect of an agreement to wind down the U.S.-China trade fight, but then stumbled Friday on Trump's comments before eking out small gains. The Dow Jones Industrial Average finished up 6.44 points, or less than 0.1%, after shedding as many as 96 points earlier in the day.

Trump repeated his claims that China wants a deal more than the United States and that the United States benefits from extra tariff revenue. The president says the tariffs are paid by China, but studies conducted since the duties were imposed find that Americans businesses and consumers are paying them.

"Frankly, they want to make a deal a lot more than I do," Trump said. "I'm very happy right now. We're taking in billions of dollars."

A private sector source with knowledge of the talks said Thursday that the United States had agreed to suspend the duties Trump threatened to impose December 15th on about \$160 billion of Chinese imports as part of the agreement. But there is dissen-

sion in the White House about whether and by how much to roll back 15% duties on another \$112 billion of goods imposed Sept. 1.

White House economic adviser Larry Kudlow also told Bloomberg News Thursday that if a deal were reached, it would include reduced tariffs.

"The White House never speaks with one voice," Mary Lovely, a trade economist at the Peterson Institute for International Economics, said Thursday.

Despite Trump's cavalier comments, analysts say the administration has plenty of incentives to reach a deal soon. Trump said last month that the "Phase 1" pact would include the purchase of tens of billions of dollars of U.S. farm products by China, which would benefit farm states, many

of which supported Trump in 2016.

The tariffs imposed in September covered clothes, toys, and shoes, raising prices for many widely used consumer goods.

And the Dec. 15 tariffs would mostly hit popular consumer products such as smart phones and laptops. Not only would that also raise consumer costs, but those tariffs would affect many products designed by U.S. companies, for which China gets relatively little of the economic benefit.

"The December tariff round would largely hit products designed and marketed by multinational firms, mostly with components from the United States and its allies, and assembled in non-Chinese-owned factories," Lovely wrote on the Peterson Institute's

website.

The trade war stems from the Trump administration's complaints that China is seeking to unfairly boost its high-tech industries by stealing U.S. technology or forcing American companies to share it as a condition of doing business there. Most business groups and China trade experts agree that China has violated trade rules and have largely supported the administration's tougher line.

Still, the tariffs have hurt both countries' economies. China's growth slowed to an annual rate of 6% last month, a healthy pace for more advanced economies but China's slowest in three decades.

In the United States, businesses are dealing with the tariffs' higher

costs and are uncertain about their international supply chains. They have responded by cutting their investment spending in new plants and equipment for two straight quarters. That's lowered U.S. economic growth to 1.9% at an annual rate in the July-September quarter from 3.1% in the first three months of this year.

A report released Wednesday by a trade group opposed to the duties found that Americans paid \$7.1 billion in tariffs in September, a record high for a single month.

Once a "Phase 1" deal is reached, the two sides will still need to decide where the two leaders — Trump and China's Xi Jinping — will sign the pact. Trump said Friday that they could hold a summit in Iowa or elsewhere in U.S. "farm country." AP



Beijing says only patriots can become Hong Kong chief executive

CHINA'S top official overseeing Hong Kong affairs said Beijing will ensure only people loyal to it become the city's chief executive, damping hopes of pro-democracy activists.

The majority of representatives in Hong Kong's cabinet, judiciary and legislative bodies should also support the central government, Zhang Xiao-

ming said in a post on the agency's website. He said the city's inability to implement Article 23 - a law that prohibits acts of treason and subversion against the Chinese government - and its failure to set up units to follow through were the main reasons separatist movements are on the rise.

In 2003, the Hong Kong government halted

implementation of the controversial article in its mini constitution, the Basic Law, after rolling protests drew hundreds of thousands of people.

Hong Kong has endured about five straight months of violent protests this year that started in opposition to a proposed law which would have allowed extraditions to other jurisdictions, in-

cluding China. While the bill was withdrawn, the demonstrations have developed into anti-Beijing expressions and demands have broadened to include democratic elections for lawmakers and the chief executive.

"This is part of Beijing's plan to tighten control over Hong Kong and exert further pressure on the pro-democracy camp,"

said Joseph Cheng, a professor at the City University of Hong Kong and pro-democracy activist. "The present situation in Hong Kong has turned into a crisis and that's giving Chinese leaders a reason to press for a hard line."

Zhang's words are likely to further anger activists who are calling for an escalation of demon-

strations as they mark the death this week of a student who fell off a building near a demonstration where police carried out a dispersal operation. The city is due to hold elections next September for members of its lawmaking body, the Legislative Council, which are expected to be fiercely contested, given the ongoing unrest. **BLOOMBERG**

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Choi Seung-woo, a victim of Brothers Home

ABUSIVE SOUTH KOREAN FACILITY EXPORTED CHILDREN

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A South Korean facility that kidnapped and abused children and the disabled for a generation was also shipping children overseas for adoption, part of a massive profit-seeking enterprise that thrived by exploiting those trapped within its walls, The Associated Press has found.

The AP, which previously exposed a government cover-up at Brothers Home and a level of abuse greater than earlier known, has now found that the facility was part of an orphanage pipeline feeding private adoption agencies.

Relying on documents obtained from officials and freedom of information requests, the AP uncovered direct evidence that 19 children were adopted out of Brothers and sent abroad, as well as indirect evidence showing at least 51 more adoptions. The adoptions AP found took place between 1979 and 1986.

There were probably many more adoptions over the three decades Brothers operated, but the

extent will likely never be known. Most documents have been lost, destroyed or withheld by the government and adoption agencies.

The AP found one of the adoptees.

J. Hwang, who asked to be quoted by the name on her adoption papers because of privacy concerns, was 4 in 1982 when documents say police officers found her on the street and took her to Brothers, a compound in Busan. After her initial adoption fell through, she was sent weeks later to another orphanage and then to her new home in North America.

"One of my main questions is wondering if I was supposed to be [at Brothers], or if my parents, my biological parents, are still out there looking for me," said Hwang, who didn't know she had been at Brothers. "Why me?"

The previous AP investigation uncovered details about Brothers, where from the 1960s to the late 1980s thousands of children and adults that authorities deemed

"vagrants" were rounded up and kept. Many were enslaved, raped and even beaten to death.

But Brothers was also separating young children for adoption, the AP found. Brothers sent these children to adoption agencies, which placed them with families in the West.

Records will never show the real number of adoptions from Brothers

During that period, South Korea's ruling military dictatorships aggressively institutionalized and exported poor children for profit and to clear the streets of those considered socially unacceptable.

Adoptive parents were unaware of the horrors happening where their children once lived or that their payments likely helped fund an abusive facility. Biological parents may not have known that their children were at Brothers, let alone sent overseas.

Lee Chae-sik, now 50, worked at the Brothers nursery as a boy. Once a month, for two years in the early 1980s, Lee said he penned letters bound for North America. Each letter was attached to a photo of a foreign couple and another of a Brothers child.

Hundreds of times, Lee wrote: "We have received the money and gifts you sent us. Thank you." The letters addressed the couples as "yangbumo," which typically means adoptive parents.

He said the photos were filed in a folder marked "Holt," which is also the name of an adoption agency. Dozens of times, he said, the children in the photos would disappear just days after the letters were sent.

Lee said he has "no doubt" that Brothers was selling babies.

Kim Sang-ha, who spent 12 years at Brothers until 1987, remembers writing similar letters.

Park Gyeong-bo, who was at Brothers from 1975 to 1980, said guards would occasionally dress

up children for photos that inmates thought were for adoption papers because the children would later disappear.

Former inmate Lee Hye-yul said she was 7 when she was told by a Brothers official that she would be sent to a family in Britain. Lee begged and cried for days to have the adoption called off. She was later told that the adoption was canceled but not why.

Several former adoption workers, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of privacy restrictions, agreed that what Lee Chae-sik described likely indicated an international adoption process.

Because of the loss of records, there's no direct evidence to back the claims that adoptions were part of Brothers owner Park In-keun's money-making operations. But experts say Park wouldn't have sent children away unless he was getting more money than from keeping them at the compound, where he received government subsidies for each inmate and used inmates for slave labor.

Records will never show the real number of adoptions from Brothers, which came as adoption agencies competed for children and falsified the origins of many of them, said Lee Kyung-eun, a legal expert on transnational adoptions.

Park died in 2016. The former No. 2 at Brothers, Lim Young Soon, acknowledged that there had been some adoptions, without providing specifics.

"The adoptions happened a long time ago, and there's a limit to what you can find with just the records that remain," said Seong Chang-hyeon, a Ministry of Health and Welfare official. "We do recognize that the children [at Brothers] were exposed to various kinds of human rights violations."

Holt International spokeswoman Susan Soonkeum Cox told AP that David Kim, a former president of the Oregon-based agency, couldn't recall specifics but remembers that Holt Korea worked with Brothers. The two agencies separated in the 1970s but maintained a partnership.

The AP confirmed five other U.S. agencies took children from Brothers: Children's Home Society of Minnesota, Dillon International, Children's Home Society of California, Catholic Social Services and Spence-Chapin. None verified adoptions from Brothers when approached by the AP.

Hwang said she never cared about the details of her adoption. But now she's filled with questions, including, perhaps most importantly, whether her birth family willingly gave her up.

"I'm very curious about what the real story is for my first six years," she said. "I have thought all my life that it was one thing, and now it's changed." AP

SOPHENG CHEANG
& GRANT PECK, PHNOM PENH

CAMBODIA

Court eases detention of top opposition figure

A Cambodian court yesterday lifted some restrictions on detained opposition leader Kem Sokha, essentially freeing him from house arrest and taking some of the spotlight off his exiled colleague who is attempting to return to the country.

Sam Rainsy, the co-founder with Kem Sokha of the banned Cambodia National Rescue Party, arrived in Malaysia from Europe on Saturday on a well-publicized trip to lead a movement to oust long-serving authoritarian Prime Minister Hun Sen.

Sam Rainsy missed his self-declared deadline of returning to his home country on Saturday, Cambodia's Independence Day, and his further plans are not clear.

He had been barred from entering Cambodia, but Deputy Prime Minister Sar Kheng said in a Facebook post that he was now welcome to return but would have to face justice in several concluded and pending legal cases.

While Kem Sokha and Sam Rainsy are political partners, they're also rivals. There also are bad feelings between their respective supporters because of Kem Sokha's willingness to stay in Cambodia while Sam Rainsy has been in self-imposed exile since 2015.

Kem Sokha's eldest daughter, U.S.-based Kem Monovithya, has been especially outspoken in criticizing Sam Rainsy and his supporters for allegedly grabbing power at her father's expense. She was formerly a spokeswoman for the party.

Kem Sokha is still barred from engaging in political activity, but his newfound freedom raises his profile as an alternative leader to

AP PHOTO



Sam Rainsy.

Hun Sen, known over almost 35 years in power as a wily and ruthless politician, has a history of employing divide-and-rule tactics against his opponents.

Yesterday's court order keeps several restrictions on Kem Sokha. He's not allowed to travel outside Cambodia, and he must comply and cooperate with the court or the authorities.

The court declared that it acted after his lawyers said he needed medical care.

In a message posted on his Facebook page after the court's action, Kem Sokha said he was still urging the court to drop the charges against him.

"I am expecting that the decision today is a first step, but I, along with other Cambodian people who have lost their po-

litical freedom, am still waiting for real justice," he wrote. He also said he was planning a trip to meet his countrymen.

Kem Sokha faced an intense campaign of harassment in 2015, culminating with his arrest in September that year on a charge of treason. The main evidence against him was videos several years old that showed him at a seminar where he spoke

about receiving advice from U.S. pro-democracy groups.

Even though his case has not yet gone to trial, he has been under house arrest, with his outside contacts tightly restricted.

His arrest was part of a wide-ranging crackdown by Hun Sen and his ruling Cambodian People's Party in late 2017, which saw all critical media voices silenced in addition to the country's high court dissolving the Cambodia National Rescue Party.

The party's dissolution was seen as a political ploy to ensure victory by Hun Sen's party in the 2018 general election by eliminating the only credible opposition group. The Cambodia National Rescue Party had mounted an unexpectedly strong challenge in the 2013 election.

Kem Sokha's lawyer expressed disappointment that he was not freed unconditionally.

"We are not satisfied with the decision made by the court for our client, Kem Sokha," Pheng Heng told The Associated Press. "We wanted him to be completely free with all charges dropped." He said that Kem Sokha has a serious back problem that needs treatment by a specialist and possibly surgery.

Rights activists described the court's order as a hollow gesture, meant to ease criticism as the European Union prepares to decide whether to withdraw preferential duty-free and quota-free status for imports from Cambodia because of its deficiencies on labor and human rights.

Cambodia is one of a number of developing nations with whom the EU has an "Everything But Arms" — or EBA — program granting preferential access to the European market for products other than weapons. AP

Pakistan opens visa-free border crossing for India Sikhs

ASIM TANVEER,
KARTARPUR

THE prime ministers of India and Pakistan inaugurated Saturday a visa-free border crossing for Sikh pilgrims from India, allowing thousands of pilgrims to easily visit a Sikh shrine just inside Pakistan each day.

Imran Khan and Narendra Modi held separate opening ceremonies on their respective sides of the new border crossing. It's a rare sign of cooperation between the two nuclear-armed nations amid heightened tensions over the disputed Kashmir region, which both countries partially control but claim in its

AP PHOTO



entirety.

"This is the biggest and happiest day for the Sikh community ... it will help with improving relations"

between India and Pakistan, said Manmohan Singh, a former Indian prime minister. He was among the first group of 500 pilgrims

to cross using the corridor.

At the opening ceremony, Khan said: "This corridor is the beginning and things will move further

toward the improvement in relations between Pakistan and India ... Once the Kashmir issue is resolved it will bring peace to this subcontinent."

The shrine to Guru Nanak, the founder of the Sikh religion, is known as Gurdwara Darbar Sahib. It's the second-holiest place in the Sikh faith and is located on the Ravi River just 4.5 kilometers from Pakistan's border with India.

The shrine is visible from the Indian side of the border, and Sikhs would often gather on bluffs to view the site from the Indian side.

The new arrangement allows pilgrims to apply online for special permits to visit the shrine. Visas to tra-

vel between Pakistan and India are normally difficult to obtain.

Over the past year, Pakistan constructed a huge complex around the shrine with facilities to accommodate 5,000 pilgrims daily, including a vast dining hall, a library and rooms for performing rituals.

Pakistani authorities have called it the biggest Sikh shrine in the world. The religious group makes up only a tiny minority in Muslim-majority Pakistan.

Many Sikh holy sites were left in Pakistan after the British partitioned the subcontinent into separate nations in 1947 following two centuries of colonial rule. AP

MACAU'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

NEW CHALLENGE FOR BOLIVIAN PRESIDENT AS POLICE ABANDON POSTS

CARLOS VALDEZ, LA PAZ

POLICE guards outside Bolivia's presidential palace abandoned their posts Saturday, increasing pressure on President Evo Morales as he seeks to curb nationwide unrest after a disputed election.

Officers also climbed onto the roof of a nearby police station holding Bolivian flags and signs proclaiming "The Police with the People." Police retreated to their barracks in at least three cities, and there were reports that some in two cities were openly declaring mutinies.

The president, who was not at the palace at the time and appeared later at a military airfield outside La Paz, urged police to "preserve the security" of Bolivia and obey the rules.

Growing dissension in police ranks posed a new threat to Morales, who claimed victory after the Oct. 20 vote but has since faced protests in which three people have been killed and hundreds injured. Opponents contend the results were manipulated.

Morales faces "the most complicated moment" in his 14 years in power and the situation could



deteriorate, said Jorge Dulón, a political analyst at the Catholic University of Bolivia in La Paz.

Police units in some cities started protesting Friday, marching in the streets in uniform as anti-government protesters cheered them from the sidewalks.

Defense Minister Javier Zabaleta initially played down the police protests, saying a "police mutiny occurred in a few regions."

Gen. Williams Kaliman, the military chief, said Saturday that the military had no plans to intervene.

"We'll never confront the people among whom we live. We guarantee peaceful co-existence," Kaliman said. "This is a political problem and it should be resolved within that realm."

A list of demands from dissident police officers included better working conditions, the resignation of their commander and guarantees that they won't be used as a political "instrument of any government."

The spectacle of police leaving their positions outside the presi-

dential palace was an ominous development for Morales.

At a news conference at the military base, Morales appealed to Bolivia's political factions to hold talks. He said the four parties that received the most votes in the nine-candidate election should sit down with "an open agenda to pacify Bolivia."

Carlos Mesa, the main opposition leader and a former president who finished second in the Oct. 20 vote, promptly rejected the suggestion.

"I have nothing to negotiate with Evo Morales, who has lost all grip on reality," Mesa said.

Another opposition leader, Luis Fernando Camacho, said the president "is looking for exits, when people demand his resignation and call for new elections."

While appealing for dialogue, Morales has also accused his opponents of trying to overthrow Bolivia's rightful government.

The Organization of American States is conducting an audit of the election count. Findings are expected Monday or Tuesday. The opposition, which has alleged vote-rigging, says it will not accept the results because they were not consulted about the audit plan.

The European Union issued a statement Saturday calling for demonstrators to remain peaceful, saying a solution "can be achieved through peaceful negotiations."

U.S. Undersecretary of State for Western Hemisphere Affairs Michael Kozak echoed that view on Twitter: "Bolivian citizens deserve credible and transparent elections that they can trust to represent their will. We urge all actors to avoid violence and ensure that the forces of public order continue to exercise restraint."

In the city of Santa Cruz, a stronghold for anti-Morales sentiment, hundreds of opposition supporters marched along with police mutineers. **AP**

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Spain's national vote an epic struggle between left, right

CIARAN GILES
& ARITZ PARRA, MADRID

AS Spaniards voted yesterday in the country's fourth election in as many years, a leading leftist party pledged to help the incumbent Socialists in hopes of staving off a possible right-wing coalition government that could include a far-right party.

Spain's United We Can party leader Pablo Iglesias said he will offer assistance to the Socialists to form a stable leftist government. A failure to reach an agreement between the Socialists and United We Can, Spain's fourth-largest party in parliament, following the last election in April was one of the main reasons that Sunday's national election was called.

"We think that combining the courage of United We Can and the experience of the Socialist party we can convert our country into a reference point for social policies," Iglesias said.

Spain's four main parties have focused their campaigns on how



Voting booth in Madrid yesterday

to deal with the independence push in the northeastern region of Catalonia and the feared surge of the far-right Vox party.

Socialist Prime Minister Pedro Sánchez, who won the most votes in April but failed to whip up

enough parliamentary support to form a government, is tipped to win again but is not expected to capture a majority. That means Spain may face another political stalemate and months more without a stable government.

"I think it's very important that we strengthen the democracy with our vote, encourage all citizens to vote and as of tomorrow we may have the stability to form a government and get Spain moving," Sánchez said after voting.

His party won 123 seats in the 350-seat lower house last time. All seats were up for grabs, chosen by Spain's 37 million eligible voters.

Vox has already joined forces with Spain's two right-of-center parties to take over many city and regional governments and the three groups would readily band together to oust Sánchez, who is seen by the right-wing opposition as too soft on the Catalan secessionist movement.

Polls suggest that turnout could be a factor, with voter fatigue looming. As of 2 p.m., 37.9% of eligible voters had cast ballots, down from 41.5% in the April 28 election.

Julia Giobelina, 34-year-old web designer from Madrid, was angry at having to vote for the second time in less than seven

months but said she cast her ballot in hopes of stopping the rise of Vox.

"They are the new fascism," Giobelina said. "We citizens need to stand against privatization of health care and other public services. Also, because I don't know if my daughter will be transsexual or lesbian and because of our friends the immigrants, we need to vote against the far-right for them."

Spain returned to democracy in the late 1970s after a near four-decade right-wing dictatorship under the late Gen. Francisco Franco. The country used to take pride in claiming no far-right group had seats in the national parliament, unlike the rest of Europe.

But that changed in the last election, when Vox erupted onto the political scene by winning 24 seats on promises of taking a hard line on Catalonia and immigration.

The Socialists' April victory was nonetheless seen by many as a respite for Europe, where right-wing parties had gained much ground in countries such as France, Hungary, Italy and Poland.

But many polls predict Vox, headed by Santiago Abascal, may do even better this time, capitalizing on Spanish nationalist sentiment stirred up by the Catalan conflict. AP

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Offbeat

LOBSTERMAN RESCUES DEER TRAPPED IN WATER OFF MAINE COAST



A Maine lobsterman hauled in an unusual catch 5 miles off the coast — a live deer.

Ren Dorr says he was setting traps when he saw a young deer. He says the deer had given up swimming and was being carried farther offshore.

He and his crew hauled the 100-pound buck aboard.

Having a wild animal in a confined space could be trouble. But Dorr told the Bangor Daily News that the deer was so tuckered out that he "laid right down like a dog."

He says it took a half-hour to return to Harrington, where the deer was set free.

Dorr says that he has seen deer swimming before but that this was different.

He says that if he and his crew hadn't intervened, the deer would have been "a goner."

TV canal macau



13:00 TDM News (Repetição)

13:30 Telejornal RTPi (Diferido)

15:00 Agua de Mar

15:35 Zig Zag

16:00 Viajante da Música

16:30 Quem Quer Ser Milionário

17:30 LiteratAqui

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22:20 Império

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TERMINATOR: DARK FATE

ROOM 1

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

Director: Tim Miller

Starring: Linda Hamilton, Arnold Schwarzenegger, Mackenzie Davis

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 128min



THE ADDAMS FAMILY

ROOM 2

2:30, 9:30pm

Director: Greg Tiernan, Conrad Vernon

Starring: Oscar Isaac, Charlize Theron, Chloë Grace Moretz

Language: English (Chinese)

ROOM 2

4:30, 7:30pm

Language: Cantonese (Chinese)

Duration: 87min



FORTUNA'S EYE

ROOM 3

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

Director: Takahiro Miki

Starring: Ryunosuke Kamiki, Kasumi Arimura, Yukiya Kitamura

Language: Japanese (Chinese & English)

JOKER

ROOM 3

7:15pm

Director: Todd Phillips

Starring: Joaquin Phoenix, Robert De Niro, Zazie Beetz

Language: English

Duration: 122min

this day in history



1965 RHODESIA BREAKS FROM UK

The Rhodesian Government, led by Prime Minister Ian Smith, has illegally severed its links with the British Crown.

Mr Smith made the Unilateral Declaration of Independence (UDI) after days of tense negotiations with British Prime Minister Harold Wilson.

His address to the people of Rhodesia said he had taken the action, "so that dignity and freedom of all may be assured".

After the proclamation he explained: "There can be no happiness in a country while the absurd situation continues to exist where people, such as ourselves, who have ruled themselves with an impeccable record for over 40 years, are denied what is freely granted to other countries."

British authorities were only prepared to permit independence on the basis of giving the black majority population a fair share of power.

Under Mr Smith's system there will be white minority rule, where 220,000 white Rhodesians will enjoy privileges over nearly four million black Rhodesians.

Harold Wilson told a packed and solemn House of Commons the Labour Government would not be sending troops to deal with the crisis.

Instead he announced a full-range of sanctions including ceasing all British aid to and preferential treatment for Rhodesia, banning the import of Rhodesian tobacco and recalling the British High Commissioner.

Both Rhodesian opposition parties - the Zimbabwe African National Union (Zanu) and the Zimbabwe African People's Union (Zapu) have declared breakaway governments.

They have both called upon the British Government to use force to suspend the Smith Government.

Zanu has also petitioned the United Nations and the Organisation of African Unity for assistance.

Zapu National Treasurer Jason Mayo gave a statement before leaving London - where he has been in exile - to set up his rival government in Lusaka, Zambia.

"Treason and rebellion have been committed. The lives particularly of four million unarmed Africans are in jeopardy," he said.

The Kenyan Government has offered support to "our African brothers in Southern Rhodesia", but did not refer specifically to Zanu or Zapu.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

The next day the United Nations Security Council condemned Mr Smith's regime in Rhodesia.

The US immediately supported the British sanctions - with embargoes on arms exports and sugar imports - and the UN called for all its members to implement economic sanctions in 1966.

France and the USSR abstained, but South Africa and Portugal - with its colony Mozambique - refused and their continued trading with Rhodesia was instrumental in keeping the Smith government afloat.

Joshua Nkomo's Zapu and Robert Mugabe's Zanu parties overcame their differences to form the Patriotic Front (PF) to confront Ian Smith.

Armed resistance from their guerrilla movements continued until white rule formally ended in June 1979, when Abel Muzorewa of the African National Congress (ANC) became the first black prime minister of the newly named Zimbabwe-Rhodesia.

Robert Mugabe was elected prime minister of an independent Zimbabwe in 1980 under a new constitution. Mr Smith remained an MP until 1987.

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YOUR STARS



ARIES

Mar. 21-Apr. 19

You will be shown some visions of what could be today—and just because it doesn't look like things are going to turn out the way you want them to doesn't mean that you still can't be happy.



TAURUS

Apr. 20-May. 20

Your attitude towards other people will help you win in any power struggle you encounter today, from who gets to hold the remote control at home to who gets promoted to that plum position at work.



GEMINI

May. 21-Jun. 21

Try to get away from the crowds today. Get off on your own and take a long walk outside. Let your thoughts wander, and you will come to some extremely important realizations about yourself.



CANCER

Jun. 22-Jul. 22

You might feel like you're banging your head against a wall today—someone you're trying to break the ice with keeps on giving you the cold shoulder.



LEO

Jul. 23-Aug. 22

Take a break from pushing yourself right now—you deserve it! Challenging yourself with more responsibilities at work might not be the best way to get ahead.



VIRGO

Aug. 23-Sep. 22

Give yourself a modest challenge that offers huge rewards today—starting with your environment. Pick up around your home and find a new way to reorganize your stuff.



LIBRA

Sep. 23-Oct. 22

You should know by now that only an intellectual connection can create a solid foundation for a real relationship, whether it's a romance, a friendship, or a business partnership.



SCORPIO

Oct. 23-Nov. 21

This is a day of conflicting ideas and opinions—which could create tension at home, but could also create a sizzling hot connection in your social life. Nothing stirs up your emotions like a heated debate.



SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

The good news is that you are at the beginning stages of a remarkable self-transformation. The bad news is that consequently, you might be feeling confused about what you want to do today.



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Dec. 22-Jan. 19

If you think that you need to start making some lifestyle changes, then you do. When you feel the urge to mix things up, you cannot continue with your normal routine and have any sense of growth or progress.



AQUARIUS

Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Someone is going to find you quite attractive today—although unfortunately, they might not be someone who you find very attractive. Learn how to take a compliment and move on!



PISCES

Feb. 19-Mar. 20

Without even trying, you will be daydreaming about the future today—one word could send you off on a mental tangent full of ideas about where you want to live next.

The Born Loser by Chip Sansom



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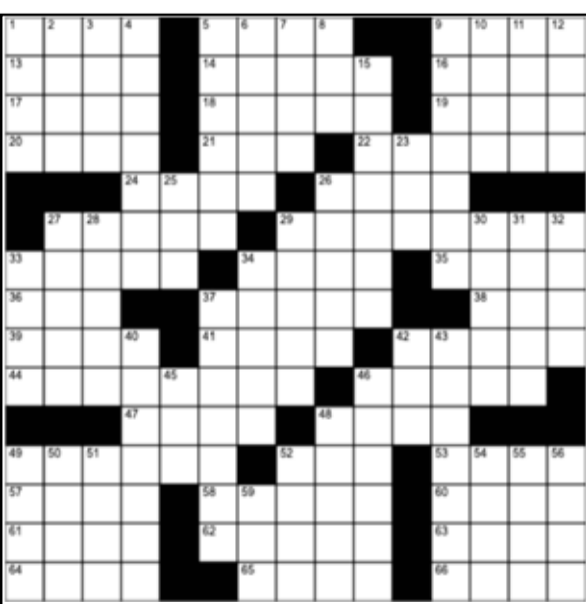
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Lhasa	2	17	cloudy
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Hangzhou	9	23	cloudy
Taipei	16	22	cloudy
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Frankfurt	-1	9	clear
Paris	4	10	drizzle
London	3	7	drizzle
New York	0	4	clear

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Man, in Milan; 5- Spoiled child; 9- Palindromic time; 13- Pole, for one; 14- Scintillas; 16- Lesson; 17- Land of Molly Bloom; 18- Cancel; 19- ___ boy; 20- Take-charge type; 21- Soak (up); 22- One or the other; 24- Intake; 26- Sneaky guy?; 27- Injury; 29- Mountain climber; 33- Gone up; 34- Object of worship; 35- Hoity-toity sort; 36- Follow the rainbow; 37- Jalopy; 38- Pacino and Gore; 39- Kind of tide; 41- Crones; 42- Dawn; 44- Annoy; 46- Sharpens; 47- Narrow path for walkers, cars or ships; 48- Closet pest; 49- Like some rebates; 52- ___ Schwarz; 53- Plenty; 57- Capital on a fjord; 58- Put into office; 60- Apple or pear; 61- Goulash; 62- Longest river in France; 63- Entreaty; 64- Makes lace; 65- ___ about (approximately); 66- Pull abruptly;

DOWN: 1- Drew on; 2- Potpourri; 3- Female horse; 4- Late; 5- Tendentious; 6- Automaton; 7- At the summit of; 8- Cigarette ingredient; 9- Tidies; 10- Sworn thing; 11- Bone; Prefix; 12- Approach; 15- Spire; 23- "Lord, is ___?"; Matthew; 25- B & B; 26- Schemes; 27- Electrician, at times; 28- Movie award; 29- Old saying; 30- Nonsensical; 31- Alone, on stage; 32- Recipe amt.; 33- Hindu princess; 34- Teed off; 37- Wide strait; 40- Head rests; 42- Boozehound; 43- Sad; 45- Clavell's "___-Pan"; 46- Owl, e.g.; 48- Computer shortcut; 49- Lion's share; 50- Tinseltown terrier; 51- Belinda Carlisle's "Should ___ You In?"; 52- Sinn ___; 54- "Damn Yankees" vamp; 55- Warning sign; 56- Furniture wood; 59- Elton's john;



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WOODY ALLEN AND AMAZON END LEGAL BATTLE

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WOODY Allen and Amazon.com have ended their legal battle.

The filmmaker had sued Amazon in February after the online giant ended his 2017 contract without ever releasing a completed film, "A Rainy Day in New York." Amazon had responded that Allen, whose daughter Dylan has accused him of molesting her when she was a girl, breached the 4-movie deal by making insensitive remarks about the #Me-Too movement. Allen

has repeatedly denied the allegations made by his daughter.

In papers filed Friday in U.S. District Court, Allen and Amazon agreed that the case should be dismissed without prejudice. Terms were not disclosed. "A Rainy Day in New York" was released overseas, but not in the U.S. Allen's career has slowed in recent years, with several actors who had appeared in his films saying they would not work with him again.

OCTAVIA SPENCER TO RECEIVE HONOR FROM PRODUCERS GUILD

THE Producers Guild of America will honor Octavia Spencer for her work behind-the-camera at its 2020 awards show.

Spencer, who was among the producers of last year's best picture Oscar winner "Green Book," will receive the Visionary Award at the Producers Guild Awards on Jan. 18.

The honor is meant to celebrate producers

who create "inspiring, uplifting stories that add unique value to society and culture."

Spencer also served as an executive producer on "Ma," a horror film released earlier this year that gave the Oscar-winning actress her first starring role.

Previous recipients of the award include Brad Pitt, Ava DuVernay and "black-ish" creator Kenya Barris.

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A\$AP ROCKY RETURNS TO SWEDEN MONTHS AFTER ASSAULT CONVICTION

A\$AP Rocky will perform in Sweden several months after he was convicted of assault in a street brawl.

Concert promoter Live Nation says the rapper will return to Stockholm "after tremendous support from the Swedish fans." The artist is due to perform Dec. 11 at Stockholm's Ericsson Globe arena.

A\$AP Rocky, whose real name is Rakim Mayers, was convicted of assault for a June 30 street brawl in Sto-

ckholm. He pleaded self-defense, saying he tried to avoid a confrontation with two men who were following his entourage.

On Aug. 14, Mayers and his two bodyguards were given "conditional sentences," meaning they won't serve prison time unless they commit a similar offense in the future.

President Donald Trump had weighed in to support the Grammy-nominated recording artist.

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TENNIS

KRISTINA Mladenovic inspired France to a drought-breaking Fed Cup triumph after a nail-biting 3-2 win in the final against Australia yesterday.

Mladenovic combined with Caroline Garcia to beat Ashleigh Barty and Samantha Stosur 6-4, 6-3 in the decisive doubles match at Perth Arena. She produced a herculean effort on the outdoor hard court after earlier upsetting the top-ranked Barty in a three-set thriller to move France into a 2-1 lead.

French Open winner Barty's remarkable season ended in heartbreak just one week after her historic US \$4.42 million triumph at the WTA Finals in Shenzhen.

Former French Open doubles winners Mladenovic and Garcia broke three times to power France to their third Fed Cup title and first since 2003.

It was redemption for Mladenovic and Garcia who lost the decisive doubles match against the Czech Republic in the 2016 final.

"It's a lot of emotion to share this with (Garcia) after we failed on the last step three years ago," Mladenovic said. "We just wanted to take this little revenge for ourselves."

Australia captain Alicia Molik hoped her team could rebound after losing their ninth straight decider stretching back to their last triumph in 1974.

"We will use this moment for fuel to drive us into the future," she said.

Earlier, No. 51-ranked Ajla Tomljanovic rebounded from a dispiriting performance in her Australian Fed Cup debut on Saturday against Mladenovic to record a 6-4, 7-5 victory over Pauline Parmentier in one hour and 33 minutes.

"I'm really glad I got a second chance and that I got a win," Tomljanovic said.

France captain Julien Benneteau chose veteran Parmentier over former No. 4-ranked Garcia, who failed to win a game against Barty on Saturday, to try and clinch the tie for the visitors.

The Australian struggled to consistently land her first serve but world No.122 Parmentier could not make her pay and it was an increasingly confident Tomljanovic who grabbed the decisive break in the 10th game to take the first set.

The 26-year-old held her nerve in the second set and gained the decisive break in the 12th game to ensure Australia's bid to end a 45-year drought remained momentarily alive.

In yesterday's opening singles, Mladenovic stunned Barty with a nerve-wrenching 2-6, 6-4, 7-6 (1) victory.

The No. 40-ranked Mladenovic started slowly before

taking advantage of an error-strewn Barty, whose 15-match Fed Cup winning streak was ended in a see-sawing match lasting two hours and 31 minutes.

Mladenovic failed to close out the match on serve in the 10th game of the deciding set before dominating Barty in the tiebreak to produce arguably the best victory of her career.

"It's absolutely epic. This one is special because it's playing in the final for the country in front of an amazing, packed crowd," said an emotional Mladenovic after the match.

Barty started where she left off against Garcia, firing back-to-back aces to take the first game then broke Mladenovic's serve on her way to claiming the first set in 33 minutes.

But the French No. 1 fought her way back into the contest and took advantage of a series of unforced errors by Barty to force a deciding set.

"She was the aggressor, took a few more chances and got the reward out there," Barty said.

In April, a revamped Fed Cup will comprise 12 teams playing over six days for an \$18 million prize on clay courts in Budapest, Hungary. AP

France clinches Fed Cup with epic 3-2 win over Australia



France's Kristina Mladenovic

GOLF

Hatton wins in Turkey after record-equaling six-man playoff

ENGLAND'S Tyrrell Hatton won the Turkish Airlines Open yesterday after a record-equaling six-man playoff that finished under floodlights.

Hatton defeated Matthias Schwab with a par on the fourth extra hole to win his fourth title in memorable circumstances in Antalya.

Earlier, Hatton (67), Schwab (70), American Kurt Kitayama (64), French pair Victor Perez (65) and Benjamin Hebert (67), and South Africa's Erik Van Rooyen (65) had all finished tied on 20 under to set up the third six-man playoff in European Tour history.

Schwab had led by three shots going into the final round as the 24-year-old



England's Tyrrell Hatton

Austrian chased his first European Tour title.

Patrick Reed started the day tied for second after two straight 7-under 65s

at the Montgomerie Maxx Royal. Yesterday he shot 71 — just as he did in the first round — to finish tied for 10th on 16 under.

Two-time defending champion Justin Rose (68) ended in a tie for 21st on 13 under.

Players were sent out

in two playoff groups of three on the par-five 18th and Van Rooyen was the first man eliminated after a wayward drive led to a bogey six.

Hatton looked in danger of an early exit as well after a clumsy third shot from the back of the green, only to then chip in from 40 feet for an unlikely birdie that was matched by Kitayama.

Overnight leader Schwab, who had missed a birdie putt on the 72nd hole to win the tournament in regulation, was the only player in the second group to make birdie to leave three players heading back to the 18th tee.

All three missed good birdie chances on the second extra hole and the

floodlights that can illuminate the back nine holes were turned on before the trio headed back to the 18th.

Hatton looked set to seal victory after a superb pitch to two feet set up a certain birdie, but Schwab holed from 20 feet for a birdie before Kitayama missed from closer range and was eliminated.

On the fourth extra hole Hatton turned away in disbelief after his birdie putt from eight feet to win the title drifted past the edge of the hole.

But moments later he was celebrating victory after Schwab missed from close range for par after getting to the back edge of the green in two. AP

OPINION

Rear Window

Severo Portela



FACE OFF

Once again, Macau sails through that atypical season of a quiet and uneventful brand of local politics where and when anything goes. That is to say, in the season of wild-flowing rumors when anything looks possible, no idea is too absurd to have a following crowd, and no conspiracy theory is nonsense. It is that rough period prior to the official announcement of Chief Executive Ho Iat Seng's team of secretaries. Nobody but the Chief Executive himself (discounting the upper role of Central Government) knows exactly who will take part in the next SAR government. Not even the ones already sounded out to keep their posts, switch portfolios, or debut in the top echelon of MSAR executive branch know for sure.

Silence is a prerogative of the power of the Chief Executive, like the reverse mode of the then candidate Ho Iat Seng's electoral campaign. He did not say much about his thoughts on his government or other things, or the zeitgeist, to the small-circle members, to the people, or to associations. He asked for ideas, opinions, solutions, states of mind and spirit. Listening is an expression of power, while being heard - as Andrew Dobson formulates - is a conferring of power. Having said that, we allow ourselves to join the guessing game.

We shall begin with an earlier point about the difference between the continuum of power in the Macau Special Administrative Region and the continuity of policy and its performers. The former is a basic reading of the fundamental law, while the latter is a dispute, a competition for the power associated with each portfolio.

Secretary for Administration and Justice seems to be, for most observers, the sitting duck of Chui Sai On's fading team. Sonia Chan had a limited role in her own portfolio, to the extent that alleged replacements are piling up at HIS door. From Commissioner of Audit, Ho Veng On, to André Cheong (Commissioner Against Corruption), to the resurrection of Cheng U, or Justice Fong Man Chong. However, the best option is already in place if the portfolio's performance is to be boosted. Wong Sio Chak as Secretary for Security, despite some deservedly negative evaluations of some pieces of important legislation from liberal and pro-democracy activists, could be the secretary to remain. 20 years on, MSAR no longer suffers from a limited pool of talent to fill security positions, so it will be easy to select somebody from the apparatus.

The acting government member to retain his portfolio could be Lionel Leong, the Secretary of Finance. Despite the relative discretion he has been granted lately, the nature of the gaming brief, and the fact that the moment of the renewal of casino concessions demands an element of stability, the core business of the SAR is facing uncertainties it cannot handle by itself. Thus, the relative discretion Leong has been relegated to is, after all, a comparative advantage that may result in him keeping his position.

Or rather, MSAR would abide by the rule that something has to change in order...well, you know...and allow itself a "comeback kid" tale, no offence, and bring aboard the Ho Iat Seng team player, Lee Peng Hong.

Thus, Secretary for Finance would be drafted into a role in GBA, similar to the one Tam will act in the Lusophone world.

Multi-tasking and omnipresent, Alexis Tam has been long talked up for a high-profile, quasi-cultural diplomat status in the Lusophone sphere. Based in Portugal with rotating (MSAR) responsibilities towards Portuguese-speaking countries, his replacement should come from within Government House: the family endorsed O Lam. If not, a good bet is that made by fellow columnist Eric Sautedé: the "neutral" Agnes Lam.

Finally, the portfolio of the stressed and strained Raimundo Rosário, Public Works and Transportation is always a mess. Rosário may keep office briefly as a prize or a curse...warming up for Caifeng Li.

Back in 1973, tens of millions of Americans tuned in to what Variety called "the hottest daytime soap opera" — the Senate Watergate hearings that eventually led to President Richard Nixon's resignation.

It was a communal experience, and by some estimates, more than 80% of Americans tuned in to at least part of the Watergate telecasts.

Seeing the witnesses lay out the case against the president mo-

ved public opinion decidedly in favor of impeachment.

But this time may be different.

When the House impeachment inquiry of President Donald Trump begins its public phase on Wednesday, people will be watching on screens large and small. Many, in fact, are likely to be watching the proceedings on more than one screen, with real-time reinforcement of their preexisting views of Trump on social media platforms and other venues that did not exist in Nixon's time.



HONG KONG PROTESTERS VANDALIZE SUBWAY STATION, STORM MALL

POLICE fired tear gas and protesters broke windows at a shopping mall yesterday in anti-government demonstrations across Hong Kong amid anger over a student activist's death and the arrest of pro-democracy lawmakers.

Hong Kong is in the sixth month of protests that began in June over a proposed extradition law and have expanded to include demands for greater democracy and other grievances. Activists complain the government is eroding the autonomy and Western-style civil liberties promised when this former British colony returned to China in 1997.

Police in green fatigues with riot helmets and shields fired tear gas to clear streets in Tsuen Wan in the northwest after chasing protesters in the district's Citywalk shopping mall. Officers walked up a four-lane thoroughfare shoulder to shoulder firing volleys of tear gas ahead of them.

Protesters started a small fire with debris in the street. The newspaper Apple Daily reported four men and one woman suspected of vandalizing shops in Tsuen Wan were taken away.

In Sha Tin in the northeast, authorities closed a subway station after protesters broke windows and damaged a ticket machine. Reporters saw police arrest three men at a residential complex elsewhere in Sha Tin but the reason wasn't clear.

In Tuen Mun in the northwest, about three dozen people dressed in black, the symbolic color of the protests, stormed through a shopping mall.

Most were peaceful but one used a club to smash windows while others overturned tables in a restaurant. Spectators on the street outside shouted "Cockroaches!" at police.

Inside the Festival Walk shopping mall in Kowloon Tong, reporters saw a man lying on a public walkway beside a small pool of blood with police standing over him. His condition and the reason for possible injuries were unclear.

There were brief shoving matches between police and shoppers, some of whom thrust their fists in the air in a gesture of defiance. Police released pepper spray inside the mall.

A government statement said one person who was arrested at Kowloon Tong escaped from police due to clamor caused by protesters.

Activists are demanding the resignation of the semi-autonomous Chinese territory's leader, Chief Executive Carrie Lam.

The protests have added to downward pressure on Hong Kong's economy. It already was struggling with declining global economic growth and the U.S.-China tariff war.

The territory of 7.5 million people tumbled into its first recession since the

global financial crisis after economic activity shrank 3.2% in the quarter ending in September.

On Saturday, police announced the arrest of six lawmakers on charges of obstructing the local assembly during a raucous May 11 meeting over the extradition bill. All were freed on bail.

Meanwhile, protesters mourned the death Friday of a university student, Chow Tsz-Lok, who fell from a parking garage when police fired tear gas at protesters.

The circumstances of the death are unclear, but many accuse police of using heavy-handed tactics, including widespread use of tear gas and pepper spray. Police denied pushing the 22-year-old student during last Monday's incident or delaying emergency treatment.

The territory is preparing for Nov. 24 district council elections that are viewed as a measure of public sentiment toward the government.

Pro-democracy lawmakers accuse the government of trying to provoke violence to justify canceling or postponing the elections.

Violence erupted late Friday when protesters took to the streets following memorial events for the student in multiple locations.

More than 3,300 people have been arrested since the start of the protest movement. AP



Germany Police and organizers say more than 100,000 people took part in an open-air party celebrating the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall. Despite the cold and damp, crowds flocked to Berlin's Brandenburg Gate late Saturday for music and fireworks.



UK Britain's biggest political parties traded allegations of financial recklessness yesterday as they vied to win voters' trust on the economy ahead of the country's Dec. 12 election. The main opposition Labour Party accused the governing Conservatives of spreading fake news with an eye-catching claim that Labour spending pledges will cost 1.2 trillion pounds over five years.



UK Queen Elizabeth II joined Britons in remembering their war dead, as the country's political leaders paused campaigning for the Dec. 12 election to take part in a somber Remembrance Sunday service in London. The queen, dressed in black, watched from a balcony as her son and heir Prince Charles laid a wreath of scarlet poppies on the Cenotaph war memorial near Parliament.



Mexico Family and friends said goodbye to the last victim of a cartel ambush that killed nine American women and children from a Mormon community in northern Mexico where cartels have disrupted an otherwise peaceful, rural existence.