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Indonesia A suicide bomber blew himself up at a busy police station in Indonesia's third-largest city yesterday, wounding at least six people. The attack came during a counterterrorism crackdown and as authorities were on heightened alert for possible attacks against police and places of worship following a militant attack last month.



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North Korea's supreme decision-making body lashed out yesterday at planned U.S.-South Korean military drills and warned that the United States will face a "bigger threat and harsh suffering" if it ignores North Korean leader Kim Jong Un's end-of-year deadline to salvage nuclear talks.

Australia The highest court agreed yesterday to hear an appeal from the most senior Catholic to be found guilty of sexually abusing children, giving Cardinal George Pell his last chance at getting his convictions overturned.



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India Britain's Prince Charles met with Indian experts yesterday during a visit to the country focusing on global challenges such as climate change and business sustainability. The Prince of Wales discussed how to strengthen disaster resilience and tackle the effects of climate change at the Indian Meteorological Department in New Delhi.

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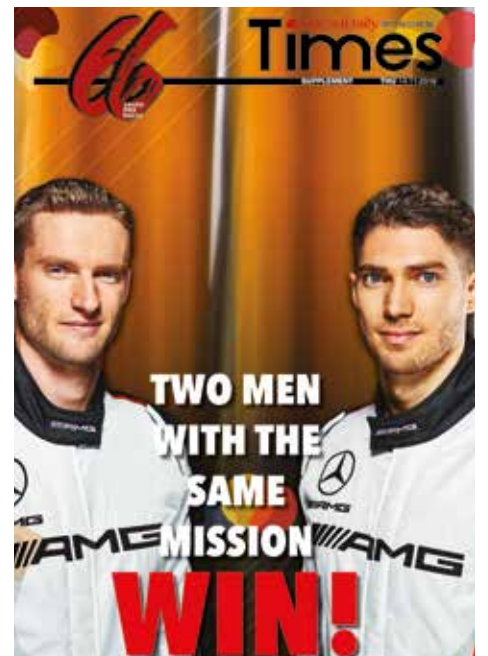
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NETIZENS SPIN CHUI'S REVIEW

NETIZENS wrote quasi-compliments on Chief Executive Chui Sai On's responses on the withdrawal of two bills from legislation, as he said it was done "out of respect for the people."

The Chinese media reported that at the press conference wrapping up his decade as the top official in the Government of the Macau Special Administrative Region, Chui was asked to grade his own performance during his two mandates.

He replied that it was difficult to grade oneself. Self-criticism is not an easy task. Therefore, he said he would leave that task to the general public.

As for his future, he said he had not received news regarding this from Beijing. He also hinted that he wanted more leisure time after he passes the position to Ho Iat Seng, his successor.

Chui expressed his regret that he could not finish work in the areas of public housing, light rapid transit and medical review. These, according to him, are all related to the quality of life of the people.

There are a lot of reasons explaining the delay of public infrastructure, Chui said. Such



delays may have been related to legal and administrative procedures. Chui believed a review is required in this area.

He also praised the team under the supervision of Raimundo do Rosário, the secretary for transport and public works. He

said the team had tried its best to get back on schedule.

Chui withdrew two bills from the legislature during his two mandates, namely the Compensation Bill for Government Officials and the Public Investment Company Bill.

The press asked him if he regretted withdrawing the bills. In response, the top official hedged a bit with his answer, in the view of some netizens.

Chui said that he did not regret withdrawing the bills, but learned two lessons. He has learned

to listen to the people, whose advice should be objectively respected by the government, if the latter is a responsible one.

Netizens made comments on the Facebook page of the city's largest Chinese newspaper, the Macao Daily News which headlined yesterday's edition with the outgoing chief's decision to reopen economic housing applications.

"At least he's saying something good to the ears."

NETIZEN

A netizen commented on Chui's performance colloquially, "On On is so cute." Another commented, "I saw an aura around his head."

A netizen commented Chui's performance, saying, "At least he's saying something good to the ears."

Speculation on Chui's decade-long preparation for this moment was also spotted: "Ten years spent to sharpen his sword. His 'respect for the people' is invincible," went the comment. **STAFF REPORTERS**

MEMORY LANE

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The Pooi To Middle School's primary and kindergarten section [pictured] was originally a three-story neoclassical building constructed between 1910 and 1920. The school was originally named Pooi To Women's Middle School. Started by an American Baptist missionary in Guangzhou in 1919, the educational institution was relocated to Macau in 1942 with the ambition of continuing their educational mission. The building was formerly owned by Ho Yin, a prominent businessman and a politician in those times. Ho Yin allegedly only asked for one pataca from the school as monthly rent. The school – which is pictured around 1973 – underwent two additional expansions. Pooi To Middle School moved to the building alongside Avenida da Praia Grande in 1955 under the support of Ho Yin. It was in 1963 when they were granted approval to extend the three-story building. It may be seen in the photos that a balcony is attached to the third floor and that the verandah has been preserved. **LV**

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The Grand Prix also a women's race

RENATO MARQUES

THE Macau Grand Prix is known for being the longest-running motorsport event in Asia. Over the years we have become used to recalling the names of people that became famous after their participation in the Grand Prix (GP).

Names like Ayrton Senna and Michael Schumacher, who won Macau's Formula 3 race before heading to Formula One, or even more recently the six-time F1 world champion Lewis Hamilton who also raced on the Guia Circuit, although he never won the event.

But, in a sport that is usually seen as male-dominated, the Macau Grand Prix has seen many women make their way into the sport, some of them successfully.

Maria Fernanda de Menezes Ribeiro, a.k.a. Maria "Speedy" Ribeiro, was born in Macau in 1924 and is known for being the first-ever woman to win a race in the Macau GP event.

It was in 1956, two years after the first Macau Grand Prix, that the organizers decided to include a race dedicated to female drivers.

Ribeiro was the first winner of the first racing event, in which only a handful of drivers participated.

In a FIAT 1100, Ribeiro took an unexpected win in a race against much more powerful engines, becoming famous for her fearless 100km/h turns.

Ribeiro was born Maria Fernanda Nolasco da Silva, inheriting the name de Menezes Ribeiro from her husband Fernando



Clockwise from top left: Photos from Ribeiro's albums, Sophia Floersch, Diana do Rosario, Tatiana Calderon, Anne Wong

de Menezes Ribeiro.

Both families have a long tradition among the Macanese families that goes back to more than 250 years and over six generations.

The de Menezes Ribeiros and the Nolasco da Silvas were close family friends and neighbors, bound together both by friendship and interlinking marriages.

Although women have been a rarity, some have competed in other events such as the Guia race for touring cars as well as other support races.

Singapore's Anne Wong was one of them, winning the touring car race in 1970 in a Mini.

Diana Poon, wife of Macau racing legend Albert Poon, raced alongside her husband in the 1976 Macau Grand Prix, becoming the first-ever couple to compete in the GP.

In 1980, South African Desiré Wilson raced in Macau's Formula Libre, the race that paved the way for F3.

Wilson raced behind the wheel of a Ralt RT1 from Susie Racing, a sister team of Theodore Racing owned by Teddy Yip and named after his wife Susie Ho.

In that year, Wilson took the sixth position overall.

Three years later, French-woman Cathy Muller raced in the

first F3 event in Macau.

Muller finished 12th in a Ralt RT3 alongside Ayrton Senna, who won in Macau that year.

Cathy, after a long career as a racer, kept connected to motorsports in both driving and team managerial positions, as well as through her sister, WTCR racer Yvan Muller.

She is also a member of the FIA's Women in Motorsport Commission.

After a very long period of over 30 years without women participating in the "Queen" of Macau races, in 2014, the Colombian Tatiana Calderón broke that spell and participated in the Macau

race in a Dallara-Mercedes from Mucke Motorsport, finishing 13th in a race won by Alex Lynn.

In 2018, Sophia Flörsch was the most recent addition to this list of female motorsport excellence, a legacy to continue this year with her return for the 2019 GP.

During this period, other female racers have joined the event, such as Macanese racer Diana do Rosário, who competed in Macau in the Macau GT Cup race between 2010 and 2012, achieving her best result in 2011 with 18th position overall, in a race won by Edoardo Mortara.

AVIATION

AirAsia allegedly rescheduled, cancelled flights this festive season

LYNZY VALLES

AIRASIA has allegedly cancelled and rescheduled some flights ahead of this upcoming Christmas season, forcing passengers who have booked flights months in advance to either pay more for hotel accommodation or choose to fly on the available dates listed by the airline.

The Times is aware that a few passengers booked on the Phuket-Macau route were only notified of changes to the dates two



weeks ago – despite having their tickets booked four months ago.

The airline has changed the flight times to Phuket

in December, as well as from Phuket to Bangkok in January, among other flights. Flights from Bangkok to Macau have also

been allegedly changed without prior notice to passengers.

"We received a notification of the itinerary [right after booking] and when you look into it, the time has changed [...] it was a little bit of a problem but I was able to sort it out," said Maria Torrao.

"But then [...] about two weeks ago, they informed me that my flight back [to Macau] on December 26 has been cancelled. [...] When we tried to book for December 27, there was no flight so we

had to book for December 28, which is costing me additional money for hotel accommodation," Torrao added.

Torrao was not the only one affected by the changes.

As cited in her social media post, other travelers also noted that they were affected by the changes.

"They changed the flight time in December to Phuket, changed the flight time from Phuket to Bangkok in January and changed the flight time from Bangkok to Macau on the same day. They hit a home run," said one.

"The same happened to me," said another.

In the meantime, Torrao said that AirAsia has not provided further ex-

planation.

"The only thing that makes me upset is that AirAsia has never been able to send a proper email to note the reason as to why they are cancelling the flight. We had to take unpaid leave, pay additional hotel costs," Torrao added.

Torrao explained that AirAsia has given them the option to either change their departure dates or have a refund. However, for her, such measures do not fully solve the matter, as hotel bookings and annual leave have already been affected.

The Times contacted AirAsia on Tuesday to enquire whether it is cancelling or rerouting its flights during the upcoming season, however no reply was given by press time.



From left: Akira Kurita, Masayo Watanabe, Kentaro Maruta and Masahiro Terada

JAPAN TO LEARN INTEGRATED RESORT OPERATIONS FROM MACAU

ANTHONY LAM

FOUR Japanese financial experts and prefectural government officials have agreed that Japan has a lot to learn from Macau in terms of the opening and operation of integrated resorts.

The experts commended Macau's pace of development, recognizing that the city only opened the market to international investment in 2002. In addition, construction of Macau's integrated resorts was also swift: within very little time, Cotai was covered by integrated resorts.

After years of discussion and regulatory procedures, Japan is on track to have integrated resorts in the country. The four experts advised that in the first phase, three cities will be chosen as the locations for the country's debuting integrated resorts. Ultimately, there will be integrated resorts in seven cities.

For the time being, eight cities have shown interest in bidding, five are metropolitan cities and three are smaller, more local cities. Among the former are capital city Tokyo, alongside Osaka, Yokohama, Chiba and Aichi, the host city of the World Expo in 2005.

The first of the other three bidding cities is Tomakomai, in the country's northernmost island of Hokkaido. The city is very close to the island's main airport, Chitose.

The second is Nagasaki, a city

rebuilt after one of the world's only two nuclear bombings, is also being considered. The location will be near the famous floral park, Huis Ten Bosch, the miniature Dutch theme-park.

The third "local city" is Wakayama, a coastal city located across Osaka Bay from Kobe.

According to the experts, should they win the bid, these three local cities are expected to integrate the resorts with their own natural or cultural characteristics. The new structures should blend in with the existing geography.

The experts hinted there might be more cities to show interest.

The Japanese government's plan indicates that the new integrated resorts are expected to double the current annual visitor count of 30 million tourists. "They are expected to boost the figure to 60 million," said one of the experts.

In terms of money, the country expects that the resorts can boost gross domestic product to JPY500 trillion, about MOP37 trillion, per year.

Japanese culture is known for its respect for procedures. The four experts said that the legislation that facilitates commercial gambling and integrated resort operations was passed in 2018, nine years from the first utterance of the introduction of integrated resorts to the country.

The next five to six years are essential for the Northeast

Asian country, because there will be a lot to accomplish.

For example, Japan has not yet confirmed the locations for the first three integrated resorts. The locations must be determined by 2021, because it is widely hoped that the first three can be opened either in 2024 or 2025.

Once the locations have been determined, interested investors will be offered one year to compile and submit their respective proposals to the city or prefectural governments.

In addition, Osaka, a city located in Honshu, the central island of Japan, is already indicating its aspiration to build integrated resorts. Even the moderator expressed his hope that the city win the bid.

One of the experts, Masahiro Terada, thought it was the right time for Osaka, if successful, to open an integrated resort in 2024, because it will coincide with the World Expo to be held in the city the following year. "The two projects can create syner-

gies," said Terada.

More hotel rooms will be needed to accommodate the influx of tourists travelling to the Osaka Expo.

However, Terada agreed that it is a very difficult task, because there is a lot more to do before actually breaking ground. "Time constraints" was the repeated topic during the session.

The experts said that there were voices in Japan proposing the partial opening of integrated resorts in 2024, but the law and actual circumstances within the country have to be considered.

The experts recalled that partial openings had been workable in some countries, such as Singapore. The proposal, however, may create legal problems in Japan. For instance, there are stipulations in terms of Meeting, Incentive, Convention and Exhibition (MICE) facilities and the size of each casino.

Human resources are also an essential factor affecting the opening date of the first resorts. It is widely known that service standards in Japan are exacting.

Despite this, the experts agreed that a partial opening is a good proposal due to the hosting of the Osaka Expo. "We are still reviewing all possibilities, and the national government is open to a partial opening," said the experts. The moderator, Akira Kurita, added that he believed all Japanese would work together to accomplish the plans.

To end, the experts thought it was more important to consider what would suit Japan best in the integrated resort projects. As Terada put it, "I won't think of the resorts as lunch boxes. It is not that there are six elements required, and then we put all of them in. We need to think strategically in arranging our resorts."

ONE SHOT NEWS



Two shots actually. Pressured by social media, the government acted swiftly yesterday to hide a typo on the Portuguese word "Aeroporto" (Airport), which was wrongly spelled on traffic signage in Taipa. As originally spelled, the word has no meaning. But the netizens (thanks for the pics) showed some tower.

MGM launches new round of SME matching sessions

JULIE ZHU

MGM hosted a new round of SME Business Matching Sessions yesterday at MGM Macau in collaboration with Macao Chamber of Commerce (MCC), and other organizations such as Prafuturo de Macau (PFM Macau), Macao Young Entrepreneur Incubation Centre (MYEIC), Macau Federal Commercial Association of Convention & Exhibition Industry (MCACE) and Macau Union Suppliers Association (MUSA).

During the event, MGM signed a Memorandum of Understanding with PFM Macau on the launch of a young entrepreneur mentorship program, which was then followed by the signing of Sichuan Product Strategy Procurement Agreements with three local SMEs.

Participating vendors of the MGM SME Business Matching Session were mostly from design and advertising, facility management, food and beverage and

information technology sectors. Managers of over 20 departments of MGM met with the SMEs one-on-one.

Sanna Leong, Manager of Today MGM signed a Memorandum of Understanding with PFM Macau to launch the MGM X MYEIC Young Entrepreneur Mentorship Program, making MGM the first large-scale enterprise to conclude such an agreement with PFM Macau.

MGM will provide professional training to MYEIC members, who will be mentored by MGM's management and professionals, imparting knowledge and advice about young entrepreneurship.

The program is an addition to the MYEIC ProQ Alliance's Pitching & Business Matching Session, a program co-organized by MGM and MYEIC in May offering young entrepreneurs a one-on-one business matching session to explore opportunities to cooperate.

Jose Chui, CEO of PFM said, "PFM Macau is joining hands

with MGM to forge a deeper partnership and promote cooperation in information exchange on procurement, business matching and professional training, with an effort to jointly create opportunities for young entrepreneurs."

Chui said that MGM's support made PFM recognize the importance of partners. This year, MYEIC has begun hosting MYEIC ProQ Alliance's Pitching & Business Matching Session and PFM received strong support from MGM for the first event. Within seven months, MGM achieved a seven-figure sum purchasing PFM member's projects, and injected a shot in the arm for their business development.

MGM also signed Sichuan Product Strategy Procurement Agreements with three local SMEs to combine efforts introducing specialty products from Sichuan to Macau.

These are the outcomes of MGM's participation in the Sichuan inspection tour organized



by MUSA for the city's industrial and commercial sectors in October.

During the tour, MGM was enticed by Sichuan's liquor and oil products and believed that the produce would help please taste buds of diners at the company's restaurants.

Spotting an opportunity to work with SMEs, MGM decided to purchase the liquor and oil through members of MUSA including Vang Kei Hong, Seng Kei Hong and Yau Heng Frozen Meat and Food.

MGM SME Advisory Committee, the first of its kind in Macau's

business sector, was set up in 2015 with a vision of building a platform for SME development. During that year, MGM joined hands with MCC to organize the first business matching session.

At present, 80% of MGM's total procurement spending goes to local Macau enterprises and over 25% goes to SMEs.

In the future, MGM plans to continue to support Macau's young entrepreneurs including offering them training opportunities.

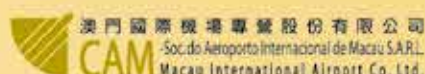
The initiatives are set to increase cooperation between MGM and SMEs.

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THANK YOU!

The CESL Asia and Friends Sport Fun Day held on 10 November at the Workers Stadium was a tremendous success. Thanks to all our sponsors, volunteers and more than 200 participants, a total of MOP150,000 is being donated to Macau Special Olympics to empower its mission of transforming lives through sports. Together we promote an inclusive society and stimulate institutional, corporate and public awareness for the untapped potential of the community. We sincerely wish to thank all those entities that participated and donated.



RESIDENTS REMIND GOV'T OF HARMONIOUS URBAN PLANNING AND RENEWAL

ANTHONY LAM

WILL the project of urban renewal follow the overall plan of the city's urban planning? some participants questioned the government at the last public consultation session held for the Urban Renewal Law.

Some participants raised the question to the presiding government officials, including the Secretary for Administration and Justice, Sonia Chan and head of the Legal Affairs Bureau, Liu Dexue.

Liu responded that the city would be divided into parcels of land in the process toward urban renewal. Each parcel of land will have the spatial design, surrounding transportation factors and supporting infrastructure taken into account in a holistic manner.

Some participants were interested to know how the government would utilize vacant buildings that are of heritage value.

They even cited Singapore as an example to illustrate the work that can be done, such as revamping the interior and conserving the exterior of such buildings, while turning them into commercial establishments.



Worries were further expressed that the urban renewal project might become a commercial development project.

The current proposal of the law set forth descending thresholds for reconstruction. In order for

properties less than 40 years, but more than 30 years, to be reconstructed, agreement must be obtained from a minimum of 90% of the unit owners. The threshold will be lowered to as little as 60% for properties that have been deemed

dangerous to the public by the government bureau and that have already been demolished.

The legal bureau head allayed fears by expressing his opposition to projects becoming property development schemes. He stressed

that urban renewal was being proposed to improve the quality of life of local residents. It will only be done once protection of private ownership rights has been secured.

As for compensation, some were curious if shop tenants would be compensated. Liu said compensation concerning shops and other commercial spaces would be evaluated appropriately, in a timely and reasonable fashion. However, it will be at the discretion of the owners and tenants to determine if and how the compensation will be divided.

Some said that many property owners may not be living in Macau or have already passed away by the time the project commences. Others urged the government to better protect unit owners by various means including the disclosure of clearer property evaluation mechanisms, the existing minimum price of the parcels of land and the specific relocation of owners.

Secretary Chan advised that additional public consultation sessions may be possible in older districts for the benefit of neighborhood residents.

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DSES reminds about safety in HK, Macau students condemn HK police

THE Higher Education Bureau (DSES) director has cautioned Macau students who are in Hong Kong to maintain their distance from the violence.

During yesterday's TDM radio program, director of the Bureau, Sou Chio Fai urged Macau students who are in Hong Kong to pay attention to their safety and try to stay in their dormitories or keep to safe places. He wants Macau students to maintain communications with their parents, to keep far away from "violence," to listen to the universities' instructions, and to obey other special measures taken in Hong Kong.

The tertiary education authority will continue contacting the Macau students' union in Hong Kong to learn about the current situation in Hong Kong.

Although Sou regards the Hong Kong situation as unsafe, a group of Macau students wrote a letter supporting Hong Kong students and condemning the Hong Kong police authority.

According to a letter published by Stand News, a group of self-identified Macau students condemned the Hong Kong police force's attack at the Chinese University of Hong Kong and expres-



Sou Chio Fai

sed their sorrow for students of the university.

The letter says that the group of Macau students are witnessing these attacks and will remember them.

"The authorities saw this situation and remained indifferent and still ignore the demands of the students and Hong Kong people,

and hopes to conclude the fight with results of the June 4, 1989," the letter reads.

The students believe that the Hong Kong government's actions will not force the Hong Kong people to back down but will only make Hong Kong people more united.

"We know that we are unable

to support Hong Kong students. Even if we don't have the ability, we will no longer be silent. We hope this letter can express our support to the Hong Kong people, especially the Hong Kong students who are fighting for democracy and freedom and who are fighting against tyranny," the letter reads. **JZ**

New plan guides SARs residents' national identity

THE latest version of China's patriotic education plan proposes to guide people from the SARs to increase their sense of national identity.

According to the plan released by the State Council on Tuesday, China will "enhance practical education on One Country Two Systems and guide people, including compatriots from Hong Kong SAR, Macau SAR, Taiwan and overseas, to increase their sense of national identity and to proactively protect the country's unification and ethnicity."

Strengthening patriotic education in the new era is of great and far-reaching significance to inspire a Chinese ethos,

uniting the whole nation, securing a decisive victory in building a moderately prosperous society in all respects, striving for the great success of socialism with Chinese characteristics for a new era, and realizing the Chinese Dream of national rejuvenation, said the document.

Patriotic education in the new era should be guided by Marxism-Leninism, Mao Zedong Thought, Deng Xiaoping Theory, the Theory of Three Represents, the Scientific Outlook on Development and Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era, it said.

The education, on the theme of realizing the Chinese Dream of national

rejuvenation, should ensure that love for the party, the country and socialism go hand in hand, said the outline, stressing the importance of guiding people to safeguard national reunification and ethnic unity.

It stressed the role of Xi Jinping Thought on Socialism with Chinese Characteristics for a New Era in arming the whole party and educating the people.

Patriotic education should also focus on education in socialism with Chinese characteristics, the Chinese Dream, China's national conditions and the world situation, as well as fine traditional Chinese culture.

According to the document, the education shou-



ld focus on young Chinese, and patriotism should be embedded in the whole process of school education.

The document requires

better use of mass media, fine literary and artistic works and online patriotic content to create a sound atmosphere for patriotic education in the new era.

TWO POLICE OFFICERS SENTENCED TO JAIL

The Public Security Police Force (PSP) is following up on the disciplinary process related to two police officers who were found guilty of a drunk driving-related accident. In 2016, one of the police officers hit a pedestrian while he was driving. The other police officer was inside the same vehicle when the incident took place, along with another woman. Both tried to cover for the driver by claiming they were the ones driving the car. The driver was under the influence of alcohol when the accident occurred. The court sentenced him to three years and three months in jail, and banned him from driving for three years. The police officer who tried to cover for the actual driver was sentenced to a one-year jail sentence and suspended for three years.

ONE COUNTRY TWO SYSTEMS SAID TO HAVE UNPARALLELED SUPERIORITY

Ma lao Lai said that One Country Two Systems policy is unparalleled in its superiority. Ma's comments were made during yesterday's opening ceremony of a photo exhibition featuring Hong Kong and Macau "compatriots' contributions to the motherland." Ma, Vice-President of the Board of Directors of the Macao Chamber of Commerce, said that in the course of national development and opening up, all walks of life in Macau are contributors and beneficiaries, and that the public also saw the marks of Macau's participation in various fields. Ma said that since the return of Macau to the motherland 20 years ago, it has been proven by a great deal of evidence that the One Country and Two Systems policy has great vitality and unparalleled superiority.

PJ CRACKS DOWN ON THREE ILLEGAL MOBILE STATIONS

Earlier this week, the Judiciary Police (PJ) cracked down on three illegal message service centers at ZAPE and Nam Van areas. One mainland woman was caught operating this illegal messaging service. PJ believes that the messages were to be targeted specifically to visitors to the upcoming Macau Grand Prix. In total, PJ seized five computer devices from three residential units. In one of the units, PJ also found that the property was being used for illegal guest accommodation, having taken nine people from the house for further investigation. The houses were rented by criminals who are currently on the run.



HONG KONG MAYHEM

CHINESE, OTHER STUDENTS
FLEE AS VIOLENCE WORSENSKEN MORITSUGU
& PATRICK QUINN, HK

UNIVERSITY students from mainland China and Taiwan are fleeing Hong Kong, while those from three Scandinavian countries have been moved or urged to leave as college campuses become the latest battleground in the city's 5-month-long anti-government unrest.

Marine police used a boat yesterday to help a group of mainland students leave the Chinese University of Hong Kong, which remained barricaded by demonstrators after violent clashes with police on Tuesday.

Authorities announced that primary and secondary school classes would be suspended today as clashes turn increasingly violent.

The protests have taken on a strong anti-China bent, with radical demonstrators trashing branches of mainland banks, China's official Xinhua News Agency and restaurant chains whose owners support the Beijing government.

Hong Kong is part of China but has its own legal system and greater freedoms than the mainland. The protesters say those freedoms are under threat from a city government that is beholden to Beijing. China says the protesters are rioters who want to break away from Chinese rule.

For the third day in a row, protesters widely disrupted train services, blocked streets and rallied

in the central business district. They hunkered down for possible clashes with police at university campuses.

The Technical University of Denmark urged 36 students in Hong Kong to return home, saying "some of our students have been forced to move from their dormitories because they were put on fire." Sweden's Royal Institute of Technology also recommended that its 26 students in the city leave.

Norwegian student Elin Neverdal Hjoennevaag told her country's broadcaster NRK that students are being sent to a hotel, adding, "I don't really know what is happening. I must pack."

Mainland students have said in online posts that they are being targeted by protesters who have broken into their dormitories, spray-painted insults on walls and banged on their doors, the Beijing Evening News reported.

Many are taking advantage of a program that offers a week of free accommodation in one of a dozen hotels and hostels in the neighboring mainland city of Shenzhen, Chinese media reported.

The service was established in 2013 for recent graduates looking for jobs in the tech hub.

Taiwan arranged flight tickets for 126 of its students at Chinese University to fly home last night, public broadcaster RTHK reported.

Many subway and rail stations were closed after protesters threw debris on tracks and vandalized train cars. University classes remained suspended.

Hong Kong Baptist University told students that instruction and exams would be conducted online for the two remaining weeks of the semester, with arrangements for students who have returned to the mainland to join in.

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The Education Bureau suspended classes at primary and secondary schools for safety reasons. Describing the situation as outrageous, the bureau said students should stay at home "and must not participate in any unlawful activities."

Many of the masked protesters are thought to be high school and university students. Of the more than 4,000 people arrested since the protests began, nearly 40% are students, police said.

Police subdued a few protesters as a crowd gathered for a third straight day in a central business

and high-end retail district, RTHK reported. Office workers watched from the sidewalks.

Many students at Chinese University on the outskirts of the sprawling metropolis were armed with gasoline bombs while some carried bows and arrows.

"We are afraid the police will come to attack our home and our school, and we have to protect our home and our school," said one student, who gave his name as X Chan.

The clashes at the campus Tuesday were particularly intense. Police said protesters threw more than 400 gasoline bombs, more than on any other day in the protests.

Police fired 1,567 tear gas canisters, 1,312 rubber bullets and 380 beanbag rounds throughout Hong Kong on Tuesday. A total of 142 people were arrested and 10 people were taken to hospitals with injuries.

Security Secretary John Lee said the use of force at Chinese University was needed because protesters were dropping objects onto a roadway below.

"The police have a duty to ensure that this public safety is maintained," he told reporters. "That is why they had to ensure that they would take charge of this bridge, which previously was occupied by the mobsters."

The university's student union president, Jacky So, appealed for an injunction from the High Court to ban police from entering the campus without a warrant or the school's approval.

The injunction would also block police from using crowd control weapons, such as tear gas and rubber bullets, at the university.

Religious leaders called on both police and protesters to show restraint: "At this very critical point, the people of Hong Kong must unite and say no to violence," the heads of Hong Kong's six major religious groups said in a statement.

The Chinese government's liaison office in Hong Kong said the semi-autonomous territory is "slipping into the abyss of terrorism." It called the setting of a man on fire an act of "flagrant terrorism."

On Monday, a police officer drew his gun during a struggle with protesters, shooting one in the abdomen. In another neighborhood, a 57-year-old man who was defending China was set on fire after an apparent argument.

The man remained in critical condition, and the protester was in serious condition, the Hospital Authority said.

Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Geng Shuang said members of the U.S. Senate should stop trying to promote bills on human rights or democracy in Hong Kong.

"I want to reiterate that Hong Kong is China's Hong Kong. Hong Kong affairs are purely China's internal affairs and cannot be interfered by any external forces," he said at a daily briefing.

The movement began in June over a now-withdrawn extradition bill. Activists saw it as another sign of an erosion in Hong Kong's autonomy and freedoms, which China promised would be maintained for 50 years under a "one nation, two systems" principle when the former British colony returned to Chinese control in 1997. **AP**

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SOCIAL MEDIA

Tencent will have to wait a little longer for its comeback

IT'S getting harder to believe in Tencent Holdings Ltd.'s comeback.

The Chinese social media giant's profit plummeted 13% last quarter - worse than the most pessimistic analyst anticipated - after an economic downturn depressed advertising and prompted charges within its huge portfolio of investments. Marketers fled to nurse shrinking budgets. And costs jumped 21% as Tencent hoovered up pricey content to feed its Netflix-style service. Shares in Prosus NV, which groups largest shareholder Naspers Ltd.'s internet holdings, fell as much as 4%.

Tencent was supposed to hit the comeback trail this year after a nine-month freeze on game approvals gutted its most profitable business in 2018. But a sharp Chinese economic slowdown, competition from up-and-comer ByteDance Inc. for internet traffic and advertising, and now tricky political considerations is snarling that recovery. That's a key reason its stock has vastly underperformed arch-rival Alibaba Group Holding Ltd. this year, creating a gap of roughly \$90 billion in their market valuation. But after a brutal couple of years, its long-awaited turnaround may come down to a game -- good thing that game is Call of Duty, one of the best-selling franchises in industry history.

Yesterday, Tencent reported net income of 20.4 billion yuan (\$2.9 billion) in the September quarter. That came alongside

a 90% drop in one-time gains - an item that tracks its vast portfolio of startups around the world - after swallowing charges for investments in connected automobiles.

"The results were unbearable," said David Dai, a Hong Kong-based analyst with Bernstein. "Games and media advertising were especially bad."

China's economic slowdown is dousing revenue growth across Tencent's platforms, dampening appetite for advertising among large brands as well as subscriptions to its video and music streaming services. Sales from media advertising, including on the Netflix-like Tencent Video service, plummeted 28% as marketers cut spending while major shows got delayed. Beijing's decision to cap playing time for underage users is also prompting Tencent to spend more on producing AAA-rated mobile titles that appeal to a global audience.

The company is also grappling with a potential suspension of National Basketball Association game broadcasts - which drew half a billion viewers last year - after Houston Rockets General Manager Daryl Morey triggered a media blackout in China by tweeting support for Hong Kong's pro-democracy protests. The company had paid \$1.5 billion for five years of exclusive streaming rights. Tencent President Martin Lau said however he foresaw no long-lasting impact.

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MELCO brings development opportunities to the table for local SMEs

Melco welcomes 100 Macau SME representatives to a food and beverage-themed event under its "Knowing You, Knowing Us" campaign

Melco Resorts and Entertainment inaugurated the "Knowing You, Knowing Us" campaign to serve as a communications platform between SMEs and Melco. Not only does the campaign help local Macau SMEs get to know Melco and its employees, as well as the company's operational requirements and standards, but Melco also gets to know more about local suppliers, their businesses, services and offerings.

As part of this ongoing endeavor, Melco hosted its first food and beverage-themed event under the campaign titled "To the Table by SMEs" to discuss food safety and hygiene standards with local businesses, and to provide an opportunity for direct dialogue between SMEs, the Melco culinary team, as well as the company's food and beverage outlet representatives.

At the event organized by the company's supply chain department, Melco's senior management executives welcomed nearly 100 local industry representatives from 60 Macau SMEs, including members of the Macau Union Suppliers Association and Macao Chamber of Commerce specializing in a broad range of food and beverage categories such as meats and seafood, fruits and vegetables, dry and frozen groceries, ready-to-eat foods, and Beverages.

"We partner with Melco on vegetable recycling and delivery, and this event enables local suppliers the chance to meet with many of the 60 Melco food and

beverage outlets whose needs could match our services," says Jeff Chan, Managing Director of Lei Kei Limited.

"The event also allows us to better cater to each of the chef's needs. We appreciate that Melco provides continuous support and training to local SMEs for mutual growth. As a Macau-based enterprise, these training opportunities comprise beneficial information which allow us to keep up with the industry and international standards as our company grows with Melco and the local integrated resorts industry. For example, with guidance from Melco, we have developed a new product; a biodegradable plastic bag which minimizes damage to the environment," he adds.

Following a seminar discussing the company's food safety and hygiene standards presented by the Melco team, over 40 of the company's chefs from the its award-winning culinary team, together with representatives from Melco's renowned outlets, previewed products and services brought in by SMEs for further discussion. Both SME representatives and Melco colleagues expressed that the event was helpful as an invaluable opportunity to share the latest market trends and better understand each other's requirements and offerings, as well as to discuss prospective collaboration opportunities for the future.



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BEIJING HOLDING THREE TAIWANESE OVER NATIONAL SECURITY SUSPICIONS

CHINA confirmed yesterday that it is holding three Taiwanese on suspicion of committing subversion or other crimes against the Chinese state, part of a trend that has prompted a travel warning from the island's government.

The three were suspected of carrying out activities harmful to national security, spokesman for the Cabinet's Taiwan Affairs Office Ma Xiaoguang told reporters yesterday. Ma said their cases had already entered the trial stage and their families had been contacted.

"The mainland side has consistently attacked activities harmful to national security using the law and this is normal law enforcement behavior," Ma said. He denied there had been a particular spike in such cases or that they had been in any way abrupt or unexpected.

Taiwanese reports have identified the three as Tsai Chin-shu, chairman of an organization promoting exchanges between China and Taiwan; Taiwanese democracy activist Lee Meng-chu; and retired professor, Shih Cheng-ping. Tsai and Shih both disappeared

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Taiwan's leader Tsai Ing-wen

last year, while Lee dropped out of sight in August.

The cases have led to calls for reduced travel to both mainland China and the semi-autonomous Chinese city of Hong Kong, which has been shaken by months of violent anti-government protests. A spokeswoman for Taiwan's ru-

ling Democratic Progressive Party urged those traveling to pay attention to safety and inform others of their whereabouts at all times.

Underlying those concerns is a suspicion that China is detaining more Taiwanese as part of general campaign to isolate and punish the island's democratically elected

President Tsai Ing-wen for refusing to meet Beijing's demand that she recognize Taiwan as part of China.

The government in September said it has received 149 reports of Taiwanese missing on mainland since Tsai took office in May 2016, with 67 of those still unaccounted for.

A Taiwanese activist, Lee Ming-che was sentenced to five years in prison in November 2017 on the charge of subversion of state power. His wife, Lee Ching-yu, has complained that Chinese authorities in the southern province of Hunan, where her husband is being held, have repeatedly canceled or postponed prison visits. Lee Ming-che is reportedly in poor health and has lost a considerable amount weight since being incarcerated.

Tsai's case has been singled out in Taiwan as particularly worrisome because he was neither a pro-democracy activist nor a support of Taiwan's formal independence from China. Taiwan says he disappeared after checking out of his hotel in the Fujian province city of Quanzhou.

Also at the briefing, Ma repeated claims that Taiwan was fomenting the protests in Hong Kong, an accusation for which Beijing has provided no evidence.

"What [Taiwan] should do is immediately retract the 'black hand' it has extended to Hong Kong," Ma said, using a term for secret plotting.

China proposes taking control of Taiwan under the "one country, two systems" framework it has implemented in Hong Kong, though the idea has little support on the island. **AP**

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Here's what China is telling its people about Hong Kong protests

CHINESE state media responded to the escalating street violence in Hong Kong with harshly-worded commentaries, condemning some politicians and teachers for emboldening the demonstrators as social media users called protesters "cockroaches" and "thugs."

From late Tuesday to yesterday morning, major state-owned news outlets including the Communist Party's Global Times, People's Daily and Xinhua News Agency ran stories on Hong Kong highlighting destructive behavior by pro-democracy protesters. The Global Times repeated a warning that Beijing could intervene militarily.

The coverage is in line with Beijing's approach of framing the months-long protests as being led by a small group of extremists who are holding Hong Kong's economy hostage against the wishes of the majority of residents. There was no mention of a protester, now in critical condition, whose shooting by a police officer Monday helped reignite simmering tensions in the city this week.

The Global Times hinted in commentary that the central government could employ "direct intervention" under the Basic Law it uses to govern Hong Kong. "The rioters' rampage is a short drive from the nearest outpost of the Shenzhen Armed Police Force and a short walk from the People's Liberation Army in Hong Kong," it said.

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STATE INTERVENTION

The question of whether China will send troops into Hong Kong has hung over the protests since they began in June. In August, Hong Kong and Macau Affairs Office spokesman Yang Guang refused to rule out a military intervention, saying Beijing would never allow unrest to "go beyond the control" of the local government and endanger national unity and security.

"The state has always been willing to control the situation in the special zone under the existing governance structure. If the mob arrogantly escalates

the challenge, leading to more serious and widespread disorder and humanitarian disaster, direct state action will be inevitable," the Global Times said.

Hu Xijin, the paper's editor-

Social media users called protesters 'cockroaches' and 'thugs'

-in-chief, earlier compared the protesters who have gotten into altercations with the police and set a man on fire to "ISIS-like terrorists."

Protest violence has pushed Hong Kong into an extremely dangerous situation, Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Geng Shuang told reporters at a regular briefing yesterday, reiterating Beijing's support for the city's police force.

POLITICAL FUEL

Xinhua and People's Daily blamed politicians and teachers for supporting the protesters, while calling Hong Kong citizens to stand up against the violence.

"The politicians who are opposing China and disrupting Hong Kong glorify the violent crime as fighting for democracy and freedom, so as to turn Hong Kong into

an independent or half-independent political entity," Xinhua said in a commentary. "Hong Kong is at its most critical juncture," it said, adding that "if this anomaly is allowed to continue to ferment, there will be little time for society to correct itself."

In an editorial titled "Don't Let The Campus Become a Shrine to Violence," People's Daily called on students to "keep their eyes open and remain rational," lest they become "political fuel" for the opposition and fall victim to a plot by rebels to seize power in Hong Kong.

Protesters waged an ongoing battle with police Tuesday that turned the campus of the Chinese University of Hong Kong into a smoking battlefield.

The article bashed teachers who it accused of selling "packaged reactionary ideas using western theories, and continuously promoting 'civil disobedience' and 'illegal justice, just like a cult, brainwashing young people.'"

A video clip of pro-democracy activist Joey Siu being interviewed by Germany's Deutsche Welle also went viral on Weibo, with the platform showing related posts had been viewed more than 100 million times. A CCTV post about the interview was liked almost 200,000 times. Tens of thousands of Chinese internet users criticized her for failing to logically justify the use of violence by protesters.

On the mandarin-dominant social media platform Weibo, violent protesters were widely described as cockroaches in Cantonese, the Chinese dialect used in the Hong Kong. Users also commented angrily under a video clip showing the bloodied face of a Hong Kong resident. "Thugs have completely over taken the streets of Hong Kong," one user said.

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Merkel to ratchet up Huawei restrictions in concession to hawks

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CHANCELLOR Angela Merkel's government is prepared to make a key concession to security hawks by tightening barriers aimed at Chinese equipment supplier Huawei Technologies Co., according to people familiar with the plans.

A draft of security measures being rolled out by the German government aims to block Huawei components from entering the core network of the country's ultra high-speed fifth-generation technology, the

people said on condition of anonymity. The new rules may assuage officials in Merkel's intelligence services and the U.S. administration who have warned about the risks of Huawei's ties to the Chinese government and 5G's susceptibility to sabotage or espionage.

Telecom executives are prepared to accept such a restriction in the key areas of next-generation infrastructure if Huawei's products aren't barred from the less sensitive parts, where they're needed to ensure an efficient build-out, according to an industry official familiar with the talks.

The German leader, who has cultivated relations with Beijing and insisted that her government won't single out a Chinese vendor, has come under increasing pressure to toughen her stance on Huawei to ensure that German data is protected. Security hawks have accused Merkel and her allies in the Economy Ministry of taking a soft line on China in an effort to bolster trade relations.

Now Berlin's planned move could potentially upset Beijing which has lobbied governments across Europe and the West to re-

sist a U.S. campaign against the company. Moves to restrict Huawei's market access have already strained Beijing's ties with nations ranging from Australia to the Czech Republic.

The debate has mirrored the one in the U.K., where government action has been ensnared by a division in the administration and the public. The government in London will defer a decision on Huawei and 5G until after the general election next month.

Merkel hinted at the shift toward greater security last week, saying Germany will "significantly strengthen

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standards for 5G, even as the government won't single out individual companies. Chinese components make up a significant share of previous generation networks, she said.

"Huawei is a partner, or a provider, that has already

been active in Germany for the construction of the 2G and 3G networks," Merkel told reporters in Berlin last Friday. "We know that we will have to significantly strengthen security standards for the 5G expansion."



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NEW ZEALAND

Lawmakers pass euthanasia bill, referendum next

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NEW Zealand lawmakers yesterday voted in favor of a bill to legalize euthanasia, a watershed moment that ended a contentious two-year debate.

But the final decision will rest with voters, who will need to approve the bill in a referendum next year for it to go into effect. Polls have indicated a majority support the measure.

The bill passed 69-51. People in the public gallery cheered and clapped when the results were read out.

The bill applies only to people who are terminally ill and likely to die within six months. To be eligible, a person must be in irreversible physical decline and experience "unbearable suffering" that cannot be relieved in any other way they find tolerable.

But the bill goes further than measures in many other jurisdictions around the world by allowing a patient to not only take a lethal dose of prescribed drugs themselves, a method known as medically assisted suicide, but also allowing a doctor or nurse to administer the drugs.

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Euthanasia bill sponsor David Seymour

The bill attracted a record 39,000 public submissions, most of them opposing the measure.

Politicians from mainstream parties had tried unsuccessfully to move forward euthanasia legis-

lation in the past, but this time the bill was sponsored by David Seymour, the Parliament's lone repre-

sentative from the libertarian ACT Party.

"It makes me proud of our country that we can have this debate, and we can actually get progress, and become a more free and compassionate society," Seymour said. "I think that is fantastic."

Lawmaker Maggie Barry, who opposed the bill, said it amounted to bringing back state-sanctioned killing, something the country had abandoned more than 50 years ago when it abolished the death penalty. She said Seymour and the other supporters couldn't prove there wouldn't be unintended consequences.

Seymour said the bill's passage marked the start of a campaign to get the referendum passed.

"If you look at all of the public opinion polling, there's overwhelming support, and it should easily pass," he said.

The referendum will take place at the same time as another referendum to legalize recreational marijuana and the general election. A final date hasn't been set although it can be no later than next November.

Among those countries to have legalized euthanasia or medically assisted suicide are Belgium, Canada, Colombia, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, and Switzerland. Eight U.S. states and Washington D.C. have also legalized medically assisted suicide. In addition, Montana doesn't have a specific law on the books but a state Supreme Court ruling has allowed such deaths to proceed. **AP**

SOUTH KOREA

Court begins trial over Japan's sexual slavery

KIM TONG-HYUNG

A Seoul court yesterday began hearing a long-awaited civil case filed against the Japanese government by South Korean women who were forced to work in Japan's World War II military brothels.

The trial at the Seoul Central District Court proceeded with empty seats in the defendant's dock because Japan has refused to participate in the case, saying that its sovereign immunity shields it from lawsuits in other countries, according to court officials and the plaintiffs' lawyers.

A group of 20 former sex slaves and relatives filed the suit in 2016 seeking compensation of 200 million won (\$171,000) each, but the process was delayed after the Japanese government refused to receive copies of the complaint.

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Japan insists that all compensation matters were settled by a 1965 treaty that normalized relations between the countries and has accused South Korea of repeatedly opening the book on issues that were supposed to be settled.

The case comes amid a

deep row between Seoul and Tokyo over wartime history, triggered by a ruling by South Korea's Supreme Court last year that called for Japanese companies to offer reparations to aging South Korean plaintiffs for their World War II forced labor.

The dispute escalated into a trade war that saw both countries downgrade the other's trade status, and then spilled over to military matters when Seoul threatened to end a 2016 military intelligence-sharing agreement with Tokyo.

"The Japanese gover-

ment must repent," Lee Ok-seon, a former sex slave, said at a news conference shortly before the trial began. "They kidnapped innocent kids and inflicted irreversible damages and they must repent. They must sincerely apologize."

It's not immediately clear how long the case will take. The court will rely solely on the plaintiffs' legal arguments before making a verdict.

In an opinion submitted to the court on Tuesday, Amnesty International said a statute of limitations and Japan's sovereign immunity should not be applicable to serious human rights violations and war crimes like military sexual slavery. The group also cited the South Korean Supreme Court ruling on forced laborers that said the 1965 treaty doesn't block individual claims for reparations.

Under South Korea's previous conservative government, the countries attempted to settle their decades-long row over sexual slavery in 2015 when they reached an agreement for Tokyo to fund 1 billion yen (\$9 million) to a Seoul-based foundation to help support victims.

The deal was hugely unpopular in South Korea, where many people criticized their government for settling for far too less and accused Tokyo of attempting to silence the victims with money. The government of South Korean President Moon Jae-in, who took office in 2017, took steps to dissolve the foundation, saying that the deal lacked legitimacy because officials failed to properly communicate with victims before reaching it.

About 240 South Korean women came forward and registered with the government as victims of sexual slavery by Japan's wartime military, but only 20 are still alive. **AP**



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Trump, Erdogan meets as thorny issues stress relations

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TURKISH President Recep Tayyip Erdogan and President Donald Trump will meet as relations between the two NATO allies are at their lowest point in decades, with Turkey rebuffing the U.S. and turning toward Russia on security issues and Ankara facing a Washington backlash over attacks on Kurdish civilians during its incursion into Syria last month.

Erdogan and Trump have a difficult agenda today [local time] that includes Turkey's decision to buy a Russian air defense system and its attack on U.S.-allied Kurdish forces in northern Syria. Their scheduled news conference, however, will give Trump a stage to counter the first public hearings in the House impeachment inquiry.

Trump says Turkey has been a critical U.S. ally for decades, cites the strong economic upside to the relationship and maintains that the two countries have enough in common to overcome their differences. Some in Congress say Erdogan should never have been

invited to the White House in the first place.

Last month, the House overwhelmingly passed a bill to sanction senior Turkish officials and its army for the military incursion into Syria to fight the Kurds. Erdogan sees Kurdish forces in Syria as an extension of a separatist Kurdish group that's been fighting inside Turkey since the 1980s.

In the Senate, two Democrats introduced legislation denouncing Turkey's targeting of journalists, political opponents, dissidents, minorities and others. They said the Turkish government had imprisoned more than 80,000 Turkish citizens, closed more than 1,500 non-governmental organizations on terrorism-related grounds and dismissed or suspended more than 130,000 civil servants from their jobs.

"This is not the time or place to be extending hospitality and exchanging niceties with a dictator," said Sen. Jeanne Shaheen, a New Hampshire Democrat who

sits on the Foreign Relations and Armed Services committees.

In October, Trump moved U.S. troops in Syria out of the way of invading Turkish troops, a decision that critics said amounted to abandoning America's Kurdish allies to be attacked.

Erdogan says he will give Trump a list of attacks carried out by Mazloum Abdi, the commander of the U.S.-backed Syrian Kurdish-led force

"It has upended what was an oasis of stability, damaged U.S. credibility and standing on the world stage and strengthened the hands of Russia, Iran" and the Syrian government of Bashar Assad, Shaheen said.

Trump administration officials have said the president told Turkey not to invade Syria. But when Erdogan insisted, they say Trump decided to move 28 Green

Berets operating on the Turkey-Syria border so they wouldn't be caught in a crossfire between Turkish-backed forces and the Kurds.

A State Department official said Trump is not rewarding Erdogan with a White House visit but is conducting diplomacy. The official said high-level consultations are needed because of the volatile situation in Syria that has displaced tens of thousands of people.

Amnesty International recently released a report documenting killings, human rights violations and possible war crimes caused by Turkey-backed forces in northern Syria.

"There has been a callous disregard for civilian lives, including attacks on residential areas," said Margaret Huang, executive director of Amnesty International USA. "Over 100,000 people have fled this offensive and there are fears that the displaced are not getting access to food, to clear water, or to medical supplies."

She said Trump must send a

message to Erdogan that these actions and unlawful behavior must stop and that those responsible be held accountable.

A senior State Department official said that the U.S. is following up on reports of human rights violations and indiscriminate killings. The official was not authorized to discuss the issue publicly and spoke only on condition of anonymity.

The U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights has urged Turkey to investigate reported cases of summary executions committed by a Turkish-backed armed group in northern Syria. The U.N. cited video footage showing fighters with the Ahrar al-Sharqiya armed group filming themselves capturing and executing three Kurdish captives on a highway in northern Syria.

The State Department has looked into these killings and has asked Turkey to investigate. The Turks have told the U.S. that the Syrians have set up a commission, the official said, but it's unclear what, if any, action the panel will take.

Turkey reached truce agreements with Russia and the United States last month that halted the incursion and forced Kurdish fighters to retreat from Turkey's southern border. But Erdogan claims the Kurds have not vacated border areas and says he will give Trump a list of attacks carried out by Mazloum Abdi, the commander of the U.S.-backed Syrian Kurdish-led force.

On the U.S. side, Trump will be expressing continued concern about Erdogan's purchase of the Russian S-400 air defense system. The U.S. and fellow NATO nations say the S-400 would aid Russian intelligence and compromise a U.S.-led fighter jet program.

The U.S. has since kicked Erdogan out of a multinational program producing components of America's high-tech F-35 fighter jet. In response, Erdogan attended an annual Russian air show this summer in Moscow and expressed interest in buying the latest Russian Su-35 fighter jets.

Trump has not yet decided whether to impose congressional sanctions on Turkey for the S-400 purchase.

During his visit, Erdogan will be trying to get Turkey back in the F-35 program and also try to end an ongoing prosecution against a major Turkish bank, said Max Hoffman at Center for American Progress. Halkbank is accused of carrying out a scheme to evade sanctions against Iran by moving billions of dollars of Iranian oil revenue illegally.

Birol Baskan, a scholar at the Middle East Institute, says Turkey needs the U.S. on its side to balance Russia and Iran's interests in Syria. "The problem is, the U.S. seems not to be interested in doing that," Baskan said. **AP**

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ENQUIRIES: (853) 2857 5765
AFA Autumn Salon 2019
TIME: 10am-7pm (Closed on Mondays)
UNTIL: December 1, 2019
VENUE: Orient Foundation, Praça Luis de Camões, No. 13
ADMISSION: Free
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FASHION INTERACTION - GUANGZHOU-HONG KONG-MACAO-SHENZHEN CREATIVE FASHION EXHIBITION
TIME: 10am-8pm (Closed on Mondays)
UNTIL: December 31, 2019
VENUE: Macao Fashion Gallery
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A CHERISHED MEMORY FROM 1999 - ARCHIVES EXHIBITION IN CELEBRATION OF THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE RETURN OF MACAO TO THE MOTHERLAND
TIME: 10am-6pm; (Closed on Mondays and public holidays)
UNTIL: December 27, 2019
VENUE: Archives of Macao, Avenida do Conselheiro Ferreira de Almeida 91-93
ADMISSION: Free
ENQUIRIES: (853) 2859 2919

LINGUA FRANCA - 2ND ANNUAL ARTS EXHIBITION BETWEEN CHINA AND PORTUGUESE-SPEAKING COUNTRIES
TIME: 10am-7pm (Closed on Monday)
UNTIL: December 8, 2019
VENUE: No. 55-57, Avenida do Coronel Mesquita, known as Green Townhouses; Former Municipal Cattle Stable
ADMISSION: Free
ENQUIRIES: (853) 8988 4000

Offbeat

S. CAROLINA MAN: McDONALD'S SWEET TEA CAME WITH WEED INSIDE

A South Carolina man who went to McDonald's for a sweet tea says he received a little extra herbal substance on the side.
The Island Packet reports Parrish Brown went to a McDonald's on Hilton Head Island and asked for a sweet tea with light ice and extra lemon.
Brown now believes "extra lemon" was code for marijuana, since he found three bags of weed in his cup. He says he only realized it once he was "high as a kite."
Brown says he'd never had marijuana, so he didn't recognize the taste. He says he paid regular price for the items.
Beaufort County Sheriff's Office spokesman Maj. Bob Bromage says an investigation is ongoing. He didn't specify which McDonald's Brown had gone to.
A representative for McDonald's said the company is "fully cooperating with law enforcement on the validity of this claim."

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07:30	Macau Grand Prix 2019 (until 15:30)
15:35	Os Ursos Boonie e o Fantástico Outono - Fim
16:00	Photo Madeira
16:30	Quem Quer Ser Milionário
17:30	LiteraturAqui
18:00	Império (Repetição)
18:55	Semana Internacional (Repetição)
19:30	Ouro Verde Sr.1
20:30	Telejornal
21:15	TDM Talk Show
21:50	Livros com João Guedes
22:00	Todas as Palavras
22:20	Império
23:15	TDM News
23:50	Justiça de Chicago
00:35	Telejornal (Repetição)
01:20	RTPi Directo

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FORD V. FERRARI
ROOM 1
2:30, 4:0, 9:00pm
Director: James Mangold
Starring: Roberta Sparta, Caitriona Balfe, Christian Bale
Language: English (Chinese)
Duration: 152min



CHARLIE'S ANGELS
ROOM 2
2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30pm
Director: Elizabeth Banks
Starring: Kristen Stewart, Naomi Scott, Ella Balinska
Language: English (Chinese)
Duration: 118min



DOCTOR SLEEP
ROOM 3
2:30, 4:30, 9:30pm
Director: Mike Flanagan
Starring: Ewan McGregor, Rebecca Ferguson, Kyliegh Curran
Language: English (Chinese)
Duration: 152min

GUILTY BY DESIGN
ROOM 3
5:00, 9:30pm
Director: Siu Kwan Lai, Wing Tai Lau
Starring: Nick Cheung, Kent Cheng, Hans Zhang
Language: Cantonese (Chinese & English)
Duration: 93min

this day in history



1977 FIREFIGHTERS STRIKE OVER PAY CLAIM

Firefighters are claiming widespread support for their first national strike, over a 30% pay demand.
The 30,000-strong Fire Brigades Union claims 97.5% of its members have heeded the strike call and are no longer manning the pumps.
Talks have been continuing between union leaders and employers but there is little prospect of an early resolution with the Government insisting there is no breach of its 10% public sector pay ceiling.
Troops have been brought in to provide emergency cover - but there is concern among soldiers about their lack of training and modern firefighting equipment.
Firefighters say they have already waited two years for the Government to consider their pay claim.
During that time the police received a substantial pay rise while firefighters - in line with many others - had to settle for £6 per week.
Much of the discussion between the union and employers is focused on the possibility of a reduction in the 48-hour working week, which would allow officers to earn considerable overtime payments.
In many areas firefighters have deserted their stations only reluctantly.
Firemen, still wearing their uniforms and pickets armbands, rushed to the scene of a fire at St Andrew's Hospital in Bow, East London, after a basement storeroom caught light.
One of the officers said: "We couldn't let them die. For God's sake, it was a hospital, what else could we do but come and help?"
A colleague Barry Holmes said: "The situation here was really dangerous and people could have died if we had not come."
Emergency troops did arrive at the scene first - and fire officers said afterwards without their help the building would have burned to the ground.
Elsewhere in the country, troops averted a major catastrophe on Merseyside when they stopped a haulage depot blaze at Kirkdale spreading to a 500-gallon petrol storage tank.
A woman and her twin sons escaped from a bungalow at Wallington in Surrey after a gas container exploded starting a fire. Troops in a Green Goddess had to drive 25 minutes from Croydon and the house was destroyed. The local fire station was less than three minutes drive away.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

The TUC General Council voted narrowly against the firefighters' demands for a public campaign against the Government's public sector 10% pay ceiling on 21 December.
The firefighters were receiving no strike pay, but got plenty of donations from the public in the run up to Christmas.
The insurance companies picked up the final bill for the dispute with payouts totalling £117.5m compared with £52.3m for the same three months the previous year.
The firefighters eventually settled for a 10% increase, taking an average salary to just over £4,000, with the promise of more to come.
Firefighters went on strike again in 2002/03. The long-running dispute which included a series of one day stoppages over a period of several months ended with a 16% pay rise tied to a modernisation package.
The Fire Brigades Union chief Andy Gilchrist said at the time of the settlement it was "a first phase" towards raising a fire officer's basic pay to £30,000.

MACAU'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

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.

CAPRICORN
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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Harbin	-3	6	drizzle
Tianjin	8	15	overcast
Urumqi	0	6	clear
Xi'an	4	18	clear
Lhasa	2	17	cloudy
Chengdu	14	19	cloudy
Chongqing	15	18	overcast
Kunming	12	18	shower
Nanjing	10	22	cloudy
Shanghai	12	21	cloudy
Wuhan	12	24	cloudy
Hangzhou	9	23	cloudy
Taipei	16	22	cloudy
Guangzhou	15	28	clear
Hong Kong	21	26	cloudy
WORLD			
Moscow	3	6	drizzle
Frankfurt	-1	9	clear
Paris	4	10	drizzle
London	3	7	drizzle
New York	0	4	clear

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1-Pampering places; 5- Idaho capital; 10- Gasp; 14- O.K. Corral figure; 15- Burning of another's property; 16- "East of Eden" brother; 17- Winglike parts; 18- Sleep images; 19- Oxidize; 20- Tribal symbol; 22- Recluse; 24- Slain; 27- IRS IDs; 28- Pardons; 32- Raise; 35- Wager; 36- Sums owing; 38- Mum's mate; 40- Ace, e.g.; 42- Countrified; 44- Western pact; 45- Frighten; 47- Festive occasions; 49- Milne marsupial; 50- Big name in hotels; 52- Employment seekers may pound it; 54- Bloody conflicts; 56- Mustachioed artist; 57- Brother or sister; 60- South American ruminant; 64- I did it!; 65- Dog; 68- The jig ____; 69- Obi-Wan portrayer; 70- Hermit; 71- Start of North Carolina's motto; 72- Smell to high heaven; 73- Fencing blades; 74- Salt Lake City college team;

DOWN: 1- Usher's offering; 2- ____ Alto; 3- I smell ____; 4- Tight swimsuit; 5- Spoiled; 6- Bruins legend; 7- Aha!; 8- Flies high; 9- Tangle up; 10- Like the mob that stormed the Bastille; 11- Stuck in ____; 12- Centrepiece of the human face; 13- Explosive inits.; 21- Pinocle play; 23- Queue before Q; 25- State point-blank; 26- Rid of insect pests; 28- Basics; 29- Expanse of sand; 30- Wander; 31- Leash; 33- Blank look; 34- Grand ____ National Park; 37- Soup alternative; 39- Carrot or turnip; 41- Disadvantage; 43- Hot rock; 46- And others, briefly; 48- Go like hotcakes; 51- Three-bagger; 53- Environment; 55- Be a busybody; 57- Tent event; 58- Nice notion; 59- Vanished; 61- Mgr.'s helper; 62- Think; 63- Primates with short tails or no tail; 64- La Brea goo; 66- Bee follower; 67- Timecard abbr.;

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The Art of Giving

Lurdes de Sousa *



CARNEGIE AND PHILANTHROPY

WHAT is philanthropy today? How has philanthropy developed since ancient Greece?

If there is one consensus amongst the philanthropist community, it is that modern philanthropy has a father: Andrew Carnegie (1835-1919).

Carnegie, a Scottish-born industrialist author, wrote a series of articles, the best-known of which, the "Gospel of Wealth," was published in 1889. Carnegie built an empire in the steel industry in the US and changed the very nature of philanthropy for the decades to come. In 1911, in New York City, he set up the Carnegie Corporation, which still today remains known as one of the most innovative philanthropic foundations. In his time, he was the wealthiest man in the United States.

At the age of just 35, having accumulated an immense fortune, he resigned to live on an income of \$50,000 a year, devoting his remaining fortune to philanthropic causes. When quoted, his most famous saying is undoubtedly this very striking sentence: "The man who dies rich, dies disgraced."

So, what made Carnegie such a reference point that he is still known today as the father of modern philanthropy? Couldn't we just say that he was (an extremely) generous person? That would be such an easy and pleasant conclusion, but it is not so.

Carnegie was a pioneer. Carnegie was a visionary.

A pioneer because he brought, for the first time, the mindset of trustees and corporations into the Art of Giving.

A pioneer, because, in his own words, "of every thousand dollars spent in so-called charity today, it is probable that \$950 is unwisely spent," questioning the philanthropic community on the matter of best practice, which is still today, a much-debated issue.

A pioneer, because he distanced philanthropy from the mere character of generosity and kindness. He transformed philanthropy into an action of higher human character, because "to try to make the world in some way better than you found it, is to have a noble motive in life."

In her giving pledge, Chinese business-women, You Zhonghui, recalled a saying that embodies Chinese wisdom: "Give a man a fish and you feed him for a day; teach a man to fish and you feed him for a lifetime." Pioneer Carnegie, on the other side of the world and in another time, somehow shared the same philosophy when saying that in "charity, the main consideration should be to help those who will help themselves."

But from all his writings, a thought very seldom quoted sublimely defines the visionary man that Carnegie was. In his words, philanthropy should adapt, as "conditions upon earth inevitably change." Simple, but quite innovative: philanthropy must follow and adapt to social changes.

For this alone, he was an extraordinary visionary.

By his action of giving back the fortune he made as a young immigrant to the United States, Carnegie clearly understood that philanthropy was about long-term commitment; about strategic and institutionalized thinking; and that philanthropists must understand the world and the societies in which they live.

Did Carnegie impact his time and the society in which he lived? Most certainly, as his corporation invested in education, knowledge, health, art and culture: what was needed in his time and place.

Philanthropy, a most poverty-alleviating concept, turned into a frame of modern thinking in which the action of giving back must be strategically planned and represent a long-term commitment, if not the commitment of a lifetime.

Travelling back to our side of the world, if Carnegie would have been a Chinese, an Indian, or a Filipino, would the "Gospel of Wealth" be written with the same philosophy? We will never know, because Carnegie's time has passed. But what we can try to understand today in a transcultural approach, is where modern philanthropy is heading to.

Be visionaries.

***President, Associação Internacional de Filantropia (Macau)**
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NEW AWARD TO HONOR ARTS AND ACTIVISM NAMED AFTER LENA HORNE

THE venerated Times Square concert venue The Town Hall has created a new award to honor arts and activism, a prize to be named after Lena Horne.

The Lena Horne Prize for Artists Creating Social Impact will recognize those who "promote awareness and create social change." The inaugural winner will be honored in February.

The prize's advisory board includes Horne's daughter, Gail Lumet Buckley, as well as Harry Belafonte, Billy Porter, Judy Collins, Deesha Dyer, Roxane Gay, Bob Santelli, Bruce Cohen, Jose Antonio Vargas.

Lumet Buckley says her



Tony- and Grammy-winning mother didn't chase fame. "It was about advocating for equality and justice and I am so proud that her legacy will

continue through the Lena Horne Prize."

Prize was created by Michael Matuza, Jeb Gutelius and The Town Hall.

KRIS KRISTOFFERSON GIVES SURPRISE PERFORMANCE AT FARGO BAR

KRIS Kristofferson surprised customers when he performed with an acoustic guitar at a North Dakota bar after a band taped a request to the singer-songwriter's tour bus.

Kristofferson stopped at Dempsey's Public House in downtown Fargo on Saturday night and asked to sing with the band 32 Below.

KFGO-AM reports the band had taped a note to Kristofferson's tour bus door. The note said the band was "huge fans" and "would be absolutely stoked" if Kristofferson came to the bar and allowed them to buy him "a beer or five."

Dempsey's General Mana-



ger Jeff Fonder says Kristofferson performed "Me and Bobby McGee."

32 Below later said on Facebook: "We played a legen-

dary song with the legend who wrote it!"

Kristofferson was in town to perform at the Fargo Theatre.

DE NIRO NAMED SCREEN ACTORS GUILD LIFE ACHIEVEMENT HONOREE

ROBERT De Niro will receive the Screen Actors Guild's life achievement award.

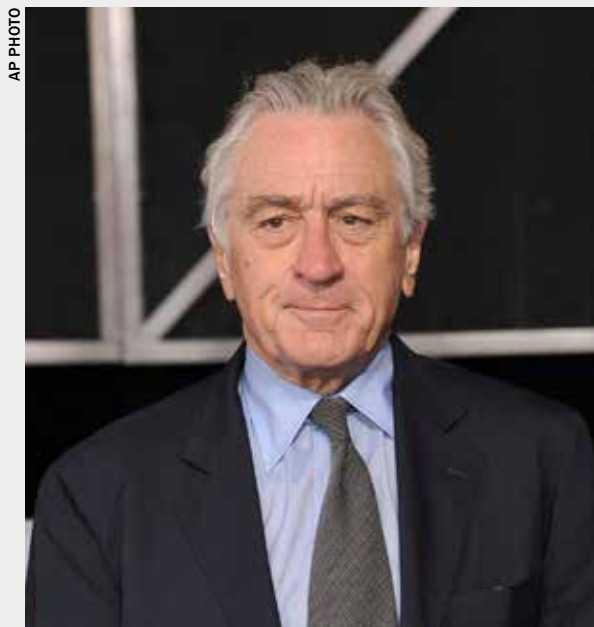
The guild announced that De Niro will be the 56th recipient of its highest honor at its SAG Awards on Jan. 19, 2020.

SAG cited De Niro's extraordinary accomplishments in film and television, including two Academy Awards, a Presidential Medal of Freedom and numerous other ho-

nors. It also noted his co-founding and championing of New York City's Tribeca Film Festival.

De Niro's latest film is "The Irishman," which is playing in theaters in limited release before arriving on Netflix at the end of the month.

The actor says in a statement that he's honored to receive the award from a union that he's been a part of for more than 50 years.



FOOTBALL

Spanish court to decide fate of Spanish league game in US

TALES AZZONI, MADRID

A Spanish court will decide whether the Spanish league will be allowed to play the Villarreal-Atlético Madrid game in the United States next month.

A court hearing is scheduled for today in Madrid to hear arguments from the league and the Spanish soccer federation, which is against taking the regular-season match abroad.

The league has called for an injunction to force the federation to give its approval. It accuses the local soccer body of unfair competition. The league also needs the approval of UEFA and American soccer bodies to be able to play the match, which is scheduled for Dec. 6 in Miami.

The commercial court hearing the case is expected to issue a ruling within the next few days, and approval is needed soon for the league to have enough time to organize its first match ever match held outside of Spain.

Last season it unsuccessfully

AP PHOTO



Atlético's manager Diego Simeone

tried to take the Girona-Barcelona game to the United States, an attempt also hindered by the federation's lack of approval.

The dispute is the latest between league president Javier Te-

bas and federation president Luis Rubiales, two outspoken figures in Spanish soccer who have been at odds over a series of issues.

The league has complained the federation opposes the game but

at the same time is organizing its own matches abroad, like the four-team Spanish Super Cup that it will host in January in Saudi Arabia. The Spanish Super Cup also was played abroad last season, in

Morocco.

The federation argues it is different to play a league game abroad because it would affect the other 18 clubs participating in the competition.

Real Madrid this week reportedly sent a letter to the federation expressing its opposition to the game in the U.S. because it would be played in neutral ground, thus favoring Atlético, the away team.

"If we were to be so strict about the integrity of the competition, we would have to play every match at the same time and under the same weather," Tebas said yesterday. "It's impossible to do that."

Villarreal season ticket-holders would be compensated for losing out on a home game. They could receive a 40% discount on their next season ticket purchase, free entry and travel for up to 3,000 fans to the away game at Atlético's Wanda Metropolitano or a paid-for trip to Miami for up to 600 people.

Similar compensation packages were offered to Girona fans last season, and many had already accepted them when the game in Miami was called off.

The league has a 15-year partnership with the group Relevant to promote soccer and bring games to the United States. The group operates the International Champions Cup, a tournament played around the globe during the European offseason in July and August. AP

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THE TIME FOR SLEEPING

The calendar does not lie. Last week, on November 8th we celebrated the solar term of Winter Commences, so we have officially entered into the winter season. In the past, the four ‘commences’, Spring, Summer, Autumn and Winter Commences, were important festivals during which the emperor would gather all his officials for offering at the country side, and every family would celebrate the festivals. So, how do we celebrate Winter Commences.

It is hard to tell with the temperature we have in Macao whether winter has really arrived, but even if it has not turned cold yet, we can still respect the ancient customs of the Winter Commences. One of the key things to do during the period of Winter Commences is sleeping, easy to do right? This festival amongst the twenty-four solar terms signifies the beginning of hibernation for insects and animals. Although, we as human can only wish that we can go into hibernation, we can still follow the tradition to sleep as much as possible during these two weeks.

According to the Huangdi Neijing, an important book on ancient Chinese medicine, we should follow the sun in both rising and setting. As winter approaches, we need to keep warm and avoid getting contact with cold weather at night, otherwise, it will weaken our kidneys, and worse, cause muscles cramps and pains when Spring comes. Therefore, more the reason to follow the custom and sleep from 6pm to 6am. Of course, this is an impossible mission for most modern day people. But the practice started with ancient farmers who would normally stop work when winter starts, so it could be doable in ancient time.

Since sleeping from sun down to sun rise is not possible for us nowadays, we can celebrate in another way – eating. As a Chinese saying goes “Eating comes first for the people”, we always have special dishes for every festival. During this festival that we are in, we are supposed to eat northern style dumplings. It is believed that if we do not eat dumplings during Winter Commences, our ears will freeze and fall off. What does our ears have to do with dumplings? Well, we have many different kinds of dumplings, but the northern style dumplings are shaped like ears. So eating them can protect our ears from getting cold. Just like we were told as kids that if we eat fish we can swim.

Some places in China has the practice of eating sugar cane because it is the time that sugar canes are at their ripest, so they will be easier to bite without hurting our teeth and can nourish our body. I have also read that in Nanjing, the practice was to eat raw spring onions because from the Chinese medical point of view, spring onions are good for detoxing and can prevent cold and stomach problem, and are especially good for people living in places that are cold and humid.

Aside from eating, Winter Commences is also celebrated with brewing yellow wine, especially the Shaoxing yellow wine that we often consume with hairy crabs. As winter is the best time for fermenting yellow wine, families used to start brewing during the Winter Commences period. Aside for having good wine when spring commences, this is also believed to bring luck to the family.

So, before the arrival of the Light Snow next week, which falls on the 22 November, we should get our bodies prep for the winter. Sleep a lot, eat dumplings, sugar cane, and spring onions. Since not many of us know how to brew yellow wine at home, perhaps we can consume the ready-made one for both luck and for keeping warm.

ALIBABA MOVES CLOSER TO HONG KONG STOCK LISTING

China's Alibaba moved closer yesterday to its anticipated listing in Hong Kong.

The online retail giant filed an application to list its shares on the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, though it did not provide details on the amount of the new offering. It has long been expected to launch a multibillion-dollar stock listing in Hong Kong but appeared to postpone the offering because of political and economic turmoil.

Alibaba Group Holding has been listed on the New York Stock Exchange since 2014 under the symbol ‘BABA’.

Hong Kong has been dealing with waves of pro-democracy protests since this summer that have hurt its economy. Hong Kong is part of China but has its own legal system and greater freedoms than the mainland.

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SOUR GRAPES: TRADE WAR PUTS CORK IN US WINE SALES TO CHINA

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CAUGHT in the crossfire of President Donald Trump's trade war with China, U.S. vineyards are struggling to sell Syrah in Shanghai and Chardonnay in Shenzhen.

They risk losing their foothold in one of the world's fastest-growing wine markets.

The 16-month dispute between the world's two biggest economies has nothing to do with wine. The Trump administration accuses China of stealing U.S. technology and forcing American companies to hand over trade secrets and has slapped tariffs on more than \$360 billion worth of Chinese imports. China disputes the allegations.

When the Chinese hit back with retaliatory tariffs on U.S. goods, they put a bull's eye on American wine.

Since June, China has been imposing 93% tariffs and taxes on American wine, up from 48% before the hostilities began, according to the Wine Institute, a trade group for 1,000 California wineries and related businesses. Unless the two countries reach a ceasefire — and they're working on it — the levies on U.S. wine in China will ratchet up to 106% on Dec. 15.

By contrast, Chinese levies amount to 41% on wines from the European Union and 23% on those from Australia, Chile and New Zealand.

“We could no longer compete, especially with countries with free trade agreements like Chile and Australia, our two largest competitors,” said Michael Parr, vice president of international sales at Livermore, California-based Wente Vineyards, one of the first U.S. winemakers to export to China 25 years ago.

Parr said that Wente has “not shipped a single bottle of wine to China” since the latest Chinese tariffs took effect in June.

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Overall, U.S. wine exports to China fell 25% in 2018, measured by volume, according to the Wine Institute. Calculated by dollars, the picture is just as ugly: U.S. Department of Agriculture figures show that U.S. wine exports to China fell 25% last year to \$59.2 million and are down another 48% so far this year compared to January-September 2018.

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“China continues to be an important market for California wines, but exceptionally high tariffs put our products at a price disadvantage,” said Robert Koch, president of the Wine Institute.

Over the past 25 years, China's rapid economic growth has created a middle class with a taste for luxuries and the country has come out of nowhere to become the No. 5 export market for U.S. wine. In 1994, U.S. wine exports to China barely registered at \$123,000. From there, they rose mostly steadily, peaking at \$81.5 million in 2016, then dipping to \$78.7 billion in 2017 before plunging last year after the tariff war broke out.

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New Zealand Lawmakers yesterday voted in favor of a bill to legalize euthanasia, a watershed moment that ended a contentious two-year debate. **More on p13**

Sweden Swedish prosecutor says an Iranian citizen has been jailed on suspicion of carrying out crimes against humanity and murder in the late 1980s in Iran, the same time period of mass executions by Tehran.

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Bolivia New interim president, until now a second-tier lawmaker, faces the challenge of stabilizing the nation and organizing national elections within three months at a time of bloody political disputes that pushed the nation's first indigenous leader to fly off to self-exile in Mexico after 14 years in power. Some people took to the streets cheering and waving national flags yesterday [local time] when Jeanine Añez, who had been second-vice president of the Senate, claimed the presidency after higher ranking successors to the had post resigned.

Slovakia A bus collided with a truck in Slovakia yesterday, killing at least 13 people and injuring at least 20 more. Reports say that the bus was carrying high school students.

Spain Authorities say that they will attempt the exhumation of some of the thousands of people buried on the site of a grandiose mausoleum where the remains of dictator Gen. Francisco Franco were held until last month.

US President Donald Trump lashed out at a pair of witnesses who testified as the House impeachment inquiry goes public. Trump tweeted “NEVER TRUMPERS!” before yesterday's hearing opened on Capitol Hill with testimony from William Taylor, the charge d'affaires in Ukraine, and George Kent, a career diplomat.