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**China** Two earthquakes killed at least four people and damaged houses in southwestern China on Wednesday, authorities and state media said. Fourteen other people were injured, at least one seriously, state broadcaster CCTV said in an online report. All of the dead and injured were in Baoxing county in Sichuan province. Those killed were hit by falling rocks, the earthquake relief headquarters in Ya'an city said, adding that the injured were sent to hospitals for treatment.

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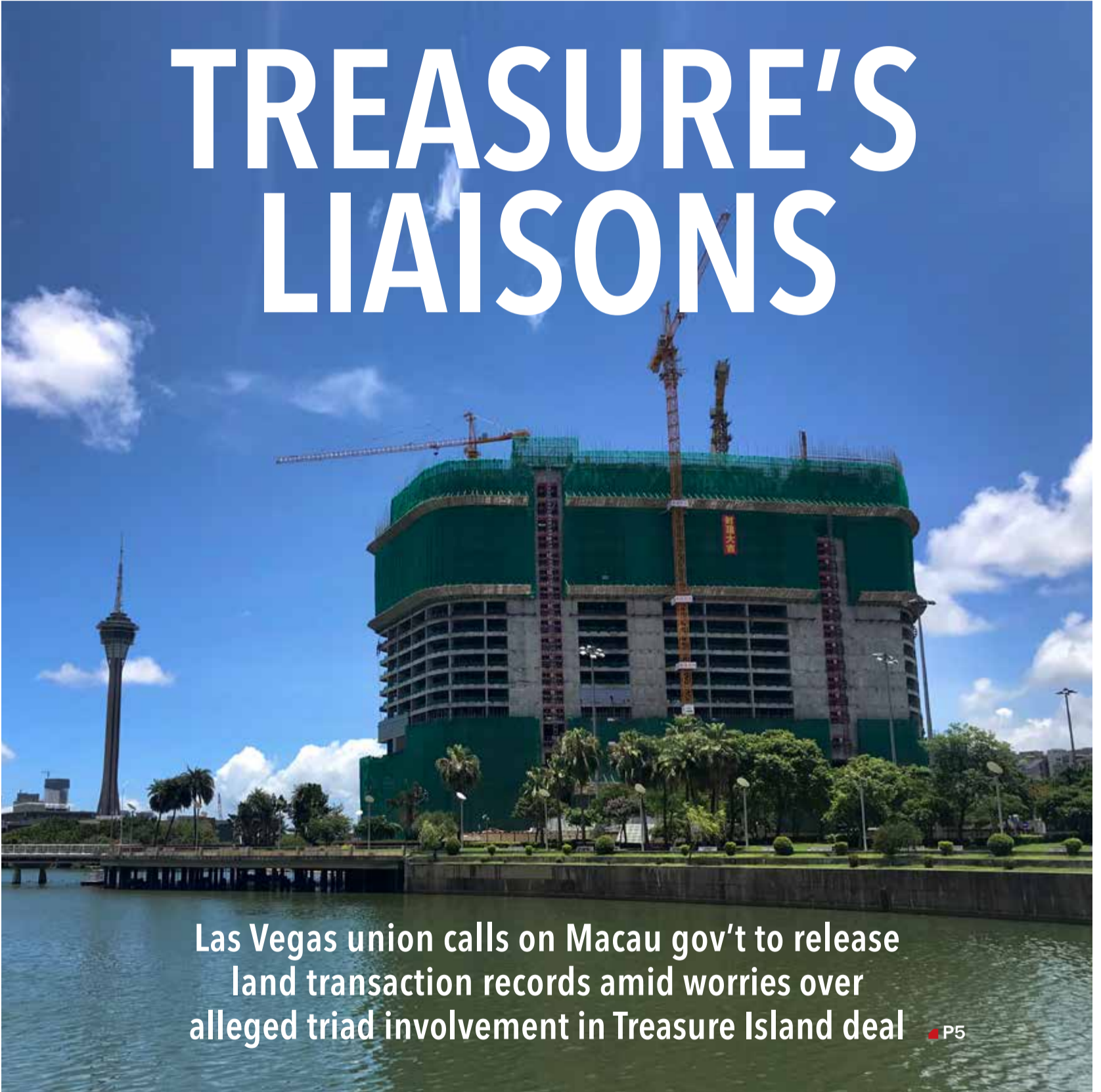


**North Korean** Dozens of mostly Western countries criticized North Korean “reckless actions” in its weapons programs as its government yesterday took over the rotating presidency of the U.N.-backed Conference on Disarmament. After North Korea’s ambassador opened a new session of the 65-nation body, Australian Ambassador Amanda Gorely read a joint statement by 48 countries plus the European Union that expressed concerns about North Korea’s nuclear weapons and ballistic missile capabilities and activities, including reports that it may be preparing to conduct a seventh nuclear test.

**Philippine** troops killed a suspected militant and captured another in a brief gunbattle with rebels aligned with the Islamic State group who are blamed for recent bombings in the south, military officials said yesterday. Army troops and police clashed briefly with fighters of the Daulah Islamiyah group on Wednesday in M'lang town in Cotabato province while searching for the people behind recent bombings believed aimed at extorting money from bus companies and other businesses in the south, military officials said.

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# TREASURE'S LIAISONS

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# SSM: NO 'LONG COVID' CASES IN MACAU

ANTHONY LAM

**T**HE city has not yet seen any recovered patients show symptoms of "long Covid," neurosurgeon Warren Tai, medical director of the public Conde de São Januário Hospital, said yesterday.

In response to a question from the Times at the regular health press conference, the medical doctor said that, as yet, no such symptoms have been found in the city's approximately 80 recovered Covid-19 patients.

Tai stressed that all patients had been recovering well from the disease, although some have shown signs of relapse. "They have CT-values of 40, which, under the current standard, does not even classify them as patients," Tai said.

Elaborating on the sidelines of the press conference, the medical doctor said he suspected that the small number of Covid-19 patients in Macau was the reason for the lack of long Covid cases.

"Judging from international statistics [indicating] 1% of recovered Covid-19 patients showed long Covid conditions, the city's base figure is still [too] small to have [that] finding," Tai explained.

He also noted that the SSM's criteria for classifying patients as "severe" cases were slightly stricter than in other places. "The only severe case we had was classified



[as such] because she [was] short of breath and needed respirator support," Tai confirmed, hinting that this may not have been classified as a severe infection outside of Macau, leading to the absence of long Covid symptoms.

The Times also asked Tai to explain why students are having to wait for their partial refund of the quarantine fee under the student discount scheme offered by the government.

Tai said in response that documents sent to the quarantine

hotels and SARS-CoV-2 nucleic acid test (NAT) operators must be transferred to the Education and Youth Development Bureau (DSEDJ) for confirmation.

It may be the reason behind the lengthened processing period, Tai said, but he does not think it will be much longer. He added that students usually receive their refund before leaving the quarantine hotel.

However, a social media user pointed out the case of a local student in Hong Kong who has not

yet received the cashback despite finishing quarantine in March this year.

## NAT PRICE LOWERED FROM TODAY

From 9 a.m. today, each NAT will be priced at MOP55, provided that it is taken at the Qingmao border, the Hengqin border, Macao Forum, Taipa Maritime Terminal, Kiang Wu Hospital or the Macau University of Science and Technology Hospital.

Those who have booked and paid for tests beforehand will have

the price difference refunded.

Tai said that the government is in touch with NAT providers at quarantine hotels to encourage them to also lower their prices. However, a series of factors, such as the requirement for single-sample tests, may hinder progress on lowering test prices.

Tai also revealed that the SSM is considering the replacement of certain required NATs, with rapid antigen tests in the context of key groups such as sailors and flight crew.

## COVID-19

# More quarantine hotel choices for incoming domestic helpers

**T**HOSE entering Macau on domestic helper visas will not be restricted to staying at the Treasure Hotel anymore, and can choose another specified quarantine hotel, Lao Fong Chi, department head for communications and external relations of the Macao Government Tourism Office (MGTO), has announced.

The other specified quarantine hotel is the Regency Art Hotel.

The pilot program for the entry of foreigners to perform domestic work

was extended to people from all nationalities starting from May 30.

The government will not impose quotas or limits on this scheme as "the number of applications we have been received is lower than what we initially expected."

Lao also said that, from now on, the Sheraton Grand Macao will be used as a quarantine hotel for entrants from Hong Kong.

Moreover, the office will be in close contact with the DSEDJ about the number of Macau studen-

ts studying abroad and planning to return over the summer. Additional hotel rooms may be provided for this purpose, Lao added.

Discussing entry arrangements for non-local spouses and underage children of local residents, Tai announced that, as of 1 p.m. yesterday, 63 applications had been received. 34 were approved and 26 were not approved, mainly on the grounds of not meeting certain requirements. Three applications were voluntarily withdrawn. AL

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# Gov't: Past cowpox vaccination provides 85% protection against monkeypox

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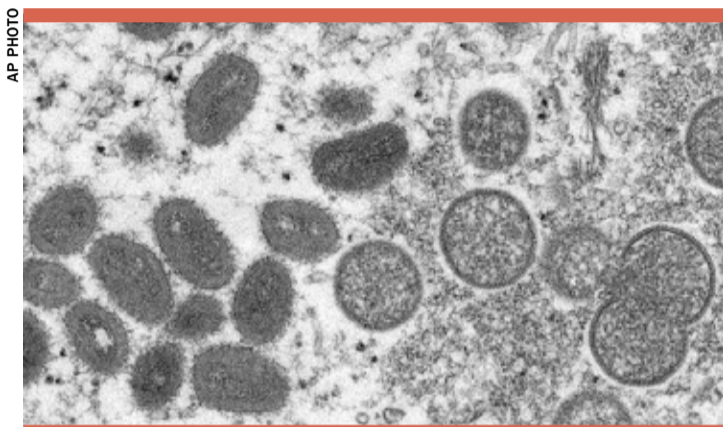
**P**EOPLE born in the 1980s or earlier should have 85% protection against being infected with monkeypox, neurosurgeon Warren Tai, medical director of the public hospital, said yesterday.

Tai had been asked, at a regular press conference, about the Health Bureau's (SSM) plan to fight monkeypox.

Tai explained that the monkeypox virus, a relatively stable DNA virus, was first discovered in 1958. He explained that it does not mutate as easily as SARS-CoV-2, which is an RNA virus.

"With this characteristic, the [probability] of a mass outbreak is not high," Tai said.

The viruses that cause monkeypox, cowpox and



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smallpox are "relatives," according to Tai, meaning people who are vaccinated against one type of pox will have protection against the others.

In 1796, it was discovered by accident that inoculating people with cowpox may prevent them from getting smallpox, which was severe and often fatal at the time. English doctor Edward Jenner obser-

ved that milkmaids who had contracted the cowpox virus were protected from smallpox.

"People born in Macau including the 1980s are [generally] vaccinated against cowpox and smallpox," Tai recalled, adding that the resulting "protection will last for quite a long time too."

However, the medical doctor did not describe the pro-

tection as life-long.

It was also announced at the press conference that, next week, the SSM will recommend that its superintendent, the Secretariat for Social Affairs and Culture, add monkeypox to the legal list of infectious diseases. Because the list is legislated, alterations to the list must be passed by the parliament.

For the time being, the SSM has already notified local medical practitioners of the measures that should be taken when monkeypox is suspected in patients. In addition, Tai said that local medical staff have been trained to distinguish and identify monkeypox infections.

The SSM has made enquiries with local agencies about the availability of vaccines and medications.

## SPECIAL FLIGHT BRINGS 96 RESIDENTS BACK FROM SHANGHAI

**88** students and eight Macau residents in Shanghai were repatriated to Macau on Wednesday, and are undergoing quarantine at the Sheraton Grand Macao.

The individuals will be in isolation for seven to 14 days.

According to the Education and Youth Development Bureau (DSEDJ), a total of 115 Macau residents had registered for the special flight, but only 96 actually boarded the flight.

Chan Iok Wai, a DSEDJ representative, had announced last week that a special flight would be organized for certain residents stranded in Shanghai.

The DSEDJ has received around 200 requests from students in Shanghai who wished to return to Macau.

Chan said that authorities are informing students of the relevant procedures. Tickets for the flight cost RMB1,143 each.

It had previously been explained that the special Air Macau flight NX135 was not a charter flight but instead a reopening of the normal route between Macau and Shanghai, which had been suspended due to the pandemic.

Shanghai moved towards reopening on Wednesday after China's largest city went through a two-month Covid-19 lockdown that has set the national economy back and confined millions of people to their homes. LV

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# PHOTOGRAPHER TO LAUNCH ZINE WITH IMAGES OF BASQUE PELOTA

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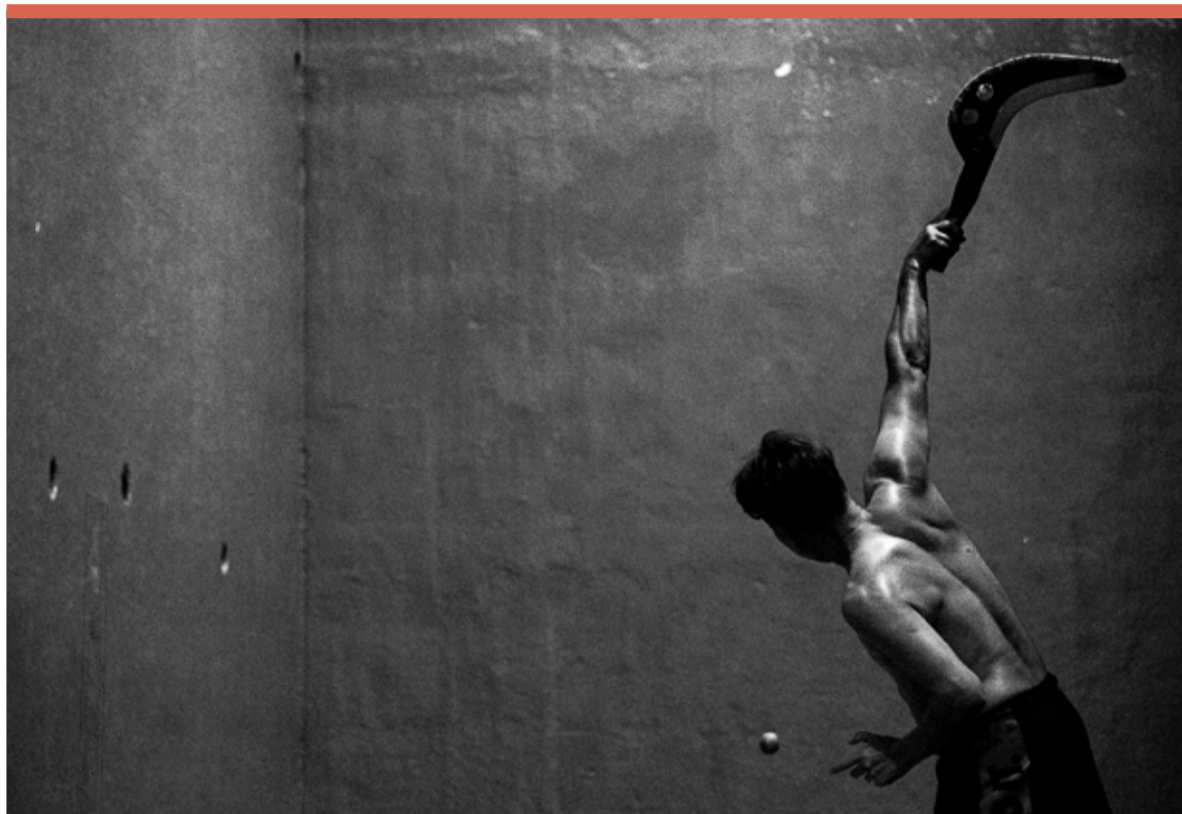
A Macau-based photographer is set to launch a photographic magazine featuring images of history in certain districts, kicking off the first issue with “Memories of Jai Alai.”

In this first edition of Bsidés Photo, photographer João M. Rato will highlight his black and white images of Basque pelota, a Spanish ball sport played against a wall using one’s hand, a racket, a wooden bat or a basket.

“In 1984, I recall that, in my school, some classmates played this game, though an amateur version. During that time, there were professional players playing [...] at Jai Alai, an old STDM casino near the ferry terminal,” Rato told the Times.

“But when I came back to Macau in 2013, I never saw the game again,” he said.

Rato’s interest was piqued as the sport has long been a part of Macau, a curious fact because the sport was not introduced to Macau by any Portuguese-speaking countries.



The photographer had spotted players at the Sun Yat Sen Garden while out walking, allowing him to capture the images – which he has also show-

cased in different exhibitions in the city.

“It has interested me to make [a] record of something that [was] ingrained into a part of

Macau even though it’s just a niche,” said the photographer.

Explaining why he chose to name the magazine Bsidés Photo, Rato said, “normally, in vinyl

records, those on the ‘B’ side were not so well known. People typically just listen to the ‘A’ side. But in fact, when you turn the record around, you can find that it also features a different style of music.”

“I consider [the sport] a B-side. It is something that exists in our society and yet sometimes we don’t realize or [know it]. Or we know, but don’t pay attention,” he added.

The first edition, which will have 40 pages and feature 28 photos, will have a print run of 250 copies, all signed by the photographer.

The author intends to make the zines available in digital format on his website, and those interested can purchase printed copies.

He plans to promote the project on various social networks such as Facebook, Instagram and on his website.

“I will tell different stories [on these platforms] and, [...] people will have the [chance] to buy the zines,” he said.

Rato is following the advice of a top Macau photographer who recently passed away, Frank Lei: “go walking while watching.”

“That [very much aligns] with the method that I use when I photograph. I’m just waiting for life to happen and [pay attention] to it,” Rato said.

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# Local 501 calls on gov't to release land transaction records amid worries over triad involvement

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**A**N international union has submitted a public records request regarding the land transaction involving Genting Group and Ao Mio Leong to the Land and Urban Construction Bureau (DSSCU).

The International Union of Operating Engineers, Local 501, has been researching the land transaction in question as part of a comprehensive review of the Malaysian-headquartered Genting Group's operations, launched in the wake of alleged labor law violations in Las Vegas.

In a letter to the government seen by the Times, the Las Vegas-based trade union said that, dating back to 2007, Genting Hong Kong (then called Star Cruises) and Genting International acquired a 75% interest in a Macau-based entity called Treasure Island Entertainment Complex Limited, which owned a parcel of land on the Macau peninsula situated along Praca Ferreira do Amalal.

The Genting venture intended to develop a hotel on the land and had already entered into an agreement with gaming operator Sociedade de Jogos de Macau (SJM) to operate a casino in the



complex.

However, because the Genting Hong Kong's hotel-casino development in Macau remained half-built due to the pandemic, the company sought to shed assets.

According to the letter, a copy of which was also sent to lawmakers, in November 2020, Genting Hong Kong therefore announced the 50% disposal of its interest in the Treasure Island Entertainment Complex development, and that develop-

per Ao Mio Leong had agreed to purchase the stake for HKD750 million.

In January 2021, Genting Hong Kong issued a disclosure filing acknowledging the "likelihood" that Ao would exercise share options to acquire Genting's remaining 50% stake in the hotel development, leaving Genting fully divested.

"However, to date there has been no public disclosure confirming that Ms. Ao has acquired Genting's remaining 50%

interest. It is unclear where the matter stands in light of Genting Hong Kong's ongoing liquidation," the letter read.

"Genting's nearly USD100 million transaction with Ms. Ao and their extended joint business interest in Macau should raise alarm [bells] for Macau regulators, including the DSSCU. Ao Mio Leong has an active association with a prominent Macau triad family," the group added.

Therefore, Local 501 "feels it necessary to investigate Genting's nearly USD100 million deal (and potentially ongoing partnership) with Ao Mio Leong."

This is because the government has not scrutinized this transaction, and because Genting's international operations "pose a systemic risk to Local 501's membership."

According to corporate filings, Ao is one of a four-person director group for local real estate firm Easyway Investment Company Limited, which, according to the group, is linked to triads.

The group set a 10-business-day deadline for the government to respond to its public records request, noting that it had previously issued a 200-page land file for the Wynn Macau property in 2015.



## TIS SHOWCASES STUDENT ARTWORK

The International School of Macau (TIS) recently staged an exhibition featuring work from all its students, aiming to give students the "opportunity to fully express themselves," the school said in a statement. The school-wide art exhibition filled the school's multi-purpose room with art by all students from pre-kindergarten to grade 12, accompanied by food, beverages and live music performances. "We saw how everyone has something unique to offer and put out into the world. Our craft may come in many forms, but it truly becomes a masterpiece when we carefully nurture it with our own individual touch," the school said in a statement.

## PSP DISPATCHES OVER 60 OFFICERS IN ANTI-CRIME OPERATION

The Public Security Police Force has continued its "Thunder 2022" operation from May 31 to June 1 in Macau and the outlying islands. The police dispatched a total of 62 officers to intercept suspicious persons and inspect gaming arcades. A total of 523 people (242 men and 281 women) were intercepted and checked. Of these, two people were found to have overstayed their visas and were sent to the relevant departments for follow-up. One of the video game arcades was found to have failed to provide an administrative license within the validity period, but had already notified relevant departments to follow up.

## IC LAUNCHES DIGITAL PLATFORM FOR HISTORIC CANNONS EXHIBITION

Four old cannons were discovered in the Inner Harbour area and at a construction site on Avenida de Cotai in Macau in 2020 and 2021. The artefacts are now in the collection of the Macau Museum, which has commissioned the Institute for Social and Cultural Research and the Heritage Conservation Laboratory of the Faculty of Humanities and Arts of the Macau University of Science and Technology to carry out research and conservation work. The IC is launching an "Online Exhibition of Old Cannons" to present three-dimensional models and relevant research data about the cannons as well as the progress of the conservation work.

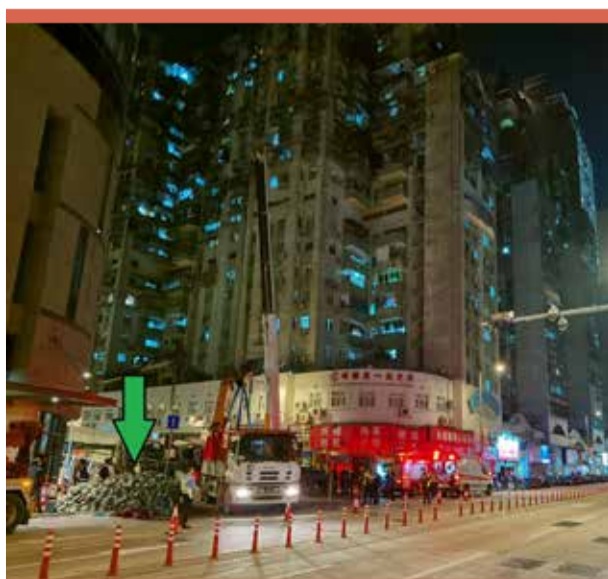
# Fire department blames road design for January fire truck crash

ANTHONY LAM

**T**HE S-shaped design of the road, alongside several other factors, was the cause of a fire truck crash next to the Macao Daily News Building in January, the Fire Services Bureau (CB) announced yesterday.

The CB ruled out vehicle design, technical malfunction and human error as possible causes of the accident.

On January 4, a fire truck traveling on the overpass from the media building in Areia Preta to Montanha Russa tilted to its right and toppled over.



It damaged several sound barrier panels and a seven-seater vehicle parked next to the overpass. According to the CB's

report investigating the accident, in addition to the design of the road, the truck's high center of gravity was also a contributing factor in the incident.

The truck suddenly had to make a right turn, followed by a left turn within 30 meters. CB investigators judged that the S-shaped path, when combined with the truck's high center of gravity, resulted in the truck swinging to the right.

In a statement, the CB also nominated poor road maintenance as a cause of the crash. It highlighted that, at the start of the overpass, there was a long

segment in the asphalt which "would cause bumpy conditions [for] vehicle movements."

In addition, there was roadwork being carried out near the crash point. "The [presence] of small stones along the path has lowered the friction between the tires and the road," according to the CB.

"Considering the coincidental co-existence of all these factors, [...] the crash was an uncommon and unpredictable accident," the CB concluded.

In support of its conclusions, the CB emphasized that the truck had been inspected three times in 2021, with worn parts having been replaced. Additionally, the structure of the truck was designed to withstand the steepness of the slope.





Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Zhao Lijian

STRAIT TENSIONS

# BEIJING DEMANDS US STOP TRADE TALKS WITH TAIWAN

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CHINA'S government yesterday accused Washington of jeopardizing peace after U.S. envoys began trade talks with Taiwan aimed at deepening relations with the self-ruled island democracy claimed by Beijing.

Talks that started Wednesday cover trade, regulation and other areas based on "shared values" as market-oriented economies, according to the Office of the

U.S. Trade Representative. It did not mention China but the talks add to gestures that show U.S. support for Taiwan amid menacing behavior by Beijing, which threatens to invade.

Trade dialogues "disrupt peace and stability in the Taiwan Strait," said a foreign ministry spokesman, Zhao Lijian. He called on Washington to "stop negotiating agreements with Taiwan that have sovereign connotations and official nature."

Taiwan and China split in 1949 after a civil war that ended with the ruling Communist Party's victory on the mainland. They have multibillion-dollar trade and investment ties but no official relations. Beijing says Taiwan has no right to conduct foreign relations.

The United States has diplomatic relations only with Beijing but extensive informal ties with Taiwan. The U.S. government is committed by federal law to see

that the island has the means to defend itself.

Zhao accused Washington of encouraging sentiment in Taiwan in favor of declaring formal independence, a step Beijing has said previously would be grounds for an invasion.

The trade initiative is "intended to develop concrete ways to deepen the economic and trade relationship" and "advance mutual trade priorities based on shared values," said a statement by the office of USTR Katherine Tai.

Taiwan is the ninth-largest U.S. trading partner and an important manufacturing center for computer chips and other high-tech products.

President Joe Biden said May 23 while visiting Tokyo that the United States would intervene militarily if China were to invade Taiwan. He said the U.S. commitment to help the island defend itself was "even stronger" following Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

On Tuesday, U.S. Senator Tammy Duckworth met with Tsai Ing-wen and expressed support for the island during her second visit in a year to Taiwan.

On Monday, China sent 30 military aircraft toward Taiwan in the latest of a series of flights aimed at intimidating the island's democratically elected government. Taiwan said it sent up fighter planes and put air defense missile systems on alert.

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# Carbon emissions dip, at least briefly, in China, study says

CHINA, the world's top emitter of carbon dioxide that causes global warming, has seen a notable dip in its emissions over the past three quarters — but it's not clear how long the drop will continue.

A new analysis of China's economic data shows that carbon emissions dropped 1.4% in the first three months of the year, compared to the prior year, making it the third consecutive quarter to show a drop — and the longest sustained dip in a decade.

The downward trend began last year and accelerated over the winter. The decline continued but was milder this spring.

It's not clear whether China's emissions will continue to fall this year. Over the past decade, five shorter dips were followed by rebounding emissions.

China's recent emissions decline was driven by decreased output in cement, steel and power industries, as well as COVID lockdown measures, according to an analysis by Lauri Myllyvirta, a Finland-based climate and energy analyst at the Centre for Research on Energy and Clean Air.

"Steel and cement are China's second and third largest emitting sectors, and the demand for both sectors is largely driven by construction activity," but policy changes on real estate lending and debt have at least temporarily depressed the construction sector, Myllyvirta wrote in an analysis for Carbon Brief.

Whether China meets its long-term goal to become carbon neutral by 2060 depends in large part on what happens in its power sector.

And that depends upon how quickly the world's second largest economy can move away from coal.

China's leaders have recently doubled-down on plans to promote coal-fired power, calling for coal production capacity to increase by 300 million tons this year, or 7% over last year.

Li Shuo, a senior global policy adviser for Greenpeace, told the Associated Press in April that economic concerns, including those related to China's zero-COVID policy, meant that China's leaders were prioritizing energy security over moving away from fossil fuels, at least in the short-term.

"This mentality of ensuring energy security has become dominant, trumping carbon neutrality," he said.

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# JOURNALIST DETAINED IN CHINA DENIED CALLS, PARTNER SAYS

THE Australian partner of a journalist who has been detained in China for nearly two years said yesterday she is being denied the chance to speak with her family and consular staff, and her health is declining due to a poor prison diet.

Journalist Cheng Lei, an Australian who was born in China, was detained in August 2020 on charges of suspicion of sharing state secrets. In March, she was tried in Beijing, but Australian diplomats weren't allowed inside the courtroom.

Since the trial, Chinese authorities have deferred announcing a verdict. Cheng, 46, had worked as a business journalist for Chinese state broadcaster China Global Television Network.



Cheng Lei, a Chinese-born Australian journalist for CGTN, the English-language channel of China Central Television

Speaking about the case publicly for the first time in an interview with Australia's Sky News, Cheng's partner Nick Coyle said he was worried "big time" for her health and about the lack of access she was getting to her family and Australian consular staff.

Coyle told Sky News that her regular 30-minute consular video meetings have been suspended indefinitely, apparently due to Chi-

na's tough coronavirus restrictions.

"I find that just totally unacceptable," Coyle said. "These monthly consular visits have literally been what's kept her going for 20 months."

"She's been able to make no phone calls with anybody. She's had maybe three visits from her lawyer, just to prepare for the trial," Coyle said. "She's had not one phone call with family, with her children. No-

thing. Nada."

Cheng is the mother of two children who live in Australia, and her parents also live in Australia.

Coyle worked as chief executive of the China-Australia Chamber of Commerce in Beijing before leaving China due to fears he had for his safety.

Coyle said Cheng had some health issues and her condition had declined since she had been detained and fed a poor and inadequate diet. He said she once joked with him that his Starbucks coffee cost more than a week's worth of her food.

"Fortunately, we're dealing with about the strongest person I know, mentally, emotionally, but there have been really difficult health challenges along the way," Coyle told Sky News.

Her detention came during a time of deteriorating diplomatic relations between China and Australia.

At Cheng's trial in March, Australian Ambas-

sador to China Graham Fletcher told reporters outside the court that he'd been told he couldn't attend because the trial involved state secrets.

After the trial, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Wang Wenbin said the verdict would be announced at an unspecified later date. Wang said that because the trial involved state secrets it was held in closed session, but Cheng and her defense lawyer had been present.

China does not recognize dual citizenship and Chinese-born defendants are often not afforded the same treatment as other foreign nationals, particularly when facing espionage charges.

Born in China, Cheng graduated from the University of Queensland. She worked as an accountant and financial analyst in Australia before moving to China in 2001, where she has worked since as a journalist. MDT/AP



AP PHOTO



Shuntaro Tanikawa, a Japanese poet and translator, reads his poem during an interview with The Associated Press in Tokyo

JAPAN

# Star poet Tanikawa, it's fun, not work, at 90

YURI KAGEYAMA, TOKYO

**S**HUNTARO Tanikawa used to think poems descended like an inspiration from the heavens. As he grew older — he is now 90 — Tanikawa sees poems as welling up from the ground.

The poems still come to him, a word or fragments of lines, as he wakes up in the morning. What inspires the words comes from outside. The poetry comes from deep within.

"Writing poetry has become really fun these days," he said recently in his elegant home in the Tokyo suburbs.

Shelves were overflowing with books. His collection of ancient bronze animal figurines stand in neat rows in a glass box next to stacks of his favorite classical music CDs.

"In the past, there was something about its being a job, being commissioned. Now, I can write as I want," he said.

Tanikawa is among Japan's most famous modern poets, and a master of free verse on the everyday.

He has more than a hundred poetry books published. With titles like "To Live," "Listen" and "Grass," his poems are stark, rhythmical but conversational, defying elaborate traditional literary styles.

William Elliott, who has translated Tanikawa for years, compares his place in Japanese poetic history to how T. S. Eliot marked the beginning of a new era in English poetry.

Tanikawa is also a reputed translator, having translated Charles Schulz' "Peanuts" comic strip into Japanese since the 1970s. He demonstrated his ear for the poetic in the colloquial with finesse, choosing "yare yare" for "good grief," transcending the lifestyle differences of East and West in the universal world of children and animals.

"He was more a poet or a philosopher," he said of Schulz.

Tanikawa has translated many others' works, including Mother Goose, as well as Maurice Sendak and Leo Lionni. In turn, his works have been widely translated, including into Chinese and European languages.

Tanikawa's poem "Two Billion Light-Years of Solitude" catapulted him to stardom in the early 1950s. Tanikawa had his eyes on the cosmos and Earth's spot in the universe, years before Gabriel Garcia Marquez wrote the magical realism classic, "One Hundred Years of Solitude."

Tanikawa was always in demand, the darling of poetry readings around the world, a rare example of a poet who effortlessly crossed over to commercialism without compromising his art.

But poetry used to be a job — his profession, his daily work.

Tanikawa is the lyricist for the Japanese theme song for Osamu Tezuka's TV animated series "Astro Boy." He also wrote the

script for the narration of Kon Ichikawa's documentary of the 1964 Tokyo Olympics.

A popular author of children's picture books, he is often featured in textbooks.

He swears he doesn't have "projects" anymore because of his age, which has made walking and going out more difficult. But in the same breath he says he is collaborating with his musician son Kensaku Tanikawa, who lives next door, on what they call "Piano Twitter."

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He has already written dozens of poems to go with the score. They are all short, more abstracted than his past work, conjuring surreal images like staircases descending to nowhere, or a caterpillar dancing uncontrollably.

He isn't sure how the work will be presented, but speculated it could become a book with a barcode so readers can listen to the poems being read with music online.

Among his voluminous output, he is most proud of his 1970s "Kotoba Asobi Uta" series, which utilized singsong allitera-

tions and onomatopoeia, as the title "Word Play Songs" implies.

One repeats the phrase "kappa," a mythical monster, as in: "kappa kapparatta," which translates to "the kappa took off with something" — a "rappa," a "trumpet," as it turns out in a later line. The poetry is, both visually and aurally, a sheer celebration of the Japanese language.

That was unique, Tanikawa said, and he still likes what he came up with.

"For me, the Japanese language is the ground. Like a plant, I place my roots, drink in the nutrients of the Japanese language, sprouting leaves, flowers and bearing fruit," he said.

Married and divorced three times — to a poet, an actress and an illustrator — Tanikawa stressed he was changing with age, noting 90 felt much older than 80, and he was getting forgetful.

Yet he appeared on a recent sunny afternoon totally comfortable with social media and everyday technology, although he used a magnifying glass to make out fine print. He was curious about new movies, including what might be on Netflix. He likes eating cookies, he said, looking more like a mischievous child than the great-grandfather that he is.

He usually works at his huge desk in a spacious study, which has a window that lets in the breeze and a fuzzy ray of light. It

looks out into a yard with flowers. On the wall hangs a sepia-toned portrait of his mother with his father, Tetsuzo Tanikawa, a philosopher.

While growing up, Tanikawa was more afraid about his mother's dying than of any other death. He also remembers how he saw corpses upon corpses after the American air raids of Tokyo during World War II.

"Death has become more real. It used to be more conceptual when I was young. But now my body is approaching death," he said.

He hopes to die as his father did, in his sleep after a night of partying, at 94.

"I am more curious about where I go when I die. It's a different world, right? Of course, I don't want pain. I don't want to die after major surgery or anything. I just want to die, all of a sudden," he said.

When asked to read his works out loud, he doesn't hesitate.

He reads excerpts from his latest collaboration with his son. Then he reads his debut work that, translated into English, ends with these lines:

"The universe is twisted, / That is why we try to connect. / The universe keeps expanding, / That is why we are all afraid. / In two billion light-years of solitude / I suddenly sneeze."

So what does he think? "It feels like a poem written by someone else," Tanikawa said.

But it's a good poem? He nods with conviction.

MDT/AP



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A building damaged by an overnight missile strike in Sloviansk

**this day in history**

**1957 NOEL COWARD COMES HOME**



Noel Coward has returned to Britain from the West Indies amid criticism that he is living abroad to avoid paying income tax.

He arrived at Southampton on the Queen Elizabeth liner dressed in a black tweed jacket with a white diamond pattern, dark trousers and a black and white check bow tie.

He brushed off questions about tax evasion saying he was "disgusted but entirely unworried" by talk of him being a tax exile.

Earlier in the French port of Cherbourg, he told one reporter he found the whole issue embarrassing and the talk of money "rather vulgar".

"I am an artist and am delighted to talk about my plays and my acting and my work generally but not about my money affairs," he said.

He told the BBC he had spent the last winter in Jamaica working on his new book and some songs, but he would not go into any detail.

"I never like discussing anything I'm writing while I'm doing it because it might put me off."

He would only say it was a novel about people.

He plans to stay in Britain for three weeks. He will catch up with friends and go to see his play "Nude with Violin" starring Michael Wilding who takes over from Sir John Gielgud.

He will then travel to Paris and the South of France.

Mr Coward has made a name for himself with his plays offering bitter sweet portrayals of the pre-war years and as a composer of witty ditties.

His most famous songs include Mad Dogs and Englishmen and Mad About the Boy.

He first fell in love with Jamaica in 1943 where he went to recover from flu while on a trip to the US.

He returned in 1948 when he bought land to build a property.

Courtesy BBC News

**PUTIN'S WAR**

**UK pledges missiles to Ukraine; new US ambassador in Kyiv**

JOHN LEICESTER & ELENA BECATOROS, KYIV

**B** RITAIN pledged yesterday to send sophisticated medium-range rocket systems to Ukraine, joining the United States and Germany in equipping the embattled nation with advanced weapons for shooting down aircraft and knocking out artillery.

Western arms have been critical to Ukraine's success in stymieing Russia's much larger and better-equipped military during a war now in its 99th day. But as Russian forces closed in on a key city in recent days, the Ukrainian government said its fighters needed better rocket launchers to prevail.

Russian forces continued to pound towns and cities overnight and to tighten their grip on the eastern city of Sievierodonetsk. The U.K. Defense Ministry reported that Russia had captured most of the city, one of two in Luhansk province that had remained under Ukrainian control.

British Defense Secretary Ben Wallace said the U.K. would send an unspecified number of M270 launchers, which can fire precision-guided rockets up to 80 kilometers (50 miles). Ukrainian troops will be trained in the U.K. to use the equipment, he said.

The British government says the decision to provide the launchers was coordinated closely with the U.S.

government, which said Wednesday that it would supply High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems to Ukraine.

The two missile systems are similar, though the American one has wheels while the British one -- also U.S.-built -- runs on tracks.

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has pleaded for more and better weapons and sometimes accused the West of moving too slowly in providing them. After Western-supplied arms helped Ukraine fend off Russian attempts to storm the capital, Moscow shifted its focus to seizing all of eastern Ukraine's industrial Donbas region.

Military analysts think Russia is hoping to overrun the Donbas before any weapons that might turn the tide arrive. It will take at least three weeks to get the precision U.S. weapons and trained troops onto the battlefield, the Pentagon said. But Defense Undersecretary Colin Kahl said he believes they will arrive in time to make a difference in the fight.

Kyiv also is set to get a diplomatic boost with the formal installation of a new U.S. ambassador to Ukraine. U.S. Ambassador Bridget Brink was set to hand her credentials to Zelenskyy today [Macau time].

Brink will be Washington's first ambassador in Kyiv since former U.S. President Donald Trump abruptly forced out Ambassador Marie Yovanovitch in

2019. She later became a key figure in the first impeachment proceedings against Trump.

Ahead of her Senate confirmation last month, Brink promised senators she would work to make Russia's invasion of Ukraine a "strategic failure." Her work in Kyiv is expected to focus on coordinating Western weapon shipments.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov said Wednesday that Moscow does not trust assurances that Ukraine will not use its new rocket launchers to fire on Russian territory. "We believe that the U.S. is deliberately and diligently pouring fuel on the fire," he said.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov called Ukraine's repeated push for more weapons was a "direct provocation intended to draw the West into the fighting." He warned that U.S.-supplied multiple rocket launchers would raise the risk of an expanded conflict.

Meanwhile, Russian forces kept up their bombardment of the Donbas and other parts of Ukraine while ground troops made an inching advance in the east,

A regional governor said Russian forces now control 80% of Sievierodonetsk, a city that is key to Moscow's efforts to complete its capture of the Donbas. Ukrainian forces and Russian-backed separatists have fought in the eastern region for eight years, and the separatists held swaths of territory

before the Russian invasion.

The only other city in Luhansk province that the Russians have not yet captured, Lysychansk, is still fully under Ukrainian control, he said, but is likely to be the next target. The two cities are separated by a river.

Moscow's forces also stormed the town of Komyshevka in the southeastern Zaporizhzhia region, large parts of which are under Russian control, the Ukrainian General Staff said yesterday.

In the western Lviv region, a Russian missile hit rail lines that were a key conduit for supplies of Western weapons and other supplies, officials said.

Zelenskyy has said Ukraine was losing between 60 and 100 soldiers a day in the fighting.

He turned the focus to children in his nightly video address, saying 243 of them have been killed in the war, 446 have been wounded and 139 are missing. The real numbers could be higher, he added, as his government doesn't have a full picture of areas under Russian occupation.

Zelenskyy also said 200,000 children are among the Ukrainians who have been forcefully taken to Russia and dispersed across that vast country. "The purpose of this criminal policy is not just to steal people but to make those who are deported forget about Ukraine and unable to return." MDT/AP

**IN CONTEXT**

In the 1950s Noel Coward's career was on the wane and it was at this point that he developed a cabaret act that revived his fortunes. Although principally revered as a playwright - he was responsible for more than 60 productions - Coward was also an actor, composer and songwriter. In his last years, Coward lived with his companion Graham Payn in Jamaica where he built a small retreat called Firefly Hill. The house is a museum to Coward and one of Jamaica's top tourist attractions. He was knighted in 1970 and died in 1973.



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**YOUR STARS**

 <b>ARIES</b> Mar. 21-Apr. 19 Use your charm, but don't sign or agree to anything. This will be a great night to invite friend over to visit. You are best not to discuss your personal life with others.	 <b>TAURUS</b> Apr. 20-May. 20 Don't let others try to create unwarranted guilt if you can't meet their demands. Be prepared to lose friends or alienate other people if you insist on being stubborn.
 <b>GEMINI</b> May. 21-Jun. 21 Travel opportunities look positive, but be cautious while driving. Try not to make waves. Unexpected events may upset your routine. Things may not be as harmonious as you would like with colleagues or employers today.	 <b>CANCER</b> Jun. 22-Jul. 22 Take time to talk things over. Travel for business or pleasure. Travel will entice you; however, a tendency to overspend is quite possible. Don't be too confident that coworkers are on your side.
 <b>LEO</b> Jul. 23-Aug. 22 Your ability to ferret out secret information will lead you to an inside scoop on an amazing financial deal. Romance will unfold if you take trips or get together with friends. Children may cause limitations.	 <b>VIRGO</b> Aug. 23-Sep. 22 Make plans to attend group discussions or get together with friends who like to talk as much as you do. You will want to take off and have some recreation. Do not let the reactions of others get you going.
 <b>LIBRA</b> Sep. 23-Oct. 22 Travel will initiate new friendships or love connections. You may have some difficulties with someone you live with. You may have a rather hectic day due to events that children are involved in.	 <b>SCORPIO</b> Oct. 23-Nov. 21 Expect to have more people on your domestic scene. Fitness or weight loss programs will help your self esteem. Don't let anyone take credit for a job you did.
 <b>SAGITTARIUS</b> Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Your emotional stability may influence the changes taking place in your personal life. You may have difficulties with family members if you get involved in petty arguments.	 <b>CAPRICORN</b> Dec. 22-Jan. 19 You may find that someone you live with may be irritable; you're best to leave them alone. You may want to sign up for courses that will encourage you to have more confidence in yourself.
 <b>AQUARIUS</b> Jan. 20-Feb. 18 You can make a big difference to children if you are understanding of the difficulties they are experiencing. You may be uncertain about some of your coworkers and your boss.	 <b>PISCES</b> Feb. 19-Mar. 20 You will learn a great deal about yourself if you go somewhere secluded. Money problems will get worse if your partner hasn't been playing by the rules.

**The Born Loser by Chip Sansom**



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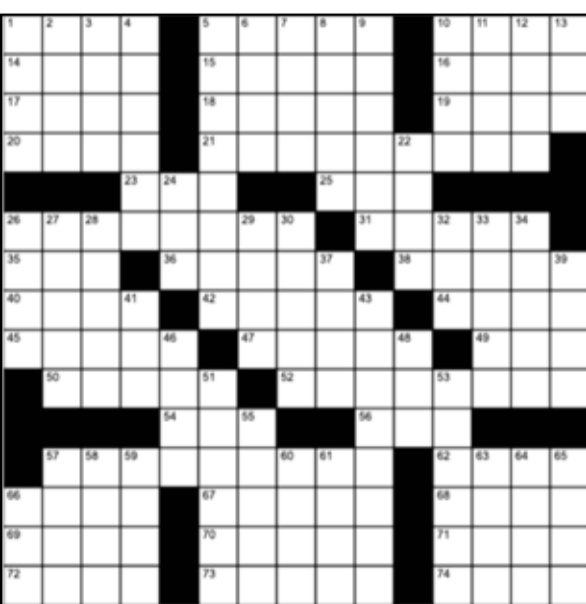
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Fuzhou	23	29	rain
Guangzhou	26	33	thunderstorms
Guiyang	19	27	rain
Haikou	26	34	thunderstorms
Hangzhou	22	29	rain
Harbin	9	23	cloudy
Hefei	19	33	fine
Nanjing	21	33	cloudy
Shanghai	21	30	fine
Taipei	25	28	rain
Wuhan	23	30	rain
Hong Kong	26	28	thunderstorms
<b>WORLD</b>			
Moscow	11	22	showers
Frankfurt	15	27	rain
Paris	17	26	rain
London	12	23	overcast
New York	16	27	rain

**CROSSWORDS**

**ACROSS** 1- Wish for; 5- Ribbons; 10- Hawaiian outdoor feast; 14- Cupid; 15- Deadly virus; 16- Got down; 17- So long!; 18- Bubbling; 19- Concerning; 20- Island of Hawaii; 21- Shrove Tuesday; 23- Animal foot; 25- Hydrocarbon ending; 26- Rulers; 31- Writer Loos; 35- Thor Heyerdahl craft; 36- Sister of Calliope; 38- Parenthetical remark; 40- Hurler Hershiser; 42- Small hill; 44- Gola of Israel; 45- Blender brand; 47- Connection; 49- It's for two, in song; 50- Ruin; 52- Horny; 54- Feather scarf; 56- Occupational suffix; 57- Listen secretly; 62- Frees; 66- Optic layer; 67- New Zealand aboriginal; 68- Assist, often in a criminal act; 69- Letter opener; 70- Scheduled; 71- Title; 72- Sunburn soother; 73- Plinth; 74- Barbershop request;

**DOWN** 1- Baylor's city; 2- What \_\_\_ mind reader?; 3- Flood survivor; 4- Company of actors; 5- Cooperative effort; 6- "Dancing Queen" quartet; 7- Wanting; 8- Exclude, remove; 9- Saltworks; 10- Den; 11- Radius neighbor; 12- Melodies; 13- Shoshone language member; 22- Actress Rowlands; 24- 100 square meters; 26- Switch back?; 27- Cattail's locale; 28- Michelangelo work; 29- Harangue; 30- Impassive; 32- Doctrine; 33- Connect with; 34- Old French expression meaning "goodbye"; 37- Bread spread; 39- Historical periods; 41- Monetary unit of Bulgaria; 43- Tippet; 46- Choir attire; 48- Compass dir.; 51- Universe; 53- Wide of the mark; 55- Hershey's bell town; 57- Devil's doing; 58- Dynamic beginning; 59- Urn; 60- Campus mil. group; 61- Like some history; 63- Girder type; 64- Moore of "G.I. Jane"; 65- Meerschaum part; 66- Country bordered by Canada and Mexico;



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DRIVE IN

# THE PAIN AND BEAUTY OF 'CRIMES OF THE FUTURE'

LINDSEY BAHR,  
MDT/AP FILM WRITER

**P**AIN is essentially a thing of the past for some in David Cronenberg's "Crimes of the Future," a dense, gorgeous and grotesque meditation on bodies, creation and art. Suffering, however, is still alive and well as everyone grapples with the enormity of that fact that human evolution has "gone wrong."

It may be more mystifying than illuminating when all is said and done, but it is certainly a uniquely captivating experience with wildly imaginative creations, interesting performances, challenging ideas and one of the best scores of the year.

Cronenberg, whose name is forever destined and doomed to be mentioned any time any filmmaker attempts to put their spin on "body horror," went viral for a comment in which he predicted that some people would walk out of this film within the first five minutes. He didn't mean every audience, he'd go on to clarify, just

a party-seeking festival audience who either wasn't familiar with or didn't care to be open to his work. Still, it's the kind of provocative comment that seems like a dare, and not one to take lightly from the man who made "The Fly," "Crash" and "Videodrome."

And, indeed, something quite disturbing does happen in the first five minutes. But the way he depicts the horrific deed is done with enough gravity to dispel any worries about it being there for exploitative shock value. It simply makes you intrigued about where this is all going. And it's helped along by Howard Shore's mournful, masterful score.

This is a world in which bodies are mutating. Viggo Mortensen, playing Saul Tenser, forms new and novel organs regularly. Instead of simply removing the uninvited guests at a hospital, he and his partner Caprice (Léa Seydoux) have turned it into an opportunity for performance art. Invasive surgery and pain management have become things that individuals do themselves, with the help of

custom, alien-like machines that hold and manipulate your body and anticipate pain.

Saul's surgery, which Caprice performs, is a public spectacle, heavy with meaning and metaphor. His extracted organs become specimens for display.

And it's not nearly as repulsive or punishing as it might sound — take it from this extremely squeamish critic who went in with an empty stomach, bracing for the absolute worst. It could have been pretty horrifying, too: There's blood and scalpels, expectant flesh (Mortensen's torso almost deserves a supporting credit), incisions galore, pulsating organs, gagging, drills, purple vomit, cloudy saliva and a man with ears all over his body performing a modern dance. But, like the first five minutes, "Crimes of the Future" does not seem to have been crafted to shock and disturb. Cheap thrills are for the newbies. Cronenberg has things he wants to say: About art, about pain, about self sacrifice, about evolution, about creati-



Léa Seydoux (background) and Viggo Mortensen in a scene from "Crimes of the Future"

vity, about ethics, about sex and about beauty.

There is a lot of plot and conspiracy swirling around Caprice and Saul, including a secretive new government department called the National Organ Registry and the two weirdos (Kristen Stewart and Don McKellar) who work there. Stewart's rule-abiding and small-voiced Timlin, whom Caprice calls "especially creepy," becomes a lusty superfan after seeing their show. There are some strange technicians, played by Tanaya Beatty and Nadia Litz, and the grieving father (Scott Speedman) of a dead boy skulking around their shows,

and a detective (Welket Bungué) adding a noir element to the proceedings.

While I'll never fault a movie for having a lot on its mind, "Crimes of the Future" does also often feel like it's about everything and nothing. It's endlessly quotable and also hard to fully digest in one sitting.

**"Crimes of the Future,"** a Neon release in theaters Friday, is rated R by the Motion Picture Association of America for "strong, disturbing, violent content and grisly images, graphic nudity and some language." Running time: 107 minutes. ★★★

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### TASTE OF EDESIA

# Elegant garden party

IRENE SAM, MDT

**I**NSPIRED by sumptuous entertainment practices from France known as "Fête Champêtre" during the 18th century, an elegant garden party awaits at Four Seasons.

Splash Lawn at Four Seasons Hotel is indeed a beautiful and dreamy venue for a gathering amongst friends and family. To create a refined party for the sophisticated few, the culinary team meticulously designed a lavish menu to satisfy discerning palates.

With the influence of rich French heritage in gastronomy and aristocratic nuances behind the concept of "Fête Champêtre," the menu includes a selection of classics such as "Pâté de Foie Gras" served on brioche and perfectly baked "Coquilles St. Jacques" topped with garlic and Gruyere cheese for an extra layer of umami characteristics.

For those with a sweet tooth, a taste of "Éclair au Chocolat" is sure to delight with its nutty intensity and abundance of cocoa flavours. On the other hand, "Madeleines au Citron" pleases with its simplicity and a hint of acidity.



OPINION

The Conversation

Ariane Chernock, Boston University



WHY WILL SO MANY AMERICANS BE CHEERING THE QUEEN?

Whether it is reporting the role of the Sex Pistols or that of the royal corgis, U.S. media has suddenly taken an interest in a peculiar four-day ceremony taking place across the pond: Queen Elizabeth II's Platinum Jubilee.

Starting on June 2, 2022, British subjects will be participating in street parties and other events marking the 70 years that the country's monarch has remained on the throne. They won't be alone in expressing affection for the queen.

In America, Elizabeth retains approval ratings that would leave most political leaders envious. And even if the most high-profile U.S.-based royalists – Prince Harry and his American wife Meghan Markle – intend to be in the U.K. for some of the ceremonies, many other supporters of Queen Elizabeth will be back in America, no doubt raising a cup of tea in her honor.

But what's with Americans' fascination with the British monarchy in the first place? It might seem strange, given the nation's decision to sever ties with George III in 1776. No royal family from any other nation has induced the same level of scrutiny or celebration.

It's important to recognize that British royals have been eliciting similar responses on American shores for the past 150 years

In 1860, Prince Albert Edward – the future King Edward VII – staged a surprisingly successful American tour, during which he was mobbed by fans in cities including Chicago; Albany, New York; and Detroit. In 1939, King George VI and Queen Elizabeth made similar headlines when they ate their first hot dogs in Hyde Park, New York, urged on by President Roosevelt and his wife, Eleanor.

And then there was the frenzy surrounding Prince Charles and Princess Diana's visit to Washington in 1985. President Reagan may have mistakenly referred to Diana as "Princess David," but no one will forget Diana's turn on the dance floor with actor John Travolta.

Of course, there's an element of pragmatism in the tradition of warm American receptions. After the American Revolution, the newly independent nation realized that it would need to maintain strong ties with the imperial motherland for diplomatic and security reasons; the War of 1812 proved to be the exception – rather than the rule – in 19th-century Anglo-American relations.

This "special relationship" would become only more vital during World War II and the Cold War that followed. President Roosevelt invited George VI to that picnic in 1939 not only to exchange pleasantries, but also to telegraph British and American unity in the face of German belligerence.

But the emotion on display during royal visits also suggests a deep affective tie. Although the American revolutionaries long ago rejected colonial government, there has always been a certain degree of ambivalence about the crown. The Colonists, after all, had felt an intense and personal relationship with George III, whom they regarded as distinct from the British Parliament, even as many came to question the concept of hereditary sovereignty.

In the wake of the Revolution, the routines, symbols, rituals and attitudes associated with the crown proved difficult to sacrifice.

In "The Royalist Revolution," historian Eric Nelson suggests, provocatively, that the nation's founders crafted the American presidency with the image of a strong king in mind.

Not everyone will buy Nelson's thesis, but there's no denying that Americans have made their own political dynasties: Instead of the Windsors, we have the Kennedys, Bushes and Clintons.

In 2018, American actress Meghan Markle went one step further by marrying into the British royal family. Her relationship with the British press – and reportedly with some of her in-laws – hasn't been the smoothest, leading to a move across the Atlantic to the U.S. for her and husband, Prince Harry.

But despite that one American's experience, Americans tend to look favorably on the family's head. A February 2022 poll of Americans found that 61% held a favorable view of Queen Elizabeth – the highest rating of any living member of the British royal family.

Four days of celebrations honoring Queen Elizabeth II's 70 years on the throne kicked off yesterday with a display of British military traditions stretching from the days of horse and cannon to the jet age.

Formal celebrations for the Platinum Jubilee began with Trooping the Color, an annual military review that has marked the sovereign's official birthday since 1760. The queen took a salute on the balcony of Buckingham Palace and joined the working members of her family for a military flypast.

Thousands of people, some of whom camped overnight, lined the parade route – many of them sporting Union Jack flags, party hats or plastic tiaras.



DANISH VOTERS GIVE STRONG 'YES' TO JOINING EU DEFENSE POLICY



The five leaders of the political parties belonging to the 'National Compromise' campaign for a YES, in the center of Copenhagen this week

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WITH nearly all votes counted from a referendum yesterday [Macau time], Denmark is headed toward joining the European Union's common defense policy that it long eschewed, a new example of a country in Europe seeking closer defense links with allies after Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

The electoral commission said that with ballots fully counted in 84 of 92 Denmark's electoral districts, 66.9% voted in favor of abandoning the country's 30-year opt-out from the common EU policy and 33.1% against.

"An overwhelming majority of Danes have chosen to abolish the defense opt-out. I'm very, very happy about that," Prime Minister Mette Frederiksen said.

"We have sent a clear signal to (Russian President Vladimir) Putin," she added. "With the decision we have made, we show that when Putin invades a free and independent country and threatens peace and stability, we will move closer together."

On Twitter, German Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock applauded the

outcome of the Danish vote. "Every step each of us takes, makes us stronger in the face of these tectonic shifts."

Ending Denmark's opt-out would have limited practical effect for either Denmark or the EU. The referendum follows the historic bids by fellow Nordic countries Sweden and Finland to join NATO – something to be taken up at a summit next month.

For Denmark, a founding member of the 30-member defense alliance, joining the EU's defense policy would have a relatively modest impact on Europe's security architecture, particularly compared to Sweden and Finland joining NATO. But Christine Nissen, a researcher with the Danish Institute for International Studies, said both moves were "part of the same story," and would strengthen military cooperation on a continent stunned by the war in Ukraine.

The main effect of abandoning the opt-out will be that Danish officials could stay in the room when EU colleagues discuss defense topics, and Danish forces can take part in EU military operations, such as those in Africa and Bosnia and

Herzegovina.

It would be the first time that one of the four Danish opt-outs from the EU's Maastricht Treaty, which laid the foundation for political and economic union, is scrapped by voters in Denmark.

"I believe people have voted yes because of the war in Ukraine. The 'yes' side has tried to misuse the war in Ukraine to make the Danes feel that it is important that we stand together," said Morten Messerschmidt, the leader of the opposition Danish People's Party and a leading opponent of removing the defense opt-out.

One of the founding members of NATO, Denmark has stayed on the sidelines of the EU's efforts to build a common security and defense policy in parallel with the trans-Atlantic military alliance.

For decades, Europe's been a source of contention in Denmark. In 1992, voters set back plans to turn the European construction into a union by rejecting the Maastricht treaty amid widespread opposition to a federal European government that could limit the sovereignty of individual nations. MDT/AP



Indian foreign ministry officials visited Kabul for talks with the Taliban and international organizations involved in the distribution of humanitarian assistance in Afghanistan, the External Affairs Ministry said in a statement yesterday. India has no diplomatic ties with Afghanistan since the Taliban took control of the country in August last year, but its diplomats have met Taliban representatives in Doha, the capital of Qatar, where they have an office.



Israeli forces shot and killed a Palestinian in the West Bank yesterday, the Palestinian Health Ministry said, as troops elsewhere demolished the home of a Palestinian who gunned down Israelis in an attack earlier this year. The Ministry identified the man as Ayman Mheisen, 29. The Israeli military said forces operating in the Dheisheh refugee camp in the West Bank city of Bethlehem were pelted with rocks and explosive devices, but didn't elaborate on the kind of explosives. The troops responded with live fire, according to the military.

United Nations said yesterday that Yemen's warring parties have agreed to renew a nationwide truce for another two months. The announcement is a glimmer of hope for the country, plagued by eight years of civil war. The cease-fire between Yemen's internationally recognized government and the Iran-backed Houthis rebels first came into effect on April 2 – the first nationwide truce in the past six years of the conflict in the Arab World's most impoverished nation.

HOLIDAY TIMES

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