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CHINA The meteorological department of east China metropolis Shanghai recorded an air temperature of 40.9 degrees Celsius at around 2 p.m. Friday, the highest on record in the city in 145 years. A red alert for high temperatures was issued by the Shanghai Central Meteorological Observatory on Friday.

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Dan Ott reacts before going all in at the World Series of Poker main event in Las Vegas. Scott Blumstein, a New Jersey man with a degree in accounting, is this year's champion. Blumstein eliminated Ott on the 246th hand of the final table.

Rookie from New Jersey wins World Series of Poker, USD8.1 million

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Ho Chio Meng's lawyer says he will appeal

Lawyer Oriana Pun has said her client Ho Chio Meng intends to file an appeal with the Court of Final Appeal. This month the same court sentenced the former top prosecutor to 21 years in jail and imposed huge financial penalties. On the sidelines of an event this weekend, Pun said that the inability to appeal constitutes a "technical problem that can be circumvented." According to Pun, this "technical problem" is minor when compared with the right to appeal, which she said "constitutes a fundamental right." Pun told TDM that the appeal will be filed soon. "We are going to present our arguments and our appeal to the Court of Final Appeal," she said.

Pace of inflation quickens

The Composite Consumer Price Index (CPI) in June 2017 rose by 1.06 percent year-on-year to 109.44, according to information released by the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC). This increase was even higher than the 0.95 percent year-on-year growth recorded in May 2017. As in previous months, DSEC has attributed the increment to higher charges for outpatient services, eating out, rising tuition fees, vehicle prices and parking meter rates. Contributing to the increase were the price indexes for the sectors of education and health, which increased by 7.46 percent and 5.15 percent, respectively, year-on-year. The price index of food and non-alcoholic beverages - accounting for the largest share of household expenditure - went up by 1.77 percent. The price indexes of communication and housing and fuels dropped by 5.82 percent and 0.96 percent, respectively. The average composite CPI for the second quarter of 2017 (109.18) increased by 0.94 percent year-on-year.

SSM says flu situation is stable

The director of the Health Bureau (SSM) Centre for Disease Control and Prevention, Lam Chong, said that the influenza or 'flu' situation in Macau is stable. According to Lam, this is because large numbers of residents have been vaccinated against the disease; of the 95,000 people in Macau who have been vaccinated, 70 percent received the vaccine in primary school. The percentage of vaccinated residents rises to 90 percent when the elderly population are included. Many members of the elderly population have received the vaccine while residing in nursing homes. SSM previously stated that recent data recorded by its monitoring systems showed a significant increase in influenza infections compared to the same period last year.

Book Carnival's English offerings mostly for children

Julie Zhu

THE Macau Book Carnival 2017 officially kicked off last Friday at the Macau Polytechnic Institute (IPM), with many English-language children's books on offer. The event will run at IPM's Multisport Pavilion until July 30.

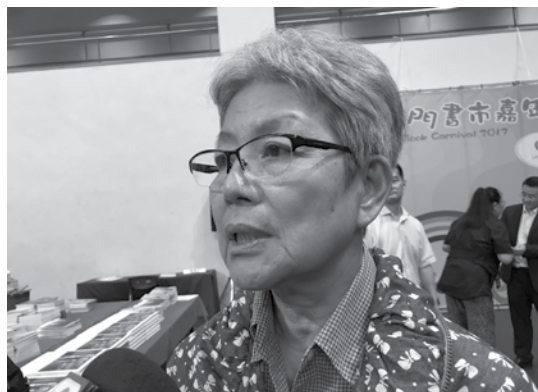
Chan Im Wa, President of the Macau Literacy Promotion Association, told the Times that this year's carnival will have 70 tables, of which ten will sell English-language books.

"I think the percentage of English books probably goes up to one-seventh," said Chan, who noted that the selection of English-language books on offer still caters mainly to youth and children in efforts to meet the market's biggest demand.

"You can see that the English books are mainly for the youth and children because as their parents want them to learn English, parents want them to read [English books]," explained Chan, adding that there are also language learning books for people who are currently studying English as a second language.

"Portuguese books are targeting those who are studying Portuguese, naturally. [...] There are some Macanese who also come here looking for cookbooks," Chan remarked.

Chan said she was unable to



Chan Im Wa



The event is being held at IPM's Multisport Pavilion

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CHAN IM WA

predict how readers would react to a larger selection of Portuguese novels being brought to the fair.

Chan pointed out that there are some Portuguese-language books talking about China's history and politics available

and that the readership for this subject comprises Portuguese speakers who want to learn more about China.

When asked whether the carnival gives priority to English books rather than to Portuguese books, Chan said it was a market-driven decision.

"It's a matter of market choice," she said, further indicating that the people of Macau can only learn Portuguese by taking the initiative because the language is not a compulsory subject in most local schools. More members of the Macau public learn English because it is a mandatory subject.

"Nowadays, parents give more and more importance to English," said Chan.

When talking about whether the carnival will offer more English-language books in a future edition, Chan emphasized that it

all depends on sales.

"If the market maintains its current enthusiasm towards English books, then the carnival will uphold its current percentage of English books," she said.

"There are also some English books from Singapore," Chan continued, noting that they consist mainly of magazine series. "These extracurricular books are edited [according] to Singapore's course outline."

"They are mainly science books," said Chan, adding that "all our [public] sources are put for the children."

The theme of this year's book carnival is "Learn From the Words of the Wise." In total, there are around 30,000 books on offer in the exhibition, all sourced from publishers in mainland China, Macau, Hong Kong, Taiwan, the UK, the US and Singapore.

Macau participates in Hong Kong Book Fair

MACAU is represented at the 2017 Hong Kong Book Fair. According to a statement issued by the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC), more than 800 local publications will be presented at the celebrated book fair.

The purpose of the Macau Pavilion at this event is to introduce the region's culture to Hong Kong and foreign readers.

The 28th Hong Kong Book Fair opened on

Wednesday at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre. The event is one of Asia's largest book fairs, and attracted nearly 1.02 million visitors to its 2016 edition.

On July 19, the IC held a 'New Books Release Presentation,' featuring "The Great Doctor - Sun Yat-sen and Family in Macau" in conjunction with a lecture at the fair.

The book was launched last year to mark the 150th anniversary of

Sun Yat-sen's birth.

The Macau Foundation will also hold a 'New Books Release Presentation' today, focusing on the "Association of Piety and Longevity Kong Tac-Lam" from the series "Macau Wisdom Collection."

Based in Macau, the Association of Piety and Longevity Kong Tac-Lam in Macau set up the first female-only Buddhist schools in Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan. Throu-



gh the schools' efforts, the "Palm-leaf manuscripts" of Buddhism spread to the territory and were later listed on UNESCO's "Memory of the World Register" in 2016, together with other Buddhist heritage documents. Aside from the Hong Kong Book Fair, the IC and Macau Foundation have also participated in

the Taipei Book Fair for several years.

To help mainland Chinese readers gain a deeper understanding of Macau culture, the IC also collaborated with the Macau Foundation to participate in the 27th National Book Trading Expo, which ran from May 31 to June 3 in the city of Langfang, Hebei Province.

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Asuspended United Nations diplomat's testimony has provided a glimpse at the seedier side of international diplomacy as a Macau billionaire stands trial on charges that he shared hundreds of thousands of dollars with ambassadors he thought could help him realize his dream to build a permanent center in China to serve less-advantaged countries.

Francis Lorenzo, 50, stepped off the witness stand last week after testifying against Ng Lap Seng for over a week.

Ng, 69, has pleaded not guilty to charges he paid bribes to Lorenzo and a former top U.N. official to gain support to build a U.N. conference center in Macau. He remains confined to a Manhattan apartment on USD50 million bail.

Lorenzo testified Ng paid him up to \$50,000 monthly to push the ambitious multibillion-dollar project along and funneled another \$300,000 to former U.N. General Assembly President John Ashe, who was charged in the case before he died last year in an accident at home.

Over several days, Assistant U.S. Attorney Douglas Zolkind elicited from Lorenzo an unsavory depiction of the ease with which Lorenzo and Ashe accepted and sometimes solicited tens of thousands of dollars to supplement modest

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Ambassador testifies Ng paid him up to USD50,000 monthly

salaries as ambassadors.

Within months of meeting Ng in late 2009, Lorenzo testified, he agreed to supplement his \$72,000 salary at the U.N. with \$20,000 a month as president of Ng's new not-for-profit, South South News.

"Did you have any experience in media or in news reporting?" Zolkind asked.

■ Within months of meeting Ng in late 2009, Lorenzo testified, Ng agreed to supplement his USD72,000 salary at the United Nations

"No," Lorenzo said.

He said at Ashe's request, he helped arrange a no-show job that paid Ashe's wife \$2,500 monthly. He said Ashe asked Ng to fund a family trip to New Orleans and to pay for construction of a basketball court at his home. In 2014, Ashe asked Ng for a contribution to help his presidency and Ng sent \$200,000, Lorenzo said.

After Ashe solicited a \$20,000 contribution to fund a U.N. reception, Lorenzo passed along only \$16,000 to Ashe.

"Why did you keep the other \$4,000?" Zolkind asked. "I just kept it for me," Lorenzo said.

Lorenzo, who pleaded guilty to bribery charges and could face up to 78 years in prison without leniency, said Ng later began paying him an additional \$30,000 a month to obtain official U.N. approval of his plan to build the Macau center. After it was approved, Ng bought a \$3.2 million Manhattan apartment



Francis Lorenzo leaves a Manhattan federal court last week

where Lorenzo planned to live. The center was never built.

Lorenzo, a U.S. citizen, said he dodged U.S. taxes by funneling the money through bank accounts in the names of his brother and sister in the Dominican Republic, where he lived until the mid-1980s.

On cross examination, Ng's lawyer Tai Park asked Lorenzo why he never referred to money from Ng as bribes in dozens of meetings with prosecutors.

"I wasn't familiar with the term," he said.

In opening statements last month, Park portrayed Ng as a victim who was taken advantage of by pushy diplomats.

Park said his client never paid bribes, but did employ Lorenzo and make contributions when they were requested.

Zolkind asked Lorenzo why he did what Ng asked him to do. "I was getting paid. I was on salary," he answered. **MDT/AP**

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Cricket tournament proceeds despite morning typhoon

Daniel Beittler

HOW many to win?" a Hong Kong cricketer called out. "Brother, you are dreaming," came the reply from the Taipa Thunder batsman during the second semi-final match in yesterday's single-day cricket tournament.

Eight teams from Macau, Hong Kong and Guangdong Province convened at the grounds of Hou Kong Middle School - in spite of the morning's typhoon - to compete for the tournament's title. Despite the difficult conditions, each team's camaraderie was on full display yesterday.

Teams of mixed South Asian players - hailing from India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka and Nepal - took turns batting and bowling in miniature-length cricket matches on a makeshift, waterlogged pitch.

The Macau Pirates had been eliminated earlier in the first semi-final match against Hong Kong's Green Eagles, leaving all hopes of a Macau champion with Taipa Thunder, considered the top team at the Macau Cricket Association (MCA).

They were up against Hong Kong's Vagabond Cricket Club, a far more accomplished team with a veteran cricketer among their eight players.

Standing against a score of



57, the Vagabonds were confident that they could squeeze three more runs out of the last four balls.

Due to the typhoon and accompanying heavy rains yesterday morning, the tournament started about two hours late.

Fortunately, the Hong Kong teams had traveled to Macau the previous night and thereby avoided being held up by the

T8 typhoon alert in the neighboring SAR, which normally halts all ferry transportation. Meanwhile, the hardy Guangdong teams made it to Macau yesterday morning with no issues, organizers reported.

"The teams said that they were willing to play in any conditions," MCA president Adnan Nasim told the Times. After the two-hour delay, the tournament proceeded mostly

as planned.

"The teams from Hong Kong and Guangzhou wanted to play no matter the weather [... and were] prepared to wait no matter how long it took," he added.

To accommodate all of the scheduled matches, the number of balls per over had been reduced from six to four, but there remained five overs per innings.

This might also have proved

fortunate. Even with the reduction from six balls to four in each over, by the late afternoon most had disappeared onto the school's roof.

"We prepared 120 balls - tennis balls wrapped in tape - and we now have just 20 left," said Nasim as a Vagabond batter hit another ball over the pitch's barrier. "Now, I think most of them are on the school's roof."

The Vagabonds, coached by an ex-professional cricketer, scored the last three runs in what turned out to be a relatively close game, and secured a place for themselves in the final. After defeating Taipa Thunder, the Vagabonds ultimately lost to their fellow SAR inhabitants, the Green Eagles.

"[Taipa Thunder] are a good team, and I thought they would get to the final," said Nepali-born coach Sher Lama, who formerly played in the Hong Kong national team and has coached the city's national women's team. "But they had one over with a lot of wide bowls... one over can change the whole game."

The next MCA event will be held in December. According to Nasim, the event will feature a similar tournament and will once again invite Hong Kong and Guangzhou teams to participate.

Nasim said that he hopes the Macau cricket clubs that are not currently affiliated with MCA - such as the British and Australian teams - will also join the event in the future. He is considering hosting a qualifying round for the Macau teams over the weekend before the tournament, in order to cut their number from five to three.

LEGENDARY players and coaches from Liverpool Football Club (LFC) were in Macau on Saturday to host the first ever 'LFC Soccer Clinic'.

More than 60 young football enthusiasts met the LFC players and coaches at the Taipa Olympic Sports Centre Stadium.

LFC Academy coaches led two hands-on sessions for 64 local football players aged between six and 14 years old, according to a press release issued by MGM.

The participants included members of The Football Youth Academy, youth recruited by the Young Men's Christian Association of Macau (YMCA) and children of MGM's staff.

The group was also greeted by former LFC players Robbie Fowler and Sami Hyypia, who

Liverpool Football Club's coaching sessions well received



Robbie Fowler (front, left) and Sami Hyypia (front, right) led the coaching sessions

shared inspirational stories and tips with the young footballers.

Sou Nin Hang, a student from The Football Youth, expressed in the

statement that he is a 'die-hard fan' of LFC.

"It is a dream come true [for] me and if you want to be the best, you must learn from

the best. Even though it is a short encounter today, I have learned a lot from the coaches and the Legends which makes me want to keep practicing my soccer skills until I succeed."

Sarah Rogers, MGM's senior vice president of Strategy & Corporate Responsibility, said MGM expressed hopes that the LFC sportsmen would inspire young sports fans in the region.

"One of MGM's major areas of focus within the community is to support Macau's youth and today's event is a great way for them to pursue their love for sports, a healthy lifestyle, and the understand-

ing of the importance of teamwork."

Former LFC player Sami Hyypia also remarked, "It's great to see MGM's philan-

LIVERPOOL WINS TOURNAMENT IN HK

LIVERPOOL WON the 2017 Premier League Asia Trophy after beating Leicester City 2-1 at the Hong Kong Stadium on Saturday night. Philippe Coutinho, subject of a 70-million GBP bid from Barcelona this week, scored the winning goal in the 44th minute of the tournament. Liverpool team manager Jurgen Klopp told the press that Coutinho is a key player for the team. "He loves the club, he loves the city - he is

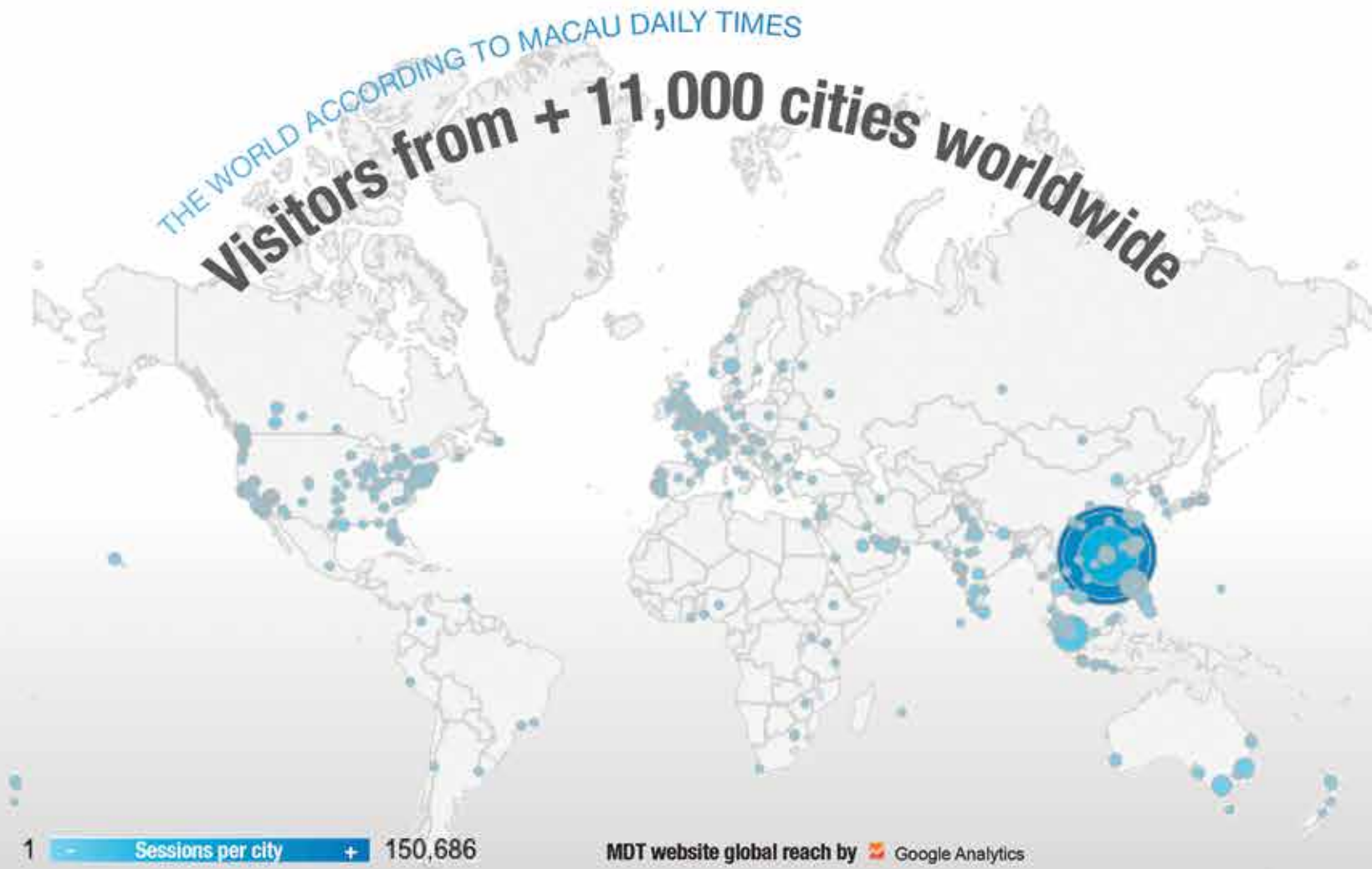
a fantastic footballer. If he is able to play like tonight, in a very difficult moment of the preseason after all the [training] sessions, that shows his [huge] potential," said Klopp. "It's really pleasing. We've played two hard games in very difficult circumstances against very good opponents," he added. The Liverpool-Leicester match attracted 39,498 football enthusiasts. The team is now back in Manchester after their Far East tour.

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REPORT

Beijing parachuted group into Macau during 1990s

DURING the 1990s, Beijing handpicked a group of about 40 young graduates from across China and placed them in important government roles in Macau, according to a new report from Reuters.

Citing former officials familiar with the process, Reuters claimed that the young graduates rose through the ranks to become department heads and other important officials, all the while aligning the vision of the local government with that of Beijing.

According to Reuters, over a dozen former officials and civil servants were interviewed to corroborate the claims.

The sleeper cell was comprised of young mainland graduates who had undergone legal training and learned proficient Portuguese.

"They were given positions when they were still very young, very leading positions," José Sales Marques, who was the territory's mayor between 1993 and



Wong Sio Chak

2001, told Reuters.

Among them is Commission Against Corruption chief, André Cheong, public prosecutor general, Ip Son Sang, and Macau's Secretary for Security, Wong Sio Chak, who many believe may run for the chief executive job in 2019.

In a 2015 interview with the news agency, Wong said that

Macau adheres to the One Country, Two Systems policy without the need for Beijing to intervene in affairs.

"The central government will not meddle or intervene but they will of course want to understand our policies and from what angle we are considering," said Wong, adding that there is daily communication between Macau and



Ip Song Sang

Beijing.

Macau is regarded by the mainland government as far more obedient than its neighboring SAR, Hong Kong. The loyalty, in part, stems from the fact that almost half of Macau's population was born in mainland China.

Its obedience, lack of political activism and weakness in the pan-democrat camp has afforded

Macau certain rewards from Beijing. According to some analysts, its inclusion in the Belt and Road Initiative – entirely unnecessary in the context of Hong Kong's participation – was intended partly as a reward and partly as a means of further diversifying the city's economy.

On the other hand, Beijing's official representation in the MSAR, the Liaison Office, may still be eroding the city's autonomy at an alarming rate through its participation in the activities of local associations and political groups. One such accusation was made – and later retracted – by current lawmaker José Pereira Coutinho.

"I think Macau is losing that autonomy quite fast. I think we have lost two thirds of it in fifteen years," an unidentified civil servant told Reuters.

"Now there is a tendency to impose self censorship [in the media and academia] to not raise the attention of the liaison office," Bill Chou, a former professor at the University of Macau, told the news agency. Chou was fired in 2014 for his political activities.

Another unnamed official cited by Reuters said that China was upping its intervention in Macau as a result of the event unfolding in Hong Kong.

"They want to make sure the same thing doesn't happen in Macau," the official said.

Xinhua style guide stresses power over Taiwan, HK and Macau

CHINA'S official news agency Xinhua has recently published an update to its style guide that emphasizes China's sovereignty over Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macau.

The guide now has 38 rules for referring to Taiwan and 17 guidelines for referring to Hong Kong and Macau.

Xinhua is owned by the Chinese government and is one of its main propaganda tools. Other Chinese media outlets take Xinhua as a point of reference, particularly during politically sensitive periods.

For Hong Kong and Macau, one rule bans the use of the term "separation of powers" to describe the Special Administrative Regions' political systems, which are, according to Xinhua, "dominated by the executive branch."

Another rule states that the two regions cannot be listed independently alongside the name "China." For example, the term "China-Hong Kong" is not

allowed, but "mainland and Hong Kong" is acceptable.

"Self-praising words and references to Hong Kong and Macau's opposition should be cited cautiously," another rule stated, as quoted in a recent Quartz article.

The new rules also state that Hong Kong's pro-democracy Umbrella Movement in 2014 should be referred to as "illegal 'Occupy Central'", referring to the original name for the planned civil disobedience campaign.

The rules dictate that three principal organizers of the Occupy movement cannot be referred to as the "Occupy Central Trio," as they are widely known in Hong Kong. Xinhua's new rule is that their alternative name should instead be "Occupy Central Three Clowns."

Yet another rule states that, "Taiwan is a province of China [...] but taking the feelings of our Taiwan compatriots into



account, now we generally don't call it 'Taiwan Province,' and we more often use 'Taiwan Region' or 'Taiwan.'"

The list of "don'ts" regarding reportage on Taiwan also bans the Chinese media from using the term "President (Vice President) of the Republic of China." Instead, media must now use "leader (deputy leader) of the Taiwan authorities."

In response to Xinhua's new rules, Taiwan's department of China-related affairs issued a statement urging Beijing to "fully report reality and respect the fact that the Republic of China exists."

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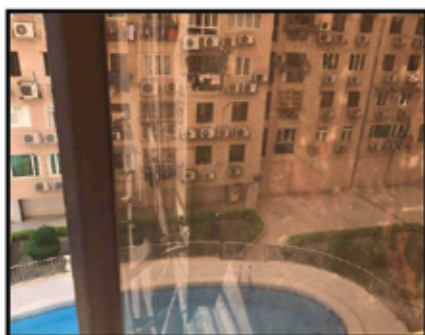


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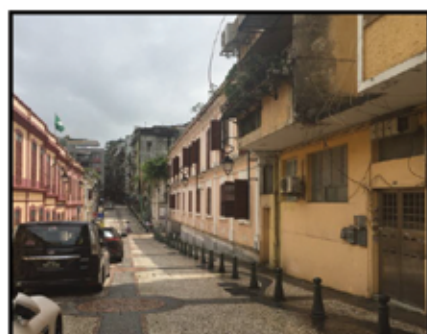
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Kushner adds USD10m in 'omitted' assets to disclosure form

JARED Kushner, President Donald Trump's son-in-law and senior adviser, filed an amended financial disclosure that included 77 items - worth at least USD10 million - "inadvertently omitted" from a filing the White House released in March, including one that will require his recusal.

The updated filing, which reflected the Kushner family's sprawling real estate holdings, detailed additions made "during the ordinary review process" with the federal Office of Government Ethics, according to a copy of the document. The disclosure was revised 39 times since it was initially filed on March 9. Kushner received an 18-day extension for the initial submission, the document shows.

At the same time, Ivanka Trump, the president's daughter and Kushner's wife, submitted her own financial disclosure form to the federal Office of Government Ethics. Both were released by a White House official late Friday. Between them, the couple disclosed assets worth at least \$269 million, the forms show. The ethics agency hasn't yet approved Ivanka Trump's filing.

"Jared and Ivanka have followed each of the required steps in their transition from private citizens to federal officials," said Jamie Gorelick, an attorney with Wilmer Cutler Pickering Hale & Dorr LLP who represents Kushner.

It's not unusual for new executive-branch appointees to need to amend their initial financial disclosures to the OGE. Gorelick said that discussions with the agency, which approves appointees' disclosures and their plans for handling potential conflicts of interest, "are proceeding in the ordinary course" with regard to Ivanka Trump's filing.

Some of the assets Kushner, 36, omitted in the earlier filing were held by entities he previously dis-



closed, and were worth at least \$10 million.

Among the newly disclosed assets were an art collection valued at more than \$5 million, and Quadro Partners, a real estate investment platform that does business in New York under the name of Cadre. The disclosure notes that Kushner, who has a broad-ranging portfolio of responsibilities at the White House, will recuse himself from "particular matters in the broker-dealer, real estate, and online financial services sectors to the extent they would have a direct and predictable effect" on the firm. The form also shows that Kushner has divested 116 assets, and is in the process of selling four more.

Ivanka Trump disclosed income of at least \$13.5 million for 2016 and the first months of 2017 before she joined the White House. That included salary and severance from the Trump Organization of \$2.5 million, another \$2.4 million in hotel-

related revenue, and a \$787,500 advance from Penguin Random House for her 2017 book, "Women Who Work."

Trump, 35, earned more than \$5 million from her business trust, which she valued at more than \$50 million, with underlying assets that include her trademarks and her jewelry and fashion lines. She also disclosed 10 assets underlying a real estate company, including interests in future hotels and golf courses in New York, and a licensing deal for a hotel in India. She valued those assets between \$5 million and \$25 million.

Kushner's 89-page disclosure reveals dozens of multimillion-dollar assets, reported in ranges of value. The form doesn't begin to capture the full value of the Kushner family holdings, which are tied to \$5.2 billion of assets and \$2.9 billion of debt, according to data firm Real Capital Analytics.

When news broke in

early January that Kushner would officially join Trump's administration, his lawyers were ready with a plan to divest from various assets, including the New York Observer newspaper and Thrive Capital, a venture capital firm founded by his brother Joshua Kushner. **MDT/Bloomberg**

China's diesel, gasoline exports surge to ease domestic glut

CHINA'S diesel and gasoline exports surged in the first half of the year as a domestic supply glut and slowing demand growth prompted refiners to sell more fuel abroad.

Diesel shipments jumped almost 21 percent in the first six months compared to the same period a year ago, averaging about 328,500 barrels a day, according to Bloomberg calculations based on data posted Sunday on the website of the General Administration of Customs. Gasoline exports rose 8.1 percent, averaging nearly 222,000 barrels a day.

China's state-run fuel makers have sent more fuel overseas to draw down stockpiles that have swollen thanks to a refining capacity glut and higher production from independent refiners, known generally as teapots. Meanwhile, the nation's gasoline and diesel demand growth has been slowed by alternative transportation such as shared bicycles, as well as gas-fed vehicles and electric cars, according to ICIS China, a Shanghai-based commodity researcher.

"Alternative transportation has taken

a notable toll on consumption of traditional fuels this year," Lin Jiaxin, an analyst with ICIS China, said before the data were released. "With new refining units coming online in the second half of the year, refiners will have to ship even more overseas."

Average gasoline demand in China, the world's biggest energy user, will grow by 95,000 barrels a day this year, "dramatically" below gains of 230,000-290,000 barrels a day during the prior two years, the Paris-based International Energy Agency said in a report this month.

The use of shared bikes in big cities may replace 1.27 million metric tons of gasoline demand this year while natural gas cars have already displaced 22 million tons of fuel used in transportation in 2016, according to Guo Yifan, an analyst at Shanghai-based Sinolink Securities.

The nation's gasoline exports totaled 4.81 million tons in the first half of the year, with 770,000 tons shipped in June, yesterday's data showed. Diesel shipments totaled 7.97 million tons between January and June, with exports at 1.31 million tons last month. **Bloomberg**

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Matthew Brown

THE mother of an American college student arrested in central China following an altercation with a taxi driver five weeks earlier said police are demanding the equivalent of a USD7,400 "ransom" for his release.

Jennifer McLean has not been allowed to see or communicate with her 25-year-old son, Guthrie, since his last week arrest on charges of intentional injury to the taxi driver, she said Thursday in an email to The Associated Press.

During a June 10 fare dispute in the city of Zhengzhou, Guthrie McLean pushed the driver to the ground because the driver was roughing up his mother, who is hearing impaired, according to family friend Tom Mitchell, the Beijing bureau chief for The Financial Times, and U.S. officials.

It's unclear why McLean, 25, a senior majoring in East Asian studies at the University of Montana, was not arrested until weeks later. The Zhengzhou municipal public security bureau, when contacted by The AP, said it does not take inquiries about individual cases.

Jennifer McLean told The AP her son's actions were justified because the taxi driver was hurting her.

"He would not have ceased had my son not intervened," she said.

Offices from the U.S. Consulate in the provincial capital of Wuhan spoke with McLean Thursday at the Zhengzhou #3

Detained student's mother: Zhengzhou police want 'ransom'

Detention Center. He reported no physical or mental health concerns, officials said.

"Fine is a bit of an overstatement. He is enduring," Jennifer McLean said.

Montana's U.S. senators, Democrat Jon Tester and Republican Steve Daines, called for Guthrie McLean's quick release and said they were pressing the matter with U.S. Ambassador Terry Branstad in Beijing.

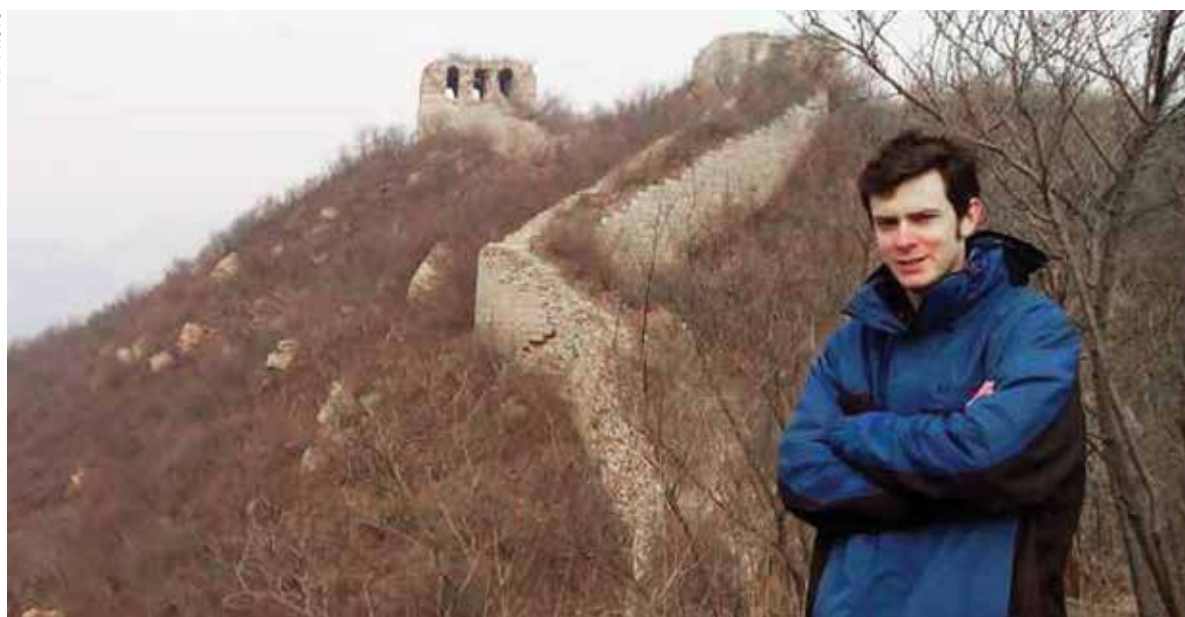
Daines said he also spoke with China's ambassador to the U.S., Cui Tiankai, who pledged to relay the concerns over McLean's fate to the communist nation's leadership.

"This was a young man who stepped in to protect his deaf mother," Daines said. "I realize we are subject to the laws of China [as U.S. citizens abroad] and will respect their government, but we want to make sure there is justice here."

Tester said in a statement that he was in close contact with members of McLean's family and Chinese officials to make sure he's kept safe. The police in China have seven days from the time of his arrest to file charges, Tester's office said, based on information provided by the U.S. Embassy.

A U.S. State Department offi-

AP PHOTO



This undated photo provided by Jennifer McLean shows her son, University of Montana student Guthrie McLean, on the Great Wall of China

cial confirmed the basic details of the case and said the agency was monitoring the situation, but declined further comment.

Jennifer McLean has been teaching in Zhengzhou, where Guthrie visited her this summer.

The altercation occurred after a cab driver refused to give her 30 yuan (about \$5) in change upon returning to her residence, Mitchell said. After the driver "started to rough up Jennifer," Guthrie came out and pushed the man to the ground, he said.

Police arrived at the residence yesterday, took Guthrie away and demanded he pay 100,000 yuan (\$14,800) in compensation for knee injuries sustained by the driver or else he would have to spend three years in prison, Mitchell and Jennifer McLean said.

The price has since dropped to 50,000 yuan (\$7,400), Jennifer McLean said.

Guthrie McLean has been at the University of Montana in Missoula for about two years

and worked for the past year in the Department of Modern and Classical Languages and Literatures, said his boss, Olivia White.

He largely grew up in China after living in Missoula as a young child while his mother was studying at the university, said White.

"He's very kind, gentle," White said. "His mom is all he has and I do think he defended her. He's not denying that he did it. He's denying the extent of what happened." AP

Chelsea apologizes for Kenedy's offensive Instagram messages

CHELSEA apologized to China yesterday for social media comments by Brazilian player Kenedy which it accepted "caused great offense and hurt the feelings" of the country during the Premier League champions' pre-season tour.

The 21-year-old Kenedy has been "strongly reprimanded and disciplined" for the Instagram posts, Chelsea said. The since-deleted messages featured a profanity relating to China and a message mocking a security guard he photographed.

"Even though he quickly deleted the messages and apologized, and the club also apologized via our Chinese social media channels, the damage had already been done," the London club said. "Chelsea Football Club once again solemnly and sincerely apologizes.



Arsenal's Mohamed El Neny (left) tackles Chelsea's Kenedy during the second half of their friendly football match in Beijing

"Kenedy's actions were a mistake that he will learn greatly from. His behavior does not represent the entire team and does not align with the club's high expectations and strict requirements of its young players."

The messages were posted ahead of Chelsea's 3-0 victory over Arsenal in Beijing on Saturday.

"Everyone at Chelsea Foo-

otball Club has the utmost respect and admiration for China and loves our Chinese fans," Chelsea said. "It is because of this that the negative impact we have seen over the last two days has left us shocked and saddened. Once again, we sincerely apologize for the hurt caused to our Chinese fans as well as to the Chinese people." AP

Louis Vuitton opens e-commerce store as sales rebound

Robert Williams

LOUIS Vuitton has launched an e-commerce service in China, seeking to capitalize on a rebound in the world's largest luxury-goods market, where online sales have been dominated by local Internet giants.

The site will let customers buy Louis Vuitton leather goods, shoes, accessories, watches, jewelry, luggage and perfume, the LVMH-owned brand said in a statement Friday. The site will cover 12 cities, including Beijing and Shanghai, with others to be added later.

China is driving a rebound in luxury sales after a multi-year downturn prompted by a crackdown on corruption, with LVMH, Hermes International, Kering SA and others reporting



strong gains this year. Louis Vuitton began selling online in France in 2005 and has expanded to 11 countries, after the Chinese site went live Thursday.

E-commerce in China has been dominated by local operators such as Alibaba Group Holding Ltd. and JD.com Inc. Louis Vuitton said customers will be able to use Alibaba's Alipay and Tencent Holdings Ltd.'s WeChat online payment mechanisms on its site.

While China has fueled the fashion industry's

growth and Chinese consumers have lined up outside Louis Vuitton stores around the world to buy the French brand's suitcases and leather goods, online luxury sales in China have been slower to develop as brands seek to maintain exclusivity. Now competition is heating up, with JD.com in June buying a USD397 million stake in London-based online fashion retailer Farfetch and Gucci launching its own Chinese e-commerce site this month. Bloomberg

Goal of AI leadership by 2030 announced

Joe McDonald, Beijing

CHINA'S government has announced a goal of becoming a global leader in artificial intelligence in just over a decade, putting political muscle behind growing investment by Chinese companies in developing self-driving cars and other advances.

Communist leaders see AI as key to making China an "economic power," said a Cabinet statement on Thursday. It calls for developing skills and research and educational resources to achieve "major breakthroughs" by 2025 and make China a world leader by 2030.

Artificial intelligence is one of the emerging fields along with renewable energy, robotics and electric cars where communist leaders hope to take an early lead and help transform China from a nation of factory workers and farmers into a technology pioneer.

They have issued a series of development plans over the past decade, some of which have prompted complaints Beijing improperly subsidizes

its technology developers and shields them from competition in violation of its free-trade commitments.

Already, Chinese companies including Tencent Ltd., Baidu Inc. and Alibaba Group are spending heavily to develop artificial intelligence for consumer finance, e-commerce, self-driving cars and other applications.

China has had mixed success with previous strategic plans to develop technology industries including renewable energy and electric cars

Manufacturers also are installing robots and other automation to cope with rising labor costs and improve efficiency.

Thursday's statement gives no details of financial commitments or legal changes. But previous initiatives to develop Chinese capabilities in solar power and other technologies have included research grants and regulations to encourage sales and exports.

"By 2030, our country will reach a world leading level in artificial intelligence theory, technology and application and become a principal world center for artificial intelligence innovation," the statement said.

That will help to make China "in the forefront of innovative countries and an economic power," it said.

The announcement follows a sweeping plan issued in 2015, dubbed "Made in China 2025," that calls for this country to supply its own high-tech components and materials in 10 industries from information technology and aerospace to pharmaceuticals.

That prompted complaints



Chinese students work on the Ares, a humanoid bipedal robot designed by them with funding from a Shanghai investment company

Beijing might block access to promising industries to support its fledgling suppliers. The Chinese industry minister defended the plan in March, saying all competitors would be treated equally. He rejected complaints that foreign companies might be required to hand over technology in exchange for market access.

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with previous strategic plans to develop technology industries including renewable energy and electric cars.

Beijing announced plans in 2009 to become a leader in electric cars with annual sales of 5 million by 2020. With the help of generous subsidies, China passed the United States last year as the biggest market, but sales totaled just over 300,000. **AP**

UN rights chief says Liu Xia must be allowed to move freely

THE U.N. human rights chief said last week he intends to keep pressuring China to allow the wife of the late Nobel Peace Prize laureate Liu Xiaobo to move freely and leave the country if she wants to go elsewhere.

Zeid Ra'ad al-Hussein told a group of reporters that he intends to meet with Chinese officials when he returns to Geneva to stress the appeal he made after Liu died of liver cancer on July 27 for the lifting of restrictions on Liu Xia's movements.

"We're now focused on his wife and ensuring that she has — or trying to ensure that she has — freedom of movement and if she wants to leave China she should be able to leave China," the U.N. high commissioner for human rights said.

The United States, the European Union, and numerous other foreign governments and rights groups have also ur-



ged China to lift all restrictions on Liu Xia's movements.

An accomplished poet and artist, Liu Xia was never charged but has been kept guarded and largely isolated for more than seven years in the apartment she once shared with her husband.

She was with Liu when he died while serving an 11-year sentence on charges of incitement

to subvert government power after he published a manifesto calling for political reform. But her current whereabouts are unknown and her Beijing apartment remains tightly guarded.

Zeid said "the claim was there was never any real restriction, but the feeling was that she was being restricted, and so we want to use this moment to assure ourselves

that she is able to leave if she wants to."

China's Foreign Ministry said in a statement responding to Liu's death and calls for Liu Xia to move freely that foreign countries "are in no position to make improper remarks" over the handling of Liu's case, which Beijing sees as a domestic affair.

Zeid responded to China's claim that it's a domestic issue and the U.N. and foreign countries are interfering saying the U.N. General Assembly made very clear during the apartheid era in South Africa that criticism does not amount to intervening in another country's affairs.

"So I've invited the Chinese, I've invited all of them to claim it, to present a legal argument in defense of that position," the human rights chief said. "We hold up a mirror basically — you're committing the abuse, not us." **AP**

Beijing would consider sending troops for Djibouti-Eritrea

Elias Meseret

CHINA would consider sending peacekeeping troops to a disputed Djibouti-Eritrea border region after Qatar pulled out its troops last month, China's top diplomat to the African Union said Friday, as the Asian giant's military role overseas grows.

China also would consider stepping in to mediate the dispute between the East African nations if asked, Kuang Weilin told The Associated Press.

This month, China dispatched members of its army to Djibouti to man its first overseas military base. The move is key to the wide-ranging expansion of China's armed forces in step with the country's growing economic and political footprint.

Qatar withdrew 450 peacekeeping troops from the contested Dumeriah mountain area in June while caught up in its own diplomatic clash with other Arab nations. It had mediated the territorial dispute and its peacekeepers had been deployed after a

2010 cease-fire deal.

China hopes the Djibouti-Eritrea border issue will be "solved amicably," Kuang said.

China is relatively new to peacekeeping but already is the biggest contributor of peacekeepers among the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council, with more than 2,500 deployed on U.N. missions as of the end of June.

There currently is no U.N. mission in Djibouti or Eritrea.

Djibouti is already home to the United States' only permanent military base in Africa, Camp Lemonnier, while France, Britain, Japan and other nations also maintain a military presence in the small but strategically located Horn of Africa nation.

China's base in Djibouti "will only have logistical purposes, not defense capabilities," Kuang said. China has said the logistics center will support anti-piracy, U.N. peacekeeping and humanitarian relief missions in Africa and western Asia. **AP**

Kaweewit Kaewjinda, Bangkok

THAILAND

'Darknet' suspect's flashy cars raised eyebrows

THE neighbors had their suspicions. The young Canadian accused of masterminding the world's leading "darknet" internet marketplace lived a seemingly quiet life for more than a year with his Thai girlfriend in a middle-class neighborhood on the outskirts of Bangkok.

But the flashy cars he drove stood out. There was the nearly USD1 million, metallic gray Lamborghini. There was the Porsche, and then the Mini Cooper for his girlfriend. All in an area where people drive pickup trucks and children tool around on plastic tricycles.

The neighbors thought 25-year-old Alexandre Cazes worked in the hotel business. But according to the U.S. Justice Department, he was the mastermind of AlphaBay, an internet marketplace that traded in illegal drugs, firearms and counterfeit goods.

By the time authorities closed in on July 5, Cazes had amassed a USD23 million fortune as the site's creator and administrator, court documents show.

Last week, U.S. Justice Department officials gave details of the global police operation that brought down Cazes, who authorities say hanged himself in his Thai jail cell a week after his arrest, and dealt a serious blow to illicit internet commerce.

Cazes' stepmother Kathy Gauthier expressed surprise at the allegations, saying "we do not understand how he could have been the person described by the FBI, that's just not his personality!"



One of properties of AlphaBay founder Alexandre Cazes is seen in Bangkok

In a private Facebook message to The Associated Press, Gauthier wrote: "Alexandre was always a good boy without any kind of trouble in his past. He was peaceful and anti-drugs. We always thought his wealth came from investments in cryptocurrency, not from a 'Darkmarket [sic].'"

She was apparently referring to "darknet." She continued: "He was raised in a good home by good parents, but now we are exhausted and simply want to accept the situation. Last week my spouse spoke to the media about who Alexandre really was, and our opinion hasn't changed. Now we just want

to move forward. And if what the FBI says is completely true, well, that's not the Alexandre Cazes that we knew. But we would love him still, and forgive him."

Interviews with Cazes' neighbors paint a picture of a young man who displayed flashes of ostentation but otherwise seemed unassuming.

"He was with his girlfriend," said a neighbor, Hassanupong Pootrakulchote. "Around New Year's or Christmas I saw some of his friends come over and they would have a little party. There were Thai people, some of them were his girlfriend's relatives [...]. Other

than that it's mostly quiet, nothing flashy or anything."

Nothing except those expensive cars, which were completely out of place in the neighborhood where homes cost less than \$120,000.

"Why does he have a Lamborghini? Why does he have a Porsche or Mini Cooper?" Hassanupong said. "There are recent news reports about people laundering money and that sort of thing. But like I said, I thought he was in the hotel business."

Soon enough, talk in the neighborhood was that Cazes was ready to improve his standard of living.

At the time of his arrest, he was building a palatial home about 20 minutes away in a far more upscale area. The price tag? More than \$1.1 million.

According to court documents, he also owned a luxury villa on the edge of a cliff in the holiday destination of Phuket and a \$400,000 villa in Antigua.

Much of Cazes' fortune was in digital currencies, the court documents show. He bought real estate and luxury cars, including the \$900,000 Lamborghini, and pursued "economic citizenship" in Liechtenstein,

Cyprus and Thailand.

He used what he claimed was a web design company, EBX Technologies, as a front, the indictment said.

But his life in the Bangkok suburbs appeared stable, neighbors said.

One neighbor, who asked not to be named because the case involves crime, said Cazes rarely left the house before noon. She said she got her first good look at him one day when he was outside, trying to photograph a monitor lizard that had crawled out of a deserted field nearby.

"We smiled at each other, that's it," she said.

Darknet websites have thrived since the 2011 appearance of the Silk Road bazaar, which was taken down two years later. Merchants and buyers keep their identities secret by using encrypted communications and anonymity-providing tools such as the Tor browser. The darknet itself is only accessible through such specialized apps.

Cazes' own carelessness apparently tripped him up — not the underlying security technology AlphaBay used.

According to the indictment, he accidentally broadcast his personal Hotmail address in welcome messages sent to new users. And when he was tracked down and arrested in Thailand, Cazes was logged into the AlphaBay website as its administrator, allowing investigators access to passwords and other information, it says.

Cazes also used the same personal email address — "pimp_alex91@hotmail.com" — on a PayPal account. AP

PHILIPPINES

Congress extends martial law in south amid siege

Jim Gomez, Manila

THE Philippine Congress on Saturday overwhelmingly approved the president's appeal for martial law in the south to be extended to the end of the year to help troops quell a two-month siege by Islamic State group-linked militants and stamp out similar extremist plots in the volatile region.

House of Representatives Speaker Pantaleon Alvarez announced that senators and House members voted 261-18 in favor of granting President Rodrigo Duterte's request in a special joint session. The 60-day martial law was to expire late Saturday.

The military chief of staff, Gen. Eduardo Ano, warned during the session that aside from the uprising in Marawi, extremist groups have plotted similar insur-

rections in other southern cities and that martial law has helped troops stop attacks, including bombings, elsewhere.

"There was an order for them to do their own version of Marawi in other areas, but we were able to stop this because of martial law," Ano told the legislators.

Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana played down concerns of military abuses, saying no major human rights violations have been reported since Duterte declared martial law to deal with the Marawi violence, the worst crisis in his year-long presidency.

Some opponents argued that government forces could deal with the attack in lakeside Marawi, a center of Islamic faith in the southern third of the largely Roman Catholic nation, without resorting to martial law. Others worried that the

extension was too long and that the rest of the country may eventually be placed under martial rule.

Left-wing activists opposed to Duterte's declaration rallied outside Congress. Some unfurled protest posters in the plenary hall but were forced out by security officers.

Sen. Risa Hontiveros recalled how civil liberties were curtailed and Congress was padlocked when dictator Ferdinand Marcos imposed martial law in the Philippines in 1972. Marcos was ousted in a "people power" revolt in 1986.

Since the Marawi fighting broke out on May 23, at least 428 militants, 105 soldiers and policemen, and 45 civilians have been killed. Half a million residents have been displaced, according to the military.

During the daylong special session of Congress, a

wounded army officer, 1st Lt. Kent Fagyan, told how troops smashed concrete walls of houses and buildings with sledgehammers to advance slowly toward militant positions away from sniper fire. Troops dealt with booby traps and had to wrest back control of Marawi communities room by room, he said, adding that the militants had powerful machine guns, drones and "seemingly unlimited ammunition."

"Inside, you can't eat on time, you can't sleep because you'll be awakened by explosions here and there starting in the morning up to evening for almost 24 hours," Fagyan said.

The siege on Marawi started when more than 600 heavily armed fighters, waving Islamic State group-style black flags, stormed into the city, occupying buildings, houses and mosques and taking hostages. Several foreign fighters, including 20 Indonesians and a Malaysian financier known as Mahmud bin Ahmad, joined the insurrection, Duterte said in a letter to Congress this past week.

Duterte wrote in his let-



Lawmakers gather for a special joint session on the possible extension of martial law

ter that the leadership of the Marawi siege "largely remains intact despite the considerable decline in the number of rebels fighting in the main battle area." Other radical armed bands "are ready to reinforce Isnilon Hapilon's group or launch diversionary attacks and similar uprisings elsewhere," he said, referring to the leader of the attackers.

Intelligence reports that Hapilon sent funds and ordered allied militants to launch attacks in key cities across the south have been validated, Duterte said.

The attackers' lasting power and large arsenal of weapons have surprised Duterte and his top security officials, who acknowle-

dged they underestimated the combat strength of the militants and their preparations, including the stockpiling of assault firearms in Marawi. Troops long used to fighting insurgents in the jungles have struggled to rout the gunmen from Marawi's dense urban sprawl.

The crisis has sparked alarm that the Islamic State group may be gaining a foothold in Southeast Asia through allied local militants, as it faces major setbacks in Syria and Iraq. The United States and Australia have deployed surveillance planes to Marawi, and China has provided weapons for Filipino troops, including those fighting in the besieged city. AP

EAST TIMOR

Vote results show Fretilin winning largest share

Raimundos Oki, Dili

PRELIMINARY results from East Timor's parliamentary election show the Fretilin party has won the most votes while its partner in the national unity government has suffered a slump in support.

With more than 90 percent of votes counted yesterday, the National Congress for Timorese Reconstruction party of independence hero Xanana Gusmao, or CNRT, had won 28 percent, down from 36.7 percent in 2012, when it was the top-polling party.

Fretilin, or Revolutionary Front for an Independent East Timor, was at 30 percent, little changed from the previous election. The Popular Liberation Party, a new political force led by former President Taur Matan Ruak, and the Democratic Party had each scooped up about 10 percent of the votes.

Fretilin is open to forming a coal-

ition with CNRT, its secretary-general, Mari Alkatiri, said to loud applause and chants of "Viva Fretilin."

The vote Saturday was East Timor's first parliamentary election without U.N. supervision since peacekeepers left in 2012.

The former Portuguese colony voted overwhelmingly for independence in 1999 after 24 years of brutal Indonesian occupation. Indonesia's military and pro-Indonesian militias responded to the independence referendum with scorched earth attacks that devastated the East Timorese half of the island of Timor.

In recent years, leaders have focused on big-ticket infrastructure projects to develop the economy, funding them from a dwindling fund of former oil riches, but progress is slow. Today, the country of 1.3 million people still faces poverty, with many lacking clean water and sanitation. Unemployment is high and young people are increasingly going over-



An electoral worker shows a ballot paper as votes are counted during the parliamentary election in Dili

seas for work.

Nearly two dozen parties contested the election, in which they must win more than 4 percent of the vote to get seats in parliament. Results will be official once certified by the country's Court of Appeal, likely next week.

The drop in support for CNRT indicates frustration with slow economic progress and concerns about government corruption.

In the first few years after the independence, Fretilin, whose paramilitary arm had waged guerrilla warfare against Indonesia's occupation, was popular enough to form a government alone. **AP**

INDONESIA

Joko: Shoot drug traffickers who resist arrest

INDONESIAN President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo says police should shoot drug traffickers who resist arrest because of a narcotics crisis facing the country.

Presidential spokesman Johan Budi said yesterday that Jokowi made the comments at a recent meeting of an Indonesian political party.

"We have to take firm action. If drug dealers who operate in Indonesia fight back when arrested, officers can shoot them, because we are in a narcotics emergency position now," Jokowi said, according to his spokesman.

Local media reported last week that police shot dead a Taiwanese man for resisting arrest during a seizure of 1 ton of crystal methamphetamine, Indonesia's largest-ever seizure of the drug.

Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte launched an anti-drug crusade last year in which thousands of alleged drug dealers and users have been killed, often in circumstances akin to lawless summary executions. The crackdown has been condemned by rights groups and governments around the world.

Indonesia has tough anti-drug laws and traffickers can receive the death penalty. Four people, one Indonesian and three Nigerians, were executed by firing squad last year, and dozens are on death row for trafficking.

Budi said Jokowi's comment is not a shoot to kill order and police actions should be measured and in accordance with the law.

It's a message to all Indonesians to show the commitment of the government to fighting narcotics, he said. **AP**

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Israel installs new security cameras amidst dispute over Jerusalem holy site

Aron Heller, Jerusalem

ISRAEL installed new security cameras yesterday at the entrance to a sensitive Jerusalem holy site, as officials began indicating it was considering “alternatives” to the metal detectors at the contested shrine that set off a weekend of violence and raised tensions in the region.

Israel set up the new security measures last week after Arab gunmen opened fire from the shrine, killing two Israeli policemen. It said they were a necessary measure to prevent more attacks and were deployed routinely at holy sites around the world. But Muslims alleged Israel was trying to expand its control at the Muslim-administered site and have launched mass prayer protests.

Three Palestinians were killed in street clashes Friday in some of the worst street violence in years, and later a Palestinian stabbed to death three members of an Israeli family.

Maj. Gen. Yoav Mordechai, who heads the Israeli defense body for Palestinian civilian affairs, said Israel was open to alternatives to lower the tensions.

“The only thing we want is to ensure no one can enter with weapons again and carry out another attack,” he said. “We’re willing to examine alternatives to the metal detectors as long as the solution of alternative ensures the prevention of the next attack.”

However, the top Muslim cleric of Jerusalem, Mohammed Hussein, told the Voice of Palestine he demands a complete return to procedures that were in place before the initial attack at the shrine, known to Muslims as the Noble Sanctuary and to Jews as the Temple Mount.

In a statement yesterday, the

Islamic institutions in Jerusalem, of which he is a part, said they “affirm the categorical rejection of the electronic gates and all the measures of occupation.”

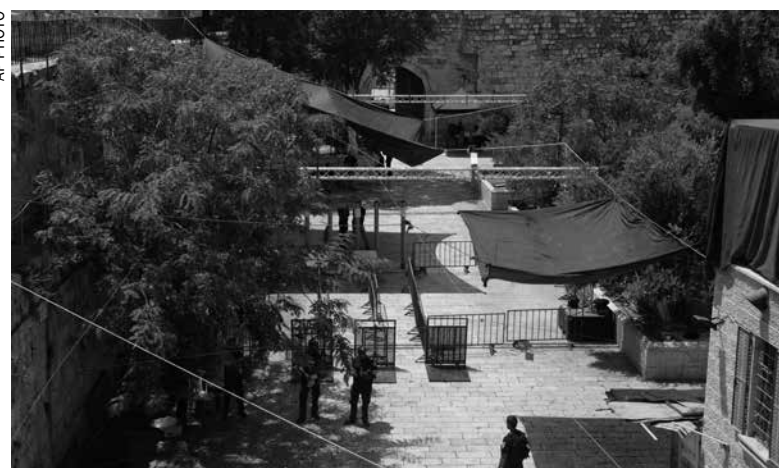
Disputes over the shrine, revered by Muslims and Jews, have set off major rounds of Israeli-Palestinian confrontations in the past.

On Friday, several thousand Palestinians clashed with Israeli security forces in the West Bank and in Jerusalem after noon prayers — the centerpiece of the Muslim religious week. Three Palestinians were killed and several dozen wounded after protesters burned tires and threw stones and firecrackers. Israeli troops responded with live rounds, rubber bullets and tear gas.

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Late Friday night, a 20-year-old Palestinian identified as Omar al-Abed jumped over the fence of the Halamish settlement near Ramallah and entered a home, surprising a family that was celebrating a new grandchild during their traditional Sabbath dinner. He stabbed to death Yosef Salomon, 70, and his adult children, 46-year-old Chaya and 35-year-old Elad, while his daughter-in-law escaped to a separate room to shelter her young children.

A neighbor, an off-duty soldier,



Israeli border police officers stand guard near newly installed cameras at the entrance to the Al Aqsa Mosque compound

heard the screams, rushed to the home and opened fire, wounding the attacker. TV footage showed the floor tiles drenched in blood, and officials called it a “massacre.”

“This has nothing to do with metal detectors. There is no justification for murdering a grandfather at a party to celebrate the birth of his new grandson,” said Oded Revivi, the chief foreign envoy of the Yesha settlers’ council.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu denounced the attack as “an act of terror, carried out by a beast who was incited with unfathomable hatred.”

At his weekly Cabinet meeting, Netanyahu vowed the killer’s home would be demolished swiftly in retribution and those who incited and glorified his act would be dealt with.

“Since the beginning of the events I’ve conducted a series of meetings and evaluations with the all the security officials, including those on the ground. We receive updates on the ground from them and recommendations on how to act and we decide accordingly,” he said.

Israel has repeatedly accused the Palestinian Authority of per-

mitting anti-Israeli incitement in the public Palestinian discourse and vowed to act against it. The Palestinians reject the allegations, saying Israel’s 50-year-old occupation of lands sought for a Palestinian state is at the root of widespread Palestinian anger and helps drive violence.

Israel has yet to comment on the new cameras and whether they offered a chance to restore calm. A top adviser to Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas said he was holding consultations with various countries, including Jordan, Saudi Arabia, Egypt and Morocco, about the crisis.

Abbas announced Friday he would “freeze” ties with Israel “on all levels” until the new security measures Israel imposed at the Jerusalem site were removed. Halting security coordination with Israel would have far-reaching repercussions and could sharply raise tensions.

But Israeli Defense Minister Avigdor Lieberman says the security ties are more beneficial to the Palestinians anyway, and while Israel can live without them the Palestinians would suffer.

“We are not going to chase af-

ter them,” Lieberman told the YNet news site, before lambasting Abbas for not condemning the stabbing attack. “We need to understand that he is not a partner. He is not looking for peace.”

The assailant said in a pre-attack Facebook post that he expected to be killed in the attack and his father said he was motivated by the violence at the Jerusalem shrine, which in a rare move was briefly shut down last week after the shooting attack.

The site is administered by Muslim authorities under the auspices of Jordan but Israel maintains security control of the compound.

Anticipating a demolition, local residents in the village of Kobar said the family emptied its home of valuables Saturday. Later, clashes erupted as residents burned tires and hurled rocks at Israeli troops who had searched the home. The military said about 50 people attacked troops who fired back with rubber bullets and tear gas.

Low-level clashes took place elsewhere throughout the day. In one, a Palestinian died under questionable circumstances. Witnesses said the 23-year-old tried to hurl a metal pipe filled with homemade explosives at Israeli soldiers but it exploded in his hand. Ramallah Hospital director Ahmad Betawi said the man died of shrapnel wounds but could not define what kind without an autopsy.

Israel fortified its troops in the West Bank and placed forces on high alert after the attack. The Israeli military said it carried out a wave of overnight arrests of 29 people, including several members of the Islamic Hamas militant group.

Gaza’s Hamas rulers praised the attack, but stopped short of taking responsibility for it. **AP**

Baby Charlie protesters to rally as hospital reports threats

Gregory Katz, London

Protesters who want critically ill British baby Charlie Gard to receive an experimental medical treatment are planning a rally and prayer vigil yesterday, while hospital officials say emotions are running so high in the heart-breaking case they have received death threats.

Activists supporting Gard’s parents were expected to gather early today [Macau time] outside the High Court in London

where legal proceedings will resume Monday with new medical evidence expected.

Charlie has a rare genetic condition and suffers from brain damage. His parents are fighting to get him more medical care but Great Ormond Street Hospital officials say the experimental treatment won’t work and will just cause the 11-month-old more suffering. They argue that his life support should be turned off and he should receive palliative care.

Hospital chairwoman

Mary MacLeod said the London police have been contacted because of numerous threats received by the hospital’s employees in the case.

“Staff have received abuse both in the street and online,” she said. “Thousands of abusive messages have been sent to doctors and nurses whose life’s work is to care for sick children. Many of these messages are menacing, including death threats.”

MacLeod said families visiting other ill children have also been “harassed

and discomforted” on the grounds of the renowned hospital in London.

Charlie’s parents have lost all previous court cases, including one before the European Court of Human Rights, which were designed to force the hospital to let them bring their son to the United States for an experimental treatment.

The loss in the European court, following an earlier defeat in Britain’s Supreme Court, seemed final. But both Pope Francis and U.S. President Donald Trump expressed an interest in



This is an undated photo of sick baby Charlie Gard provided by his family

Charlie’s fate, and the hospital asked for a new court hearing because of what the family claimed was new medical evidence.

Charlie has been examined by a U.S. doctor who

has treated similar cases. The doctor’s testimony is expected to figure heavily in Monday’s court proceedings, as are the results of Charlie’s recent brain scans. **AP**

Rookie from New Jersey wins World Series of Poker, USD8.1m

A New Jersey man with a degree in accounting is this year's World Series of Poker champion.

Scott Blumstein won the series' marquee no-limit Texas Hold'em main event yesterday in Las Vegas surrounded by dozens of supporters including relatives and college friends. He is now more than USD8.1 million richer after eliminating Pennsylvania's Daniel Ott on the 246th hand of the final table, more than 60 hands with just the two of them with bricks of bills and a gold bracelet separating them.

"I'm really happy about how I played tonight," said Blumstein, who's 25. "... This is just one poker tournament. It takes variance and luck and playing your best, and all those things came together, and I'm happy to be the winner."

Blumstein's final hand of an ace of hearts and a two of diamonds ended up being stronger than that of Ott, who went all in with an ace of diamonds and an eight of diamonds. The community cards were a jack of spades, a six of spades, a five of hearts, a seven of hearts and a two of hearts. It was the last card that prompted Blumstein's supporters to erupt.

"I'm really happy with the result, really happy with the deuce because I was playing good, but I'm pretty tired of poker at this point

honestly, and to have to go back and battle pretty deep again, I wasn't looking forward to it," said Blumstein, who fell to his knees near his supporters after the two of hearts was revealed.

Blumstein, Ott and seven other players reached the final table after having bested more than 7,200 participants. Unlike the past several years, the final nine players didn't have to wait until November to take their spots at the final table. Each of them was guaranteed at least \$1 million.

The famed tournament marked the end of this year's series, in which dozens of tournaments drew 120,995 entrants from around the world, shattering attendance records. The men who made the final table represented the United States, Argentina, France and Britain. Earlier, on Saturday night, Frenchman Benjamin Pollak was eliminated in third place.

Ott, of Altoona, Pennsylvania, earned \$4.7 million. Neither he nor Blumstein, of Brigantine, New Jersey, had previously played at the main event. Both had dozens

of supporters who cheered and gasped — depending on the hand — throughout the night. Some in Team Blumstein sported T-shirts that wondered "Is this real" and others that declared "I don't like folding."

Ott said overall he was satisfied with how he performed and the result.

"At the end the chips didn't go my way," Ott told PokerNews.com after the event. "The cards didn't go my way. But I got second place in the third largest Main Event ever. I can't complain about that."

Blumstein, a graduate of Temple University, is a regular on New Jersey online pokersites but had never cashed in the World Series of Poker. His total live winnings stood at more than \$300,000 before Sunday. Besides his multimillion-dollar payout, he also took home a bracelet made from white and yellow gold, diamonds and rubies.

The millions of dollars Blumstein earned probably won't go toward buy-ins at high-roller poker tour-



Scott Blumstein poses for photographers after winning the World Series of Poker main event

naments, though. Blumstein said money is not what motivates him to play, but his payout will allow him to do "whatever" he wants to do whether that is play more poker, go into business or return to school.

The champion's home state is one of three states where online poker is legal. After the tour-

nament ended, he credited his many hours on the online felt for helping him win the main event.

"The best way to get better at anything is through repetition and practice," he said. "When you play online in New Jersey, it's hard for any live pro to see even close to the amount of hands I've probably seen in the last two years." AP

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Offbeat

BEIJING SAYS NO TO JUSTIN BIEBER OVER PAST 'BAD BEHAVIOR'

China's capital says it won't be inviting Justin Bieber to perform in the country because of his past "bad behavior," although it did concede that the Canadian singer has talent.

In response to a question from a purported fan on its web page, the Beijing Municipal Bureau of Culture said it was acting in the interest of imposing standards and order and "cleaning up" the domestic performance market.

It said Bieber's "bad behavior," including in his private life abroad and while in China to perform, had caused "public dissatisfaction." It did not provide details.

Bieber performed in Beijing, Shanghai and the eastern city of Dalian in 2013.

"Justin Bieber is a young foreign singer who is talented at singing but also controversial," the bureau said.

"Therefore, it's not appropriate to bring in artists who show bad behavior," it said. "However, in the process of growing up and improving his words and deeds, he can truly develop into a singer who is beloved of the masses," it added.

Bieber, 23, has had numerous run-ins with police around the world. During his 2013 visit to China he drew criticism when pictures showed him being carried up the Great Wall of China by a pair of bodyguards.

Bieber's "Purpose World Tour" wraps up in Asia in September with performances in Tokyo, the semiautonomous Chinese territory of Hong Kong, the Philippines, Singapore and Indonesia.

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ROOM 1
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Director: Eric Guillon, Kyle Balda, Pierre Coffin
Starring: Steve Carell, Kristen Wiig, Trey Parker
Language: Cantonese
Duration: 90min

MEOW

ROOM 1
6:00pm
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10:00pm
Director: Benny Chan
Starring: Louis Koo, Mary Ma, Jessica Liu, Andy Huang
Language: Cantonese (Chinese & English)
Duration: 109min

SPIDER-MAN: HOMECOMING

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this day in history



1974 NIXON 'MUST HAND OVER WATERGATE TAPES'

The United States Supreme Court has ordered President Nixon to surrender tape recordings of White House conversations about the Watergate affair.

Giving the judgement to a packed and hushed courtroom, Chief Justice Warren E. Burger said the court rejected Mr Nixon's claims of executive privilege.

Instead, he said they "must yield to the demonstrated, specific need for evidence in a pending criminal trial". The president said he was "disappointed" by the decision, but would comply with the ruling.

The White House has already released edited transcripts of the tapes, which cover 64 conversations made between June 1972 and April of this year.

But President Nixon has until now refused to comply with a court order awarded to Leon Jaworski, the special prosecutor in the Watergate investigation, requiring him to produce the tapes themselves.

Mr Jaworski alleges the tapes implicate the president himself in covering up a break-in at the Watergate hotel headquarters of the Democratic National Committee during the election campaign in 1972.

The burglars were caught rifling through confidential papers and bugging the office of President Nixon's political opponents.

The tapes will now be available for use as evidence in the trial of some of the president's closest aides, due to take place in September.

It is likely to take several weeks to produce transcripts of the tapes, so they will not be available in time to be used during the House of Representatives' Judiciary Committee debate on impeachment, which began this evening.

However, the timing of the Supreme Court decision just hours before the debate began, as well as the fact that all eight judges voted unanimously, is likely to have a strong influence on the impeachment process.

If the committee decides to recommend impeaching the president, the matter goes to the full House for debate.

If the House agrees, President Nixon could face an impeachment trial before the Senate - the first such trial in over a century.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

When the tapes were finally released, more than 18 minutes of a crucial meeting were found to be missing.

The official explanation was that the president's secretary had accidentally erased it by pressing the wrong foot-pedal while answering the phone.

On 27 July, the House Judiciary Committee voted to recommend that the president be impeached and removed from office.

But before the House debate on his impeachment could begin, President Nixon resigned.

Richard Nixon's successor, Gerald Ford, formally pardoned him just two months after coming into power, saving him from possible prosecution.

But the five Watergate burglars and two co-plotters, former White House staff member G. Gordon Liddy and Howard Hunt, were jailed.

In total 40 government officials were either indicted or jailed.

Nixon eventually re-established himself as a respected statesman. He died in 1994.

In June 2005, former FBI deputy head Mark Felt was revealed to be the anonymous source "Deep Throat", who helped Washington Post reporters Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein uncover the Watergate affair.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 It's going to be a fun-filled time for you as of right now. The stars are making you just a bit more sociable, and a lot more willing to try something new, at least once.

Taurus April 20-May 20 Nobody likes shopping as much as you do - that's a proven fact. You've probably been trying to go easy in that department ever since the shopping extravaganza you enjoyed last month.

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 You're going to be extremely emotional today, and this might knock you for a loop. This isn't what you're usually known for. In fact, you're far better at expressing ideas to others than feelings.

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 Find yourself someone you've both confided in and been a confidante to in the past, sit them down and ask them to listen. Just listen. You're usually the very soul of sympathy and understanding.

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 What a decision! Do you hang out with the usual suspects, the friends who've been tried-and-true for years now, or follow your curiosity and spend some time with a whole new crew?

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 You'll have the first hint of what's coming up today, but don't worry about it. The worst that could happen may be that certain higher-ups have had their eye on you, and because you've done so darned well.

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 Ready for yet another day of passion, tender whispers and loving glances? Sure it's tedious, but you do have your reputation to think of, so you'll probably do your best and bear up under the pressure just fine.

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 You'll need some time off from the world to prepare for all the time you'll be spending taking care of them, so you'd better take it now. Of course, there's a very sensual energy working hard to get you involved with someone.

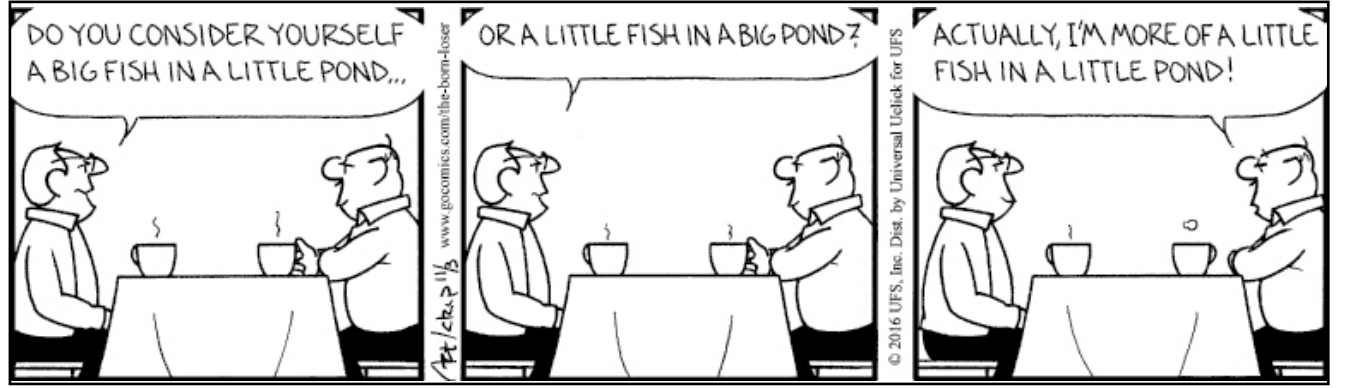
Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Along the way, you won't be afraid to speak your mind to anyone who suggests that you should be less reckless, regardless of whether they're offended or shocked by what you say.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Oh, you're due for a great, big spending spree. No, that's not your usual style, and you're not known for being an impulse shopper, either, but for right now, that could change.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 It's going to be quite a day for you - a delightful one. The fun starts immediately! Get started on planning that big celebration that's been in the back of your mind for weeks.

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 There's no one more trustworthy than you, and no one more compassionate - that's a proven fact. But little does the rest of the world know how passionate you can be. So be cautious. Don't step on any toes.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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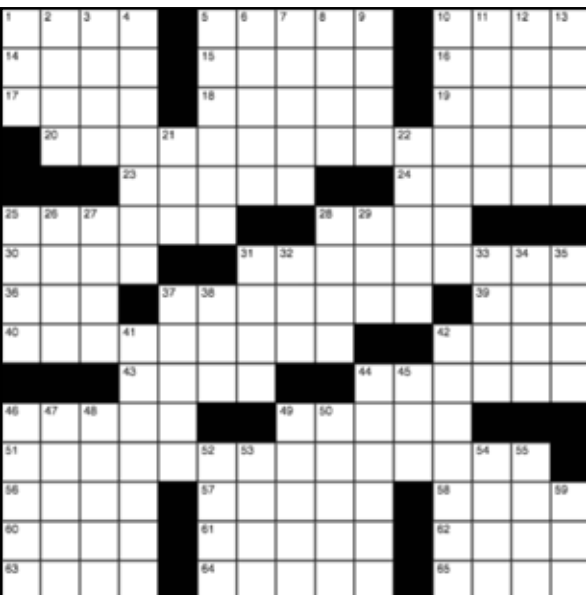
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CROSSWORDS

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DOWN: 1- Cool cucumber; 2- Nerve network; 3- German economist and socialist; 4- Slid; 5- High; 6- Some Art Deco works; 7- Property claims; 8- Trading center; 9- Et (and other men); 10- Milk sugar; 11- Actor Delon; 12- your life; 13- Make up; 21- Prospector's find; 22- Ring-shaped island; 25- There oughta be; 26- Roman Empire invader; 27- Sitarist Shankar; 28- First name in stunts; 29- Shade of green; 31- Sgts., e.g.; 32- Siouan speaker; 33- Math course; 34- Strong taste; 35- Start of a counting rhyme; 37- Grassy plain; 38- Fitting; 41- Attains; 42- Hard to please; 44- Tantalizes; 45- Intelligence; 46- Pays to play; 47- Swimming holes; 48- Map feature; 49- Grand National Park; 50- "Goodnight" girl; 52- Sleipnir's rider; 53- Corn bread; 54- Writer Sarah Jewett; 55- Tidy, without fault; 59- Prefix with center;



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Tour de France winner Britain's Chris Froome (right)

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Froome wins No. 4 with marginal gains, great teammates

Samuel Petrequin

IN many ways, winning a fourth Tour de France title was all about making the most of marginal gains for Chris Froome.

Not as dominant as he used to be in the mountains, the Kenyan-born British rider was unable to deliver a lethal blow to his rivals. He had to fight until the very end to seal his fourth win in five years at cycling's biggest race.

The gap between Froome and his rivals narrowed, but his teammates at Sky remained the best and played a decisive role in helping their leader defend his title during a three-week race of attrition.

Froome's winning margin in this Tour, 54 seconds ahead of Rigoberto Uran, was narrower than Froome's previous wins in 2013, 2015, and 2016. It's the first Tour he has won by less than one minute.

Here is a look at the defining moments of the Team Sky leader's ride across France:

STAGE 1: A STRONG START IN DUESSELDORF

Froome arrived in Germany for the Tour's Grand Depart without a win this year, and with serious questions about his form.

Over 14 kilometers, the defending champion silenced his dou-

blers by taking time on all of his rivals in the streets of the German city.

In bad weather conditions and on slippery roads, he managed to put 35 seconds into Richie Porte that day, with Nairo Quintana one second further back. Other top contenders including Fabio Aru, Romain Bardet and Rigoberto Uran lost even more time.

"If you'd told me at the beginning of today that this was what the GC would look like after today's stage, I would have definitely accepted that and been happy to take that," said Froome.

STAGE 5: IN YELLOW DESPITE ARU'S THREAT

Italian national champion Fabio Aru won at the Planche des Belles Filles ski station but Froome stayed cool and took the yellow jersey from teammate Geraint Thomas.

On a very hot day, Aru impressed the field with a terrific acceleration in the steep climb leading to the finish. Froome crossed the line 20 seconds behind the Italian and showed no sign of panic afterwards.

"It's still very open, we've got a lot of racing ahead of us," Froome said.

STAGE 9: SURVIVING THE MONSTER STAGE

Froome had predicted Stage 9

would be a "monster stage." It took 12 riders out of the race, including Froome's top lieutenant Geraint Thomas and top rival Richie Porte. But the Team Sky leader came out of it unscathed after answering all of his rivals' attacks.

Froome also had to deal with a problem on his bike gears that forced him to change machines. Aru tried to take advantage of the situation and launched an attack. But the Italian rider and others top contenders then slowed the pace to let him make his way back.

"I want to say 'thank you' to the other riders for not attacking," Froome said. "They waited until I had changed bikes. That's sporting and pleasing to see."

After seven ascents that together amounted to 4,600 meters (15,000 feet) of climbing, Froome even consolidated his overall lead by securing a 4-second bonus with a third-place finish in the stage.

STAGE 12: A BAD DAY IN THE PYRENEES

In his previous victories at the Tour de France, Froome had always taken advantage of the first mountain-top finish to make a big difference.

But near the end of the brutal climb to Peyragudes, Froome cracked.

When Aru launched his attack

in the final few hundred meters, Froome was only able to follow the Astana team leader for a few bike lengths before he got dropped. He ended up crossing the line in seventh place, 22 seconds behind stage winner Bardet. Aru seized the lead from Froome by six seconds.

STAGE 14: TACTICS IN RODEZ

Lance Armstrong once said that one does not need to be a "rocket scientist" to know it's crucial to ride at the front of the pack on roads open to cross winds.

Chris Froome knows it perfectly.

So when the wind started to blow in the technical and twisting final kilometers of Stage 14, the Team Sky train hit the front. Aru, on the other hand, was nowhere to be seen, trapped at the back of the pack.

The Astana leader didn't come back before the peloton split and cracked in a short and steep climb to the finish, relinquishing the yellow jersey to Froome.

"It's a beautiful surprise today," said Froome, who took an 18-second lead over Aru. "Everyone is fighting for every second they can get. The time I made up today could be very vital."

STAGE 15: A MISSED OPPORTUNITY FOR FROOME'S RIVALS

Froome had another mechanical problem at the foot of the Col de Peyra Taillade as the peloton rode to Le Puy-en-Velay in the Massif Central. He broke a back-wheel spoke and had to stop on the side of the road to take a wheel off his teammate Michal Kwiatkowski.

Riding at the front with an advantage of about one minute, Bardet, Aru and Rigoberto Uran lacked ambition. They could have reshuffled all the cards in the battle for the yellow jersey, but they failed to join forces to try and go clear.

With the help of his teammates, Froome eventually caught them.

"It was a stressful moment," Froome said. "I thought I might not get back to the front."

STAGE 20: TOO STRONG IN MARSEILLE

Although he failed to win the final time trial, ending the Tour empty-handed in terms of stage wins, Froome sealed his fourth Tour victory in the streets of Marseille.

After controlling the race during two hard days in the Alps, Froome finished third in the 22.5-kilometer stage and increased his overall lead.

Better than all of his main rivals in the race against the clock, he gained time on all of them and almost caught Bardet in the final meters.

"Every year," Froome said. "Winning the Tour is getting more difficult." AP



Chris Froome, wearing the overall leader's yellow jersey, holds son Kellan

opinion

Views on China

Junheng Li, Bloomberg

**CHINA'S OVEREXTENDED CONSUMERS
 ADDING EVEN MORE DEBT**

Macau has long been regarded as a barometer of China's economic activities. This makes sense as long as much of China's economy continues to be driven by construction and manufacturing. That's because few "internet bosses" frequent casinos to entertain business associates. It's the coal bosses, steel bosses and real estate bosses who readily throw down large sums of money in the VIP rooms with their guests to lubricate business deals. Keep in mind that Macau is not - and likely will never be - Las Vegas. Macau is a place dominated by well-heeled gamblers, not those looking for USD5 slot machines.

In that sense, investors and economists are right to trumpet this week's gross domestic product report that showed China's economy expanded a stronger-than-forecast 6.9pct in the second quarter. Gaming revenue in Macau's famed VIP rooms has bounced back from a long period of negative growth between mid-2014 and the end of 2016. In the second quarter, gaming revenue from VIP players rose the most in three years, jumping 38 percent from a year earlier. That's almost 27 percentage points more than the growth in the non-VIP, or mass customer, segment. This acceleration sends a strong signal that China's old economy is not only back, but it's booming.

Although officials have managed to steer China's economy into a soft landing, the question is, at what cost? The reported GDP data for the first half of 2017 suggests that the three longtime engines of growth - construction, manufacturing and exports - remained key supports, buying the Chinese government time to enact structural reforms. Domestic consumption driven by the middle class, however, was stagnant, and leverage is high, which is why many, including the leadership in Beijing, are worried about the structural challenges facing China. During a two-day closed-door conference on financial regulation last week, China's leadership sent a strong message to the market that deleveraging and strengthening regulatory oversight were the themes for the financial sector in the next five years. Immediately after, coincidentally, the government cut off some funding for Dalian Wanda Group's overseas acquisitions because of concern that the company is too highly levered.

The housing market may hold the key to where China's economy is headed. Other than housing, there are few investment options available to most Chinese citizens, which helps explain why home prices keep rising, despite the government's efforts to contain the speculative frenzy. It can be said that home buyers have developed a sort of psychological resilience to more restrictive policies, even viewing them as "buy signals." Because it's becoming more difficult to buy and sell in the more tightly regulated markets, speculative buyers are moving into the smaller cities surrounding the large cities.

According to the National Bureau of Statistics, new home sales jumped 13pct in the first half from a year earlier, driven by a 27pct increase in lower-tier cities. Since there is no evidence of any significant net increase in the population of those lower-tier cities, most of the increase in purchases likely came from speculative investors in larger cities nearby. A simple yet effective analysis that measures affordability by median household income divided by mortgage expenses and rental yield reveals a striking fact. Most homes are being bought in China not as residences by the working middle class, but by speculative investors. People's Bank of China data suggests the average household is more indebted than ever. The data show that consumer loan growth is up 24pct from a year earlier at the same time that net savings deposits are down 5 percent.

Auto sales are suffering as a result of rising household debt. Dealerships in China will say that higher monthly mortgage payments have made consumers less willing to buy or upgrade their cars - the second-biggest item for consumer discretionary spending. Car sales are up just 1pct this year, the slowest since 2009. Even the less cyclical high-end segment - German luxury cars, for example - has started to see growth decelerate.

As Wall Street economists get busy revising upward China's growth outlook in the second half, investors would be well-advised to exercise caution.

**THE HONG KONG LOWERS STORM
 BUZZ SIGNAL TO STANDBY**

The Hong Kong Observatory lowered its warning to standby signal No. 1 from the third-highest warning issued yesterday as Cyclone Roke weakened after entering the inland area of China's southern Guangdong province.

Some ferry services resumed operations. Cathay Pacific Airways Ltd. and Hong Kong Express Airways Ltd. earlier said flight operations remained normal, while MTR Corp. said trains and buses were running as usual. The agency said it would

cancel all warning signals after winds weaken further.

Cyclone Roke was centered about 130 kilometers west-northwest of Hong Kong and is forecast to move west or west-northwest at about 20 kilometers per hour, according to the latest update.

When typhoon Haima made landfall in China last October after brushing past Hong Kong, the city's stock exchange was forced to cancel trading for the day, while authorities shut schools.

Station	Air quality	
Roadside	20-40 Good	
High Density Residential Area	20-40 Good	
Ambient	20-40 Good	

SOURCE: DSI/MG

WORLD BRIEFS



ISRAEL-PALESTINE
 Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas has confirmed that his decision to freeze ties with Israel, as a protest against Israeli policies at a major Jerusalem holy site, also includes a suspension of security coordination.
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TURKEY's president waded into the diplomatic crisis gripping Qatar and four other Arab nations yesterday, traveling to Saudi Arabia at the start of a three-country Gulf tour aimed at helping break the impasse.

GERMANY-POLAND
 Germany's justice minister is welcoming possible European Union sanctions against Poland because of that country's controversial judicial reforms. Proposed by the populist ruling party, the law gives the justice minister and the president the power to appoint and assess Supreme Court judges.



ITALY Scarce rain and chronically leaky aqueducts have combined this summer to hurt farmers in much of Italy and put Romans at risk for drastic water rationing as soon as this week. Sky TG24 TV meteorologists noted yesterday that Italy had experienced one of its driest springs in some 60 years.

US Eight people were found dead in a tractor-trailer loaded with at least 30 others outside a Walmart store in Texas' stifling summer heat in what police are calling a horrific human trafficking case. The driver was arrested.

VENEZUELA The Mercosur trade bloc is asking Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro to suspend his plan to rewrite the troubled nation's constitution. In a statement, they are also offered to help in any talks between Venezuela's government and the opposition aimed at solving the country's political and economic crisis.

Princes William, Harry remember their final call with Diana

Gregory Katz, London

It was a typical phone call between two boys and their mother, who was on vacation in France. It was brief — the boys wanted to get back to playing with their cousins, not spend time on the phone chatting.

The brevity of that 1997 call haunts Prince William and Prince Harry to this day — for their mother, Princess Diana, would die in a car crash that night.

"Harry and I were in a desperate rush to say goodbye, you know 'see you later'... If I'd known now obviously what was going to happen I wouldn't have been so blasé about it and everything else," William says in a new documentary. "But that phone call sticks in my mind, quite heavily."

Harry tells the filmmakers the final chat is something he will regret until the end of his days. "Looking back on it now, it's incredibly hard. I'll have to sort of deal with that for the rest of my life," Harry said. "Not knowing that was the last time I was going to speak to my mum. How differently that conversation would have panned out if I'd had even the slightest inkling her life was going to be taken that night."

The ITV documentary "Diana, Our Mother: Her Life and



This photo shows the princess and Prince Harry on holiday, and features in the new ITV documentary 'Diana, Our Mother: Her Life and Legacy'

Legacy" is airing today on British TV. Excerpts from the film, and new family photographs, were released yesterday.

The show is one of a series of tributes to Diana expected as the 20th anniversary of her death on August 31, 1997, approaches.

It is only in the last year that William and Harry have spoken openly in public about their feelings about the sudden loss of their mother. William — second-in-line for the British throne after his father Prince Charles — was only 15 at the time. Harry was only 12.

The documentary chronicles Diana's charitable works, including her historic outreach to AIDS victims and her campaign to ban land mines.

William and Harry also stress their mother's fun-loving side, which they say the public generally didn't see. William tells a story that re-

veals the privileged life they led as children. One day, Diana surprised him by having three of the world's top models waiting for him when he got home from school.

"She organized when I came home from school to have Cindy Crawford, Christy Turlington and Naomi Campbell waiting at the top of the stairs. I was probably a 12- or 13-year-old boy who had posters of them on his wall," William said. "I went bright red and didn't know quite what to say. And sort of fumbled and I think pretty much fell down the stairs on the way up."

William says he frequently tells his children — Prince George, 4, and Princess Charlotte, 2 — about Diana so she can be a presence in her grandchildren's lives.

"She'd be a lovely grandmother. She'd absolutely love it, she'd love the children to bits," he said. AP

THE DECISIVE MOMENT

Ke Qing/Xinhua via AP



A massive explosion hit a food shop in eastern China during the breakfast rush Friday, killing two people and injuring 55, 12 of them seriously, officials said. Video from a security camera located down the street from the shop in the eastern resort city of Hangzhou showed the blast flinging dust and debris across a major road traversed by cars, buses, bicycles and scooters.