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Anti-corruption investigators questioned the wife of former Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak yesterday about alleged theft and money-laundering involving the 1MDB state investment fund. More on p13

CAMBODIA An appeals court yesterday denied bail to opposition leader Kem Sokha on a treason charge widely seen as part of the government's crackdown on the media and political opponents before next month's elections.

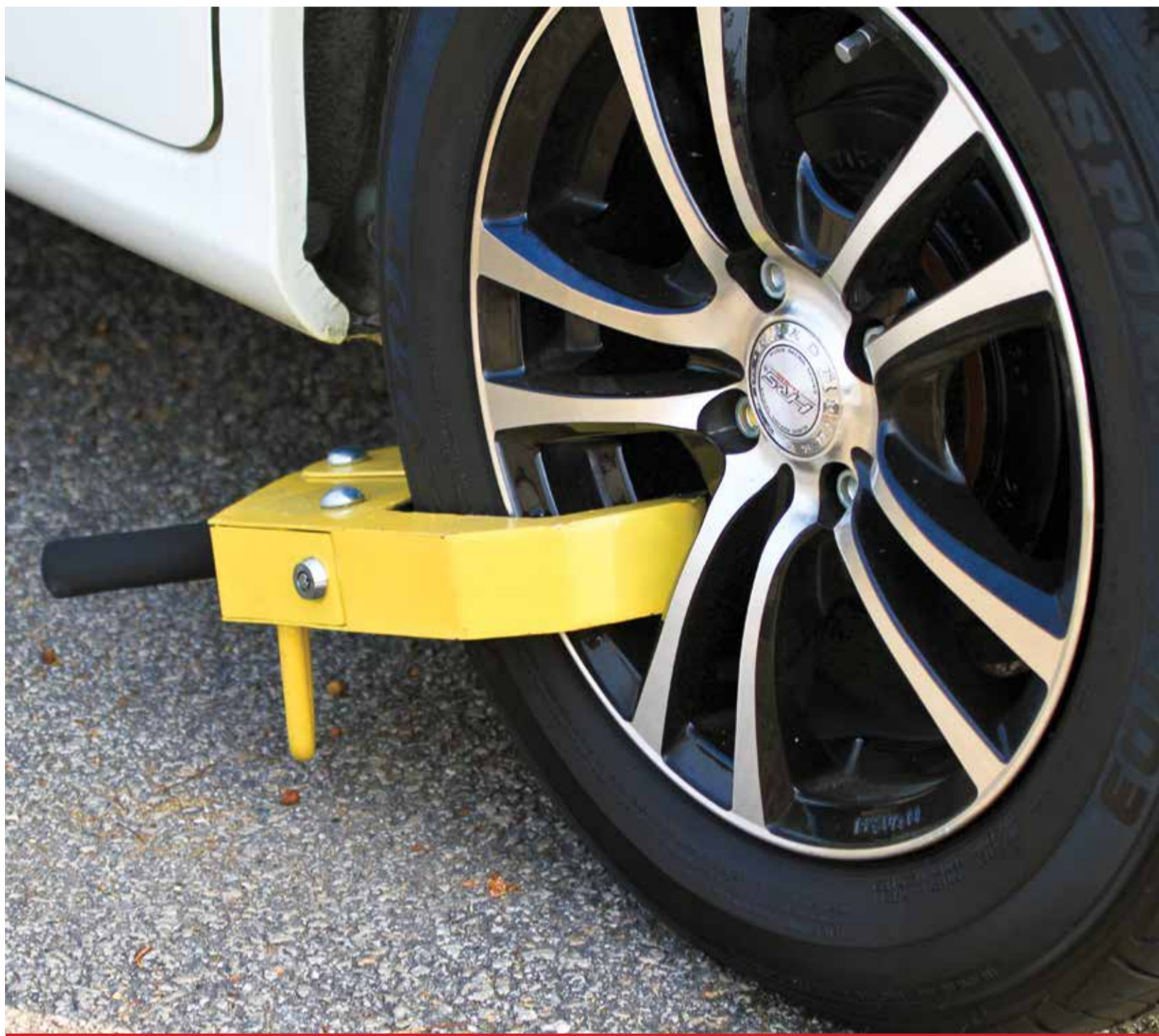
INDONESIA
Environmentalists say a tropical forest that's home to critically endangered orangutans on Borneo island is being logged more than a year after Indonesia's forestry and environment ministry ordered a halt to the forest's exploitation.



JAPAN-US Prince Akishino, the second son of Japan's Emperor Akihito, and his wife, Princess Kiko, are making their first official visit together to the U.S. The Japanese royal couple is in Hawaii this week as part of a yearlong celebration of the 150th anniversary of the first Japanese immigrants arriving in the islands.

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Money supply rebounded in April

The broad money supply rebounded in April, according to the latest data released by the Monetary Authority of Macau, with the share denominated in patacas holding stable. Currency in circulation and demand deposits dropped 1.4 percent and 0.2 percent respectively, according to the Authority. Quasi-monetary liabilities rose 1.3 percent. Resident deposits rose 1.1 percent from the preceding month to MOP594.8 billion whereas non-resident deposits dropped 4.2 percent to MOP234.9 billion. Public sector deposits with the banking sector increased 0.5 percent to MOP197 billion. The shares denominated in MOP, HKD, RMB and USD in total deposits were 20.4 percent, 52.1 percent, 4.2 percent and 19.7 percent respectively. At end-April, the loan-to-deposit ratio for the resident sector rose from 59.2 percent at end-March to 59.6 percent. Concurrently, the non-performing loan ratio remained virtually stable at 0.2 percent.

BOC launches online parking payment service

The Bank of China Macau branch has signed a cooperation agreement with Union Pay and the region's parking lot management company to launch an online parking payment service. This service combines the parking lot plate recognition technology with the bankcard quick payment technology. When a car owner leaves a public parking lot where this service is available, they can automatically debit the card for the parking fees without the need for cash payment. This service is expected to be available by the end of this month.

SAR residents complain about investment in Zhuhai

More than 500 residents from the two SARs have blamed Zhuhai's Yale Mansion for cheating them out of their money. According to reports by Hong Kong press, these residents purchased stores within Yale Man's Yangming Plaza in Zhuhai. Yale Mansion promised to pay rent of RMB 200 million per month in total to all buyers. However, starting from May 2018, Yale Mansion stopped paying back the rent, claiming that the company had been taken over by another company, which refused to issue the rent, having given the property owners several excuses as to why the payments had not been forthcoming.

PEARL HORIZON

Gov't says regrating or new bidding on former plot not possible

SUGGESTIONS for either a regrating or beginning a new bidding process for the rights to the land plot formerly assigned to the Pearl Horizon project is not possible under the public interest provisions stipulated within the Land Law, the government said in a statement issued yesterday.

The Land Law stipulates that only economic activities fulfilling a public good, and those beneficial to the social development of Macau, will be exempted from a public tendering process when seeking a land concession. Such economic actors include public utilities and those developing education, cultural affairs, healthcare, or sports facilities.

The statement comments on suggestions made to invite bidding for the former Pearl Horizon plot, saying that "the Government finds such a proposal difficult in practical terms, after in-depth research and discussions with [the] parties involved."

The government cites two reasons for this: Firstly, the plot – covering an area of 68,000



square meters – would have to be divided into four land plots, each offered to distinct bidders, because the law requires that any plot for a concession not working directly in the public interest must not exceed a gross area of 20,000 square meters. "In this case, the developer of the former Pearl Horizon project, Polytex Corporation Ltd, would only be able to bid for a single plot, meaning even if successful, the company could not continue in any form the original Pearl Horizon project on the same site," the statement reads.

"Secondly, the law does not enable the government to impose specific requirements on future bidders for the former Pearl Horizon plot to sell residential units under the same conditions stated in the pre-sale contracts between Pearl Horizon homebuyers and Polytex Corporation Ltd. Hence, a suggestion of including 'special terms' in land concessions is not possible," the statement continues.

To solve the conundrum, the government reiterated that homebuyers should seek compensation from the Pearl Horizon

developer, as the right to such compensation is time-limited. The government also says that Polytex, who made a civil court filing seeking compensation from the government, should "fulfil its responsibilities stated in contracts and compensate homebuyers accordingly."

Regarding the compensation suit, the government claims it is not valid and will not affect pre-buyers rights since "the developer submitted in 2014 a written statement to the government, stating the company would seek neither compensation nor indemnity from the government should its land concession not be regrated."

In late May, the government proposed using the former Pearl Horizon plot to provide interim public housing. Such housing would primarily be for those affected by the redevelopment of the city's old districts under the existing urban renewal plan, but would also be made available to Pearl Horizon pre-sale homebuyers.

Taxi drivers charged over several cases of malpractice

THE Public Security Police Force (PSP) is investigating the case of two videos circulating in social media networks in which a local taxi driver is captured overcharging and engaging in several other instances of misconduct.

In the two cases, which occurred between May 15 and May 27, the same taxi driver was filmed asking for a fixed fare of MOP100 and MOP200 respectively to take the passengers to their requested destinations. In the second case, the taxi driver was also filmed threatening the passengers.

When called by the PSP to testify about the case, the driver, aged 27, admitted to being the indivi-



dual in the footage.

According to the PSP's information, the man stands accused of seven violations of taxi regulations in addition to overcharging offences, such as "not providing help to the passengers in placing luggage in the trunk, failing to be courteous." Thus, he has been referred to the Transport Bureau so that they can proceed with the administrative penalties.

The PSP spokesperson

mentioned that each of the seven violations of the taxi regulation can incur a fine of MOP1,000.

Furthermore, the spokesperson also revealed that the same driver has been accused of 20 counts taxi malpractice since last year.

In the second case of video footage, the driver was recorded threatening a couple from Hong Kong. The police is seeking information that can lead to the identity of

the couple as, unlike the malpractice of the first driver, threatening is a punishable crime but depends on the submission of a complaint by the involved.

In a separate case, on June 3, a different taxi driver was accused of blackmailing three passengers from the mainland who entered the taxi at Avenida de Kwong Tung in Taipa and headed to Avenida 24 de Junho in Macau.

Besides overcharging the passengers, asking MOP200 for the ride, he claimed that one of the passengers damaged the taxi door when he tried to depart, and the driver was seeking MOP3,000 in compensation.

To the police, the driver

said that the passengers caused the damage and that one of them attempted to film the incident on his mobile phone.

The passengers said he tried to stop them from leaving, using a number of profanities and even injuring one of them on the shoulder.

The police inspected the car and could not find any damage. They asked the driver to identify the precise location of the damage, but he failed to provide a response.

The police are treating the case as blackmail since the driver was claiming compensation for non-existent damage.

According to the latest figures, from January to April this year, the police have recorded a total of 2,417 cases of taxi malpractice, from which 1,520 were related to overcharging and 544 to refusing to provide transportation. **RM**

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Many domestic workers still eye working in mainland China

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MANY domestic helpers in the city are being attracted to work in mainland China, despite its illegality, due to a promised higher monthly wage.

A former domestic helper in Macau who now illegally resides in Shanghai spoke to the Times, explaining how many of her compatriots prefer to work in mainland China despite not acquiring a legal stay permit.

The Filipino migrant, who declined to be identified, admitted to having been recruited by an agency in Macau to work in China's biggest city.

According to her, she also has compatriots who are working in Shanghai who previously worked in the SAR.

"I prefer to work here. I think workers in Macau have more freedom than we do but here we have [a] reasonable monthly income," she said.

The Filipino national lives with her employers and has four days off each month.

She further explained that their salaries can significantly increase after only residing in Shanghai for a year – an increase that is unlikely to be given in the MSAR.

"When you're just new to Shanghai from Macau or the Philippines, the salary ranges from RMB5,000 to RMB6,500, depending on the agency," she said.

"After a year, you can apply to other agencies and change employers where you can earn RMB7,500," she added.



Shanghai began allowing foreign residents to hire domestic helpers from overseas in July 2015, but Chinese citizens were still banned from employing them.

Many Filipino domestic workers were pleased when William J. Lima, a top-level envoy to Beijing, recently announced that the two countries are expected to sign a landmark agreement by the end of this year, which would grant legal employment status to 300,000 workers.

However, many are still confused over the possible agreement, and many are willing to take the risk when failing to find an employer in the region.

According to the president of the Filipino Community Allian-

ce of Macau (FilCAM), Hazel Mamanghon, workers eagerly accept an attractive offer from a fellow compatriot to work in the neighboring region.

"There are already many rumors about that issue and we also know that we have compatriots who are already working in China illegally. The problem is when their employers deceived them on their salaries, they cannot make complaints as they are also aware that what they did was illegal," said Mamanghon.

"The offer is attractive, so even when it's risky, they grab it. It's also our fellow compatriots who offer them these jobs," he added.

In a Filipino Facebook group "Bahay Kubo sa Macau," which translates to "Nipa Hut in Macau," a few members of the com-

munity post offers to hire their fellow nationals to work in the mainland, for which many are willing to "apply."

Nedie Taberdo, chairperson of the Greens Philippines Migrant Workers Union (GPMWU), echoed that eagerness is likely due to the lower income given by employers in Macau.

"I also see posts on social media on people hiring domestic helpers to work in China and I see a lot of people who are interested. So how much more if the agreement has been signed and working there becomes legal," she commented.

"Since there are ongoing talks with China, maybe they would provide better working and living conditions," Taberdo added, noting the city's absence of

rights protection for its migrant workers – particularly domestic helpers.

Earlier this year, the Philippine Consulate General in Macau reminded Filipinos in the city that it is illegal to work and obtain employment in China as domestic workers and private tutors.

It reminded them to exercise caution in dealing with agents, individuals and recruitment agencies in Macau and in the Philippines who offer employment in the region.

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MIGRANT WORKER

In a reply to Times last week, in bid to remind the nationals of the illegality of work, Lilybeth Deapera, Philippine Consul General, said in a statement that the matter has also been discussed among members of the Filipino community leaders' meetings.

"In cases where victims and/or relatives of victims approach the Philippine Consulate in Macau for assistance, they are referred to the proper consulate in China, which has jurisdiction over the territory where they were caught," she said.

"In some instances, this Post learned of the particular cases from its counterparts," the official added.

Duterte's kiss draws criticism from Filipinos in the SAR

PHILIPPINE president Rodrigo Duterte recently sparked outrage when he kissed a married woman on stage during a meeting with the Filipino community in Seoul. The various responses to the action were expressed by the community on social media.

The president was recently in South Korea, where he jested that he would give a book in exchange for a kiss, an offer which one woman accepted.

Although Duterte clarified that the kiss was "just a gimmick" to make people giddy, many were disappointed with the move, noting that it was



inappropriate.

Several Filipinos in the region shared this belief.

"It is not good for a president to act that way especially when he was the one who insisted [on] the

kiss on the lips," said one, who declined to be identified.

"It may not be malicious for him but how about those who have watched?" she added.

"It does not matter [if it was consensual or not], he shouldn't be acting like this," said another.

Jayvee Fontanilla argued that he may have pleased his "fans" in the meeting room in Seoul, yet has also set a bad example to the younger generation; noting that the woman is married with two children.

"These kinds of actions have a significant impact [on] the children. It will bring confusion to them and have them think that it is okay to kiss women [on] the lips even if they are already married," he said.

"He must act not only as leader of our country but

also as [a] role model to the young people," Fontanilla added.

Duterte kissed the woman on the lips in front of a 3,000-strong crowd, drawing cheers from those present.

However, a migrant worker in Macau, Glenda Almazar, did not place much emphasis on the president's act, noting that Duterte knew the consequences.

"He allowed it and he is aware of the consequences. He just has to deal with it. Although the woman should have not agreed, the president should also [not] tolerate this move," she said.

A presidential spokes-

person said to CNN Philippines that the controversial kiss was a "light moment that is very accepted in the culture of Filipinos," which also sparked outrage from netizens.

Some lamented that the president also jokes about women being raped and murdered, and jested about encouraging his soldiers to engage in such atrocities.

The move was also described as the "disgusting theatrics of a misogynist president" by Philippines rights group Gabriela.

Duterte has in the past been called sexist and a misogynist for his comments about women. **LV**

Road Traffic Law amendment includes heavier fines

Renato Marques

THE government is proposing to review the Road Traffic Law in order to update its legal provisions to reflect the “clear changes that occurred with the development of society and the new traffic conditions,” the director of the Transport Bureau (DSAT), Lam Hin San, said yesterday at a press conference.

Lam said that the current law has been in place since 2007 and requires updates to “perfect its provisions and to use in a more effective manner the limited road resources.” The measures proposed include heavier fines for transit infractions and the introduction of a driving offence points system.

The government officials mentioned that during the 60-day public consultation period, they will be open “to receiving other suggestions that the public might consider relevant.” The changes proposed by the government focus on aspects such as the increase of fines for road traffic offenses such as illegal parking, driving under the effect of drugs or excess alcohol, and speeding.

The government proposes to double fines, with high fines issued in instances of recidivism, the tendency of offenders to reoffend.

Questioned on the topic and regarding possible reactions of the population to such a hike in fines, Lam said: “This is not a decision. This is just ‘brainstorming’ to which we call on the population to contribute with their opinions and suggestions. [...] There is a high number of fines imposed on some [traffic offenses] – this might mean that the fines are not having a deterrent effect anymore.”

According to the figures quoted by the Traffic Police Department representative, Commissioner Ma Chio Hon, “in 2017 we issued a total of over 860,000 fines related to traffic offences;



the large majority was related to illegal parking.”

Another of the changes proposed is also related to “recidivism” in relation to traffic offenses. Ao Iok Chan, DSAT Legal Support Department Chief, said “[currently] to be considered recidivist in traffic offenses [the driver] had to commit the same offense, but that’s what we are proposing to review.” Lam added that the idea is to consider recidivism in the case of any traffic offense categorized as a misdemeanor, if “for example, a driver already had an offense for passing a red traffic light, then if he gets an offense for driving under the influence of alcohol, he can be immediately considered a recidivist.”

As the Bureau’s director also clarified, the government proposes that they will consider recidivists to be all drivers who recommit such offenses within a period of two years.

One of the main measures presented, which aims to “reduce of the burden of the courts,” is the idea of transforming traffic-related misdemeanors into administrative offenses.

The measure, which has caused some doubt, was said by Ma not to be a “reduction on the penalties but a way to elevate the efficiency of the application of the penalties and to cut on the working of the judiciary bodies.” But, in fact, depending on how this measure would be enforced, it might directly result in a decri-

minalization of several traffic offenses, transforming them into fine penalties.

In response to questions on this issue, Lam said, “this idea comes together with the possible enforcement of a point system for the driving licenses, meaning, that if the drivers are subjected to such penalties they can also incur a suspension and/or cancellation of their driving authorization.”

As for the other measures related to the “perfecting of the rules for drivers and other users of the roads,” a group of proposals have been put forward. For example, “the extension of the obligation of the use of seatbelts,” would make it mandatory to wear a seatbelt in all vehicle seats, not just in the front seats. Mo-

reover, the “prohibition of the use of any hands-free communication device during the driving of heavy vehicles,” as well as the “restriction of usage of video display equipment in the front of the vehicles,” seek to remove anything which may cause distractions. Finally, there is also a proposal for the implementation of a mandatory measure to force the drivers to “turn-off the engines when the vehicles are stopped.”

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PSP COMMISSIONER

Lam mentioned right from the start that the goal of these proposals is to reduce the number of accidents and deaths on the roads of the region, and in response to questions, he noted that data across the last three years demonstrates that the number of road deaths have been dropping (15 in 2015, eight in 2016 and six in 2017). Also in decline are figures related to cases of driving under the influence of drugs and with an excess of alcohol in the blood. According to the Public Security Police, this is only now detected in “1 in every 100 people tested.”

The public consultation period will be launched on June 28 and services will be collecting opinions online, through e-mail, phone, fax and mail until August 26.

The director of the DSAT also said that four sessions of public consultation would be held during this period in order to allow the public to have a more direct presentation of opinions and questions.

Scrutiny falls on failed projects that ensnared Macau investors

INVESTIGATORS in the United Kingdom may mount a probe into a possible investment fraud which ensnared individuals from China, Hong Kong and Macau, after it emerged that several planned developments in the north west English city of Liverpool have stalled.

The news was first reported by the UK’s Liverpool Echo, which wrote that the English region’s “organized crime-fighting squad” is looking into the details of failed schemes that cost China-based investors around 90 million pounds (MOP973 million).

According to the Echo, a series of administrative setbacks has effectively halted development on several projects, including a city center site known as New Chinatown.

James To, a member of Hong Kong’s legislature, said as many as 700 in-

vestors from the greater China region may have been ensnared in the suspected fraud. According to To, the investors have reported the incident to authorities in both the UK and Hong Kong.

Meanwhile, the authorities in neighboring Hong Kong have reportedly re-

leased official guidance for investors.

Some of the properties in question can be traced back to two parent companies - North Point Global and Pinnacle Alliance.

A spokesperson for North Point Global told the Echo that “the monies paid by buyers have been utilized on each project in accordance with the legal parameters under which it was received. [...] This included site acquisition, planning fees, legal cos-

ts, taxation, professional fees, construction costs and developer fees.”

Liverpool has been a target for UK-based and overseas development for several years now. According to the city’s mayor, 2018 is expected to mark the fifth consecutive year that the city has welcomed more than 1 billion pounds (MOP10.8 billion) in investment. Last month, some 1.7 billion pounds worth of construction projects were ongoing in the city.



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Typhoon season begins, first T-warning issued

Daniel Beitler

THE Macau Meteorological and Weather Bureau (SMG) issued its first typhoon warning of the season yesterday in anticipation of a tropical depression in the South China Sea, which is expected to bring heavy downpours to Macau later this week.

The Bureau hoisted the T1 signal at 10:45 a.m. yesterday morning as it tracked the tropical depression's approach toward Hainan island. It initially said that the chance of the signal being elevated was

low, but late last night it updated its website to say that a T3 warning may be raised at some point today.

The T1 signal represents a "standby warning" intended to alert residents to a possible incoming storm and accompanying wind and rain.

As of yesterday evening, the tropical depression was tracking north - after having evaded Hainan - and looked set to make landfall in southwest Guangdong Province.

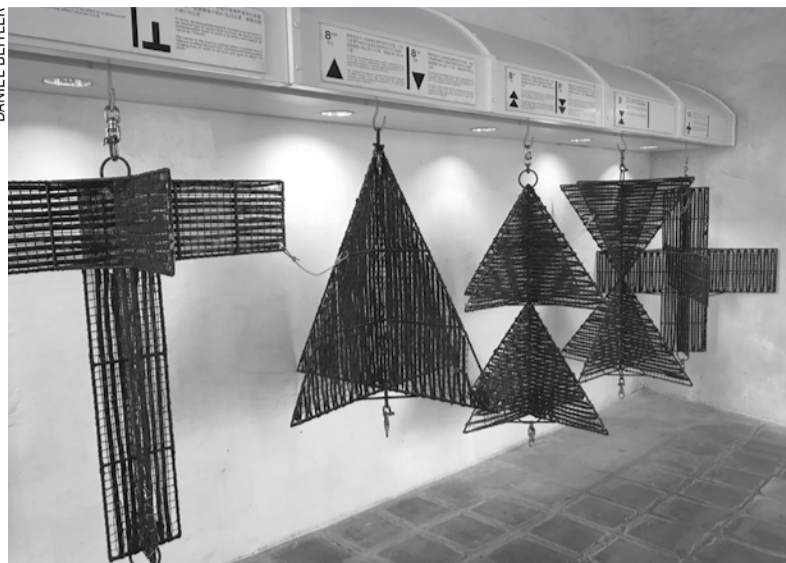
According to weather monitoring app Windy.tv, the current tropical depression may strengthen later in the week

and turn in the direction of the MSAR, passing south of the city on an eastward trajectory, from late Sunday night into the early hours of Monday morning.

The peripheral rain bands of the tropical depression are expected to bring more rain the territory in the coming days.

The Hong Kong Observatory issued a similar warning yesterday morning, concurring that the chance of the signal being raised was low. However, an error by the institution meant that the Signal No.1 warning (equivalent to T1) was raised in the HKSAR at 9:25 a.m., two hours earlier than had been scheduled. The Hong Kong Observatory has apologized for the mistake, blaming it on a typographical error.

The SMG has taken a more cautious approach to posting warnings and disseminating information since last year's Typhoon Hato. Today it prefers to err on the side of caution by issuing warnings for weather events even when



Former typhoon signals on display at the Guia Lighthouse museum

they are thought unlikely to manifest into more serious conditions. That was the case for a heavy rain signal issued in the early morning of May 8, which led to the cancelation of classes (in the case of kindergartens and primary school) when the weather conditions were mostly fine.

Typhoon Hato killed 10 people and became one of the most destructive typhoons on Macau's record when it struck the city on August 23 last year. The scale of the destruction and subsequent public criticism pointed to a lack of competence on the behalf of local weather authorities, who were criticized for issuing warning signals too late to be effective.

In response to the criticism, the Chief Executive forcibly retired the then-SMG chief Fong Soi Kun and opened an investigation into his handling of the extreme weather phenomenon.

The typhoon season for the South China region extends from May to early November, with peak activity usually recorded between July and September, when there is a 50 percent chance or greater of a typhoon each month.

Earlier this year, the Hong Kong Observatory forecasted that the city might see between five to eight typhoons in 2018, a number "considered normal to higher than normal."

31.5 TONS OF PLANTS LOST DURING HATO

THE CIVIC and Municipal Affairs Bureau (IACM) said that an assessment made by Sun Yat-sen University indicated a total loss of 31.5 tons of plants during Typhoon Hato. According to IACM, in reply to lawmaker Leong Sun Lok's written inquiry, the total loss of physical resources is estimated

at MOP1.06 billion, while the loss of service resources is estimated at MOP607.69 million. Starting from this year, priority will be given to repairing forests within ten meters of both sides of walking trails. The government plans to phase out degraded trees in five to ten years.

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MGTO promotes Macau as City of Gastronomy in Italy

A delegation led by the deputy director of the Macau Government Tourism Office (MGTO), Cheng Wai Tong, attended the City of Gastronomy Festival in Parma earlier this month. There, they met with representatives of Slow Food International to gain a deeper understanding of the international slow food culture.

The City of Gastronomy Festival aims to open the eyes of UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN) members to the gastronomic culture and traditions of Parma, while offering a platform for them to showcase the scope of their city's culinary offerings, and exchange insights. The Festival was attended by representatives of eight UCCN member cities in the field of gastronomy: Gaziantep (Turkey), Bergen (Norway), Tsuruoka (Japan), Macao (China), Paraty (Brazil), Dénia (Spain), Belem (Brazil) and Alba (Italy).

The event was staged in the heart of Parma in Italy, where MGTO set up a stand for Macau



A cooking show presented by IFT chefs

at the expository UNESCO Area at Piazza Ghiaia and joined forces with the Institute for Tourism Studies (IFT) to showcase Macau's destination glamour and distribute almond cookies to local citizens, marking its presence as a newly-designated UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy. Food and Beverage executive assistant manager of IFT, David Wong, and Food and Beverage Chef de Cuisine of IFT, Hans Lee Rasmussen, demonstrated the culinary range of Macanese cuisine at the

cooking show held at Piazza Garibaldi.

The two-day event also featured pop-up restaurants, meetings, talk shows, and kids labs, drawing a multitude of local and visiting spectators to create a lively scene.

Making use of the occasion, MGTO visited the University of Gastronomic Sciences and had an official meeting with representatives of Slow Food International, an association based in Italy, to exchange perspectives and learn more about the in-

ternational culture of slow food. The representatives include Secretary General of Slow Food International, Paolo Di Croce, East Asia Director of Slow Food International, Carlotta Baitone, and Coordinator of Slow Food Great China, Ling Kuangsung.

The Italian city of Parma was designated as a Creative City of Gastronomy by UNESCO in 2015. On this visit, MGTO made its debut with IFT in a cooking show at another City of Gastronomy, following Macau's new designation.

Macau was designated as a member city of the UNESCO Creative Cities Network in the field of Gastronomy on October 31, 2017, having become the third city in China to join UCCN in the field of gastronomy. As pledged in the application, local authorities plan to implement a four-year action plan as a UNESCO Creative City of Gastronomy, with 2018 kicked off as the Macau Year of Gastronomy, a major highlight of the action plan.

Sports seminar connects Beijing to Lisbon

A sports science seminar held over the weekend gathered together over 300 participants, including coaches, physical education teachers, athletes, and local and foreign sports agents.

The event was organized by the Sports Bureau (ID) in collaboration with the Beijing Sport University and the School of Human Kinetics - Technical University of Lisbon. It took place at the Exhibition Center at Macau Fisherman's Wharf.

The seminar featured guest speakers from both universities who were specialists in the fields of Human Kinetics, Sports Psychology, Anti-doping, Sports Medicine, Strength Training and Sports Nutrition.

The ID said that the seminar was a success and facilitated the strengthening of exchange between China and Portugal in the area of sports, contributing also to the reputation of Macau as a World Tourism and Leisure Center.

The seminar also provided the opportunity for the exchange of ideas, opinions and knowledge between Portuguese and Chinese experts on the new practices of sports science, future development of training, the provision of support to athletes, and raising the level of competitiveness.

AD

New Era New Journey

2018 International Conference on Belt and Road and Macao's Development

The conference will commence on 6 June at 09:30. Under the theme "From Vision to Action: Macao's Development and Belt and Road Construction", there will be an opening ceremony, a keynote address session and four sessions of dialogue, including:

1. Development of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area with Belt and Road Initiative;
2. Construction of a World Centre of Tourism and Leisure with Belt and Road Initiative;
3. Development of a Commercial and Trade Cooperation Service Platform between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries with Belt and Road Initiative;
4. Transformation of Macao into a Hub for Exchanges and Cooperation on Chinese Culture with Multicultural Coexistence.

Speeches will be given by political figures, business leaders, academics and experts from the Mainland, Australia, the United States, Southeast Asian countries, Hong Kong SAR and Macao SAR.

*Admission to the conference by invitation only.

2018 International Conference on Belt and Road and Macao's Development List of Speakers and Guests

6 June / Wednesday

Opening Ceremony	
Keynote Address: From Vision to Action: Macao's Development and Belt and Road Construction (09:30-12:00)	
Mr. MA Chi Seng (Moderator)	Member of the Legislative Assembly of the Macao Special Administrative Region, President of Grand Thought Think Tank
President LI Xiaoxing	Honorary President of Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs, Former Foreign Minister of the People's Republic of China
Professor the Hon. Bob CARR	Director of the Australia-China Relations Institute at the University of Technology Sydney, Former Foreign Minister of Australia
Dr. Douglas H. PAAL	Vice President for Studies at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace
Tan Sri Gato Sui LIM Gai Tong	President of China-ASEAN Business Association
Prof. ZHENG Yongnian	Director of East-Asian Institute, National University of Singapore
Prof. ZHANG Yansheng	Senior Research Fellow of the Academic Committee of National Development and Reform Commission; Chief Research Fellow of the China Center for International Economic Exchanges
Dialogue I (14:30-16:10)	
Topic: Development of Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area with Belt and Road Initiative	
Prof. FANG Chuan (Moderator)	Vice President of the Macau University of Science and Technology, Dean of Graduate School
Prof. XIE Shouguang	President of Social Sciences Academic Press (China)
Prof. SHEN Minghao	Pearl River Scholar, Director of Institute of Studies for the Great Bay Area (Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao), Guangdong University of Foreign Studies
Dr. FANG Zhou	Research Director of the One Country Two Systems Research Institute, Hong Kong
Dr. HEONG Tou Hong	Associate Director of the Institute of Macao Studies, Macao Foundation
Prof. QIU Xiaohua	Director of the Institute of Economic Research, City University of Macau
Dialogue II (16:10-17:35)	
Topic: Construction of a World Centre of Tourism and Leisure with Belt and Road Initiative	
Prof. ZHANG Shuguang (Moderator)	Rector of the City University of Macau
Mr. Boonyong YONGCHAROENRAT	President of Thai Young Chinese Chamber of Commerce, Vice President of Thai-Chinese Chamber of Commerce
Prof. CHEN Guanghan	Deputy Director and Principal Expert of the Institute of Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao Development Studies, Sun Yat-sen University
Dr. VONG Chuk Kwan	President of the Institute for Tourism Studies, Macao
Prof. HAO Yulan	Chair Professor, Dean of Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Macau, Director-General of Grand Thought Think Tank

7 June / Thursday

Dialogue III (09:30-11:00)	
Topic: Development of a Commercial and Trade Cooperation Service Platform between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries with Belt and Road Initiative	
Prof. GONG Yonghua (Moderator)	Rector of the University of Macau
Prof. LEI Heong iok	President of the Macao Polytechnic Institute
Mr. José Luis de Sales MARQUES	President of the Board of Directors of the Institute of European Studies of Macau
Prof. ZHANG Zhenjiang	Dean of the School of International Relations, the Institute of Overseas Chinese and Communities and the Institute for 21 st Century Silk Road Studies of Jinan University
Prof. SHENG LI	Assistant Dean of Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Macau
Dr. GONG Xue	Research Fellow with China Programme at S. Rajaratnam School of International Studies, Singapore
Dialogue IV (11:00-12:15)	
Topic: Transformation of Macao into a Hub for Exchanges and Cooperation on Chinese Culture with Multicultural Coexistence	
Mr. LEI Pui Lam (Moderator)	President of the Chinese Cultural Exchange Association
Ambassador LU Shumen	President of the United Nations Association of China, Council Member of Chinese People's Institute of Foreign Affairs, Former Commissioner of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the People's Republic of China in the Macao SAR
Prof. XIA Quari	Professor of the Department of History, Jinan University
Prof. LIN Guangzhi	Director of the Institute for Social and Cultural Research of the Macau University of Science and Technology
Dr. LAM Fat lam	Executive Director of Sino-Western Cultural Studies, Macao Polytechnic Institute
Closing Remarks (12:15-12:20)	
Dr. LAO Pun Lap	Director of Policy Research Office of the Government of the Macao Special Administrative Region

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Delaware launches sports betting, other states close behind

Randall Chase, Ben Nuckols

FULL-SCALE sports betting is coming to Delaware, barely three weeks after the U.S. Supreme Court cleared the way for states to implement wagering schemes.

Gov. John Carney planned to join other state officials yesterday at Dover Downs for the launch of sports betting at Delaware's three casinos, which will offer single-game and championship wagering on professional baseball, football, hockey, basketball, soccer, golf and auto racing.

Because of a failed sports lottery experiment in 1976, Delaware was partially exempted from the 1992 federal ban on sports gambling that was recently struck down by the Supreme Court.

That exemption led to broader sports betting legislation passed in 2009 and Delaware's current NFL parlay wagering system, which combined to give the state a head start in offering full-scale sports wagering.

The launch means Delawareans will be able to make legal wagers on the NBA championship series between Golden State and Cleveland and the Stanley Cup hockey finals between Washington and Las Vegas.

"Obviously the key is going to be the football season because the bulk of betting in America is on football," Delaware Finance Secretary Rick Geisenberger said last week. "We'll learn a little



bit in June and July, but we'll learn a lot more in September."

While Delaware is the first state to take advantage of the Supreme Court decision, sports fans in three other states could be placing bets by football season.

In New Jersey, the legislature is racing to push through laws governing sports books in the state, which had hoped to be the first other than Nevada to offer gambling on individual games — only to be beaten by Delaware, where the necessary laws were already on the books. New Jersey lawmakers hope to have a final bill passed and signed by the end of this week that resolu-

ves several competing proposals to allow sports betting at casinos and horse racing tracks.

In Mississippi, where lawmakers proactively legalized gambling on sports at the state's 28 licensed casinos in the event of a favorable Supreme Court decision, state regulators have proposed rules to govern sports books that could be voted on as early as June 21. That means casinos could start taking bets 30 days later, in late July.

West Virginia also passed a law before the Supreme Court decision that legalized sports betting if authorized by the court. Officials there have said they hoped to have sports betting

when football season kicks off in late summer. The West Virginia Lottery Commission is working on draft rules and regulations but has given no timetable for when those rules might be ready. Once they are written, there would be a 30-day public comment period.

"We're not going to start until we know we can do it 100 percent correctly," lottery director Alan Larrick has said.

Republican West Virginia Gov. Jim Justice has also said he wants state officials, professional leagues and casinos to reach an agreement on what the leagues have called an "integrity fee" — money that the leagues

would use to police betting patterns — but the subject was not addressed in a recent special session of the legislature.

Thus far, no state law has made it to the books with the integrity fee attached.

Delaware is the first state to take advantage of the Supreme Court decision

Pennsylvania also prospectively legalized sports betting last year, but it could be months before regulations are in place that would allow sports books to open. State officials have not produced an estimate of what sort of tax revenue the activity could mean for Pennsylvania, which already rakes in more in taxes on casino gambling than any other state. But some gambling industry officials are warning that Pennsylvania's 34 percent tax rate — plus another small cut for local governments that host casinos — and the USD10 million licensing fee will make it unprofitable to run a legal sports betting business.

In the meantime, Pennsylvania gaming officials notified casinos last week they could begin applying for licenses. So far, none has submitted an application. **AP**

MALAYSIA

Central bank Governor said to have offered to resign

Effie Chew, Anisah Shukry

MALAYSIA'S central bank Governor Muhammad Ibrahim offered to resign from his post two years into his term, according to people familiar with the matter, who declined to be identified because the discussions are confidential.

The move comes less than a month after Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad won a surprise election victory and his newly installed finance minister, Lim Guan Eng, raised questions about the central bank's purchase of land from the previous administration.

It's unclear what the government's response was



Muhammad Ibrahim

to his resignation offer. A spokesperson for the central bank declined yesterday to comment on whether

the governor had offered to resign. An official at the Finance Ministry also declined to comment.

Muhammad didn't respond to several calls and text messages to his mobile phone and office.

Lim said in May that the previous administration of Najib Razak had used money raised from a land sale to the central bank — valued at about USD520 million — to pay off some of the debts of 1MDB, the state investment fund that's been mired in a corruption scandal.

Bank Negara Malaysia has said the purchase was transacted at fair value and complied with all governance requirements and relevant laws.

The ringgit erased earlier gains to trade little changed at 3.9730 per dollar after the report, while the

benchmark stock index pared earlier losses of as much as 0.4 percent to close steady at 1,755.14.

"It is still part of the ongoing investigation into the previous government's alleged corruption," Andy Ji, Asian currency strategist at Commonwealth Bank of Australia in Singapore, said by phone. "At this stage, it is hard to see the development would lead to a change to monetary policy stance."

Muhammad was promoted to lead the central bank for a five-year term in May 2016 when Zeti Akhtar Aziz — who was appointed by Mahathir — stepped down after 16 years of leadership. He had risen through the ranks of the

central bank since joining it in 1984 and was endorsed by Zeti when she left as a successor able to provide policy stability.

Born in 1960 and with a master's degree from Harvard University, Muhammad has had to navigate volatile financial markets since he took the helm at Bank Negara Malaysia. He cut interest rates in a surprise move shortly after taking office and implemented curbs on some foreign-exchange trading that has drawn criticism from currency traders.

The economy has rebounded since then, with the currency among the top performers in emerging markets globally this year. **Bloomberg**

opinion

CHINESE BURN WILL ONLY MAKE SOLAR STRONGER

David Fickling, Bloomberg

Remember how there was a glut of computer chips in 2008, and then the world stopped using computer chips? Yeah, me neither.

That's a good reason to discount your worries about the effects on solar power from recent policy blows on panel manufacturers by the U.S. and Chinese governments.

The falls in the share prices of some major producers have certainly been dramatic – 43 percent so far this year for JinkoSolar Holding Co., 20 percent for Canadian Solar Inc., and 4.4 percent for Hanwha Q Cells Co. But to date, what hasn't killed the solar industry has only made it stronger.

To see why, reflect upon some history. Solar module prices slumped 80 percent between 2010 and 2017 as rising efficiencies and burgeoning supply pushed down expenses. That process put many manufacturers out of business – but the plummeting costs caused global installed capacity to increase almost nine-fold, and the victors of that market battle have since done well on the spoils.

Those who bought shares in JinkoSolar and Canadian Solar at the end of 2011 when the market was in crisis had received total returns of 33 percent a year and 22 percent a year respectively by the end of last week. That compares to 22 percent and 17 percent for investors in Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. and Intel Corp. over the same period.

What will be the impact of the recent policy moves from Washington and Beijing? The Trump administration in January slapped a 30 percent tariff on imported solar panels, one reason that JinkoSolar and Canadian Solar shares are down so much this year, while the Chinese government last week said it would reduce the permits for new utility-scale projects this year and cut the feed-in tariffs that solar generators are paid for their kilowatt-hours.

That's clearly bad news for incumbent panel manufacturers, but it's worth considering why. The near-term fall in demand in China – and the increase in supply from manufacturers that have announced 4.55 annual gigawatt-hours of new U.S. production capacity this year in response to Trump's tariffs – will lead to a glut in the global market that will drive prices lower.

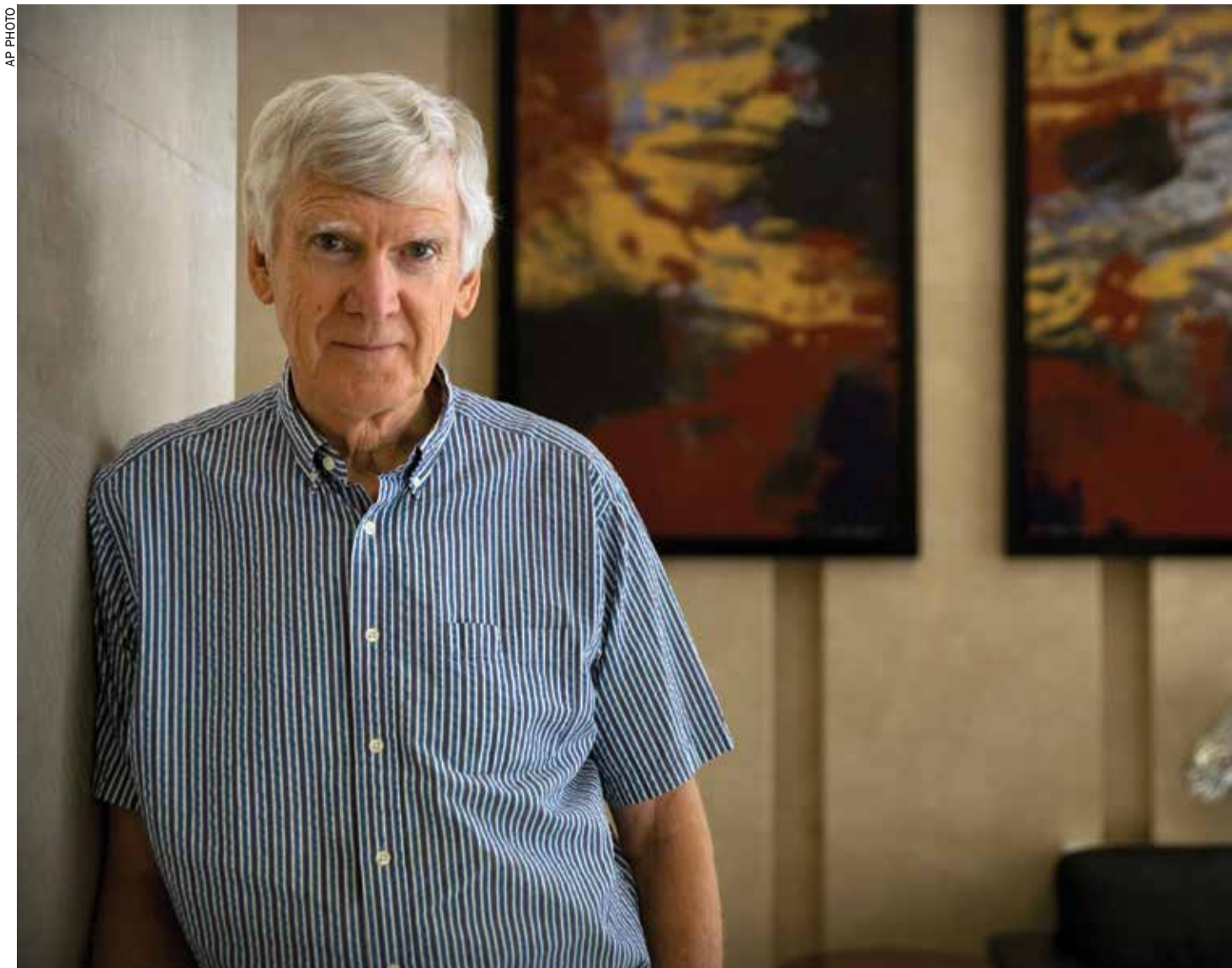
That will hurt the margins of manufacturers, but help the uptake of photovoltaic technology, especially in Asia, where electricity demand is rising fast and utility-scale solar is already at or past the tipping point where its generation costs start to undercut fossil fuels.

In China, module prices – still about a third of the cost of a solar system – should fall 35 percent this year and another 10 to 15 percent in 2019, Yvonne Liu, Yali Jiang and Xiaoting Wang of Bloomberg New Energy Finance wrote in a note Monday. That's an acceleration of the expected pace before Beijing's intervention, when a drop of 20 to 27 percent was forecast for 2018.

While aggregate global demand will fall this year because of the decline in Chinese build, those lower prices may stimulate the market in 2019 and 2020, they wrote.

We've become so used to large companies extracting a profit from their market power that an industry in which it's hard to pick the winners three years hence feels like one that's in a state of crisis. In truth, this is precisely the situation in which capitalism is supposed to excel, for the benefit of all.

Policy changes in 2018 have been bad news for incumbent producers of solar panels. For the industry as a whole – and for the global climate – they're likely to prove a salutary tonic.



Renowned Australian playwright David Williamson poses for a photo at his hotel in Beijing

Australian playwright disappointed censors axed Beijing play

RENOWNED Australian playwright David Williamson said yesterday that he is disappointed Chinese censors have canceled a production of his play "The Removalists" for the official reason that it contains bad language and violence. The 76-year-old said some involved in the production suspect the true reason the classic Australian play was banned was its depiction of police abusing their authority – a sensitive issue in China.

The play was axed during a period of intense diplomatic tensions between China and Australia over Australian policies including a proposed ban on foreign interference in domestic politics.

Australian beef and wine producers complain that their exports have fallen victim to China's approach of punishing businesses and individuals to send a message to a country's government.

Williamson and his wife had flown from Sydney to see the play performed Tuesday night at the annual Beijing

Nanluoguxiang Performing Arts Festival.

The couple had seen the play performed Saturday at the Beijing Foreign Studies University before an audience of around 300 students. Because tickets weren't sold to the free performance, it escaped the ban.

The play, written in 1971 and set in a gritty Melbourne neighborhood, was performed in English by Chinese actors with Mandarin subtitles on a screen.

"The censors allowed the university production to go ahead but they banned the planned production at the festival tonight [...] officially on the grounds that the language was too salty and that the play was too violent," Williamson told the AP by phone from Beijing.

"There's some speculation that that mightn't have been the real reason. Because the play does depict police authority well and truly overstepping its mark, which is a sensitive issue here in China at the moment," he added.

Chinese authorities rou-

tinely censor all manner of information and entertainment.

The play's director Joe Graves, an American who heads Peking University's Institute of World Theatre and Film, said foreign plays had to be approved by censorship boards at national, state, city and municipal district levels.

Each board could have vetoed the festival production, but Graves did not know which had.

China's Ministry of Culture referred requests for comment to the Beijing Municipal Bureau of Culture, which it said was responsible for approving plays. An official at the municipal bureau's department in charge of examining and approving productions who provided only her surname, Yao, said she knew nothing about the Australian play.

Graves said he had submitted more than 150 foreign plays to Chinese censors during his 17 years in Beijing and only a dozen had been rejected.

"I was surprised that that play

was censored," Graves said.

"My gut feeling is that the police brutality" was the reason, he added. "Police brutality has been widely in the news here with some really disturbing incidents in small towns where police were taking advantage."

Graves said he would have found out the specific reason through an appeal if he had more notice, but the censor's decision was made only two weeks ago.

Graves doubted Chinese animosity toward Australia was the cause, since the Australian play "Cosi" was included in the festival.

Williamson said yesterday's performance could have led to a run of performances in China.

Another of his classic plays, "The Club," was brought to China in 2002 and ran intermittently for a year. Williamson noted that "The Club," a 1977 satire about a Melbourne Australian Rules Football team that was called "Players" in a U.S. production, contained "a little bit of salty language too."

Both "The Club" and "The Removalists" – a story that ends with two police officers' brutal response to a wife's complaint of a battering husband – were adapted into movies of the same titles.

Williamson is one of Australia's best known playwrights, with a string of Australian and British awards for his work on stage and screen. **AP**

Qantas bends to Beijing by describing Taiwan as Chinese

AP PHOTO



Qantas chief executive Alan Joyce

Rod McGuirk, Canberra

AUSTRALIA'S foreign minister yesterday expressed concern at Qantas Airways' decision to describe Taiwan as a Chinese territory after pressure from Beijing.

Qantas chief executive Alan Joyce said this week that Australia's flag carrier airline was in the process of changing its website after China's aviation regulator in April issued a May 25 deadline to more than 40 airlines to make the change.

Foreign Minister Julie Bishop has reiterated her concerns about Beijing's request for airlines to no longer refer to Taiwan as an independent country, but noted that Qantas was free to make its own corporate decisions.

"Private companies should be free to conduct their usual business operations free from political pressure of governments," Bishop said in a statement.

"The decision of how Qantas structures its website is a matter for the company," she added.

China's aviation regulator or-

dered airlines operating in China to refer to self-ruled Taiwan as "Taiwan, China" on their websites, or risk facing legal action.

While many airlines quickly complied, Qantas and some American airlines including Delta and United Airlines missed the deadline.

Qantas was given an extension of time to make the changes, which have previously been blasted by the White House as "Orwellian nonsense."

"Our intention is to meet the requirements. It's just taking time to get there," Joyce told re-

porters at the International Air Transport Association annual meeting in Sydney.

In Beijing, the foreign ministry dismissed Bishop's concerns, saying all companies doing business in China should respect the government's "One China" principle, which states that Taiwan is a part of China.

"When it comes to problems like this, it is definitely not a simple procedural or technical problem but a major political issue," ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying said at a regular briefing.

Hua said the requirement "is lawful and reasonable, and has nothing to do with so-called political interference or political pressure."

The head of Qantas International Alison Webster said making the changes on the Qantas website was a complex task.

Private companies should be free to conduct their usual business operations free from political pressure.

JULIE BISHOP

"This is not just a Qantas Airline, it's a Qantas Group piece that needs to be adjusted — the IT and technology that underpins our websites and the connectivity takes time for us to get to grips with changes that need to be put into the programming stages of that," she said.

Beijing has also pressured other multinational companies to change the way they refer to Taiwan, which is governed separately from China.

Qantas argues that the changes are in line with the Australian government's One China Policy.

The spread of "Taiwan, China" on the drop-down menus and maps of airline websites represents another victory for China's President Xi Jinping and his ruling Communist Party's nationalistic effort to force foreign companies to conform to their geopolitical vision, even in operations outside of China. Critics say China's incremental push to leverage its economic power to forge new international norms — in this case regarding Taiwan's status — creates worrying precedents. **AP**

AIR China is to resume regular flights between Beijing and Pyongyang after a six-month hiatus, in the latest sign that the "maximum pressure" campaign on North Korea may be easing.

China's flagship carrier will resume services today after halting them in November, a spokesman for the company confirmed in a WeChat message. The resumption is a market-oriented decision, he said.

The flights were stopped after North Korea's nuclear test and missile launches last year. But ties have since warmed, with leaders Xi Jinping and Kim Jong Un holding

China's flag carrier resumes Pyongyang flights as pressure eases

meetings in March and May. The apparent détente seems at odds with assertions that pressure should remain on North Korea until it shows demonstrable progress toward denuclearization.

U.S. Secretary of Defense James Mattis said in Singapore on Sunday that all United Nations Security Council resolutions on the regime must stay in place. "North Korea will receive relief only when it demonstrates verifiable and irreversible steps to

denuclearization," he said.

Meanwhile U.S. President Donald Trump has taken to using a softer tone on the "maximum pressure" campaign, saying last week: "I don't want to use that term. Because we're getting along."

Property prices on the North Korean border with China appear to have been rising in response to the apparent thawing in relations. New-home prices in Dandong, a city that sits across the Yalu River from North Korea, gained

a record 2 percent in April from March, according to data from China's National Bureau of Statistics.

Dandong is a barometer on how well the sanctions are working to starve North Korea of funds. About 80 percent of North Korea's international trade is with China, much of it through the frontier town filled with shopkeepers, smugglers and real-estate dealers whose fortunes rise and fall with the trade across the River Yalu.

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TRUMP-KIM SUMMIT

Hunt for venue leads to old Singapore pirate hangout

Keith Zhai and Jason Koutsoukis

OF all Singapore's big hotels, only one shows all its rooms and restaurants are blocked out for the week surrounding June 12, when U.S. President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un are due to meet in the city.

The booking crunch at the Capella, which sits in the middle of 30 acres of lawns and rainforest on the resort island of Sentosa, just south of the city, is among a handful of overt signs that Singapore is preparing for one of the most controversial summits since the end of the Cold War.

Kim Chang Son, director of North Korea's state affairs commission secretariat, and Joe Hagin, a deputy White House chief of staff, met at the hotel after arriving in the city-state in late May to work out security and logistics measures.

Reporters are banned from entering the building, whose 112 rooms and villas were designed by British architect Sir Norman Foster. A curving wood and glass structure wraps around restored colonial buildings that once included an officers' mess for Britain's Royal Artillery. The regimental silver is rumored to have been buried under the lawn before Japanese troops

captured Singapore in 1942.

Back in the city, those reporters are beginning to pour in. Hundreds have already arrived and more than 5,000 have applied for registration with the Singapore government.

■ **Aside from the Capella [Sentosa], other big hotels rumored to be in the mix are the Shangri-La, other high-end establishments in city center**

Trump's on-again, off-again approach (the latest is the summit is on) is a logistical headache, even for a small island with established security, well-trained soldiers and police, and a history of hosting leaders in sometimes tricky circumstances. There are questions on where each leader will stay, whether the summit is in a different location, how to manage the me-

dia hordes and keep curious locals at bay.

Some residents are bemused by it all.

"Trump and Kim are like two people arranging a rendezvous on Tinder," said Eileen Chen, a local stockbroker who said she might head over to the summit location once it's announced, to try to get a glimpse of Kim. "It's like one person says 'let's meet' and another person says 'let's see.' And then they have to meet at some secret location."

For local businesses, the influx of visitors comes during a time of peak business anyway.

A few places are hoping to capitalize on the event, with Escobar mixing drinks named after the leaders - a blue bourbon-based cocktail for Trump and a red soju-based one for Kim. But most watering holes were already preparing to welcome big local crowds for the FIFA soccer World Cup, and the malls of Singapore's Orchard Road shopping district are readying for the two-month annual Great Singapore Sale.

Meanwhile, the nation's armed forces have been told to stand by, with U.S.-built Apache helicopters and F-16 fighters ready to patrol the skies over the summit, according to an official with knowledge of

the preparations.

Singapore is no slouch when it comes to hosting major events. The first summit between Chinese and Taiwanese leaders was held in 2015 at the Shangri-La hotel, which just days ago welcomed Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and global defense chiefs - including U.S. Secretary of Defense James Mattis - for an annual security gathering. As chair of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations, Singapore will potentially host Trump at a summit later this year.

Still, this would be the farthest Kim has traveled since he took power in 2011. His father barely made overseas trips, and only by train, fearing he might be a target for assassination. Those anxieties are not unfounded. A special operations unit of South Korea's Army Special Warfare Command was tasked as recently as late last year with killing Kim if necessary.

The security risks from the summit work both ways. Kim spent the early years of his rule consolidating power by eliminating opponents. His estranged half-brother, Kim Jong Nam, who once lived in Singapore, was assassinated at Kuala Lumpur's airport in neighboring Malaysia last year with VX nerve agent.

Singapore will pick up the security bill for the summit, with Defence Minister Ng Eng Hen telling reporters on the weekend that "it's a cost we're willing to bear to play a small part."

There is though the question of who might be left with the hotel tab for Kim and his entourage. Aside from the Capella, other big hotels rumored to be in the mix are the Shangri-La and high-end establishments in the city center and near Orchard Road such as the Fullerton and St Regis.

Hagin and Kim Chang Son met in the Capella hotel on Sentosa. Sentosa means "peace and tranquility" in the Malay language, a name it was given in the 1970s. Before that, the one-time haunt of pirates was called Pulau Belakang Mati, from Malay words meaning "island behind the dead."

These days the island is better known for a casino and Universal Studios theme park and the villas and yachts of millionaires. And in case Kim and Trump need a little bonding time to seal the deal, Singapore's flagship golf course is only a short drive from the Capella.

"What risks are there in Singapore hosting the Singapore summit between the U.S. and the DPRK?" Ng told the Shangri-La Dialogue security forum on Sunday, referring to North Korea by its initials. "In my mind, the greatest risk is to our hotels. Rooms have been booked, I think. And many thousands of journalists have descended on us. So, if for any reason, it doesn't materialize, perhaps we may want to convene Shangri-La Dialogue next week, too." **Bloomberg**

MALAYSIA

Wife of ex-PM questioned, new graft scandal unfolds

ANTI-corruption investigators questioned the wife of former Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak yesterday about alleged theft and money-laundering involving the 1MDB state investment fund, as officials announced a probe into other suspicious multibillion-dollar transactions under Najib's leadership.

The prosecution of Najib and his wife Rosmah Mansor over the 1MDB scandal, which helped lead to Najib's stunning ouster in May 9 national elections, could be sped up with the government's appointment of a new attorney-general.

The appointee, distinguished lawyer Tommy Thomas, is the first person from outside Malaysia's Malay majority to hold the powerful position in more than half a century. His Najib-appointed predecessor had stifled investigations.

Rosmah, accompanied by her daughter and son-in-law,



Rosmah Mansor (center), wife of Najib Razak, arrives at the Anti-Corruption Agency for questioning yesterday

didn't speak to reporters as she was escorted into the Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission office, where she was questioned for three hours. She was summoned nearly two weeks after Najib was question-

ed twice by the agency.

In another blow to the former first couple, their lawyer M. Puravelan told The Associated Press that he is no longer representing Rosmah and Najib. He said another prominent

lawyer Yusof Zainal Abideen had also withdrawn. He said they didn't quit because of disagreement over legal strategies for the 1MDB case but declined to elaborate.

Najib set up the 1MDB fund when he took power in 2009 but it accumulated billions in debts. U.S. investigators say Najib's associates stole and laundered USD4.5 billion from the fund from 2009 to 2014, some of which landed in Najib's bank account. They say \$27.3 million was used to buy a rare diamond necklace for Rosmah.

New Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad reopened investigations into 1MDB that were suppressed under Najib's rule. He has also banned the couple from leaving the country. The country's new anti-graft chief has said Najib, who denies any wrongdoing, could soon face criminal charges.

Yesterday, officials announced they had alerted the anti-

graft commission to at least \$2 billion worth of government-related transactions that are "highly suspicious."

The Finance Ministry said in a statement that a state company overseeing gas and petroleum pipeline projects that began in April last year had paid nearly all the \$2 billion-plus project funds to the Chinese developer despite less than 15 percent of the pipeline work being completed as of March.

The state company was set up by the "same people" who established a 1MDB subsidiary that Malaysian investigators allege was used to funnel state funds to Najib's bank account, according to the statement. It said the state company's president is also a director of a company tied to Low Taek Jho, a Najib associate who U.S. investigators allege masterminded the looting of 1MDB.

The statement said the contracts were negotiated by the prime minister's department without involving treasury officials who would normally vet such transactions. The projects, which relied largely on Chinese loans backed by the Malaysian government's repayment guarantee, proceeded despite numerous "red flags" raised in other parts of the government, it said. **AP**

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Charlie Craig (left) and David Mullins touch foreheads after leaving the Supreme Court in Washington, last December

USA

Justices side with Colorado baker on same-sex wedding cake

Mark Sherman, Washington

The Supreme Court ruled for a Colorado baker who wouldn't make a wedding cake for a same-sex couple in a limited decision that leaves for another day the larger issue of whether a business can invoke religious objections to refuse service to gay and lesbian people.

The justices' decision yesterday [Macau time] turned on what the court described as anti-religious bias on the Colorado Civil Rights Commission when it ruled against baker Jack Phillips. The justices voted 7-2 that the commission violated Phillips' rights under the First Amendment.

The case had been eagerly anticipated as, variously, a potentially strong statement about the rights of LGBT people or the court's first ruling carving out exceptions to an anti-discrimination law. In the end, the decision was modest enough to attract the votes of liberal and conservative justices on a subject that had the potential for sharp division.

Justice Anthony Kennedy said in his majority opinion that the larger issue "must await further

elaboration" in the courts.

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The disputes, Kennedy wrote, "must be resolved with tolerance, without undue disrespect to sincere religious beliefs, and without subjecting gay persons to indignities when they seek goods and services in an open market."

The same-sex couple at the heart of the case, Charlie Craig and Dave Mullins, complained to the Colorado commission in 2012 after they visited Phillips' Masterpiece Cakeshop in suburban Denver and the baker quickly told them he would not create a cake for their wedding celebration. They were married in Massachusetts because same sex marriage was not yet legal in Colorado.

Colorado law prohibits discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation, and the commission concluded that Phillips' refusal violated the law, despite Phillips' argument that he is opposed to same-sex marriage on religious grounds. Colorado state courts upheld the determination.

But when the justices heard arguments in December, Kennedy was plainly bothered by comments by a commission member that the justice said disparaged religion. The commissioner seemed "neither tolerant nor respectful of Mr. Phillips' religious beliefs," Kennedy said in December.

That same sentiment coursed through his opinion. "The commission's hostility was inconsis-

tent with the First Amendment's guarantee that our laws be applied in a manner that is neutral toward religion," he wrote.

Liberal justices Stephen Breyer and Elena Kagan joined the conservative justices in the outcome. Kagan wrote separately to emphasize the limited ruling.

Justices Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Sonia Sotomayor dissented. "There is much in the court's opinion with which I agree," Ginsburg wrote of Kennedy's repeated references to protecting the rights of gay people. "I strongly disagree, however, with the court's conclusion that Craig and Mullins should lose this case."

The Trump administration intervened in the case on Phillips' behalf, and Attorney General Jeff Sessions praised the decision. "The First Amendment prohibits governments from discriminating against citizens on the basis of religious beliefs. The Supreme Court rightly concluded that the Colorado Civil Rights Commission failed to show tolerance and respect for Mr. Phillips' religious beliefs," Sessions said.

President Donald Trump was unusually vague about the de-

cision, simply tweeting, "Big Supreme Court ruling for Baker just out!" — more than 11 hours later.

Kristen Waggoner, the Alliance Defending Freedom senior counsel who argued Phillips' case, said the court was right to condemn the commission's open antagonism toward Phillips' religious beliefs about marriage.

Waggoner said Phillips is willing to sell ready-made products to anyone who enters his store. But, "he simply declines to express messages or celebrate events that violate his deeply held beliefs," she said.

Phillips was at his shop Monday morning, where he was busy answering the phone and getting congratulations from his supporters in person, including his pastor. One woman brought him balloons and others hugged him.

The American Civil Liberties Union, which represented the couple in its legal fight, said it was pleased the court did not endorse a broad religion-based exemption from anti-discrimination laws.

"We read this decision as a reaffirmation of the court's longstanding commitment to civil rights protections and the reality that the states have the power to protect everyone in America from discrimination, including lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender people," said James Esseks, director of the ACLU LGBT & HIV Project.

Waggoner and Esseks disagreed about the ruling's effect on Phillips' wedding cake business. Waggoner said her client can resume his refusal to make cakes for same-sex marriages without fear of a new legal fight. But Esseks said that if another same-sex couple were to ask Phillips for a wedding cake, "I see no reason in this opinion that Masterpiece Cakeshop is free to turn them away."

Craig, one of the plaintiffs, said Monday night he will continue to fight against discrimination. He told supporters during a rally at the Colorado Capitol that he and his partner brought the case "because no one should have to face the shame, embarrassment and humiliation of being told 'we don't serve your kind here.'"

Several other legal disputes are pending over wedding services, similar to the Phillips case. In addition to florists, video producers and graphic artists are among business owners who say they oppose same-sex marriage on religious grounds and don't want to participate in same-sex weddings.

Barronelle Stutzman, a florist in Richland, Washington, has appealed a state Supreme Court ruling that found she violated state law for refusing to provide the wedding flowers for two men who were about to be married.

The justices could decide what to do with that appeal by the end of June. **AP**

IRAN

Tehran informs UN of increase in nuclear enrichment capacity

IRAN has informed the U.N. nuclear watchdog that it will increase its nuclear enrichment capacity within the limits set by the 2015 agreement with world powers.

The modest steps announced yesterday appeared to be mainly aimed at signaling that Iran could resume its drive toward industrial-scale enrichment if the nuclear accord comes unraveled.

Behrouz Kamalvandi, the spokesman for Iran's nuclear agency, was quoted by state TV as saying a letter was submitted to the International Atomic Energy Agency detailing the move.

Kamalvandi said Iran is "providing infrastructure and arrangements for high-speed and capacity in production of UF4 and UF6 gases as well as rotor of centrifuges."

Spinning centrifuges con-

vert the gases into enriched uranium that can be used for reactor fuel and medical isotopes. If enriched to higher levels, the material can be used for weapons.

The head of Iran's nuclear agency, Ali Akbar Salehi, said Iran is prepared to resume work on advanced centrifuges that would dramatically increase its capacity for enrichment. But he said that so far the work is limited to building a new facility for assembling the centrifuges.

Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei had ordered the increase in capacity in a speech Monday, in which he vowed that Iran would preserve its nuclear program despite the U.S. withdrawal from the landmark 2015 accord.

The agreement set strict limits on Iran's uranium enrichment in return for the lifting of U.S. and international sanctions. AP



Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei

SPAIN

Rajoy steps down as conservative party boss

SPAIN'S ousted prime minister Mariano Rajoy announced yesterday he will step down as leader of the country's conservative Popular Party, just days after his government fell in a no-confidence vote prompted by a corruption scandal.

An emotional Rajoy, who has led the party for 15 years, told party members in Madrid that it was time to end his "journey" and hand over the leadership to someone else at a party congress later this year.

"It is the best for me and for the Popular Party, and I think for Spain as well," the 63-year-old politician said.

Lawmakers voted to oust Rajoy as prime minister last Friday following a corruption scandal involving several former members of his party. He was replaced as prime minister by Socialist leader Pedro Sanchez.

Rajoy, who had served as prime minister since 2011, predicted the new government would only bring political instability to Spain, noting that Sanchez him-



Spain's new Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez (left)

self had never won an election.

"The country is being governed by someone systematically rejected by Spaniards when they have been asked their opinion through the ballot boxes," he said.

Sanchez is expected to officially announce his full cabinet today but yesterday the Socialist Party revealed some of the new members, including constitutional lawyer Carmen Calvo and European Parliament ex-president Josep Borrell.

The choice of Borrell, a 71-year-old Catalan, was criticized by separatists in Catalonia and praised by pro-Spain lawmakers in the politically divided region. AP

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Offbeat

RETIRED POLICEMAN'S HUNCH LEADS TO SUSPECT IN SIX KILLINGS



Emergency personnel surround a hotel where a suspect wanted in multiple killings was staying

A hunch from a retired detective helped lead police to a man suspected of shooting six people to death in the Phoenix area, some of whom were connected to his divorce, authorities said after the assailant killed himself with officers closing in.

A round-the-clock investigation that began late last week led police yesterday [Macau time] to an extended-stay hotel in suburban Scottsdale where 56-year-old Dwight Lamon Jones was staying. As officers approached, they heard gunfire and found his body.

Jones' victims included a well-known forensic psychiatrist who testified against him in court in 2010, two paralegals who worked for the law office that represented the suspect's wife, a marriage-and-divorce counselor who was apparently targeted in a case of mistaken identity and another man and woman who have not been identified, authorities said.

In an unexpected twist, the suspect's ex-wife, Connie Jones, said her current husband, a retired police detective, made the connection between her divorce and the crime scenes and notified police of his suspicion Saturday night.

Connie Jones said in a statement that her ex-husband was a "very emotionally disturbed person."

Jones was arrested in May 2009 at his family's Scottsdale home on a domestic violence charge after his wife said he backed her against a wall, hit her in the face and threatened to kill her, according to court records. The arrest was cited by his then-wife when she filed for divorce.

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Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 135min



THE WALL

ROOM 2

2:30, 9:30pm

Director: Doug Liman

Starring: Aaron Taylor-Johnson, John Cena

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 119min

WHEN SUN MEETS MOON

ROOM 2

4:15, 6:00, 7:45pm

Director: Benny Lau

Starring: Kathy Yuen, Daichi Harashima, Aimee Chan

Language: Cantonese (Chinese & English)

Duration: 149min

LOVE CHUNIBYO AND OTHER DELUSIONS

ROOM 3

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

Director: Tatsuya Ishihara

Language: Japanese (Chinese)

DESTINY: THE TALE OF KAMAKURA

ROOM 3

7:15pm

Director: Takashi Yamazaki

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Language: English (Chinese)

this day in history



1975 UK EMBRACES EUROPE IN REFERENDUM

British voters have backed the UK's continued membership of the European Economic Community by a large majority in the country's first nationwide referendum.

Just over 67% of voters supported the Labour government's campaign to stay in the EEC, or Common Market, despite several cabinet ministers having come out in favour of British withdrawal.

The result was later hailed by Prime Minister Harold Wilson as a "historic decision".

For him the victory came after a long and bruising campaign against many in his own party, following Labour's promise to hold a vote in its general election manifesto last October.

Faced with the referendum question, "Do you think the UK should stay in the European Community (Common Market)?" Britons voted "Yes" in most of the 68 administrative counties, regions and Northern Ireland. Only Shetland and the Western Isles voted against the EEC.

When the result was beyond doubt, the leaders of the pro-Europe camp emerged from private celebrations to thank campaign workers for their efforts.

Home Secretary Roy Jenkins said: "It puts the uncertainty behind us. It commits Britain to Europe; it commits us to playing an active, constructive and enthusiastic role in it."

The Conservatives were also campaigning to stay in the Common Market. Margaret Thatcher, elected Tory leader last February, said the "Yes" vote would not have happened without the Opposition's support for it.

Former Prime Minister Edward Heath said: "I've worked for this for 25 years, I was the prime minister who led Britain into the community and I'm naturally delighted that the referendum is working out as it is."

Members of the "No" campaign accepted their defeat and promised to work constructively within the EEC.

Industry Secretary Tony Benn, who had come under criticism from the prime minister during the campaign, said: "When the British people speak everyone, including members of Parliament, should tremble before their decision and that's certainly the spirit with which I accept the result of the referendum."

The trade union movement led by the TUC was also opposed to remaining in Europe and had boycotted key advisory positions in Brussels and Luxembourg since Britain joined in 1973.

TUC General-Secretary Len Murray said the boycott would be lifted but he remained adamantly opposed to the EEC. "Many of the most important decisions about our future can only be taken here in Britain," he said.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

Britain under Prime Minister Edward Heath had joined the EEC in January 1973 when the Treaty of Rome was signed.

Labour's general election manifesto of October 1974 committed Labour to allow people the opportunity to decide whether Britain should stay in the Common Market on renegotiated terms, or leave it entirely.

In the run-up to the referendum the prime minister announced that the government had decided to recommend a "yes" vote. But it emerged that the cabinet had split, with seven of its 23 members seeking withdrawal. The "no" faction included Michael Foot, Secretary of State of Employment and Tony Benn, Industry Secretary.

In 1996 billionaire businessman Sir James Goldsmith, who was against the Maastricht Treaty, set up the Referendum Party to campaign for a referendum on the European Union.

He spent £20m on the 1997 general election campaign but only managed to achieve 3% of the vote.

In 2005 the state of the European Union reached a critical point in its history after referenda in France and the Netherlands saw voters reject the latest EU constitution.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 In your new diet or health regimen, some new tactics may be called for.

Taurus April 20-May 20 Your energy has been unpredictable for a while now, and this situation shows no signs of changing any time soon.

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 Have you thought about becoming some sort of advisor or mentor to someone? If you haven't, you should - and today would be a good day to investigate how to get involved in something like that.

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 You may not have realized it, but you have gone a long way toward changing someone's life for the better.

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 The synapses in your brain are firing in perfect synchronicity - it's like a fireworks spectacular up there!

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Keep your lines of communication open all day long - make sure your phone is turned on and charged up because one call could bring everything together in an instant.

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 There will be a few significant comments tossed your way in a very offhand manner, but you should pay attention to them regardless.

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 Just as air gushes out of a balloon, the hectic pace of your schedule will be quickly and evenly dissipating today.

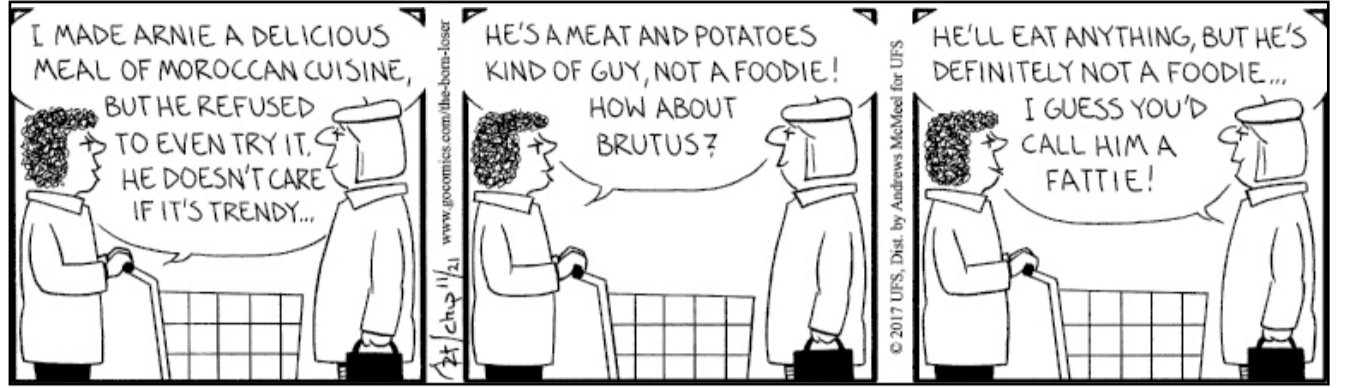
Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 You might not always be the smartest person in the room today, but your ideas will be the missing link in some very ambitious schemes.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 You've been looking at your normal routine from a fresh perspective for a while now, which is enabling you to think more creatively.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 It will be easier than ever to see the truth behind people's false fronts today. It's not that everyone is trying to pull the wool over your eyes, but there will definitely be some degree of illusion in your day.

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 Feel free to make a contest out of everyday things - it will make the day go by faster, and in a much more fun-filled way.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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Table listing weather conditions for various Chinese cities like Beijing, Harbin, Tianjin, etc.

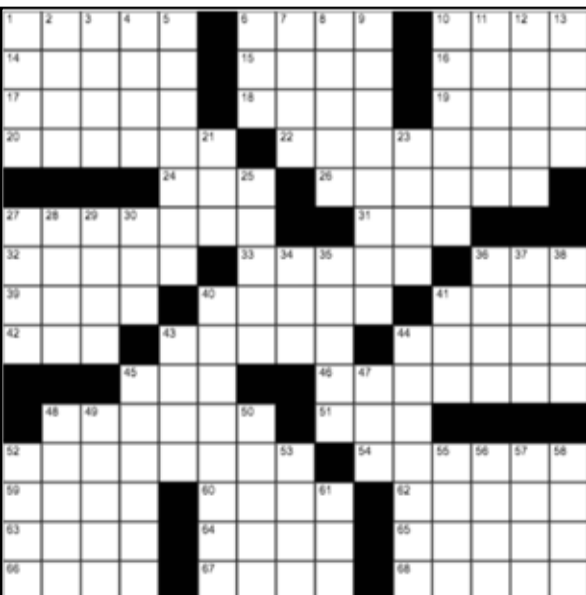
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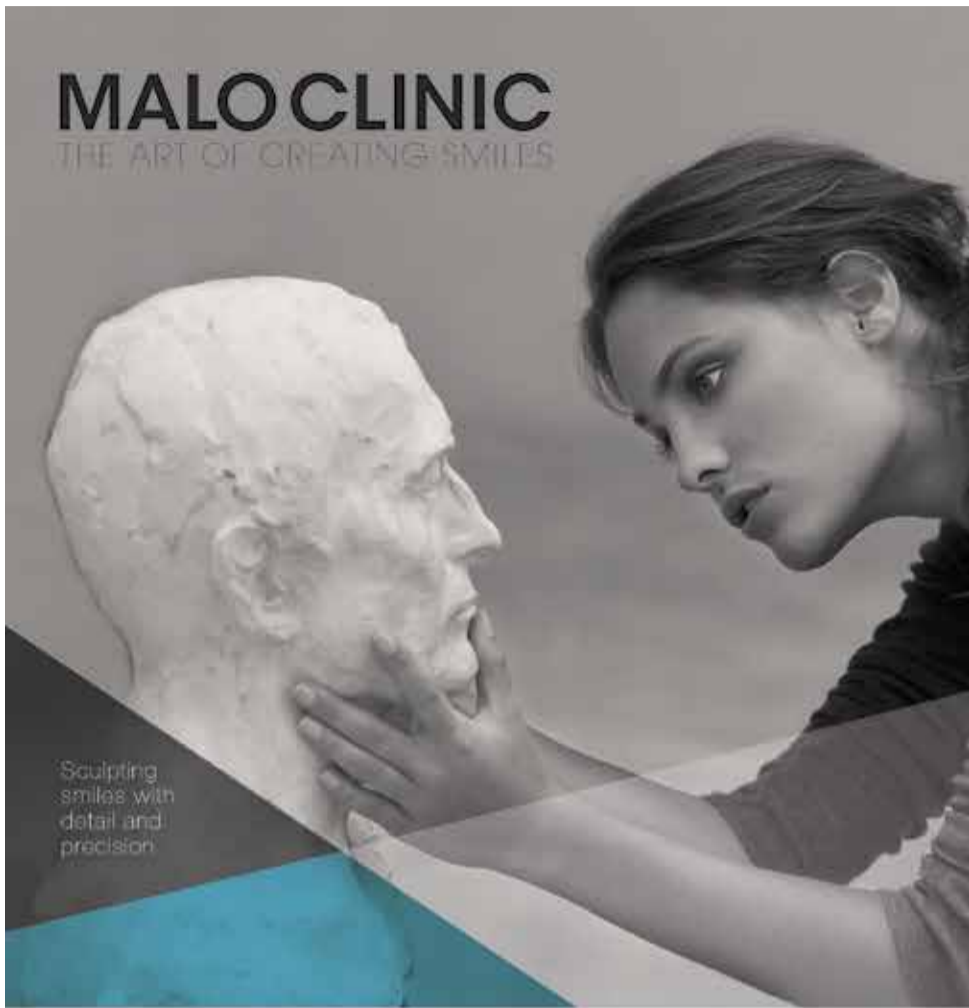
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FOOTBALL
Ronaldo begins preparations amid Madrid doubts

SURROUNDED by doubts about his future at Real Madrid, Cristiano Ronaldo is bringing some unwanted distraction to Portugal ahead of the World Cup. Ronaldo joined Portugal's squad on Monday, with just about everyone wondering what he will say about his situation with Real Madrid. For the second straight year, Ronaldo linking with the national team is being marred by talks about his club. The same thing happened before the Confederations Cup, when a Portuguese daily published a report saying Ronaldo wanted to leave Real Madrid after being accused of tax fraud in Spain. This time, it was Ronaldo himself who raised doubts about his future, saying moments after the Champions League final that it "was very beautiful" to have played with the Spanish club. Ronaldo said he would reveal his future plans when he joined the national team, and that time has arrived, putting the spotlight on the star forward and not so much on Portugal's World Cup preparations.

Ronaldo practiced on Monday but didn't speak to the media. "He is very strong mentally," Portugal midfielder Joao Moutinho said. "This is not going to affect any of our players. We are all focused on what we need to do here with the national team. It's the only thing that matters." Ronaldo joined Portugal later than the other players because of the Champions League final. The defending European champions have already played two World Cup warmup matches, drawing with Tunisia 2-2 and with Belgium 0-0. Ronaldo will likely be available to boost the attack. A five-time world player of the year, Ronaldo has a contract with Madrid until 2021. But he and his agents could be seeking a salary increase in a market that has boomed since Neymar's record transfer from Barcelona to Paris Saint-Germain. Madrid president Florentino Perez has always made Ronaldo a priority,

and this time his importance to the club could be even greater after coach Zinedine Zidane decided to quit and with Gareth Bale also possibly on his way out. Since Ronaldo's comments after the Champions League final, there have been widespread rumors about him joining PSG or returning to Manchester United. Last year's report in Portuguese media said Ronaldo's decision to leave Madrid was "irreversible," but he continued with the Spanish club and helped it win a fourth Champions League title in five seasons. Ronaldo has not hidden his discontentment with the tax fraud accusations in Spain. Last week, not long after he hinted his time with Madrid was over, reports emerged in Spanish media that his offer to make a deal with the country's tax authorities had been rejected, handing him another disappointing setback. Ronaldo was accused of defrauding tax authorities of 14.7 million euros (USD17.1 million) from 2011-14. Ronaldo and his agents have denied any wrongdoing. **AP**

FOOTBALL

World Cup spending, profits set to fall short of record sums

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THE 2018 World Cup has cost Russia billions of dollars to stage and will make FIFA hundreds of millions in profit.

Still, the big numbers that are routine for major sports events are unlikely to set World Cup records.

Russia's official budget of 678 billion rubles (USD11.6 billion) spent on projects for the tournament is less than the estimated \$15 billion spent by Brazil on the 2014 World Cup.

The budget to meet President Vladimir Putin's pledge to showcase a warmer, more open Russia excludes some transport projects the tournament relies on. It also looks a bargain compared to the \$51 billion bill for the 2014 Winter Olympics that extended from Sochi into nearby mountains.

FIFA will top \$6 billion for the four-year commercial cycle tied to this World Cup, beating its \$5.656 billion target. The marquee tournament is overwhelmingly the main source of FIFA income.

That target, however, was conservative compared to \$5.72 billion of overall income booked by FIFA in the Brazilian World Cup period.

Sponsors have been harder to sign since the May 2015 revelation of American and Swiss federal investigations of bribery rocked FIFA and dozens of international soccer leaders.

Here's a look at some of the financial numbers:

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**HARD TIMES**

Life was relatively good for FIFA and Russia in December 2010 when hosting rights were awarded.

The 2010 World Cup in South Africa ran smoother than many feared, and helped deliver a \$631 million FIFA profit for a four-year period that included a global financial crash. The 2006 World Cup in Germany earned FIFA around \$700 million.

Oil prices started a surge beyond \$100 per barrel, fueling Russia for its Olympic and World Cup hosting.

By May 2015, oil prices had slumped. Russian banks and businessmen were hit by international sanctions following the previous year's annexation of Crimea and the ruble value fell.

FIFA's attempts to sell two-tournament sponsorship packages with the 2022 World Cup in Qatar stalled.

"It is complicated, especially in a market where [potential partners] see some crisis around," said Philippe Le Floch, the FIFA marketing director who inherited tough sales conditions in late-2016.

2018 SALES

The World Cup kicks off with two major gaps in FIFA's sponsorship plan.

FIFA wanted a total of 14 deals in its top-tier "Partner" category — including long-term backers Adidas and Coca-Cola — and second-tier "Sponsor" category. There are just 12.

Companies from the United

States, Japan, Germany and Britain did not renew after the 2014 World Cup. Logical replacements, Russian energy giant Gazprom and Qatar Airways, were joined by four Chinese in the 12-sponsor lineup.

FIFA's previous leadership revamped the third-tier program for 20 backers — four from each of five global regions — to increase revenue. It did not work.

The total by the end of May was: Four Russian deals, three with state-controlled firms; a single Chinese sponsor; none from the Americas or Africa and the Middle East. The overall 34-sponsor program found 17 buyers.

However, the booming broadcast rights market has cushioned

FIFA's finances.

Deals struck in 2011 with Qatar-owned Al Jazeera Sport, now BeIN, and U.S. broadcasters Fox and Telemundo reaped a big raise over 2010-2014 tournament prices.

FIFA did lose about \$100 million of expected income when Italy was eliminated in November before a national TV deal was agreed at a discount.

Ticket sales are below the 3 million mark achieved in South Africa and Brazil. Scaled-back 35,000-capacity stadiums in Yekaterinburg and Kaliningrad are small by modern World Cup standards.

BOTTOM LINE

FIFA long predicted a \$100 million surplus for a 2015-18 period of spiraling legal costs offset by cost-cutting under CEO-like secretary general Fatma Samoura.

The financial report in March predicted end-of-year reserves climbing back to \$1.8 billion. It was \$1.523 billion in 2014.

PRIZE MONEY

FIFA's \$400 million fund for 32 competing national federations is \$42 million up on 2014.

The winner and runner-up each gets a \$3 million raise to pocket \$38 million and \$28 million, respectively. The 16 teams going home after the group phase each earns \$8 million.

FIFA has budgeted spending \$791 million on teams and players — for prize money, club compensation, insurance for players injured on national-team duty, and preparation costs for 32 squads.

Clubs providing players will share \$209 million from FIFA. A daily rate of \$8,530 for the official involvement of 736 players is shared among each club they were registered with in the two previous years. **AP**

ON THE ROAD TO WORLD CUP

Hurst hat trick wins it for England in 1966

ALF Ramsey's prediction that "England will win the World Cup" at home was bold. After all, the home of football had done very little since returning to the FIFA fold in 1950.

But Ramsey was prescient as England became the first host to win the World Cup since Italy in 1934, largely thanks to a hat trick from Geoff Hurst.

After a limp start to the 1966 tournament, Ramsey's team evolved, one that was organized and resilient — dubbed "The Wingless Wonders."

It would be unfair to say England was lacking in flair.



In this July 30, 1966 file photo, a shot from Geoff Hurst bounces down from the West Germany crossbar during the World Cup final at London's Wembley Stadium

In Bobby Charlton, England had one of the game's great strikers of a ball, and there have been few defenders in the history of the game more

composed than the captain, Bobby Moore.

And although Ramsey lost striker Jimmy Greaves because of injury, he was able to promote Hurst

to the starting lineup. Ramsey would stick with Hurst, the scorer of the only goal in the quarter-final victory over Argentina, for the final against West Germany even though Greaves was healthy again.

It's a decision that has allowed Hurst's name to become synonymous with World Cup final history.

More than 50 years later, Hurst is still the only player to score a hat trick in a final. His first, a header in the 18th minute, got England back to 1-1. The match was even until Martin Peters put England ahead in the 78th, a lead it held until the last minute

of normal time when Wolfgang Weber scrambled home an equalizer.

It may have been agony for England but Ramsey had one last moment of inspiration before extra time was declared: "You've won it once — now go and do it again," he said. "Look at them, they're finished."

Cue Hurst and one of the most controversial moments in World Cup final history.

Late in the first period of extra time, the tireless Alan Ball crossed to Hurst, who turned and shot. The ball thumped down from the underside of the West German crossbar. The nearby Roger Hunt rai-

sed his arms to proclaim the ball bounced over the West Germany goal-line. Weber thought he headed the ball over for a corner. Swiss referee Gottfried Dienst went over to Soviet linesman Tofik Bakhranov who believed there was a goal.

Hurst added his third in the dying seconds with a thumping left-footed drive to make it 4-2.

The country that had done more than any other to make football the world's top team sport finally won the World Cup, after a 2-1 victory over Portugal in the semi-finals.

It's still waiting for its second. **AP**

opinion

Macau Matters

Richard Whitfield



GOING POSTAL

I greatly enjoy reading The Economist each week. I find it very informative and like that it covers political, business, social and technological issues, with a good balance of both regional and international topics. The last few editions have contained articles about postal and parcel delivery services which I would like to address in the Macau context.

I checked with the publisher and understand that The Economist is printed in Hong Kong and mailed out each Friday evening. It never ceases to amaze me that my copy does not arrive in my home mailbox in Coloane until the following Thursday, ie it takes about 6 days to travel from Hong Kong to Macau! There was a period a few years ago where it did not arrive at all for over one month and after inquiries it was revealed that the local postman was simply dumping the mail. By contrast, Taobao, wine merchants and others seem to be able to deliver parcels to my home from different parts of Guangdong Province within a few days of order placement.

Globally, national postal services seem to be facing several problems. Email and, more recently, messaging Apps like WeChat and Messenger are largely supplanting traditional "snail mail". For example, all my correspondence with my Australian property agent, banks, stockbrokers, friends and family is done by email. Also, US Postal Service revenues are now 35% lower than they were in 2008, and it has not made a profit since 2006.

While national postal services often have a monopoly on letter deliveries, in most places parcel deliveries are open to competition and most of it is done by private companies. Alibaba, through its logistics platform Cainiao, delivers around 70% of Chinese e-commerce parcels, for example. Moreover, many parcel companies are actively experimenting with drone based deliveries to make them even cheaper and more convenient, but most national postal services cannot afford this kind of research.

International shipments by land, sea or air are well known documentation nightmares. For instance, in another life I had to get Hong Kong Chamber of Commerce origination certificates for every 20ft container I moved through Hong Kong, at a cost of HKD500 per certificate plus payment for a courier to pick up the physical document. But even here, startup companies are beginning to standardize and digitize shipping information and documentation to compete with traditional freight-forwarders. They are also starting to provide ad hoc matching services for people with spare container capacity and others with goods they need shipped.

Generally, national postal services are the dinosaurs (losers) in these logistics disruptions – management is too conservative, they do not have the money to do the necessary research, they have entrenched, technology phobic unions and they are often not motivated to make profits. Countries are beginning to deal with these problems. The best solution seems to be privatization, as has been done in Singapore, Italy, Belgium, Austria and elsewhere. This changes management and their motivations and releases them to compete more effectively.

I am sure that Macao Post has all these problems. I am also sure it has the additional problem of being unable to offer competitive employment packages that give it the flexibility to compete. Perhaps the time has come to sell Macao Post and to open the market to more competition. I am sure Alibaba and others would be interested, and I would like to see the local banks, utility companies and others use more electronic statements.

I would also really like to get my copy of The Economist in time for a Sunday read each week.

THE GRIFFIN TO BE HONORED BY WEST HOLLYWOOD FOR LGBTQ ACTIVISM

Kathy Griffin will be honored today [Macau time] by West Hollywood for raising more than USD5 million for HIV/AIDS services and LGBTQ causes.

The city will present Griffin with a Rainbow Key Award as part of an annual ceremony honoring individuals who have made contributions to the LGBTQ community.

Griffin is in the midst of a comeback following the uproar after she posed for a photo shoot while holding a fake severed Donald Trump head in May 2017.

Griffin apologized, but later retracted it. The comedian addressed the fallout of the image, which included death threats and lost jobs, in an interview with The Associated Press in April before she embarked on a North American tour.

West Hollywood is a city of 36,000 between Los Angeles' Hollywood neighborhood and Beverly Hills.

After 24 days out of sight, Melania Trump finally reappears



FINALLY, Melania Trump has reappeared.

After more than three weeks out of the public eye, the first lady strolled into a White House event yesterday [Macau time] for military families and swept away the wild speculation that she was incapacitated or had otherwise vanished.

The White House did not allow journalists to cover the Gold Star event out of respect for the families, which meant Mrs. Trump was seen in person only by the 40 or so families and administration officials who attended. Others had to keep an eye on social media.

Video posted on Twitter showed the first lady, who wore a black sleeveless dress and her trademark stilettos, strolling into the East Room accompanied by President Donald Trump. He showed her to a front-row seat across the aisle from Vice President Mike Pence before heading to the microphone.

"She looked beautiful," said retired Sgt. 1st Class Diana Pike. Pike's son, Chief Petty Officer Christian Pike, of Peoria, Arizona, died in 2013 from injuries suffered in Afghanistan. "She just looked so beautiful." Trump joked about all the

speculation that his wife had supposedly left him but said she was doing fine, Pike said.

The first lady later tweeted several photos of the event, including two of her seated alongside the president.

Mrs. Trump was last seen publicly during the overnight hours of May 10 when she and the president welcomed home three Americans who had been detained in North Korea. Four days later, the White House announced that she had been hospitalized to treat a benign kidney condition.

The closest first lady parallel to Mrs. Trump's time out of the public spotlight is Bess Truman, who did few events as first lady because of discomfort around the media, said Anita McBride, a veteran of three Republican administrations who last served as chief of staff to first lady Laura Bush. Mrs. Truman also spent a lot of time in Missouri with her mother.

Nancy Reagan spent several weeks out of public view after a mastectomy, but continued to meet with staff and do other work behind the scenes.

Public interest in and news media coverage of first ladies exploded during the Obama administration,

the first White House to extensively use social media to spread its brand, McBride said. But first ladies are not elected and technically are still private citizens, and each one gets to tailor the job to suit her.

"She is going to do this job her way," McBride said of Mrs. Trump. "It's her style and we just have to accept that."

Mrs. Trump stayed in the hospital for five days and has kept out of public view since returning home May 19. She has been meeting with staff and working on upcoming projects, according to spokeswoman Stephanie Grisham.

Grisham said the Gold Star families' event was important to Mrs. Trump and had been on her calendar for some time.

It's still unclear when the first lady will make an appearance in public. She's not scheduled to accompany Trump to an annual world leaders' summit in Canada this weekend, or when he meets with North Korea's leader in Singapore next week.

Her absence sparked all kinds of wild speculation, but the first lady has shown no interest in making an appearance just to knock down rumors. **AP**

Station	Air quality	
Roadside	30-50 Good	
High Density Residential Area	20-40 Good	
Ambient	25-45 Good	

SOURCE: DSMG

WORLD BRIEFS

INDIA Heavy rains in the hills of northeast India triggered a landslide that swept away a house, killing 10 people, police said.



IRAN has informed the U.N. nuclear watchdog that it will increase its nuclear enrichment capacity within the limits set by the 2015 agreement with world powers. **More on p15**

IRAQ Turkey's ambassador to Baghdad has assured Iraqis his country won't cut off water supplies to the Tigris River, days after it started filling up a reservoir further upstream, causing water shortages and panic in Iraq.



SYRIA A Syrian Kurdish militia announced yesterday it was pulling out of a key northern Syrian town, a move that could ease a serious rift between NATO allies United States and Turkey.

EU The European Court of Justice yesterday ruled that a gay Romanian-American couple is entitled to the same residency rights as other married couples in the European Union.



ITALY Premier Giuseppe Conte declared Europe's immigration policy a "failure" and demanded for it to be renegotiated as he outlined a heavy-spending policy agenda of Italy's populist "government of change" yesterday.

CUBA New President Miguel Diaz-Canel held his first official meeting with visitors from the U.S., discussing increased internet access for Cuba with Google executive Eric Schmidt and Republican Sen. Jeff Flake of Arizona.