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## Call to find out reasons behind suicides

Lawmaker Mak Soi Kun has warned the local government to avoid turning Macau into a "suicide paradise." In a written letter delivered to the government, Mak expressed his hope that the government would identify the causes of suicide among non-locals. "If the government does not find out the reasons behind these suicides, it should take preventive measures as soon as possible. If suicide among non-residents gradually emerges, that may eventually become the norm," Mak wrote. He further asked: "What kind of city will Macau become? If Macau becomes a paradise for suicides, what should the government do? When will the government find out the reasons?"

## New natural gas power plant planned in Ka Ho

A new natural gas power plant at Ka Ho in Coloane is set to open in 2021, as disclosed by Hoi Chi Leong, director of the Energy Sector Development Office. According to Hoi, this natural gas power plant's generation is capable of producing one-third of the total electricity generation in Macau. The city's current diesel-powered electricity generators will operate as standby generators. In March 2017, Macau's natural gas supply from mainland China resumed. Currently, CEM is also running another natural gas power plant.

## Sofitel to hold music festival this month

Sofitel Macau at Ponte 16 is hosting its own "Fête de La Musique," an annual music festival celebrated every June to celebrate the arrival of summer, presenting a fusion of fine wine and music. According to a statement issued by the hotel, a quartet consisting of singer Brigitte Mitchell, saxophonist Blaine Whittaker, organist Bob Mocasky and drummer Gary de Silver will perform a string of jazz melodies. The event will offer guests a selection of ten fine wines from celebrated vineyards paired with Continental European and Mediterranean cuisines.

# Gov't pledges Guangdong-Macau fund's absolute security

Julie Zhu

**T**HE local government has pledged the absolute security of Macau's public money that will be allocated to the Guangdong-Macau Cooperation and Development Fund.

Yesterday, government representatives, including Benjamin Chan Sau San, chairman of the board of directors of the Monetary Authority of Macau, introduced the Fund to Macau's lawmakers at the Legislative Assembly (AL).

Upon questioning from several lawmakers regarding the Fund, Chan said that Macau "does not need to take any risks at all, and that all risks will be taken by the Guangdong side."

The Fund, which involves an investment of RMB20 billion (MOP25.6 billion), is capital and interest-protected as a matter of principle, with a mechanism that allows participants to withdraw their involvement if they wish to do so.

The local government is guaranteed to have a 3.5 percent return annually under the plan.

If average returns exceed 7.8 percent, the outstanding value – net of a reserve figure held to cover risk – will then be shared by Macau and Guangdong according to a predetermined ratio of 55 to 45 percent respectively. Under the previous situation, returns over 7.8 percent were taxed at the rate of 25 percent by the mainland tax authority.

However, any amount below 3.5 percent will be taxed by Guangdong, whereas Macau's 3.5 percent return is always ensured.



"When returns are between 3.5 percent and 7.8 percent, they will belong to the Guangdong side," Chan explained.

"The Fund, as an innovative project of cooperation, [through the Macau government] has negotiated tax benefit terms with the relevant mainland authority," said Chan, further declaring that the local government hopes to achieve the best tax benefits for Macau, which, in this case, would be zero percent.

The Macau government would have the status of a Qualified Foreign Limited Partner (QFLP) when injecting some of its fiscal reserves into the Fund.

The Fund, with a lifespan of 12 years, would mainly invest in infrastructure projects in Guangdong.

Lawmaker Wu Chou Kit asked what would happen if the investment went towards projects that would only see the highest returns after a period of 12 years.

According to Chan, the investment projects will be chosen cautiously based on developments within the financial

market.

Investment decisions will be made by the Guangdong government.

When the Fund reaches its seventh year of operation, the returns generated by the Fund will be calculated.

During the first phase of the 12-year plan, RMB2 billion will be invested.

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"Currently, both partners do not have any intention to increase investment," disclosed Chan, who also told lawmakers that the government "temporarily does not have considera-

tions or arrangements to have residents participating in the Fund."

According to Chan, if Macau participates in the Fund for more than ten years, but pulls out before the 12th year, then "there will be no fines" applied to the MSAR.

In order to safeguard sufficient liquidity, Macau can withdraw from the Fund if the value of the guarantor's net assets is less than 2.5 times the actual value Macau contributed to the Fund.

Guangdong Hengjian Investment Holding Co., Ltd., the guarantor, is said to have assets exceeding RMB160 billion.

As the investor, Macau also enjoys a right of veto over the Fund's investments, including drawing up a negative list of investment projects.

"We have just received the first list containing the first batch of projects. There are 14 projects. Temporarily, we haven't made any negative list," said Chan, adding "before the actual investment, [Macau] can execute its right of denial [related to certain investments]."

The funds will be invested generally into mainland China's infrastructure sector.

Lawmaker Au Kam San commented that "many of [the] mainland's investment projects, including industrial gardens, are over-invested."

Both Guangdong and Macau sides will involve a third party, which will conduct an audit report.

Guangdong will produce an annual audit report, while Macau will produce a seasonal one.

## Shared casino shuttle plan proposed to HKZMB

**T**HE city's six gaming operators have delivered a plan to the government regarding shared casino shuttles between the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge and the city's two ferry terminals.

SJM CEO Ambrose So said that gaming opera-

tors have already reached a consensus on the topic.

According to So, the six gaming operators will jointly finance the development of casino shuttle buses at the two ports.

"It will not consist of [one casino] sending [shuttle buses] and

[another casino] sending yours," said So. So hopes this new arrangement can reduce the impact that casino shuttle buses have on traffic.

Earlier, the Transport Bureau (DSAT) said that each gaming operator can be responsible for two shuttle buses.

However, according to So, further details still need to be discussed. He also believes that as more vehicles come to Macau, casino shuttle buses at other ports should make relevant arrangements.

Recently, several Chinese banks removed their

UnionPay Point Of Sale devices from pawnshops in several casinos.

So said that in the past several months the mass business in SJM has been continuously increasing, and that the removal of those devices had a small impact on SJM.

The CEO of SJM noted that all financial management policies must comply with each other in order for the city's gaming industry to develop healthily.

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## CRIME

# Five residents detained in anti-drug operation

Renato Marques

**FIVE** local residents have been detained by the Public Security Police Force (PSP) as a result of an operation undertaken by the force on June 6, the police spokesperson revealed yesterday during a press conference.

The operation was triggered by a tipoff from an anonymous source who informed the PSP that a man was selling drugs in the northern district.

The PSP then began patrolling the area of Rua Central da Areia Preta until they found a man matching the description of the suspect described in the tipoff.

The man was inside a fast food chain restaurant in the company of two women, while the PSP observed their behavior.

After talking on the phone, the man then left the restaurant and headed to a basketball court located at Rua 1 de Maio where he met a second male.

After some small talk they made a deal. The first suspect passed him a pill, received MOP100 in exchange, and left right after.

The PSP then approached the second suspect and questioned him. The man admitted to buying Midazolam, a medication used for anesthesia, procedural sedation and severe cases of agitation.



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The PSP later saw the first suspect leaving the fast food restaurant to meet a third person to whom he sold two pills of the same drug for MOP100.

The PSP questioned the buyer who also admitted to the crime, after which the PSP took the first suspect into custody and the two women to the police station for questioning.

The suspects were searched, and the police found 28 pills weighing 12 grams in total in the first suspect's backpack.

The two women had 16 and 12 pills of the same drug in their possession, respectively. They

also showed the PSP a prescription that allowed them to buy the medicine legally.

As for the first suspect, he told the police that he obtained the medicine through a medical appointment in Hong Kong, saying that he had paid a total of HKD1,800 and that the physician had given him 60 pills of such medicine.

The five suspects were all taken to the public prosecutions office. The first man was charged with illicit drug trafficking and sale, the two women with possession and trafficking on a less severe scale, and the

second and third suspects for drug consumption.

In a separate case reported by the PJ, the luggage belonging to a man from the mainland disappeared in transit from one of the ferry terminals to the hotel via the hotel's shuttle bus.

The case occurred yesterday and the man claims to have registered a loss of about HKD8,000, after placing the luggage in the luggage compartment of the bus. Upon arrival at the final destination, there was no sign of his luggage. The police are still investigating this case.



## Circulation fee to drive on new bridge priced at MOP30,000

**THE** quota attributed to Macau that will allow the circulation of 600 local vehicles over the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau (HKZM) Bridge has been priced at MOP30,000, according to a dispatch published yesterday in the Official Gazette.

The dispatch notes that the attribution of the quotas will occur using a draw system. In order to participate in the draw, interested parties will need to pay a MOP500 fee. After the attribution of the quota – which will apply to a particular license plate number and driver – a holder who wishes to change their license number or nominated driver will be subject to an extra fee of MOP1,000.

These prices are included in updates made to the published Transport Bureau (DSAT), effective from today.

According to information provided by the director of DSAT, Lam Hin San, in addition to the quota of 600 private vehicles in Macau, another 50 will be added for use by public official vehicles. It will be the government's responsibility to distribute this quota among the public departments according to their needs.

The quota for Macau private vehicles is valid for one year only. The neighboring region of Hong Kong will possess a smaller quota of only 300 vehicles permitted to travel to Macau – however, such a quota will be allocated to a three-year period.

As Lam explained and the Times previously reported, the reason behind the smaller quota for Hong Kong has to do with the available parking space at Macau's artificial island, where parking facilities allow fewer vehicles than the parking lot created in the HKSAR for local vehicles. **RM**

## GAMING

# Hainan believed to pose little challenge to Macau

Julie Zhu

**OPERATIONS** related to gaming in Macau's neighboring regions and countries are not believed to provide an adequate substitute for Macau, according to remarks made last week by a professor from the Macau University of Science and Technology (MUST).

Song Yu, an associate professor from the School of Business of MUST, said "neighboring regions or countries, if they carry out gaming businesses, won't still be able to replace Macau because Macau has a deep cultural heritage and a long

history [of gaming]."

In addition, the professor said that the Greater Bay Area plan would be of advantage to Macau.

"Regarding the future, I am optimistic as to the foreground of [Macau] customer consumption," declared Song.

When questioned by the Times, Song replied that potential gaming operations in mainland China's Hainan province will only have a small influence on Macau.

"I think there will be an impact of sorts, but it will not be too big. Hainan will open horse racing, or some marginal gambling modes," said Song, adding, "these modes will not be

influential at all. Horse racing is not Macau's main gambling aspect. Macau is mainly about mass and VIP rooms."

On the sidelines of this week's forum featuring Macau tourism and leisure activities, which were held at MUST, Song talked about the paradigm of Macau's tourist consumption, characteristics and trends.

"From our study, mainland tourists' consumption power is continuously growing," revealed Song, remarking that "the consumption of luxury goods, such as [jewelry], is higher than ordinary goods, such as souvenirs. Mainland

tourists' consumption power is sufficient."

"We have concluded that [the reason for the abovementioned situation] is mainly [...] mainland China's normalization of anti-corruption actions, the rise of the RMB exchange rate, among other reasons, such as the prospect of the real estate market. These factors make mainland tourists' consumption represent 80 percent of all tourism related consumption."

Last week, MUST also launched a report into Macau's tourism and leisure development. The report said that mainland touris-

ts' current satisfaction towards Macau is lower than that of 2017.

"The main reason might be related to the municipal development, as well as the typhoon [Hato], among others," explained Song, suggesting that the local government should establish a mechanism to manage emergencies.

When discussing the reason behind the increased number of tourists and the decreased satisfaction towards Macau's tourist offerings, Song believes that it relates to the fact that "Macau is small; its capacity is limited."

Regarding the taxi industry, which also concerns the tourism sector, Song voiced that, in Macau, it has become a chronic issue, and that the government should enhance the training of taxi drivers as well as advance the city's laws concerning the sector.



# New categories introduced for severe, super typhoons

A new executive order concerning typhoons and tropical storms has come into effect, introducing two new categories for the most extreme forms of the weather phenomenon: the "severe typhoon" and the "super typhoon".

According to Executive Order 61/2018, a "severe typhoon" occurs when the maximum sustainable wind speed near the tropical storm center is between 150 km/h to 184 km/h, and a "super typhoon" occurs at a wind speed of 185 km/h or greater.

The government has also updated its guidelines for the public in the event of extreme typhoons. It advises the suspension of all outdoor and marine activities, and recommends that the public stay indoors as far as possible, avoiding exposed doors and windows.

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Severe Typhoon	From 150 km / h to 184 km / h
Super Typhoon	185 km / h or greater

rectly in the typhoon's path, it is possible that the center of the storm - marked by a sudden lull in wind speed - will pass through the city.

"A temporary lull means that the tropical cyclones is centered nearby and a sudden resumption of violent winds is expected. The places that were sheltered from the strong winds originally may become exposed," the executive order reads. "The public is advised not to relax their guard and [to] pay close attention to the latest message of tropical cyclone."

The Macau Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau notes on its website that when Signal No.10 is hoisted, "reinforced defense should be applied [in preparation] for severe typhoons and super typhoons."

In the event of a severe or super typhoon, the latest information regarding the weather forecast will be provided via the internet and social media.

Separately, four new names have been introduced to the list of tropical cyclones in the western North Pacific and the South China Sea, according to a sta-

tement published on the Hong Kong Observatory website. The new names are Nyatoh, Trases, Mulan and Hinnamnor, replacing the old names Meranti, Sarika, Haima and Nock-ten respectively.

The names were selected for 2018 by the contributing countries of Malaysia, Cambodia, China and Laos and are named after plant and animal species and a national protected area in the case of the latter.

The new names were endorsed by the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific/World Meteorological Organization Typhoon Committee at its 50th session held in the Vietnamese capital of Hanoi.

According to convention, the Typhoon Committee considers retiring the names of tropical cyclones that cause serious human casualties and economic loss.



## CCM adds extra show of children's play

Due to box office demand, the Macau Cultural Centre (CCM) will be staging three additional shows of The Way Back Home, a production for young children scheduled for July. CCM announced in a statement that additional shows will be held from July 18 to 22. The show, performed by Denmark's Teater Refleksion, uses a mix of animated puppetry and music based on an award-winning illustrated book by Oliver Jeffers. The Way Back Home is included in the ARTmusing Summer, a series of performances and activities featuring over 30 productions to be staged in both July and August.

## Korea teams unite for Judo competition

The North and South Korean judo teams are uniting into a single entity for the East Asian Judo Championships being held in Mongolia. Their first event together as a dual team was held on Sunday, with the Unified Korean Flag displayed on their uniforms, as per reports by the Taipei Times. The united team will have to select five male and five female contestants to represent the two states from a combined 21 athletes, who are slated to attend the tournament. There were originally seven men and seven women from South Korea, and two men and five women from North Korea. Teams from Macau, Hong Kong, Taiwan, China, Japan and Mongolia are also participating in the tournament.

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# Paul Pun to open social clinic targeting city's vulnerable groups

Lynzy Valles

**A** plan to open a social clinic targeting the SAR's low-income earners is underway as Paul Pun, general secretary of Caritas Macau, initiates a personal project which he intends to operate as soon as possible.

Pun recently took over a private clinic which was offered to him by a local medical practitioner in a bid to assist migrant workers with the burden of expensive medical costs.

According to him, a significant number of migrant workers are not getting treated due to the high medical costs, thus developing their ailments into serious illnesses.

## A significant number of migrant workers are not getting treated due to the high medical costs

Pun intends to improve the running of this clinic after finding two doctors who are willing to volunteer on a specific time basis.

"The locals have medical vouchers amounting to MOP600, but migrants do not. I believe the government will not give them so for those who are sick and may not be able to afford to go to see a doctor, they can come to this clinic," Pun explained to the Times.

"What they would usually do is to use their traditional medication or just go to any pharmacy and self-medicate and then, would ask for assistance from charitable organizations when



Paul Pun

they are already in the intensive care units," he added.

Currently, Pun aims to have doctors who are fluent in English so they can accommodate English-speaking migrants.

The clinic, which is located nearby Av. De Almeida Ribeiro, will be temporarily closed despite its acquisition of license, until it finds at least a doctor who is willing to voluntarily put aside some time for migrant workers.

According to Pun, there are doctors in the public sector who are willing to volunteer, yet lamented that these doctors are not allowed to conduct services in the private sector.

"I am not sure whether they can volunteer but I am sure they can just give some advice to patients without prescribing medications. We're looking at retired doctors, or doctors who are willing to be employed [for minimum pay]," Pun explained.

He hopes to operate this clinic as a social enterprise, not to make profits but to offer help

to the SAR's migrant workers, particularly those who are household employees.

"It's a basic need. It's a basic element for them to have primary medical care [so] this is the first step that we can do. It's important to do something and serve the migrants. We're not here to compete with the market," Pun said.

"We do not intend to profit from these clinics. Otherwise, we're just like the other clinics. It's a way of maintaining and promoting health amongst migrant workers," he added.

Pun plans to open the clinic every other day and permanently on Sundays, and to allot a specific quota during its operation hours.

Currently, he is planning to maximize the purpose of the clinic, as the only factor hindering it now from opening is the lack of doctors.

Pun also says that there are no plans to request any sponsorship from the government as yet, as he has already received sponsorships in terms of medical equipment and clinic rents.

## Job seekers prone to high recruitment fees if bill passes

**T**HE general secretary of Caritas Macau, Paul Pun, says that the proposed recruitment agency bill – which will prevent recruitment agencies from hiring tourists – will result in job seekers paying higher agency fees.

Currently under discussion by one of the standing committees of the Legislative Assembly, the proposed bill will only affect non-skilled workers. Pun explained that the government is aiming to manage job hunters in the region.

"Recruitment agencies will only have good reason to earn money. [...] It has both pros and

cons but for us, if we intend to go with the new proposal, we have to control the money-making of agencies," said Pun.

"The government should make sure that the procedures would not encourage more agency fees."

He suggested that the proposed bill should only apply to certain professions, noting that those in cleaning occupations should not be included in the proposal, as no training is required for that role, compared to those working in households as babysitters.

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# These new airport lounges are designed to fight jet lag

Eric Rosen

A stretching studio. Guided meditation sessions. Shower suites with light therapy. They sound like the features of a New Age spa. But all are elements of Qantas Airways' new international transit lounge at the Perth Airport. And they're all designed with one purpose in mind: helping you combat jet lag.

For the Australian carrier, this is an especially relevant proposition—it launched a new non-stop route from Perth to London in March, which—at 17 hours and 20 minutes on the outbound—is among the longest in the world. Qantas is not alone in this regard. Singapore Airlines Ltd. has just debuted a new record-setting route that hops 12 time zones, from its namesake hub to Newark, in 18 hours and 45 minutes.

As farther-apart cities become increasingly connected by direct flights, more and more airlines are stocking their lounges with wellness-related features. And they're promoting one consistent message: If it's sleep you're after, skip the Champagne.

"Customers traveling on our Perth to London service are in the air for approximately 17 hours, so it was important to improve the experience not just on board, but also pre- and post-flight," says Phil Capps, Qantas's head of customer experience.

The airline's new, purpose-built transit lounge is open only to travelers flying business class on flights between Perth and London. (Qantas Gold, Platinum, and Platinum One elites on the flight can also enter.) It was designed in collaboration with scientists at the University of Sydney's Charles Perkins Centre, an interdisciplinary research institute that studies well-being and chronic conditions, many of which share



the symptoms of jet lag.

Like most high-end airline lounges, it includes the requisite spa treatments and gourmet dining. More notable are the details that assist passengers with "flight recovery." An airy patio area, for instance, has ceiling shades that can be opened to let in natural light and boost passengers' vitamin D, which promotes healthier sleep patterns.

The lounge's 15 shower suites—essentially private bathrooms with vanities but no toilets—have special light settings on the wall. Push the one labeled "Light therapy/Body clock intervention," and the vanity mirror will glow with a bright, blue frequency of around 480 nanometers. According to Dr. Yu Sun Bin, an epidemiologist at the Charles Perkins Centre, it's a wavelength that promotes wakefulness and alertness.

"The outbound flight leaves from Perth to London at 6 p.m.," Bin tells Bloomberg, "so most passengers will have body clocks that are starting to wind down for the day." The blue light, he says, can trick the body into believing that it's earlier in the day—closer to London time. It's just a small way to nudge the circadian rhythm toward the destination time zone a little faster.

Qantas has also partnered with

a Perth spa brand called Bodhi J Wellness Spa Retreats to create a studio space within the lounge where passengers can participate in 15-minute guided stretching, breathing, and meditation sessions. According to Bin, participating in light physical activity might improve passengers' chances of sleeping on the flight, lessening their jet lag on arrival.

Even the dinner menu is strategic. Alongside sausages from an artisanal butcher in Perth are water-rich crudité platters, and while there's plenty of Western Australian wine, guests will also find sugar-free water infusions such as lemon myrtle and parsley, along with a make-your-own tisane station stocked with local herbs and teas.

"Flying long-haul means passengers are exposed to lower levels of humidity for extended periods of time, which can lead to dehydration," says Monica Nour, a dietitian and Ph.D. candidate at the Charles Perkins Centre. Plus, she says, these hydrating options are caffeine-free.

"In designing the lounge, we worked with some of Australia's best minds in design, science and nutrition to help set our customers up to feel better throughout their journey," says Qantas' Capps.

Qantas is ahead of the pack when it comes to jet-lag science. But other airlines have started to join its ranks when it comes to prioritizing wellness at airport lounges.

## As farther apart cities become increasingly connected by direct flights, more and more airlines are stocking their lounges with wellness related features

Delta Air Lines Inc. is one standout. At three of its U.S. hubs—New York's John F. Kennedy International, Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International, and Seattle-Tacoma International—the airline has partnered with Asanda Spa to offer jet lag-busting foot and leg massages or anti-fatigue eye treatments. The spa's signature experience, the Deepak Chopra Dream Weaver session, involves sitting in a zero-gravity chair with special glasses and headphones, for an audio-guided meditation. "Though it's not specifically designed for jet lag, feedback from guests is that it helps relieve some of the symptoms, including poor sleep," explains Gene Frisco, managing director of Asanda Spa.

Air France has also made wellness a centerpiece of its newly expanded flagship business class

lounge in Hall L at Paris Charles de Gaulle. "Our new business lounge includes 550 square meters of wellness space, the most of any Air France lounge," says Anne Rigail, Air France's executive vice president of customer experience.

Included are two private saunas, large shower suites, and a Clarins spa with two treatment rooms for complimentary services. There is also a dedicated relaxation area with loungers for quick naps; overhead, special light fixtures twinkle to resemble the night sky.

One thing most of these wellness-oriented lounges will likely share is a lighter cost sheet when it comes to food and beverage. That's because tea, rather than Champagne, is being put in the spotlight.

Air France's flagship lounge has a detox bar, with blends by Palais des Thés and Evian water infused with raspberry and verbena. "Both the water and the teas we serve are hydrating, revitalizing, and are a rich source of antioxidants that can help minimize some of the effects of jet lag," says Rigail. (You'll still find Champagne and fine wine at the lounge's Mathieu Lehanneur-designed bar when it opens in July.)

The same is true with Cathay Pacific Airways Ltd.: in June 2016, the carrier's premium passengers gained access to a new space called the Tea House, set in a quiet corner of Hong Kong International's Pier Business-Class Lounge.

Created in partnership with Jing Teas, the Tea House is adjacent to a relaxation area with 14 semi-private daybeds and includes a sniff-able library of nearly a dozen loose-leaf choices. Descriptions highlight each tea's flavor notes and health benefits—which range from digestion support (chamomile) to energy boosts (silver needle jasmine)—and can be brewed to order by a dedicated specialist.

And there's Qantas, with its signature "Rockpool" tisane of ro-sella, lemon myrtle, and orange tea. It might not have the sparkle of Champagne, but it might just be the trick to surviving your next 17-hour flight. **Bloomberg**

## corporate bits

### BENE ANNOUNCES MENU TO COMMEMORATE NATIONAL DAY OF ITALY



In celebration of Festa Della Repubblica – the National Day of Italy – Sheraton Grand Macao Hotel, Cotai Central's Italian trattoria, Bene, is offering "Celebrating Italy" specials throughout June.

Executive Sous Chef Luca

Pecorari has crafted a four-course set dinner for guests to savor some of his authentic recipes and specialty dishes, Sheraton Grand announced in a statement.

The menu consists of yellow fin tuna carpaccio

with green olives, red onion, lemon relish and garlic bread crumble; home-made tagliatelle with porcini and black truffle cream sauce; pan-seared Japanese scallops with glazed asparagus, prosciutto and truffle caviar as well as the finishing touch: a molten lemon cake with gelato.

For fans of Bene's signature dishes, Chef Luca has also designed a three-course set menu that features some of the restaurant's most popular dishes. Guests can enjoy the eggplant gratin with buffalo mozzarella, smoked scamorza cheese and crisp basil; spaghetti carbonara Bene-style, tossed in a castelmagno cheese wheel; and the classic Italian tiramisu.

### JAGUAR LAND ROVER TO MOVE DISCOVERY PRODUCTION TO SLOVAKIA



Jaguar Land Rover is shifting all production of its Discovery model to Slovakia amid

falling diesel sales, vehicle taxes and uncertainty about Britain's departure from the

European Union.

The company says the decision, which is likely to affect hundreds of jobs, "is a tough one but forms part of our long-term manufacturing strategy as we transform our business globally."

Discovery production in Birmingham will move to Slovakia early next year.

Jaguar also said it will invest millions in Solihull in the west Midlands, where the new Range Rover and Range Rover Sport models will be built.

Profits have been under pressure, with pre-tax profit slumping to 364 million pounds (USD487 million) in the three months to March 31, from 676 million pounds in the same period last year.



ANGOLA

# VAT will initially be applied to large taxpayers

**T**HE introduction of Value Added Tax (VAT) in Angola will initially focus on entities registered as large taxpayers and those with organized accounting, updated records and a computer system, said a member of the technical committee for the introduction of VAT in Angola.

Adilson Sequeira, quoted by Angolan news agency Angop, said that the committee he is working on is introducing VAT as early as January 2019, giving a two-year deadline for entrepreneurs to decide the date they want to join the system, "given that they themselves know the situation of their companies better."

"In 2021, VAT will be widespread throughout the country," said Sequeira, who added that the draft law was quite advanced, although still receiving contributions from professional associations and economic operators, but gave assurances that by the end of June it will be sent down to the Council of



Construction cranes operate among new skyscrapers being built in the business district of Luanda

Ministers for approval.

"After the technical group finishes its work, the draft will be approved by the General Tax Administration and forwarded to the Minister of Finance for later submission to the Council of Ministers," he said, adding that the major change is the total removal of consumer tax, "because it has a cascade effect, which is a tax on a tax."

Tax specialist at Ernst & You-

ng and professor at Lisbon University of Law Carlos Lobo said that VAT is already charged in 130 countries, with Angola being the only one in the Southern African Development Community that has not yet introduced it.

Lobo, who was speaking at the first of a series of meetings that Ernst & Young is planning with representatives of the business sector to analyze the impacts of

the introduction of VAT, said that the tax rate, which should be announced in mid-July, is expected to be between 13 percent and 16 percent.

The professor said his estimate was based on Angola taking into account the experience of its partners in southern Africa, with which it plans to sign a free trade agreement, and where the VAT rate is within this range. **MDT/Macauhub**

## Kwanza has lost one-third of its value against the euro

**T**HE Angolan kwanza accumulated a depreciation of 34.1 percent against the euro since January, after the auction of 25 million euros carried out by the National Bank of Angola (BNA), to replace the exchange position of commercial banks.

In that session an average exchange rate of 281.518 kwanzas per euro was calculated, with a variation of 1.21 percent, which compares with the exchange rate of 185.40 kwanzas in January, the month when BNA introduced a floating exchange rate system to replace the previous fixed rate system.

The dollar is now priced at 239 kwanzas compared to 165.92 kwanzas on 9 January, a devaluation of 30.56 percent.

In addition to the 25 million euros to reset the commercial banks' foreign exchange position, the National Bank of Angola also sold 196.6 million euros to cover commercial operations (goods, services and capital) and 65.8 million euros to cover private operations (travel, education, health, family assistance and wages of foreign workers). **MDT/Macauhub**

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# Philippines says Chinese seizures of fish catch unacceptable

Jim Gomez, Manila

**T**HE Philippine president's office yesterday called Chinese seizures of fish caught by Philippine fishing boats near a disputed shoal unacceptable, and presented three fishermen who described their experiences.

Presidential spokesman Harry Roque said he and Foreign Secretary Alan Peter Cayetano raised the incidents with the Chinese ambassador in Manila, who assured them that Chinese coast guard personnel would be punished if an investigation finds the accusations are accurate.

The recent incidents at Scarborough Shoal have sparked new criticism after a TV network interviewed fishermen and broadcast a video of the alleged confiscations. China has sparked alarm with its recent actions to fortify its sweeping territorial claims in the South China Sea, including the reported installation of anti-ship and anti-aircraft missiles on its newly built islands.



Protesters shout slogans while displaying placards during a rally at the Chinese Consulate in the financial district of Makati city

The incidents have increased pressure on President Rodrigo Duterte's government to take a stronger stance toward China's behavior in the disputed waters. Since his inauguration, Duterte has forged cozier ties with China and avoided strongly criticizing it in public.

Dozens of Filipino fishermen and left-wing activists protested at the Chinese Consulate

yesterday with posters reading "I can't eat today, China stole our catch" and "I can't fish in our own seas." Some brought fish to symbolize what they called China's "robbery" and "extortion" at sea.

"What they did to our fishermen [...] shows that they have claimed the area and not only that they stole the fishermen's catch that was supposed to feed

their families on that day, their family went hungry because of this," protest leader Roberto Aleroza said.

Roque said the government has taken action to prevent a repeat of the Chinese actions. "The Chinese coast guard should not be taking even a kilo and we're not allowing this," he said, adding that Duterte and Chinese President Xi Jinping have agreed that Filipinos should be able to fish freely at Scarborough, which was seized by China in 2012.

Roque, however, suggested the Chinese actions were not an act of harassment and were just "a dent" that would not affect friendly relations between China and the Philippines. Chinese coast guard personnel at times gave noodles, cigarettes and water to Filipino fishermen in exchange for the fish, he said.

Rommel Sihuela, one of the three fishermen presented by Roque at a news conference in the presidential palace yesterday, said Chinese coast guard personnel boarded Philippine fishing boats at Scarborough

and took some of their best catch against their will. "They went on board, then helped themselves in our fish containers," he said. "We just let them because they may shoo us away again if we don't allow them to take the fish."

In December, armed Chinese personnel seized fishing equipment from Filipino fishermen, he said.

Two Filipino officials told The Associated on Friday that the Philippines protested Chinese seizures of fish caught by Filipinos at Scarborough at a meeting in Manila in February. Chinese officials at the meeting "took note" of the concerns and promised to look into the incidents, said the officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the issue.

Antonio Carpio, a senior associate justice of the Supreme Court who has done extensive studies of the territorial disputes, said the Philippines could file a new case against China for violating a 2016 arbitration ruling that invalidated Beijing's extensive territorial claims in the South China Sea. The ruling, which China has ignored, said China violated the rights of Filipinos by preventing them from fishing at Scarborough, a traditional Asian fishing area. **AP**

## ANALYSIS

# Why rich China should stop pretending it's poor

Brendan Kelly, Bloomberg

**A**LMOST any foreign official, businessman or journalist visiting Beijing has heard the mantra that China can't be expected to open up its markets or meet more stringent international standards because it's still a developing economy. Maybe that argument was valid 20 years ago. Now it's increasingly tenuous. More importantly, it's damaging to China and the world.

Pleading poverty ignores the tremendous economic progress China has made in the last few decades. When China joined the World Trade Organization in 2001, it was the world's sixth-largest economy and at an early stage of reorganizing state-owned enterprises to compete globally. China is now the world's second-largest economy and its largest trading nation. It's home to some of the largest globally competitive firms, accounting for 115 of the Fortune 500 largest companies in the world in 2017.

China has moved up the global value chain dramatically, with a world-class export sector bigger than that of any other G-20 economy. It boasts a large domestic high-tech market and technology firms that are fast becoming global leaders. The country has been granted the largest number of patents globally since 2015. Over half its population - some 700 million people - use smartphones. As of September 2017, China had the second-largest number of unicorns after the U.S. -- some 98 companies.

True, while China's per capita income reached USD8,830 in 2017, up eight-fold from 2001, it's still well below the World Bank's \$12,236 threshold for high-income countries. This measure is misleading, however. Already an upper-middle-income nation, China has a high-income country living inside of it. Over 200 million Chinese live in high-income areas, including the cities of Beijing, Tianjin and Shanghai, and the powerhouse coas-

tal provinces of Jiangsu and Zhejiang. Jiangsu alone has a population of 80 million people and per capita GDP of almost \$17,000 - higher than Argentina, Chile and Hungary. Shenzhen's 12 million residents boast a per capita GDP of more than \$27,000 in nominal terms.

China has also become systemically important financially in a way few other countries are. It houses the world's largest banking system, second-largest equity markets and third-largest bond market, and is promoting a larger international role for the renminbi. In recent years, China has become the world's largest net exporter of capital; its policy banks have extended more lending to developing economies than all of the multilateral development banks combined.

Ignoring or minimizing all these facts does China more harm than good. Chinese leaders act as though mainland companies still need to be protected from global competition: The country

remains the most closed G-20 member, as measured by investment restrictions and ease of doing business. Foreign investment is blocked in many key sectors, such as cloud-computing services, even as China's three biggest tech firms have all made major cloud-services investments in the U.S. in recent years.

This situation - where Chinese firms take advantage of open export and investment opportunities around the world but enjoy a significantly protected market at home - is unsustainable. It's putting support for the broader global trading system at risk and spurring not just the U.S. but several European nations to consider new barriers to Chinese investment. China has as much to lose as anyone from escalating trade tensions.

As in the global trading system, China has yet to adjust to its newfound importance in financial markets. A recent Bloomberg Economics study found that China's central bank was among the

least transparent in the G-20, with the greatest number of market surprises. A 2016 International Monetary Fund assessment noted that "while data are broadly adequate for surveillance, they are only barely so, and are not commensurate with China's systemic importance." Such opacity presents an underappreciated global systemic risk.

Meanwhile, China's resistance to transparency in overseas lending could prove costly at home. Its insistence on clinging to "South-South" cooperation prevents China from joining groups like the Paris Club to better coordinate with other major official creditors. As China is the largest lender to many highly indebted countries, that could complicate any international efforts to support these economies and leave Chinese taxpayers to foot the bill in case of defaults.

Perhaps most importantly, China's main challenge now is escaping the middle-income trap - to become an advanced, innovation-driven eco-

nomy. That's going to require a different set of policies than China pursued in its initial development stages. Enhancing productivity will require opening up its largely state-controlled and inefficient services sector. Though China has gotten better about protecting intellectual property rights as it's ascended the value chain, it still has a ways to go.

Access to global markets will remain essential. To prevent frictions with developing countries along its Belt and Road Initiative, China will need to open its markets more to their goods. Likewise, the "Made in China 2025" initiative will continue to engender a backlash from advanced economies, limiting China's access to their technologies, unless China loosens its own restrictions.

Chinese leaders certainly aren't wrong to focus on building a "prosperous society" and improving the lives of all its citizens. The best way to do so, however, is to acknowledge how far along that path China's already come.



# Hong Kong sentences activist Leung to six years in prison

**A** Hong Kong court sentenced activist Edward Leung to six years in prison yesterday for his part in a violent nightlong clash with police over illegal street food hawkers two years ago.

Leung, 27, was among a generation of young political activists who emerged after 2014's failed nonviolent protests over Beijing's decision to restrict elections.

His sentence shows the hard line authorities are taking toward those advocating for more open politics in the former British colony.

The South China Morning Post reported that Lo Kin-man, charged alongside Leung, was sentenced to seven years on a conviction for rioting, while a third man, Wong Ka-kui, 27, was given a sentence of 3 1/2 years.

The Feb. 8-9, 2016, outbreak of violence in the city's working-class Mong Kok district was the most serious opposition to local authorities in decades.

Leung has been an advocate of independence for Hong Kong, which became part of China in 1997 after more than a century of British rule. China guaranteed a 50-year transition period under which Hong Kong would retain considerable autonomy and keep the rule of law and its own legal and financial system.

However, the ruling Communist Party has made it clear those liberties are limited by its bottom line on sovereignty over the territory.

Chinese President Xi Jinping warned in a speech last year that any activities in Hong Kong seen as threatening China's so-

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Hong Kong Activist Edward Leung (second left) is escorted by Correctional Services officers at a prison yard

It is disappointing to see that the legislation is now being used politically to place extreme sentences on the pan-democrats and other activists.

CHRIS PATTEN  
LAST BRITISH GOVERNOR

vereignty and stability would be "absolutely impermissible."

Despite that, Hong Kong's courts have appeared unwilling to pass sentences so harsh they might prompt questions about the territory's relatively open society and rules-based eco-

nomy.

Prison sentences for three young pro-democracy activists convicted for their roles in kicking off 2014's "Umbrella Movement" protests were overturned earlier this year.

In an emailed statement,

Hong Kong's last British governor, Chris Patten, said he had tried to reform the ordinance under which Leung was sentenced to reduce the possibility of abuse and bring it in line with United Nations standards.

"It is disappointing to see that

the legislation is now being used politically to place extreme sentences on the pan-democrats and other activists," said Patten, who was Britain's top official in Hong Kong until Beijing took control of the colony on July 1, 1997. **AP**

# China, Russia cementing rising Eastern bloc

**A**S U.S. President Donald Trump left the Group of Seven nations in turmoil this weekend, China's Xi Jinping and Russia's Vladimir Putin were putting on a very different show on the other side of the world.

On Sunday, Xi and Putin toasted the expansion of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization, an eight-member bloc designed to coordinate security policies across Asia. The group, which welcomed new members India and Pakistan, as well as the presidents of Iran and Mongolia, pledged to increase cooperation on energy and agriculture and create more favorable conditions on trade and investment.

The carefully choreographed affair contrasted with the discord in Canada, as Trump disavowed the

G-7's joint statement and criticized his host, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. Even as the scope of the breakdown over U.S. tariffs became clear, Xi was taking the podium to criticize what he said were new forms of "unilateralism" and "protectionism."

"We oppose the practice of sacrificing other countries' security for their own absolute security," Xi told a gathering of the SCO's heads of state in the Chinese port of Qingdao. "We need to reject selfish, short-sighted and closed policies, uphold the rules of the World Trade Organization, support the multilateral trading system and build an open world economy."

China's state-run media had fun with the contrasting images of the feuding democratic states and the

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orderly proceedings of the China- and Russian-led bloc. The English-language Twitter account of the Communist Party's People's Daily newspaper posted photos of a tense scene in La Malbaie, Quebec, and another of Xi and Putin smiling, with the caption, "G7 vs SCO: two meetings on the same day."

China's official Xinhua News Agency published a report titled "The Seven

Split Nations, The Lone U.S." on Sunday, saying that the power of the G-7 was already diminished and the internal divisions will further reduce its influence.

The comparison only goes so far. While the 17-year-old SCO has increasingly extended into trade and economic cooperation - the G-7's central focus - it was founded as a security group. The

bloc, which also includes Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan, has rallied around opposition of the "three evils" of terrorism, separatism and religious extremism.

The SCO accounts for more than 40 percent of the world's population versus about 10 percent for the G-7.

The bloc has its own tensions lurking below the surface, as China seeks to use the group as a vehicle to promote its Belt and Road Initiative, a vast infrastructure-building program that runs through Russia's strategic backyard. The addition of South Asian rivals India and Pakistan have also raised questions about the group's long-term cohesiveness.

Pang Zhongying, a senior fellow at Pangoal, a Beijing-based research insti-

tution, said the SCO faced the same underlying tensions as the G-7 as governments favor unilateral actions over collective ones.

"The golden era of multilateralism is over, facing a crisis not only in the G-7, but also in the SCO," Pang said. "Even though China's state-owned media touted the so-called rich fruits of the SCO, only a few tangible achievements were in fact generated from this summit."

The group demonstrated solidarity in pledging to uphold the Iran nuclear deal, a major source of G-7 contention after Trump's withdrawal last month. Iranian President Hassan Rouhani, whose country has observer status at the SCO, attended the summit, making his first foreign trip since the U.S.'s decision. **Bloomberg**



# North Korea gets first big dose of Trump summit news

Eric Talmadge, Pyongyang

**N**ORTH Koreans got their first big dose of news yesterday that their leader Kim Jong Un had arrived in Singapore for what even the state-run media was calling a historic meeting with U.S. President Donald Trump.

The news covered the front page of the ruling party's newspaper and was the top — and only — item on the first news broadcast of the day on Korean Central Television, which for many North Koreans is the only channel available.

People crowded around poster stands at subway stations around the capital to read the news and gathered at noon in front of the city's main train station to watch a big screen display of images of Kim getting off the special Air China flight that took him to Singapore.

A report by the Korea Central News Agency said the summit would have "wide-ranging and profound talks" and noted that it is being held "under the great attention and expectation of the whole world."

The relative speed with which the state media got the news of Kim's arrival in Singapore out to the North Korean public suggests a certain level of confidence that the meeting will go well — or at least well enough. For the North, Kim Jong Un has already won a huge propaganda bonus by merely having the summit and sitting down as an equal with the

**I know that Singapore is a very hot country so I wish that our respected Marshal stays healthy and comes back in good health.**

HAN IL GWANG  
PYONGYANG RESIDENT



U.S. president, an accomplishment his father and grandfather sought but could never realize.

By prominently showing the Air China jet that flew Kim to Singapore, the reports also made no secret of China's important role behind the scenes. That might not bode so well for Trump, who has expressed some concern about China's influence.

Even so, the summit continues to be a highly sensitive topic in North Korea and it is difficult — even more so than usual — to get

people to express their opinions about it. The media reports yesterday follow months of only the scantest of coverage of the plans for Kim to meet Trump, though his summits with South Korea's President Moon Jae-in and China's President Xi Jinping received major coverage soon after they had ended.

"When I woke up this morning I saw the news in the newspaper that our respected Marshal went to Singapore for the North Korea-U.S. summit," said Han

Il Gwang, a Pyongyang resident, displaying typical discretion when speaking to an Associated Press Television crew. "I know that Singapore is a very hot country so I wish that our respected Marshal stays healthy and comes back in good health."

Such characteristic caution when speaking in public notwithstanding, there is no doubt the prospect of the summit is generating a good deal of interest, and probably astonishment, among average North Koreans.

North Korea has so far presented Kim's sudden diplomatic overtures to his neighbors and to the United States as a logical next step following what Kim has claimed is the completion of his plan to develop a credible nuclear deterrent to what Pyongyang has long claimed is a policy of hostility and "nuclear blackmail" by Washington.

Those points were echoed in yesterday's media coverage, which stressed that the talks with Trump would be focused on forging a relationship that is more in tune with what it called changing times — most likely meaning the North's new status as a nuclear weapons state — its desire for a mechanism to ensure a lasting a durable peace on the Korean Peninsula and, finally, denuclearization.

What exactly it has in mind for any of those broad topics remains to be seen. **AP**

## AFGHANISTAN

# Suicide bomber kills 12 in Kabul

**A** suicide bomber struck outside a government ministry in the Afghan capital yesterday, killing 12 people and wounding 31 days before the start of a holiday cease-fire with the Taliban.

Kabul police spokesman Hashmat Stanekzai says a suicide bomber on foot struck outside the Rural Rehabilitation and Development Ministry as employees were leaving work. Public Health Ministry spokesman Wahid Majroh confirmed the toll.

No one immediately claimed the attack, but the Taliban and an Islamic State affiliate regularly strike government targets in the capital and elsewhere.

The Taliban have agreed to a cease-fire coinciding with the three-day Eid al-Fitr holiday marking the end of the Muslim holy month of Ramadan. The holiday is set to begin later this week. The IS affilia-



Afghan security personnel arrives at the site of the suicide attack

te is not included in the cease-fire.

Elsewhere in Afghanistan, a roadside bomb struck a microbus in eastern the eastern Ghazni province yesterday, killing six people. Arif Noori, a spokesman for the governor of the Ghazni province, said women and children were among those killed in the blast, which also wounded three people.

He said the bomb was planted by the Taliban. The insurgents mostly target security forces

and government officials, but their roadside bombs often kill civilians.

Elsewhere in Ghazni, at least three local police and 10 Taliban fighters were killed in clashes, Noori said.

In the northern Kunduz province, the Taliban attacked a joint army and police checkpoint, killing at least 15 Afghan security forces, said Mohammad Yusouf Ayubi, head of the provincial council.

In the eastern Nan-

garhar province, a suicide bomber wounded at least 10 civilians when he struck near the education department in the provincial capital of Jalalabad, said At-tahullah Khogyani, spokesman for the governor.

He said three other suicide bombers were shot and killed by security forces as they tried to enter the building. He said a vehicle filled with explosives was found near the scene of the attack.

In a separate attack in the same province, a sticky bomb wounded 14 civilians in the Chaparhar district, according to hospital spokesman Inamullah Miakhail. Gen. Ghulam Sanayee Stanekzai, provincial police chief in Nangarhar, said the bomb went off as people were shopping in a market.

No one claimed either attack. Both the Taliban and IS are active in eastern Afghanistan, especially Nangarhar. **AP**

## THAILAND

# Five shot dead at home in Yala province

**F**IVE men were fatally shot yesterday in southern Thailand, police said, the latest killings in a region plagued by insurgency for more than a decade.

The five were killed at about 1 a.m. as they were meeting at the home of one of the victims, said police Capt. Zulkifli Rasoe, a deputy investigator in Ban-nangsta district in Yala province. An unknown number of attackers broke into the house and opened fire on the victims before escaping, he said. The victims' bodies had multiple gunshot wounds to the body and head, and police found shotgun shells and bullet casings at the crime scene.

Police said they were investigating whether the shooting stemmed from a personal conflict or was related to the insurgency.

Predominantly Buddhist Thailand's three southern-most provinces of Pattani, Yala and Narathiwat are the center of a Muslim separatist insurgency that has claimed the lives of more than 6,500 people since 2004. Yesterday's victims were all males,

aged between 25 and 39.

The killings followed another mass shooting in southern Thailand last Thursday in which four villagers were shot dead while panning for gold in a river running through a rubber plantation.

The Thai government has been holding peace talks with a coalition of southern insurgent groups with which it has reached an agreement in principle to establish safe zones for the protection of civilians, but it is unclear if every insurgent group will honor it.

Last week, the deputy chairman of the Pattani Islamic Committee, Aduldej Chanae, was fatally shot by gunmen on motorcycles.

Don Pathan, a security analyst based in southern Thailand, said Aduldej was a key mediator between the insurgents and the government in establishing the peace talks, and that his death would likely prompt others to "think carefully" before getting involved in the talks.

No group has claimed responsibility for the latest shootings, he said. **AP**





# Prince Harry and Meghan Markle to visit Australia, Fiji

**KENSINGTON** Palace says Prince Harry, and his wife, the former actress Meghan Markle, will be touring Australia, Fiji, the Kingdom of Tonga and New Zealand this fall.

The royal couple, now known as the Duke and Duchess of Sussex, will be making the tour around the time of the Invictus Games in Sydney, which is set for Oct. 20-27.

Harry, a British military veteran who served in Af-

ghanistan, created the Paralympic-style games as a way to inspire wounded soldiers toward recovery. About 550 competitors from 17 countries competed in 12 sports during the event in Canada last year.

The couple joined the pageantry Saturday of the annual Trooping the Color ceremony in London for the first time since their wedding three weeks ago. The event celebrates Queen Elizabeth II's official birthday.

John Boudreau

**VIETNAM** said the groups behind Sunday's protests against proposed laws demonstrators view as curbing Internet freedom and favoring Chinese investors were trying to damage the country's image, after the rare display of public activism reportedly turned violent.

Thousands of demonstrators from Hanoi to Ho Chi Minh City rallied against draft cyber and economic-zone laws being considered by the National Assembly that some view as curbing Internet freedom and favoring Chinese investors. Protesters in the southeast coastal province of Binh Thuan attacked the local People's Committee with rocks and Molotov cocktails, setting ablaze motorbikes late in the evening, according to local media.

"Over the past few days, some anti-state organizations have taken advantage of people's sentiments for the nation, spreading calls on social networks, inciting people to protest and even attack authorized forces, causing public disorder and creating an image of an 'unstable' Vietnam," the government-owned Vietnam News reported

## VIETNAM

# 'Anti-State' groups incite nationwide protests

yesterday. "This is contrary to the state and people's efforts to build a peaceful, democratic and civilized country."

Protesters denounced a draft bill that would grant 99-year leases in economic zones to investors, sparking fears it would give those from China influence over the country. As a result, the National Assembly yesterday voted to delay consideration of the economic zone proposal until later in the year while the 99-year lease provision was removed, according to the legislature's website.

China, in a notice posted on its Hanoi embassy website, warned its citizens about travel in Vietnam after the demonstrations, which it called "illegal gatherings," included "anti-China content." It added, "The Chinese embassy in Vietnam is closely monitoring the trend."

In 2014, China's move to send an exploration oil rig into waters contested with Vietnam triggered deadly



anti-China riots and clashes at sea between coast guard boats.

Demonstrators also opposed a draft law that would require foreign Internet companies, such as Facebook Inc. and Alphabet Inc.'s Google, to store data of local users in Vietnam and open offices in the country.

Police in Binh Thuan province detained 102 people after the demonstration, which caused injuries to dozens of police officers, VnExpress reported. The protest ended

around midnight after members of the Ministry of Public Security assisted police, who were unable to disperse the crowd with smoke bombs and fire hoses.

"The National Assembly urges people to stay calm and trust decisions made by the Communist Party, state," said National Assembly Chairwoman Nguyen Thi Kim Ngan, according to the legislature's website. "Draft laws discussed by the National Assembly always receive public opinions." **Bloomberg**

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Madam Sonja Bandolik (right) and Paris Envy line up for customers at the Love Ranch brothel



Owner Dennis Hof sits in front of the Love Ranch brothel

# Brothel bans weighed in Nevada as legal pimp runs for office

Michelle L. Price, Pahrump

A state marketed as a place where people can indulge in all manner of sins is confronting its status as the only place in America where you can legally pay someone for sex.

A coalition of religious groups and anti-sex trafficking activists has launched referendums to ban brothels in two of the seven Nevada counties where they're legally operating. The push to outlaw the industry dovetails with a campaign by the state's most famous pimp for a seat in the state Legislature.

Nevada, according to brothel owner Dennis Hof, was built "on gaming, liquor, girls and mining."

"But there's a shift occurring," said Jason Guinasso, a Reno-based attorney involved with the effort to get the anti-brothel measures on the November ballot.

Hof, who has half a dozen brothels operating in the two counties and starred in the HBO adult reality series "Cathouse," is challenging incumbent Assembly member James Oscarson of Pahrump in a Republican primary today.

Hof said Nevadans are "rough-and-tumble, live-and-let-live" and "it's awful that people would come in and try to change that culture, that they want to inflict their moral values on the rest of us."

Brothels, which are illegal in the counties that contain Las Vegas and Reno, harken back to Nevada's days as a mining territory about 150 years ago. Brothels were illegal but

tolerated in some areas until 1971, when the Mustang Ranch near Reno became the first legal brothel.

It led to a movement that allowed counties with populations of 700,000 people or fewer to decide whether to legalize prostitution in licensed facilities. Outside of bordellos, prostitution remains illegal. Some brothels offer free limo rides from Las Vegas, offering to pick up guests from their Strip hotels.

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DENNIS HOF  
REPUBLICAN CANDIDATE

Today, there are about 20 brothels operating in the state, mostly in rural areas. The state doesn't publicize how many are open, and most owners keep a much lower profile than Hof, who wrote a book titled "The Art of the Pimp," and has dubbed himself the "Trump of Pahrump"

Hof was also in the limelight in 2015, when former NBA player Lamar Odom was found unconscious at Hof's Love Ranch brothel in Crys-

tal, Nevada, after a four-day, USD75,000 stay.

The Love Ranch, about an hour's drive northwest of Las Vegas through the Nevada desert, looks like a large single-story home with some statues and pink bicycles out front, along with a sign for "Dennis Hof's Love Ranch Cathouse," advertising a gift shop, full bar and "no sex required."

Guests ring the front bell and are escorted into wingback chairs in the parlor, while the women in the house slip into their heels and assemble in a lineup to be chosen.

The brothel, like others, offers role-play themed roomed rooms and spa-like services.

Sonja Bandolik, the brothel's 58-year-old madam who also works as a prostitute, said women there sign a contract for at least two weeks — enough time to get a background check and prostitution license from the local sheriff.

Women are also required to get regular tests for sexually transmitted diseases and HIV, and condoms are required.

Bandolik, who has a short pixie haircut and a deep tan, said she decided to work in a brothel at age 51 after watching a western movie depicting an old saloon. She remarked to her husband that it would be "cool if we still had those."

She says her husband "loved the idea." He lives with her at the brothel and works as its general manager.

Bandolik, who estimated she made close to \$18,000 in May, calls her profession "soul-expanding."

Another woman living at the brothel, a 23-year-old with

pale skin and long blonde hair who goes by the name Azalea Love, said she previously worked as a prostitute in Las Vegas but feels safer since she moved to the brothel three months ago.

"You have people around if you if something goes wrong," she said.

Though Hof said he's never had problems at the brothels until he started running for office, allegations of misconduct have been leveled at the pimp and his clients before.

In 2003, a prostitute at the Moonlite Bunny Ranch in Lyon County accused Motley Crue front man Vince Neil of grabbing her by the neck and throwing her against a wall.

Neil later pleaded no contest to a battery charge, but Hof has said he thinks the woman made up the story.

In April, the Las Vegas Review-Journal reported that two former prostitutes accused Hof of sexual assault several years ago, but the district attorney declined to prosecute Hof because the statute of limitations had expired.

Hof denies the allegations. He told The Associated Press the women's claims are "totally absurd" and both women became embittered against him because they weren't as successful in the sex industry.

**There are about 20 brothels operating in the state, mostly in rural areas**

Hof said the referendums are driven by moral crusaders tied to his political opponent. Guinasso is a partner at the law firm of Oscarson's political ally, Nevada Lt. Gov. Mark Hutchison. Guinasso and Oscarson have denied any connection between their campaigns.

Oscarson said he was surprised to hear about the anti-brothel efforts and is not involved. He thinks it's time for the brothels to go away but said he has not signed an anti-brothel petition.

"This is a man who simply wants to blame everybody else for his mistakes," Oscarson said of Hof.

Guinasso and others involved with the anti-brothel campaign say that many women in the brothels aren't there by choice — they may have grown up in poverty, have a past history of being a victim of sexual abuse or were sent to work in a brothel by an illegal pimp.

Bandolik, the madam, said it's possible that some of the women working there might have illegal pimps, but those pimps are not allowed in the brothel.

In November, voters in Lyon County, southeast of Reno, will weigh in after county commissioners put the issue on the ballot. And northwest of Las Vegas in Nye County, organizers are working to gather enough signatures to get the measure on the ballot this fall.

Guinasso said that even if the ballot measures don't pass, he'll consider it a victory that Nevadans will be re-thinking whether the industry belongs in the Silver State, particularly in the wake of the #MeToo movement.

Hof predicts the ballot measures will fail, but said if brothels were banned, illegal prostitution will flourish.

"The business is not going away," Hof said. "It's the oldest business in the world." AP





Trump (center) gets an early birthday celebration during lunch with Singapore's Prime Minister

# Trump expresses optimism amid final Kim summit preparations

Zeke Miller, Catherine Lucey and Josh Lederman

ON the eve of their unprecedented summit, President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un prepared for a meeting that could define the fate of millions, along with their own political futures.

Trump forecast a "nice" outcome, while Kim spent the day out of view as both sides finalized preparations for the meeting, which was to kick off at 9 a.m. today with a handshake between Trump and Kim, an image sure to be devoured around the world. Trump and Kim planned to meet one on one, joined only by translators, for up to two hours before admitting their respective advisers, a U.S. official said. The official was not authorized to speak publicly about internal deliberations and insisted on anonymity.

Secretary of State Mike Pompeo told reporters yesterday that ongoing talks between the two countries were advancing well, but stressed the meeting would be the beginning of a process that would "set the conditions for future talks."

Pompeo added that the U.S. was prepared to take action to provide North Korea with "sufficient certainty" that denuclearization "is not something that ends badly for them."

He would not say whether that included the possibility of withdrawing U.S. troops from the Korean Peninsula, but stressed the context of the discussions was "radically different than ever before."

"I can only say this," Pompeo said. "We are prepared to take what will be security assurances that are different, unique, than America's been willing to provide previously."

The summit will be the first between a North Korean leader and a sitting American president. In Singapore, the island city-state hosting the summit, the sense of anticipation was palpable, with people lining spotless streets Monday waving cell phones as Trump headed to meet Singapore's Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong.

As Trump and Lee sat down for a working lunch at the Istana house, Trump sounded optimistic, telling Lee, "we've got a very interesting meeting in particular tomorrow, and I think things can work out very nicely."

Trump also called the leaders of South Korea and Japan in advance of the summit, Pompeo said.

Meanwhile, U.S. and North Korean officials huddled at the Ritz-Carlton hotel yesterday ahead of the sit-down aimed at resolving a standoff over Pyongyang's nuclear arsenal. A second round of meetings was planned for the afternoon as officials worked to lay the groundwork for progress to be made today, according to the official familiar with the preparations. Delegates were outlining specific goals for what Trump and Kim should try to accomplish and multiple scenarios for how key issues can be resolved.

The meetings also served as an ice breaker of sorts as the teams worked to get better acquainted

after decades of minimal U.S.-North Korea contact. In a sign of lingering tensions, the North Koreans have been closely scrutinizing all American staffers are slated to be in any U.S.-North Korea meetings, including translators, photographers and logistical staff, asking how they can be sure the American are not actually spies.

## ■ N. Korea has long demanded a deal to end the Korean War, in part to get U.S. troops off the Korean Peninsula

Trump and Kim arrived in Singapore on Sunday, both staying at luxurious and heavily guarded hotels less than half a mile apart, with Trump at the Shangri-La Hotel and Kim at the St. Regis Hotel.

Pompeo, the former CIA director, spent the morning preparing with his top advisers, aides said. He was joined in Singapore by Ambassador Sung Kim, the U.S. envoy to the Philippines; and Ambassador Michael McKinley, a career diplomat Pompeo recently tapped to be his senior adviser.

Pompeo traveled twice to Pyongyang in recent months to lay the groundwork for Trump's meeting, becoming the most se-

nior member of Trump's team to spend time with Kim face to face.

Trump has said he hopes to make a legacy-defining deal for the North to give up its nuclear weapons, though he has recently sought to minimize expectations, saying additional meetings may be necessary.

Asked Saturday about his goals, he said: "Well, I think the minimum would be relationship. You would start at least a dialogue, because, you know, as a deal person, I have done very well with deals."

The North has faced crippling diplomatic and economic sanctions as it has advanced development of its nuclear and ballistic missile programs.

Experts believe the North is close to being able to target the entire U.S. mainland with its nuclear-armed missiles, and while there's deep skepticism that Kim will quickly give up those hard-won nukes, there's also some hope that diplomacy can replace the animosity between the U.S. and the North.

As Trump was trying to buy-

ld a bridge with Kim, he was smashing longtime alliances with Western allies, withdrawing from the G-7 joint communique, escalating a trade fight and launching blistering criticism against Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

Trump continued to tweet angrily at Trudeau from Singapore, saying yesterday "Fair Trade is now to be called Fool Trade if it is not Reciprocal."

One top Trump adviser cast the move as a show of strength before the Kim meeting. Economic adviser Larry Kudlow told CBS News in Washington that "Kim must not see American weakness," adding that by criticizing new tariffs, Trudeau was "pouring collateral damage on this whole Korean trip."

While advisers insist Trump has been reviewing briefing materials, he says his gut instincts will matter most when he gets in the room with Kim. He told reporters he thinks he will know almost immediately whether a deal can be made, saying: "I will know, just my touch, my feel. That's what I do." Pompeo, however, stressed the president was "fully prepared."

Pyongyang has said it is willing to deal away its entire nuclear arsenal if the United States provides it with reliable security assurances and other benefits. But there are major doubts, given how hard it has been for Kim to build his program and that the weapons are seen as the major guarantee to his holding onto unchecked power.

Any nuclear deal will hinge on the North's willingness to allow unfettered outside inspections of the country's warheads and nuclear fuel, much of which is likely kept in a vast complex of underground facilities. Past nuclear deals have crumbled over North Korea's reluctance to open its doors to outsiders.

Another possibility from the summit is a deal to end the Korean War, which North Korea has long demanded, presumably, in part, to get U.S. troops off the Korean Peninsula and eventually pave the way for a North Korean-led unified Korea.

Trump has also raised the possibility of further summits and an agreement ending the Korean War by replacing the armistice signed in 1953 with a peace treaty. China and South Korea would have to sign off on any legal treaty. AP

### TRUMP TO LEAVE SUMMIT EARLY

IN THE latest twist in the drama-filled nuclear talks with North Korea's Kim Jong Un, President Donald Trump announced on the eve of their historic meeting that he will be leaving Singapore early because the nuclear negotiations have moved "more quickly than expected." That was before the two had even met, and it was not clear whether it was good news or

not. No details were given on any possible progress in preliminary talks between aides at the talks. And the abrupt change in schedule came shortly after U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo had seemed to lower expectations for the meeting, which Trump had earlier predicted could potentially yield an on-the-spot end to the Korean War.



## what's ON



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## Offbeat

## ROBERT DE NIRO BLEEPED AT TONY AWARDS FOR TRUMP F-BOMB



With a bleep on live television and double fists raised in the air, Robert De Niro got the theater crowd on its feet at the Tony Awards with a rousing political introduction of his old friend Bruce Springsteen that was focused squarely elsewhere: on President Donald Trump.

De Niro, a staunch Trump opponent, dropped a couple of F-bombs heard clearly by the Radio City Music crowd Sunday night. The CBS television audience heard dead silence instead before he raised his arms — twice — and earned a sustained standing ovation.

The legendary actor urged the audience to vote in November and lauded Springsteen for his own political commitment before the singer sat at a piano for a moving performance based on his "Springsteen on Broadway" show that had him singing his classic hit, "My Hometown."

De Niro said of Springsteen: "Bruce, you can rock the house like nobody else and even more importantly in these perilous times, you rock the vote, always fighting for, in your own words, truth, transparency and integrity in government. Boy, do we need that now."

The anti-Trump sentiment swept backstage as playwright Tony Kushner and others from "Angels in America" spoke to reporters about its three big wins: best play revival and acting trophies for Andrew Garfield and Nathan Lane

"I agree," Kushner said when asked about the De Niro moment, dropping an F-bomb of his own in relation to the president.

"I can't believe De Niro did that," Kushner said. "Good for him. I mean, it's Robert De Niro. Who's gonna argue with him?"

Kushner went even further, calling Trump's presidency "the Hitler mistake" that put a "borderline psychotic narcissist in the White House."

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21:00	TDM Interview
21:30	Documentary
22:10	Brazilian Soap Opera
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ROOM 1

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

Director: J.A. Bayona

Starring: Chris Pratt, Bryce Dallas Howard, BD Wong

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 135min



THE WALL

ROOM 2

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

Director: Doug Liman

Starring: Aaron Taylor-Johnson, John Cena

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 119min



DESTINY: THE TALE OF KAMAKURA

ROOM 2

7:15pm

Director: Takashi Yamazaki

Starring: Masato Sakai, Mitsuki Takahata

Language: English (Chinese)

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ROOM 3

2:30, 5:00, 9:30pm

Director: Goro Taniguchi

Starring: Jun Fukutama, Takahiro Sakurai, Yukana

Language: Cantonese (Chinese & English)

Duration: 149min

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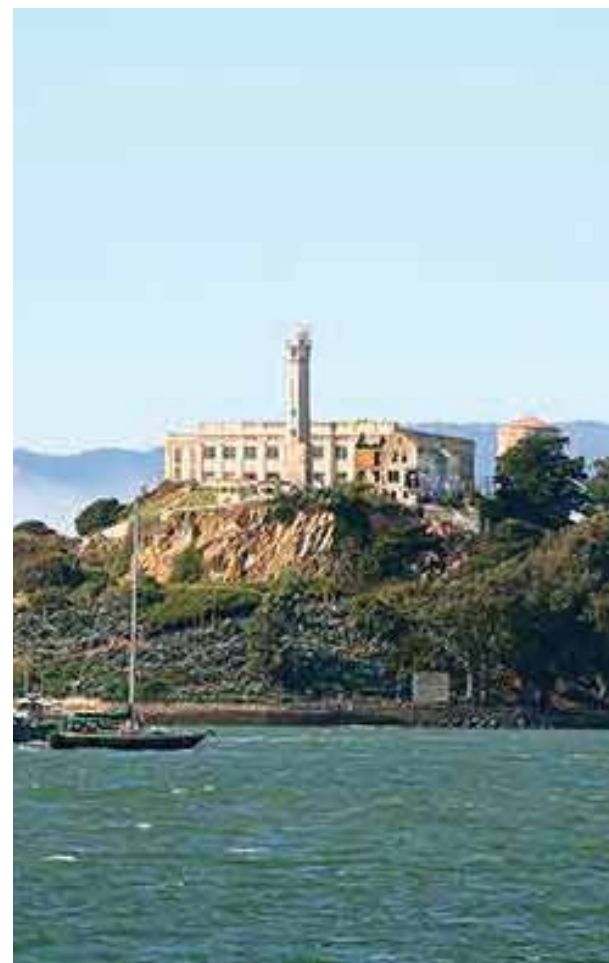
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Director: Tatsuya Ishihara

Language: Japanese (Chinese)

## this day in history



## 1962 THREE ESCAPE FROM ALCATRAZ

Three prisoners have made their way out of California's Alcatraz prison using spoons and a homemade raft.

Frank Lee Morris and two brothers, Clarence and John Anglin, all convicted of bank robbery, escaped last night from the notorious island prison in San Francisco Bay renowned for its high level of security.

The acting warden said they put dummy heads - made of a mixture of soap, toilet paper and real hair - in their beds to fool prison officers making night-time inspections.

They then cut through the back of their cells with sharpened spoons, crawled out and onto the roof through a ventilation duct, climbed down a pipe to the ground then made their way to the shore of the island.

Prison officials said they used a makeshift raft of driftwood and raincoats sewn together to make pontoons in order to float away from Alcatraz, also known as The Rock.

At least 100 armed troops have joined the military police in their hunt for the three convicts who are wearing blue prison uniform. Police have warned members of the public not to approach the men.

Alcatraz Island is only a mile from the mainland. But the waters of San Francisco Bay are treacherous and very cold and should the escapees fall in, there is little chance of survival.

Alcatraz, which houses around 270 hardened criminals, is famous for its high level of security thanks to the structure of the buildings, their isolation from the mainland and the frequent head counts - 12 a day.

The prison boasts gangster Al Capone, George 'Machine Gun' Kelly and murderer and bird expert Robert Stroud among its most infamous inmates.

Courtesy BBC News

## IN CONTEXT

Frank Lee Morris, Clarence and John Anglin were never recaptured and opinion is divided as to whether they succeeded in their escape, were drowned or eaten by sharks.

The FBI spent years investigating the case and finally concluded the men had failed.

The film Escape from Alcatraz, starring Clint Eastwood was based on their story.

On 21 March 1963 after 13 escape attempts, Alcatraz was closed by the Kennedy administration after it was deemed too expensive to run.

Alcatraz became a home for Native Americans from 1969 to 1971. It has been a part of the Golden Gate Recreation Area and a museum since 1972.



**YOUR STARS**

**Aries**  
Mar. 21-Apr. 19  
You may find some inspiration early today that makes all your choices clear (and popular). In your personal life, consider updating your closet inventory - a new fashion statement may give your attitude a boost.

**Taurus**  
April 20-May 20  
People outrank possessions today, so give priority to your relationships. If you have a chance to make more money or score some points with the boss, weigh it against the needs of the people you love.

**Gemini**  
May 21-Jun. 21  
You might have to contend with a pesky personal limitation. Are you afraid of loneliness? Are you petrified by the dark? Are you anxious when the new cappuccino machine makes funny sounds like it's going to break?

**Cancer**  
Jun. 22-Jul. 22  
Explore the balance between your public self and your private self today. Who you are to the wide world at large is starting to take over who you are with friends and family.

**Leo**  
Jul. 23-Aug. 22  
Like a well-rehearsed dance, your day will be a wonderful balance between entertaining and thought-provoking concepts. There will also be a mixture of tempos and energy throughout the day.

**Virgo**  
Aug. 23-Sept. 22  
If you have been feeling like you are in a fog lately, some very good news is coming today that will shed some light on your confusion. The clouds are parting and the sun is shining.

**Libra**  
Sep. 23-Oct. 22  
Try not to push too hard today; the options you will be given might all sound terribly tempting, but you cannot do everything you want to do at once. Instead of trying to go off in a hundred directions.

**Scorpio**  
Oct. 23 - Nov. 21  
Collaboration is important, but today might be the right day for a meeting of the minds. Making your ideas meld with another person's is likely to be difficult.

**Sagittarius**  
Nov. 22-Dec. 21  
Are you finding it hard to get things started? The problem could be your self-image. Unless you truly feel capable of being a superstar, you will never rise to the ranks you deserve.

**Capricorn**  
Dec. 22-Jan. 19  
You'll be most successful with an outgoing, even aggressive approach to things. You know what you want, so go get it. Politely but firmly ask anybody standing in your way to step aside.

**Aquarius**  
Jan. 20-Feb. 18  
You've reached the end of one phase of your journey today, and a lot of your struggling is over. It looks like things will be getting a lot easier and your time will be freeing up a bit.

**Pisces**  
Feb. 19-Mar. 20  
One hour of planning could save you months of extra work, so keep that in mind if you start any new projects today. A new joint venture holds a high level of promise.

**THE BORN LOSER** by Chip Sansom



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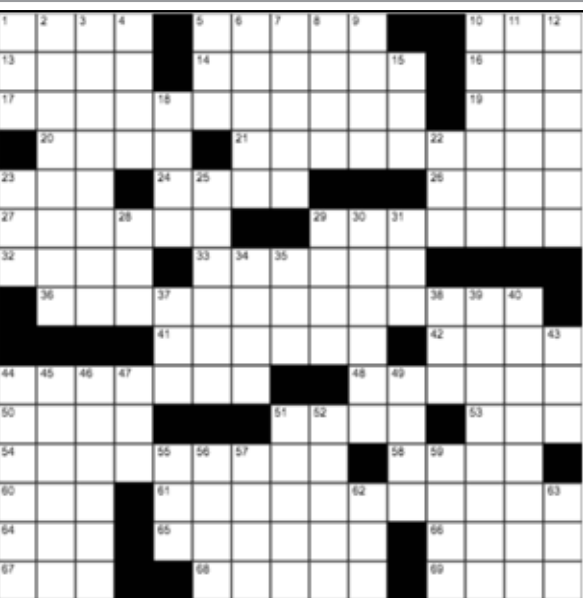
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Tianjin	21	31	cloudy/clear
Urumqi	22	31	cloudy/clear
Xi'an	20	37	clear
Lhasa	12	27	drizzle/shower
Chengdu	19	29	drizzle/cloudy
Chongqing	21	26	heavy rain/drizzle
Kunming	15	22	drizzle to moderate rain
Nanjing	22	34	clear
Shanghai	21	33	cloudy/clear
Wuhan	21	32	cloudy
Hangzhou	21	33	clear/cloudy
Taipei	24	32	cloudy/overcast
Guangzhou	24	30	cloudy/heavy rain
Hong Kong	28	31	cloudy/shower
<b>WORLD</b>			
Moscow	12	26	cloudy
Frankfurt	17	24	drizzle/cloudy
Paris	18	20	moderate rain
London	10	20	clear/cloudy
New York	15	24	cloudy/clear

**CROSSWORDS**

**ACROSS:** 1- Matures; 5- Minor, in law; 10- \_\_\_ Paulo; 13- Dole (out); 14- Breadwinner; 16- H.S. requirement; 17- Occupancy; 19- Cabinet dept.; 20- River to the Seine; 21- Maltreat; 23- Vietnam's \_\_\_ Dinh Diem; 24- High schooler; 26- Refusals; 27- Child who has lost both parents; 29- Goes back on; 32- Scott of "Charles in Charge"; 33- North African desert; 36- Power to magnify; 41- Thrills; 42- TV horse; 44- Man who has lost his wife; 48- Spotted; 50- Cabinet dept.; 51- Get up; 53- Mds.; 54- Form of Aramaic; 58- Indigo source; 60- Snake eyes; 61- Filled with understanding; 64- Author Fleming; 65- Snuggle; 66- Urn; 67- TV's "Science Guy"; 68- Spud; 69- Ultimatum word;

**DOWN:** 1- Parisian pal; 2- Family tree; 3- Republic in E Africa; 4- Oceans; 5- Architect I.M.; 6- Words on a Wonderland cake; 7- Habituate; 8- Bed-and-breakfasts; 9- Kind of support; 10- Privateer; 11- "The Ice Storm" director; 12- Female beast; 15- Scandinavian rug; 18- Second letter of the Greek alphabet; 22- U-turn from SSW; 23- San Francisco's \_\_\_ Hill; 25- Preserve, as fodder; 28- Pig; 29- Speed contest; 30- Rubs out; 31- \_\_\_ King Cole; 34- At a distance; 35- Strike; 37- Original; 38- Mischievous fairy; 39- Novel; 40- Unnecessary; 43- Driller's deg.; 44- Entered; 45- Sort of; 46- Fish prep?; 47- Are you a man \_\_\_ mouse?; 49- Usher's offering; 51- Singer Bonnie; 52- Fireplace; 55- Sawbuck; 56- Work without \_\_\_; 57- Joy Adamson's lioness; 59- Actress Campbell; 62- That girl; 63- Actress Ruby;



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# Neymar shines as Brazil beats Austria in warmup

Eric Willemsen, Vienna

**NEYMAR** scored his second goal in two matches since returning from injury on Sunday, netting with a superb second-half strike as Brazil defeated Austria 3-0 in its final warmup game ahead of the World Cup.

Set up by Willian in the 63rd minute, Neymar wrong-footed Austria defender Aleksandar Dragovic with a quick move and converted through the legs of goalkeeper Heinz Lindner for Brazil's second goal.

Neymar celebrated by pulling his shirt back over his head and making the "V" sign with both hands.

Gabriel Jesus gave Brazil the lead after 36 minutes with a slick finish from a tight angle. He was unmarked on the left side of the area when Marcelo's deflected shot came his way and he curled the ball past Lindner before it hit the far post and went in. Philippe Coutinho added a third after being sent

deep by Roberto Firmino 20 minutes from the end.

A week before Brazil's World Cup opener against Switzerland, Neymar started for the first time since recovering from fracturing his right foot which kept him out for three months. He stayed on for almost the entire game, being replaced in the 84th by Douglas Costa.

"I don't know the limit of Neymar," Brazil coach Tite said through an interpreter when asked if his main striker was back at full strength. "If [Austria] opens up in defense, go for it, I told him at the break. In the end I thought it might be getting too much for him so I took him off."

A week ago, Neymar came on for the second half against Croatia in Liverpool and had an immediate impact as he opened the scoring after dribbling past two opponents to help Brazil win 2-0.

Against Austria, he had no attempt on goal in the opening hour but went down three times

following rough challenges by the home side.

The first scare came in the third minute following a late tackle from behind by midfielder Alessandro Schoepf. Similar fouls were committed by Florian Grillitsch in the 35th and Sebastian Proedl in the 53rd.

Each time, Neymar remained sitting on the pitch and holding his left ankle with a painful face, though he eventually got up and didn't look hampered during play.

And Neymar blossomed in the final half-hour — when Austria's tight defense opened up — showing off his individual skills and crowning his performance with a fine finish that further cracked Austria's resistance.

Costa's return was also good news for Tite. The winger only started training with the squad last week after picking up a thigh injury during Juventus' 2-1 win against Verona in the last round of the Serie A season.

Costa is expected to be a backup for Neymar during the



AP PHOTO

World Cup.

However, Tite had midfielder Fred left off the team after he hurt his right ankle in training on Thursday. Fred underwent further examinations in Vienna this weekend.

Without providing details of the injury, Tite said Fred's situation was "improving" but didn't hint whether the midfielder could be back for the team's World Cup opener.

Tite said his team "can get a bit more effective but still have a week left to work on that."

Brazil will travel from Vienna

to its World Cup base in Sochi, though it won't play any of its group matches near the Black Sea resort. After playing Switzerland in Rostov-on-Don on June 17, it faces Costa Rica in St. Petersburg five days later, before wrapping up its Group E campaign against Serbia on June 27 in Moscow.

Austria failed to qualify for the World Cup. It saw a seven-match winning streak, including victories over World Cup host Russia and world champion Germany, come to an end. **AP**

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# Analog charm of World Cup sticker book endures among fans

Mauricio Savarese, Sao Paulo

**E**IGHTH-GRADE teacher Ari Mascarenhas could have picked high-tech gadgets or modern apps to help his students learn Portuguese, but he instead went old school with the World Cup sticker book.

He's been a fan since 1986 — when he was 8 — and the attraction for the collectibles has trickled down generations and endured for adults who still trade the stickers in Brazil, the United States and other countries.

Mascarenhas said his soccer-loving students develop critical language skills by studying every part of the 80-page book filled with team rosters, country flags and historical info. They read stats, names and other information while associating it with colors, illustrations and other visual cues.

“With the sticker book they see that language goes beyond verbal. I loved the way they interacted swapping stickers, so I thought this year I could use an analog cue in this digital world,” said Mascarenhas, a teacher at German-Brazilian Colegio Humboldt in Sao Paulo.

The book's popularity has spread as the World Cup nears its opening in Russia on June 14, despite sticker prices nearly doubling in some countries, including Brazil. That led to some grumbling in the South American nation, which has been in a financial crisis for the past three years with widespread poverty. Still, most of the 7 million sticker books put on the market quickly sold.



Panini, the Italian collectibles company that publishes the books, declined to say how profitable the World Cup books are, but the company itself had revenue of 631 million euros (USD743 million) in 2016, with products sold in more than 120 countries. Brazil is the largest market for the sticker books, followed by the United States with its sizable Latino population and England.

The allure for the books is similar to baseball or Pokemon cards — challenging fans to complete the set. Each book has spots for 681 stickers depicting things like stadiums, players, host ci-

ties and the stickers themselves are sold in packs of six.

The days leading up to the tournament have become crunch time for collectors.

Actress Bruna Marquezine, the girlfriend of Brazil superstar Neymar, noticed high demand of stickers depicting the superstar. So she decided to swap stickers autographed by her boyfriend for those she still needs.

“I know this is cheating a little, but I will not have my sticker book incomplete this time,” Marquezine joked on social media as she lured swappers.

Experts say fans would need to buy about 970 packs to fill their

books without trades, because of the rarity of some of the stickers, though Panini CEO Mark Warsop said there's no difference in the frequency of stickers.

Mathematics professor Sebastião de Amorim of the Universidade de Campinas said some stickers being hard to find is part of what makes collecting them enticing. Some are even sold at inflated prices.

“The minimum figure to complete the album is of 137 packages, but the odds of getting that, especially because some stickers are harder to find, are the same of winning the lottery,” De Amorim said.

Panini is also hoping that a digital, mobile version of its paper product gains steam, like Pokemon and other titles that have proven popular in multiple formats.

Panini's sticker book app was downloaded more than 1.5 million times, introducing new ways to get stickers for users, including product placements. Warsop said he thinks it will pick up during future World Cups.

“The nice thing about the digital is that you can also swap and trade wherever you are, he said. “We want people to trade even if they are not in the same place.”

Widespread use might be a ways off for adults who are currently introducing the hobby to kids.

“I can't sell my stickers there [on the app]. People want paper,” said salesman Renato Chaves, who took a van with more than 4,000 stickers to sell outside Brazil's training camp in Teresopolis, outside Rio de Janeiro.

Georgia Bulgackov, a 13-year-old student learning from the sticker book in Sao Paulo, said it's amazing to learn from a toy.

“What we love is to mix learning with something from our daily life, that made me understand more what the teacher wanted,” she said.

Mascarenhas, her teacher, said he hopes his pupils can stretch their interaction with the sticker book to other parts of their lives.

“There are not many products that bring people together. In such a divisive world we can still swap, trade and have something in common,” he said. **AP**

## ON THE ROAD TO WORLD CUP

# Beckenbauer wins World Cup as player and coach

**I**N 1990, months after the Berlin Wall came crashing down, West Germany won its third World Cup and Franz Beckenbauer became the first person to win as captain and coach.

Beckenbauer, who many credit with revolutionizing the role of the defender into a more offensive and elegant position, had been part of the World Cup fabric as far back as 1966 when, at the tender age of 20, he played a pivotal role in West Germany's advancement to the World Cup final.

His importance was evident in the fact that En-



gland coach Alf Ramsey asked midfielder Bobby Charlton to man-mark Beckenbauer in the final. Beckenbauer, playing in midfield, too, had been given equivalent instructions

by coach Helmut Schoen — to man-mark Charlton. And so two of the world's great players cancelled each other out and played peripheral roles in the match England won 4-2.

Beckenbauer came back four years later in 1970 and was again prominent when West Germany avenged that defeat to beat England 3-2 in the quarterfinals, having been two goals down.

In his third World Cup at home in 1974, Beckenbauer finally came out on top when West Germany — the team has a habit of doing this — came from behind to beat the Netherlands 2-1 in the final in Munich.

Beckenbauer became the first captain to lift aloft the new World Cup trophy — Brazil had been given the previous Jules

Rimet Trophy on a permanent basis after its third World Cup triumph four years earlier.

Beckenbauer was appointed coach of the West German team in 1984 and surprisingly took a team few thought capable of winning to the 1986 World Cup final against a Diego Maradona-inspired Argentina. Though losing 3-2, Beckenbauer had clearly crafted a team that showcased many of the hallmarks that marked his time as a player — creativity allied to courage and purpose.

In 1990 in Italy, Be-

ckenbauer's team avenged that defeat, deservedly winning a dour final with an 85th-minute penalty from Andreas Brehme. Argentina may have had Maradona but the team was very different to the one that vivaciously triumphed four years earlier, evidenced by the fact that Pedro Monzon became the first player to be sent off in a final. Teammate Gustavo Dezotti became the second.

Whatever depths Argentina fell to in that final, West Germany had joined Brazil in becoming a three-time World Cup winner. **AP**



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Our Desk

Julie Zhu



'KE BAN YIN XIANG'

Not every word and phrase in any of the world's languages can or should be translated. Some words should be borrowed and kept close to their original form and sound, or else people should create new ways of adopting these words.

Recently, the English word stereotype has been widely used by the mainland public. However, it is not used in its English form, but in Chinese, which sounds like "Ke Ban Yin Xiang."

A native Chinese speaker myself, I cannot say I would translate stereotype as Ke Ban Yin Xiang.

According to the Google dictionary, the word stereotype has the following meanings: a widely held but fixed and oversimplified image or idea of a particular type of person or thing; a person or thing that conforms to a stereotypical image; a relief printing plate cast in a mold made from composed type or an original plate; or, as a verb, to view or represent as a stereotype.

In turn, according to the Baidu dictionary, Ke Ban has two meanings – to cut a block for printing; inflexible, having no changes, or being unable to change due to different conditions. Finally, Yin Xiang has three meanings – shadow; impression; memory.

Hence, combining Ke Ban and Yin Xiang to generate Ke Ban Yin Xiang forces you to choose the best meaning of both words in order to approach the translation of the word stereotype. I confess that I cannot see any relationship whatsoever between these terms.

From this example, I would like to emphasize here that not every English term should be translated into Chinese, and the same applies to other languages. I conclude that instead of searching for words which already exist in our own language (Chinese in this case, since it is the official language in Macau), and trying to match these words with English or Portuguese equivalents, Macau could create new words and expand its own vocabulary, like it did in the past in place of rigid translations.

Quite often, Portuguese-Chinese and English-Chinese translators find themselves forced to translate words with cultural and social backgrounds and meanings that are difficult to translate across all languages.

Macau has been trying to avoid rigid translations, but it can still learn more from the Japanese example.

I am not claiming that Macau ought to improve language skills only through a natural and gradual evolution of society. Macau could indeed, from the government's perspective, create a dictionary containing foreign words.

Since Macau is participating in the development of the Greater Bay Area, and is increasingly becoming more integrated with mainland communities, Macau could truly become the platform between China and Portuguese-speaking countries, therefore becoming a platform for even larger intercontinental cooperation.

In particular, linguistically speaking, through Macau's language development, it is very likely that Portuguese-speaking countries' cultures may be better understood. In the mid-term, the world could become a place better understood by the countries within it.

Macau has all the resources and conditions needed to develop a language. In view of that, Macau is expected to achieve some new creations never realized by others.

In Macau, there are already many transliterated words, although there should be many more. By the way, I would think that Ke Ban Yin Xiang meant "rigid image" if a Chinese teacher asked me to explain the word.

THE BUZZ  
PRIEST FATALLY SHOT AT ALTAR OF PHILIPPINE CATHOLIC CHURCH

Two gunmen killed a Roman Catholic priest as he prepared to celebrate Mass at the altar of a chapel in the northern Philippines, in the latest deadly attack on a priest in Asia's largest predominantly Catholic nation, police said yesterday.

The two men shot the Rev. Richmond Nilo with pistols Sunday night in the chapel in Zaragoza town in Nueva Ecija province. The gunmen, who fired through a chapel window, fled on a motorcycle and were being hunted by police.

The Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippi-

nes said Nilo was the third Catholic priest to be killed in the country in recent months, and condemned the "outrageously evil act." The killing left a pool of blood below the statue of the Virgin Mary.

"We are deeply saddened and terribly disturbed that another priest is brutally killed," Archbishop Romulo Valles, who heads the Catholic bishops' group. "We make our appeal once again to the police authorities to act swiftly in the investigation and to go after the perpetrators of this heinous crime and bring them to justice."

# Swiss reject plan that would have revolutionized banking

Catherine Bosley

SWITZERLAND dismissed a proposal to radically change the way banks lend money, a victory for the financial establishment including central bank chief Thomas Jordan.

Vollgeld, as the plan is known in German, was the latest in a string of national ballots in recent years that critics argued were reckless and would make Switzerland unattractive for businesses. Swiss National Bank President Jordan became one of its most prominent critics, saying it amounted to a "dangerous experiment."

The sovereign money initiative would have ended the centuries-old system of fractional reserve banking by allowing only the SNB to create money and requiring checking accounts to be fully backed by assets that are a direct claim on the monetary authority. Three quarters of voters rejected it.

"The Swiss are known to be cautious people, especially in the realm of finance," said Michael Hermann, a political scientist who heads Zurich-based research institute Sotomo. Since Vollgeld meant entirely uncharted territory, voters rejected it, given that "uncertainty is always poison for stability."

The franc was down 0.4 percent to 1.16324 per euro at 9:24 a.m. on Monday, as demand for haven assets eased and Italian bonds surged. That followed Italian Finance Minister Giovanni Tria's signal of commitment to the euro in a weekend interview.

Plebiscites and referendums are a feature of Switzerland's political system, with votes on a variety of topics taking place several times a year.

Recent ones included a 2014 immigration vote that threatened to cancel a set of economically vital treaties with the European Union, a proposal for universal basic income, a requirement the central bank hold 20 percent of its asset in gold and a plan to tie the pay of corporate executives to their least-paid underlings. The latter three failed.



"There were various company headquarters of firms in America or England that asked their Swiss subsidiaries, 'What exactly are they doing in Switzerland? How is this going to continue?' Because this isn't the first initiative," said Ruedi Noser, a member of parliament for the pro-business Free Democrats. "Switzerland would've been the only country in the entire world that would've gone for this experiment and global business doesn't want a location where one is experimenting."

## The Swiss are known to be cautious people, especially in the realm of finance.

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POLITICAL SCIENTIST

While polls had suggested a rejection was likely, the fact supporters were able to muster the 100,000 signatures necessary to put it on the ballot is testament to the distaste about the financial industry still palpable a decade after the financial crisis. Although that was sparked by the collapse of Lehman Brothers, Switzerland didn't escape, and was forced in 2008 to bail out UBS, its biggest bank.

Proponents of Vollgeld argue that by putting the cen-

tral bank solely in charge of steering the amount of money in the economy, there would be more safeguards to prevent the kind of asset price bubbles that caused the 2008 financial crisis.

The movement, whose genesis can be traced back to the Chicago Plan of reforms after the Great Depression, has gained the most prominence in Switzerland, thanks to its direct democracy. But it has also found favor in other countries. The U.K.'s Positive Money group said the failed plebiscite constituted "the beginning of a global conversation about whether control of money creation should be in private or public hands."

In Switzerland, both the government and the SNB campaigned against sovereign money on the ground its risked crippling the economy and complicating monetary policy. Vollgeld supporters for their part took the SNB to task for unduly wading into politics.

Following Sunday's landslide result, the SNB said it could now maintain its focus on ensuring price stability, while the Swiss Bankers Association saw the vote as a "clear signal" of confidence in the system.

"Of course we're relieved - implementing such an initiative, with so many question marks, wouldn't have been possible without years of wrangling," Finance Minister Ueli Maurer said. As for banks a decade after the Lehman collapse, "the mistrust that accompanied them for some time has been alleviated - one trusts the banks again." Bloomberg

Station	Air quality
Roadside	105-135 Bad
High Density Residential Area	65-95 Moderate
Ambient	105-135 Bad

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WORLD BRIEFS

**THAILAND** Five men were fatally shot yesterday in southern Thailand, police said, the latest killings in a region plagued by insurgency for more than a decade. More on p12



**EGYPT-ETHIOPIA** Egypt released 32 Ethiopian prisoners during a visit by the country's prime minister in which he sought to assure Cairo that a massive upstream Nile dam would not cut into its share of the river.

**BAHRAIN**'s king has enacted a law banning members of banned political parties, felons and convicts who later had received royal pardons from standing as candidates for elections, effectively blocking Bahrain's opposition from taking part.



**SPAIN** stepped up yesterday and offered to take in a rescue ship carrying more than 600 migrants after Italy and Malta refused. The diplomatic standoff had left the migrants stranded at sea.

**BRITAIN** Prime Minister Theresa May urged feuding Conservative lawmakers yesterday to unite and prevent the government from being defeated in key votes on its main Brexit bill.



**CHILE** Pope Francis accepted the resignations yesterday of the bishop at the center of Chile's clerical sex abuse scandal and two other priests, as he launched a purge of the Catholic Church in the country.

**BRAZIL** Police say a newborn girl miraculously survived after being buried alive for seven hours in the central state of Mato Grosso. The police received an anonymous tip related to the burial and dug up the baby.