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WORLD BRIEFS



RUSSIA Two boats collided near a Russian city that is hosting the World Cup, killing 11 people, authorities said yesterday. A state media report said the captain of one of the vessels was drunk.

VIETNAM Legislators yesterday passed a contentious cybersecurity law, which critics say will hurt the economy and further restrict freedom of expression. *More on p11*



INDONESIA A leader of Indonesia's largest Muslim organization is visiting Israel this week, braving angry protests at home in order to spread what he calls a message of interfaith compassion.

PAKISTAN's Supreme Court has upheld a death sentence for a man who killed eight children, including a 7-year-old girl whose rape and murder drew nationwide condemnation earlier this year.



JORDAN Three Gulf Arab states have pledged USD2.5 billion in aid to Jordan in an effort to stabilize the U.S.-allied kingdom as it faces its worst protests in years over government austerity plans that include tax increases.

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Consulate in favor of proposed job agencies bill

Lynzy Valles

THE Philippine Consulate General in the SAR celebrated the 120th Anniversary of the Proclamation of Philippine Independence yesterday, themed "Change we fought for, an offering to an abundant future."

Consul General Lilybeth Deapera hoped that the development of the country will benefit all Filipinos – including those in Macau – and will allow them to attain easy access to education and health services.

Commenting on the proposed recruitment agency bill that is currently under discussion in Macau, the official believes that it would do more good than harm to Filipinos seeking jobs as domestic workers here.

Deapera has long been discouraging Filipino nationals in the SAR to seek jobs whilst on a tourist visa to avoid illegal practices, including abusive placement fees.

"In the end, it will be very good for us, especially as the sector that they are thinking of restricting [is] the domestic sector," the official told the press.

"When you go to Macau from the Philippines and you under-



Consul General Lilybeth Deapera

go the process through the Philippine Overseas Employment Agency (POEA) then you will have all documents, contracts well negotiated, meaning the minimum wage is in place," Deapera explained.

The official noted that going through POEA would require employers to pay a minimum

of USD400, and would inform employers of the skills that they acquire, as they have attestation from the Philippine government.

"I think the [agency] cost is only minimal. Because we are aware with the line of work that they will be engaging [so it will] match with the salary that

they're supposed to be getting," the official added.

Questioned by the Times whether these job seekers would be more prone to abusive placement fees by agencies in the SAR in the case of any loopholes that might be used by recruitment agencies, Deapera said that even now, domestic

helpers do not report to relevant authorities regarding such practices.

"Macau laws are very detailed about these things. It just so happens that those who are victimized do not come forward to report to the Labour Affairs Bureau on what has happened to them," she said.

"It would really be to their lookout. They [should] see that their rights are protected and recognized under Macau's law."

The consul general hinted that there was an increase in the requests for assistance from migrant workers in the SAR, and their families back home.

The consulate subsidized the repatriation of three Filipino nationals who passed away in the region due to sicknesses this year.

Meanwhile, the Consul General of the Indonesian Consulate in Hong Kong and Macau, Tri Tharyat echoed the same sentiments, noting that the proposed legislation – if it is passed – should be respected by migrant workers.

"I believe that whatever the decision will be taken, we will respect that. [...] We have to be prepared for the changes if [the bill passes]," he said.

The Indonesian official noted that such a move will be similar to the situation in Hong Kong, where domestic workers are obliged to acquire a work permit before being granted a working visa.

CRIME

Local man scammed while trying to help friend

A local man was involved in a phone scam that resulted in a loss of RMB10,000, the Judiciary Police (PJ) said in a press conference. He received a call from a local phone number by someone impersonating one of his friends on June 7, claiming to be in trouble on the mainland. The impersonator claimed he had been arrested in a case involving prostitution and was using a different number because he had no access to his old phone number. He asked the victim to transfer RMB10,000 to an account of a mainland banking institution.

The victim was at first suspicious and tried to call his friend on his old number via WeChat, but he failed to pick up the call, leading the victim to believe that it might be true.

As his friend had not returned the call by the following day, he decided to transfer the money around 1 p.m., believing that he was helping his friend.

Later that same day, his friend finally returned the call, saying that he had no problem and that he had not called for help.

The victim realized he had been scammed and re-

ported the case to the PJ.

In a separate case, a local woman similarly notified the PJ, saying that she had been targeted by an attempted phone scam using the so-called "detained parcel" system.

She was asked to pay the amount of USD1,500 in order to release a package gift that had supposedly been sent by an online friend (an alleged engineer from the USA) that contained luxury goods and cash.

Instead she reported the case to the police as a scam by someone using that identity on an undisclosed social network platform. **RM**

Military Club holds Food and Wine Festival

THE Military Club de Macau is holding Portugal's Food and Wine Festival (Spring 2018 edition) in celebration of its 148th anniversary until June 17, featuring two Chefs from Portugal, namely Chef Miguel Castro e Silva and Chef Sergio Canas.

During the festival, the club's restaurant will offer a variety buffet of more than 60 different Portuguese wines including white, red, rosé, muscat, ports and sparkling, with the support of the wine importers in Macau.

Portugal's Food and

Wine Festival is an initiative of the club that meets the objective of providing specialized training in Portuguese gastronomy cooking to the club's restaurant.

Chef Miguel Castro e Silva's restaurant in Porto was considered, by 'Exame' magazine, to be one of twelve best restaurants in Portugal.

He has also received the Golden Fork in the guides published by Expresso and has been selected as one of best 25 in Europe by the Financial Times.

The chef was also a consultant to the Ser-

ralves Foundation, having promoted the food area.

In 2001, he was elected as the "cook of the year" by the Portuguese Academy of Gastronomy.

He is currently the Director of "De Castro" in Vila Nova de Gaia, "LESS" Restaurant located in a heritage mansion in Príncipe Real Square in Lisbon.

He is also the referred to chef at the famous Ribeira Market in Lisbon.

Meanwhile, the club is also holding the "Portuguese Painters Exhibition" in celebration of Portugal's National day.

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Lawmaker Pereira Coutinho questions lifting of immunity

Renato Marques

RECENTLY, suspended lawmaker Sulu Sou declared that his conviction last month was unlawful, arguing that the Legislative Assembly's (AL) decision to lift his prosecutorial immunity was made on the basis of a different crime to the one he was tried for and sentenced to a 120-day fine.

After Sou's lawyer Jorge Menezes deemed the judgment "null and void," lawmaker José Pereira Coutinho sent a letter to the president of the AL, Ho Iat Seng, questioning the matter of raising prosecutorial immunity.

In the letter to Ho, to which the Times had access, Coutinho classifies the case as "serious and requiring reflection," noting that the lawmakers were informed that lawmaker Sou "was being accused on a case of aggravated disobedience to the police authorities and that should be the crime he would be tried for. However, and



Pereira Coutinho (center) at the Legislative Assembly

without informing the AL, the court [Court of First Instance (TJB)] changed the crime, trialing [Sou] for a crime that had never been described in the accusation, [nor] in the official letter that the court wrote to the AL."

The lawmaker argues that as the AL Committee that analyzed the case noted, the initial crime "was the main and only reason that justified the voting and decision," saying that if the AL had to decide on the lifting of Sou's prosecutorial

immunity so he could be tried for the crime of aggravated disobedience, they should have also decided on whether his immunity should be lifted for him to be eligible to be tried for the other crime.

Coutinho accuses the judiciary authorities of "luring" the lawmakers with "sweet accusations" to facilitate the decision to lift the prosecutorial immunity, and at a later stage, changing the accusation to a more "bitter" situation, "transferring in this way a competence that is solely from the AL to the court." He considers that the lawmaker was tried in a clear, "violation of his prosecutorial immunity. This jeopardizes both the respectability due to the AL as well as the principle of separation of powers [between the judiciary and the legislative system]."

Due to the facts described, Coutinho calls on the president of the AL to officially request the TJB to suspend "any measures of execution of the sentence and to take measu-

res in order to reestablish the breached legality."

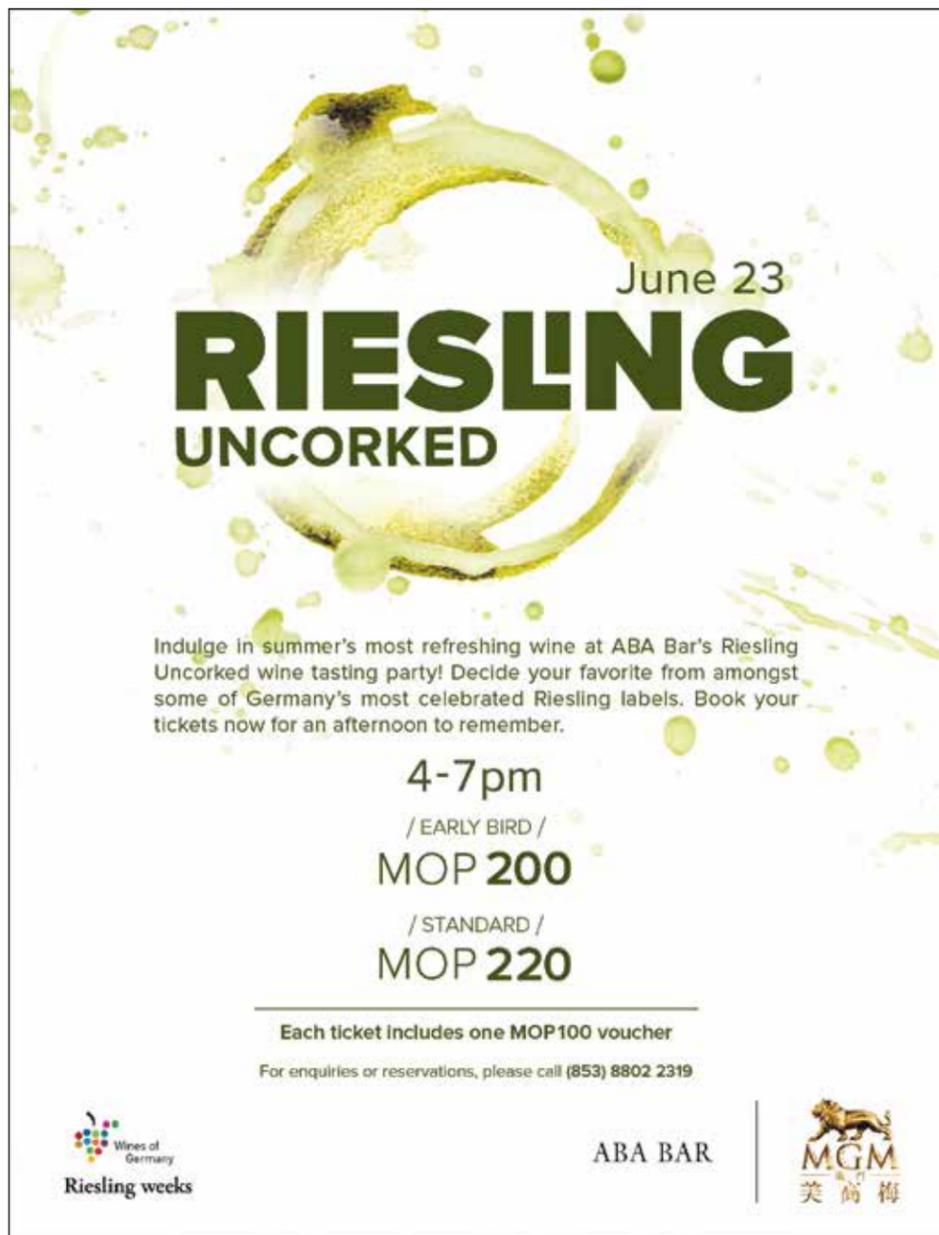
In the letter, Coutinho also expressed concerns that these "miscarriages of justice can cause a delay in the return of lawmaker Sou to the house where he belongs, hoping that AL can act in way to allow him to return without any loss of his rights."

On May 29, Macau's TJB found Sou guilty of the crime of unlawful assembly and sentenced him and fellow political activist Scott Chiang to 120-day fines after a process where the AL was called to decide on the lifting of Sou's immunity.

Speaking to journalists this week, Ho said that he respects the decision of the court. "The suspension of the duties as a lawmaker was only so that he [Sou] could stand trial. Regarding what then happens in the courtroom we can't know [in advance]," he said.

Ho also commented on the possible return of Sou to the AL as a lawmaker saying, "In case [both the defense and the prosecution] do not present any appeal, Sou can retake his position but, of course, needs to pay the fine first," adding, "after the payment of the fine and the delivery [to the AL] of proof of such payment the AL does not need any other procedures."

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Low Jho thought to be hiding in town

CITING an unidentified government source, The Malaysian Reserve is reporting that authorities believe wanted businessman Low Taek Jho is hiding out in the Macau SAR.

The Penang-born businessman is allegedly connected to the controversial 1Malaysia Development Bhd (1MDB) scandal that saw billions of US dollars disappear. The Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission believes he played a central role in the laundering of public money from the sovereign wealth fund.

Malaysia's authorities are seeking his arrest but he has reportedly left Malaysia and is now residing in a place without an extradition treaty with the country.

According to the government source, Low is residing in Macau – a “good place” to hide – as the territory does not have such an agreement



Low Taek Jho

with Malaysia.

On June 8, newly-elected Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad said, “we are trying to arrest Jho Low, but he is not in the country. And we do not have extradition rights in the country where he is hiding.”

Macau does not currently have any complete extradition treaties, though it may surrender fugitives in cases of dual illegality (when the accusation is also a crime in Macau), or with

the intervention of the Chief Executive. A formal extradition treaty with Hong Kong is in the works, though it has been delayed several times.

Some media reports have suggested that Low might be hiding in places such as Thailand, China and Taiwan, where people have claimed to see him.

In 2015, Singapore's police identified Malaysian financier Low, as a “key person of interest”

in the case.

Low, known for partying with Lindsay Lohan and Paris Hilton, is accused of directing funds from 1MDB to connected individuals and for his and his associates' personal gain. With these funds, he is believed to have bought art and real estate and paid for lavish parties and gambling, as well as helping the stepson of Malaysia's former Prime Minister, Najib Razak, launch his career as a movie mogul by supplying funding for the hit movie “The Wolf of Wall Street”.

Low has previously described his role with 1MDB as informal consulting that did not break any law. According to Bloomberg, he said he would cooperate with the MACC through his lawyers. However, the former administration of the country repeatedly denied links between Low and 1MDB.

HEALTH

Region records high hypertension incidence rate

MACAUI is said to have a higher incidence rate of hypertension than both mainland China and Hong Kong.

Recently, the Macau Association of Cardiovascular Interventions (MACI) held a forum in town introducing the most advanced cardiovascular treatment development.

According to the association's report, Macau is a region with a high incidence of cardiovascular diseases, mainly due to aging of the region's population, and to increasing work and life pressure.

An increasing number of residents is predicted to suffer from cardiovascular diseases such as hypertension, coronary heart disease, arrhythmia, and others.

Deng Xiwei, president of MACI, revealed that the incidence rate of hypertension in Macau has been on the rise in recent years, and that this incidence rate is also higher than in both mainland

China and Hong Kong.

Deng, who is also a cardiologist, suggested that both Macau's government and its residents enhance prevention of cardiovascular diseases.

According to Deng, the aforementioned situation might be related to the fact that Macau is a small place that lacks sports venues. Furthermore, a considerable number of residents work in casinos under irregular schedules, and many residents eat salty and high-cholesterol foods.

All these reasons combined might also lead to an increase in the chance of developing coronary heart disease, stroke and diabetes.

The cardiologist suggested that the government should step up publicity on the dangers of hypertension, and that the public should pay attention to their diet and carry out regular exercise as well as regular physical examinations.

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Macau's economic growth to slow in 2019, EIU forecasts

MACAU'S economic growth is expected to slow by more than three percentage points this year from 9.1 percent in 2017 to 5.8 percent, before dropping back to 3.9 percent in 2019, according to the latest forecast from the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) on the region.

Predicting an average growth rate of 4.8 percent for the two years under review, the EIU said economic growth, despite being in decline, will be helped by growth in gambling and continued public spending on social housing, which will support investment.

The report expects that government efforts towards economic diversification will achieve little in 2018/2019, although gaming operators are expected to invest heavily in tourism not directly related to gambling, which will help expand leisure and entertainment services.

The EIU also predicted that the Macau government will continue to achieve positive



budget balances of 8 percent of gross domestic product (GDP) this year and of 7.1 percent in 2019, after accounting for one tenth of the budget expenditure last year, and that the unemployment rate will remain historically low, with an almost natural rate of 1.9 percent over the two years under review.

The inflation rate is expected to increase, driven by the slight appreciation of the Chinese

currency against the pataca, returning to slightly above the value recorded in 2016 (2.4 percent) and more than double the amount recorded in 2017 (1.2 percent), with positive changes of 2.7 percent and 2.8 percent, in 2018 and 2019 respectively.

The EIU report mentions that it is not likely the direct 35 percent tax on gross gaming operators will be reduced over the

next two years and recalls that that burden is much higher than in other jurisdictions.

This tax burden, coupled with the moderate growth in public spending forecast for 2018/2019, means the government will likely raise significant budget surpluses, added to the reserves that have been steadily growing since the gaming sector was liberalized in 2001. **MDT/Macauhub**

UnionPay withdrawal having minimal impact

Macau's gross gaming revenue totaled MOP8.5 billion for the first 10 days of June, according to a report by Citigroup. This figure suggests that the removal of UnionPay terminals from some casinos is having a minimal effect on the gaming economy. According to the investment bank, the daily run rate of the first third of the month is approximately MOP850 million, up from about MOP822 million for the same period in May. The report also noted that the "VIP luck factor" is heading back to a normal level, while the mass-market segment is projected to register a month-on-month rise. Meanwhile, JP Morgan says it expects 17 percent year-on-year growth for gross gaming revenue in June, equivalent to a daily run rate of MOP750 million, mainly due to the impact of the FIFA World Cup.

TIS Grade 4s to hold chapter books launch

The International School of Macao (TIS) Grade 4s will hold their "History of Macau" chapter books launch on June 15 from 1 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. in the TIS Elementary Library. Students have created their chapter books highlighting specific periods of Macau's history. The book launch event, titled "Bringing History to Life", will provide the opportunity for the public to meet the authors, listen to book readings and take "green screen" pictures.



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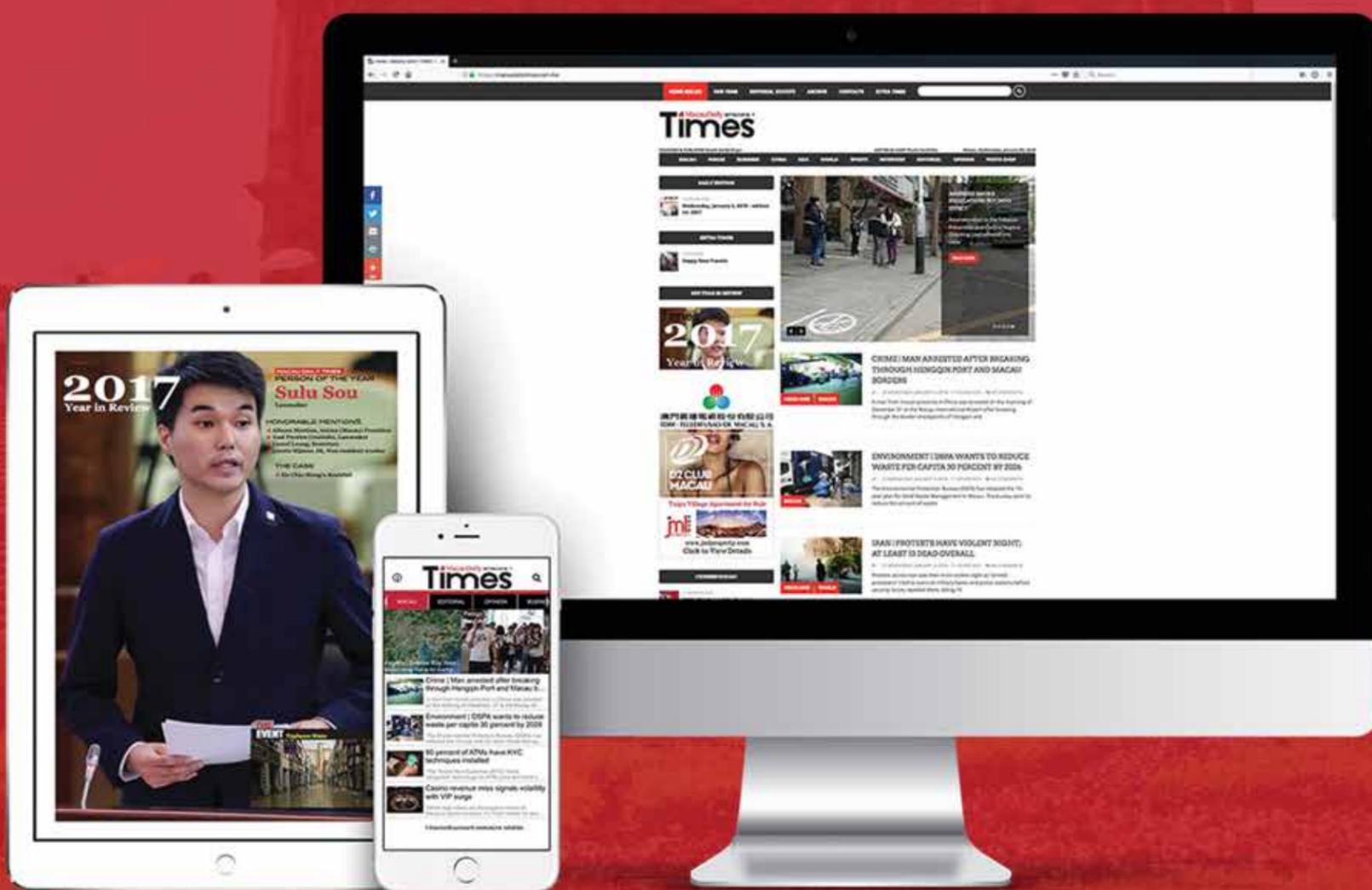
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Gov't rejects proposal to move greyhounds to Jockey Club

THE Yat Yuen Canidrome Company has proposed that they free up the facilities of the Canidrome by moving some of the greyhounds to the Macau Jockey Club in Taipa.

In the document presented to the government on June 8, the company also requested the extension of the rental contract for three months in order to facilitate such a transition, the Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau (IACM) informed in a statement.

The IACM also noted they expect that the company will fulfill their duties outlined in the deal previously reached in line with the Animal Protection Law which established the date of July 21 as a deadline to vacate the Canidrome facilities, noting, "for the time being, such decision from the MSAR government remains unchanged."

As for the use of the Jockey Club facilities, the IACM noted in the statement, "the concession contract [for the Jockey Club] is an exclusive



for the horse racing [activities]." To fulfil this proposal, the Macau Jockey Club company "must obtain an authorization from the Gaming Inspection and Coordination Bureau, prior."

In its statement, the IACM also noted the expectations of Yat Yuen, "as the company responsible [for the Canidrome facility] the elaboration of an appropriate plan for the relocation of the greyhounds, should not take into account the use of public resources."

In his column published today by the Times [see full

version on page 20], Albano Martins, president of the local Animal protection association "Anima", said that the government continues to have a "loose" attitude towards the problem. "The Macau government policy seems [to be the] usual 'laissez faire, laissez passer' (leave it alone) posture, 'washing their hands' when the topic addresses [what they call] the free market," he wrote. Martins added also that Canidrome is well aware that very few greyhounds can be adopted in the period of less than 90 days, "so they use that argument at the end of the deadline to state: no one or just a few people were interested in adopting them," as the company had previously announced their intentions of sending the greyhounds to mainland China.

Martins said that such arguments cannot serve as an excuse as the company, "knew already, with two years in advance, that they would have to close in July this year."

Martins also remarked that Anima, during this period, has been constantly writing letters and offering suggestions, anticipating precisely the problems that the company is now claiming to have encountered. "Anima has raised around 430 potential adopters from all over the world including Macau and Hong Kong, sure [the process] cannot be concluded in one and half months' time but will take several months or even years," he said. "[We] recently offered again our support to the Canidrome for its adoption program, [proposal which] as usual, [received] no replies from both the government and the company."

For the president of Anima, the "Macau government will be under very tight observation and scrutiny from both the local and international community and I believe also from China central government authorities, regarding what happen to these greyhounds." RM

FSS announces name list

The Social Security Fund (FSS) announced the list of special allocations from the budget surplus of 2018 for the non-mandatory central provident fund system yesterday. According to the Fund, this year a total of 363,382 people are included on the list and 149,924 people are not. To be included on the name list, a person must be a permanent resident of Macau SAR, be 22 years of age on or before December 31, 2017, and have stayed in Macau for at least 183 days in 2017. No formalities are required for those who are already on the list to be allocated MOP7,000. For individuals who are entitled to the allocation of these funds for the first time, they will also be allocated the incentive basic fund of MOP10,000.

Residential mortgage loans dropped in April

According to statistics released today by the Monetary Authority of Macao, in April 2018, new approvals of residential mortgage loans (RMLs) dropped while those of commercial real estate loans (CRELs) increased. With regard to the outstanding balance, both RMLs and CRELs witnessed monthly increases. In April 2018, new RMLs approved by Macau banks decreased by 35.4 percent month-to-month to MOP4 billion. Meanwhile, new CRELs rose by 44.4 percent month-to-month to MOP8.4 billion, mainly driven by new loans granted to enterprises collateralized by commercial buildings. As at end-April 2018, the outstanding value of RMLs was MOP191.4 billion, up by 0.5 percent from a month earlier or 4.4 percent from a year ago. The outstanding value of CRELs was MOP190.9 billion, up 1.7 percent month-to-month or 12.6 percent year-on-year.

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Amazon flexes muscles, Seattle backs down on business tax

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AMAZON balked and Seattle is backing down. City leaders said they plan to repeal a tax on large companies such as Amazon and Starbucks as they face mounting pressure from businesses, an about-face just a month after unanimously approving the measure to help pay for efforts to combat a growing homelessness crisis.

The quick surrender showed the power of Amazon to help rally opposition and aggressively push back on taxes at all levels of government, even in its affluent home city where the income gap is ever widening and lower-income workers are being priced out of housing. It has resulted in one of the highest homelessness rates in the U.S.

Amazon and other businesses had sharply criticized the tax, and the online retailer even temporarily halted construction planning on a new high-rise building near its Seattle headquarters in protest.

Mayor Jenny Durkan and seven of nine City Council members said Monday they worked with a range of groups to pass a measure last month that would strike a balance between protecting jobs and supporting affordable housing. But a coalition of businesses is working to get a referendum on the November ballot to overturn the tax.

In a statement Durkan and the council members said "it is clear that the ordinance will lead to a prolonged, expensive political fight over the next five months that will do nothing to tackle our urgent housing and homelessness crisis."



They said they would move forward to repeal the so-called head tax. A special council meeting is scheduled today [Macau time], where a vote is expected. They didn't provide a backup funding plan. It marks the latest Amazon move against city, state and national taxes.

The company recently said it would block Australians from purchases on its international websites after the nation planned to impose a 10 percent consumption tax on online retailers for goods shipped to Australia.

The tax debate comes as 20 cities vie to lure the company's second headquarters and as it expands its workforce in Boston and Vancouver, British Columbia.

Cities have offered lavish tax breaks and incentives to lure the company and its promise of adding tens of thousands of high-paying jobs. Critics have said it is wrong for

profitable company to push for public money, especially considering the added costs to infrastructure and services the new headquarters would bring.

Seattle's tax would charge companies about USD275 per full-time worker each year and raise roughly \$48 million a year for affordable housing and homeless services. It would target businesses making at least \$20 million in gross revenue and take effect in January.

The liberal city spent \$68 million on homelessness in 2017 and plans to spend \$78 million this year.

Just days after Durkan signed the ordinance into law, the No Tax On Jobs campaign, a coalition of businesses, announced it would gather signatures to put a repeal referendum on the November ballot.

The campaign has raised about \$285,000 in cash

contributions, with more employers, including Amazon and Starbucks, pledging nearly \$200,000 in additional support.

The coalition is glad the "Seattle City Council has heard the voices of the people loud and clear and are now reconsidering this ill-conceived tax," said John Murray, a spokesman with the No Tax on Jobs campaign.

Councilwoman Teresa Mosqueda, one of four sponsors of the tax, said she could not support repealing the tax without "a replacement strategy to house and shelter our neighbors experiencing homelessness."

"We cannot wait months or until next year for another proposal or process while people are sleeping in our parks and on our streets," she said in a statement.

Councilwoman Kshama Sawant said on Twitter that the repeal "is a capitulation to bullying by Amazon" and other big business" and called it a "backroom betrayal" that didn't involve her office.

The clash over who should pay to solve a housing crisis exacerbated by Seattle's rapid economic growth was marked by weeks of raucous meetings and tense exchanges that didn't abate after the tax was approved.

Opponents called the Seattle measure a tax on jobs and questioned whether city officials are spending current resources effectively. Others praised the tax as a step toward building badly needed affordable housing.

The Seattle region had the third-highest number of homeless people in the U.S. and saw 169 homeless deaths in 2017. AP



Yahoo fined USD334,500 by UK regulator over 2014 cyber hacks

YAHOO'S U.K. unit was fined 250,000 pounds (USD334,500) by a British regulator for failing to keep the data of more than half a million users in the country safe from a cyber-attack in 2014.

Yesterday's decision comes less than a week after the Irish privacy watchdog, which is the lead authority for Yahoo in Europe, ordered the company to make "specified and mandatory" changes in the wake of one of the "biggest data breaches in history." The U.K. Information Commissioner's Office said that the incident exposed the personal data of approximately 500 million international users of Yahoo's services.

The revelation by Yahoo in 2016 that the personal information of about half a billion people was stolen in a 2014 attack on its accounts, was followed just a few months later by the news of a second major security breach that may have affected more than 1 billion user accounts.

"The failings our investigation identified are not what we expect from a company that had ample opportunity to implement appropriate measures, and potentially stop U.K. citizens' data being compromised," James Dipple-Johnstone, deputy commissioner of operations at the ICO, said in a statement. Bloomberg

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CTM HOLDS WITH GLOBAL TELECOM PROVIDERS



CTM held the 9th Bridge Alliance Management Meeting recently to share best practices, and discuss and explore solutions and technologies in the telecom industry including roaming

development and propositions, Enterprise Mobility, IoT development, Rich Communication Services (RCS) and Blockchain.

As a member operator of Bridge Alliance, CTM colla-

borates with other alliance members, aiming to provide its customers with the best 4G mobile experience both domestically and worldwide.

As of June 2018, CTM said in a statement that it has launched data roaming service with 351 overseas operators, covering 212 countries and regions, amongst which, 232 partner operators offer 4G roaming service to CTM customers.

Bridge Alliance was established in 2004. Since then, the alliance has grown rapidly. Its footprint expanded not only in Asia Pacific, but also to Europe, Africa, Middle East and the Americas serving over 800 million customers across 34 countries.

CEM LAUNCHES WECHAT ACCOUNT



CEM launched an official WeChat account so that citizens can manage their electricity accounts and receive up-to-date information, the electric company announced in a statement.

By following CEM WeChat and binding electricity bills

or e-Service to the account, customers can access online services, such as applying for new supply, changing contracts and terminating contracts, submitting self-reading, and make meter reading appointments.

Changing the language in

which bills are written, and changing the mailing address, applying for payment reminders, receiving notifications of bill issuance and service application status check is also available through this platform.

Until August 31, customers who follow CEM WeChat will enter a lucky draw automatically in which they can win up to 200 prizes, including Hong Kong-Macau round-trip ferry tickets, movie tickets, shopping coupons, and ice cream coupons.

Moreover, customers who bind their electricity bill at the same time will have the chance to win "Binding Grand Prizes", which include a Nintendo Switch console and variety kit, Xiaomi robot vacuum, and Dyson hairdryer.

Debby Wu

THE precarious balance Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen must navigate between a more assertive China and the uncertainty of American policy was in focus yesterday when she attended the opening of a new de facto U.S. embassy.

The American Institute in Taiwan's new building, located on a leafy hillside in the Taipei suburb of Neihu, was opened by its director Kin Moy, who in the absence of official ties between the U.S. and Taiwan is the de facto American ambassador to the self-governing island. Moy will then step down in the coming weeks with no successor named to replace him, adding to the 47 other U.S. diplomatic missions around the world that currently don't have ambassadors.

"Taiwan has no better friend than the United States," Moy said at the dedication ceremony yesterday. "The United States is here to stay."

But a vacant post in Taipei would add to the unpredictability Donald Trump's administration has injected into the relationship, which for four decades has underpinned the island's security. It's an issue that's come to the fore as China, which considers Taiwan part of its territory - to be united with the mainland by force if necessary - has accelerated efforts to convince the few countries that still have diplomatic ties with Taiwan to end them.

"It is the leadership the-

New US Taiwan Office prompts questions over who'll lead it



re that makes a difference, not protocols," Steve Tsang, director of SOAS China Institute in London, said of the new AIT building. "The Trump Administration has been slow to fill key posts in the State Department, which is bad for U.S. allies in East Asia, Taiwan included. This just makes it worse," he said by email.

Chinese President Xi Jinping has frozen ties with

Taipei since Tsai came to power in 2016 and refused to accept - as her predecessor had - that Taiwan is part of China under a framework for dialogue between the two sides. In recent months, Beijing has increased the pressure on Taiwan, dispatching regular military flights around the island. Last month, Burkina Faso severed official ties with Taiwan in favor of

tries around the world that recognize the government in Taipei.

Despite severing official ties with Taipei in 1979, Washington has acted as the backstop for Taiwan's security through arms sales and a vow to intervene should China attempt to claim Taiwan by force. But the Trump presidency has added unpredictability.

In December 2016, then

President-elect Trump accepted a precedence-shattering phone call from Tsai to congratulate him on his election victory, marking the highest-level contact between the two sides in almost 40 years. That call and Trump's subsequent questioning of the U.S. policy of recognizing Taiwan and China as one country spurred tensions with Beijing.

Xi Jinping has frozen ties with Taipei since Tsai came to power in 2016

It wasn't until February 2017 that those tensions were assuaged when Trump reaffirmed the U.S. "one-China" policy during a phone call with Xi. Since then, the relationship between the world's two biggest economies have focused on trade and North Korea's nuclear weapons program.

In Taipei yesterday, Marie Royce, Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs, was the most-senior U.S. official present at the opening of the new AIT office. **Bloomberg**

Slain Chinese girl's family wants longer sentence for killer

Astrid Galvan, Tempe

THE family of a Chinese college student gunned down in a road rage incident in Arizona is pleading with a judge to reject an agreement lowering charges against the young girl's killer.

The family of 19-year-old Yue Jiang traveled from China to Arizona this week to seek a harsher sentence for Holly Davis, the woman charged with fatally shooting Jiang following a car crash.

"The plea agreement from the county attorney's office demeans my cousin's life and makes Davis' meaningless life more important than Yue's, who would have graduated with honors to become a productive and reasonable citizen and an asset to her community, city, state and nation," said Katherine Xu, the student's



Yue Jiang is shown in large photographs at a memorial over two years after her death

cousin, during a memorial and news conference on Monday.

The family is scheduled to speak before the judge in the case. Davis, who has pleaded guilty to second-degree murder, will be sentenced on Friday.

Davis was charged with first-degree murder and other charges. But she pleaded guilty to second-degree murder, which comes with a maximum 25-year sentence. The family says Davis should serve life in prison.

The Maricopa County

Attorney's Office says that prosecutors have worked with Jiang's family and taken them into consideration, but it comes down to "practical realities of the facts and circumstances" of any given case.

"Losing a loved one to violence is tragic, let alone losing them in a foreign country. Couple tragedy with the unfamiliarity of a foreign criminal justice system and confusion and frustration is not unexpected," spokeswoman Amanda Jacinto said in the statement.

Jiang's family says they have been left out of the process and believe Davis should be tried on first-degree murder and sentenced to life.

Jiang was from the city of Chongqing in southwestern China. She was a sophomore studying business at ASU when she was killed on Jan. 16, 2016.

"My cousin Yue was a kind, mature and responsible girl who served her family very well. We were very proud of her, and we still are," Xu said. **AP**

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Discarded car doors sit in an alleyway as smoke billows from the chimneys of a factory nearby in Dalian

Next up in clean-air push is a gas pipeline behemoth

CHINA'S push to eradicate smog by using more natural gas is set to get a boost as it pushes ahead with a plan to merge under one company a national pipeline network that would unify transport and investment decisions.

Regulators are aiming to announce a decision before winter to combine oil and gas pipeline assets owned by its three state energy giants, worth as much as 500 billion yuan (USD78 billion), under a new national operator, according to people with knowledge of the matter.

The move, under discussion since at least 2014, would reinforce President Xi Jinping's commitment to overhaul state-owned enterprises and streamline industrial capacity. It would also be a boon for efforts to use more

natural gas instead of coal to cut pollution. That endeavor has been hampered at times by a lack of infrastructure.

The national pipeline company would be provisionally named China Pipelines Corp., said the people, who asked not to be identified as the information isn't public. Under the plan, state-controlled and private funds will inject capital sufficient to lower the combined stake held by the three oil majors to about 50 percent. The company may then file for an initial public offering, according to two of the people. The proposal hasn't been finalized and may change, they said.

The National Development & Reform Commission and State-owned Assets Supervision & Administration Commission didn't

respond to faxes seeking comment.

The pipeline overhaul is among measures to ensure open access to third-party suppliers to the assets operated mainly by state-owned giants - China National Petroleum Corp., China Petrochemical Corp. and China National Offshore Oil Corp. That could improve supply efficiency to meet booming demand and help ease gas supply crunches, which parts of the country suffered from last winter.

"If you look at every liberalized gas market, there is a clear separation of pipeline ownership and gas supply," Sanford C. Bernstein & Co. analyst Neil Beveridge said in a phone interview. "Pipeline reform becomes key."

Spokesmen for the three state

energy companies didn't respond to requests for comment.

CNPC's flagship listed unit PetroChina Co. rose as much as 2 percent in Hong Kong on Tuesday before erasing those gains to close 0.3 percent lower at HKD6.53. Natural gas unit Kunlun Energy Co. slid 1 percent. China Petroleum & Chemical Corp., China Petrochemical's listed unit and known as Sinopec, advanced 1.5 percent.

Sinopec may indirectly be the biggest beneficiary of the pipeline spinoff as it will open the way for it to complete the long-awaited public listing of its retail unit, China International Capital Corp.'s Hong Kong-based analysts including Nelson Wang wrote in a note to clients.

"The pipeline spinoff clears the

very last hurdle of its marketing IPO, which has been delayed as Sinopec first needs to dispose of its crude and refined products pipelines into the national pipeline company," Wang wrote. "We believe it will likely take place by year-end and will be a positive catalyst for Sinopec."

Gas transport reform would be the latest change China has made amid efforts to adopt free-market practices common in the U.S. and Europe, replacing decades of strictly regulated buying and selling. The plan would follow sweeping changes unveiled last month to Chinese gas prices for different users in a major step toward market liberalization.

Under the current system, independent producers may find it hard to buy space at an affordable rate on a pipeline owned by their upstream competitors, according to Lu Wang, a Bloomberg Intelligence analyst in Hong Kong. For consumers such as city-gas distribution networks or large industrial plants, they're stuck buying from the company that hooked the pipeline up to them, she said.

If pipeline assets could be separated from the majors, then "all gas will be treated equal," said Wang.

China's gas pipeline network spans 70,000 kilometers (43,500 miles), according to estimates from Bernstein. The tally from the three energy giants is about 66,000 kilometers, based on company disclosures in 2016. PetroChina, China's largest gas producer and importer, owns about 70 percent of it, Beveridge said.

Timing is a big unknown. China has taken several steps toward liberalization this decade, from regulating how much pipeline companies and gas distributors can charge to last month's decision to harmonize gas pricing so that residential, industrial and commercial users would all pay the same city-gate price. Pipeline reform could take another one to two years to become reality, Beveridge said.

"It's inevitable, but your guess on timing as good as mine," Beveridge said. "This is the potential breaking up of PetroChina, so it's a very big reform and something they will want to get right." **Bloomberg**

Auto sales rise 7.9 percent in May as electrics surge

CHINA'S auto sales rose 7.9 percent in May from a year earlier as purchases of electric and gasoline-electric hybrid vehicles more than doubled to 102,000, an industry group reported yesterday.

Sales of SUVs, sedans and minivans rose to 1.9 million, according to the China Association of Automobile Manufacturers. Total vehicle sales, including

trucks and buses, rose 9.6 percent to 2.3 million.

Year-to-date sales rose 5.1 percent to 9.9 million, rebounding from 2017's annual growth of just 1.4 percent.

Sales of electric and gasoline-electric hybrids rose 126 percent over a year earlier. Through May, sales of electrics and hybrids rose 142 percent to 328,000.

Beijing has spent hea-

vily to transform China into the world's biggest electric car market and is preparing to enforce sales quotas to press global automakers to speed up development.

The Finance Ministry says auto import duties will be reduced from 25 percent to 15 percent on most vehicles, effective July 1. That followed pledges to buy more U.S. goods and end restrictions on fo-

reign ownership in the industry.

Ford Motor Co. responded by announcing a cut in prices of imported models. But industry analysts say automakers including Ford, General Motors Co. and Volkswagen AG are likely to gain little in sales, because most of their vehicles sold in China are produced in local factories.

The tariff cut is likely to benefit high-end Euro-

pean and Japanese brands such as BMW AG, VW's Audi unit and Toyota Motor Co.'s Lexus that import more of their vehicles, as well as Tesla, the electric car brand that has no China factory, according to industry analysts.

— Nissan Motor Co. sales rose 14.3 percent to 128,059. For the five months through May, sales gained 10.8 percent to 589,409.

— Toyota sales rose 10.9 percent to 122,400. Year-to-date sales gained 10.9 percent to 562,200.

— Volkswagen AG said May sales rose 4.1 percent to 251,600. Sales so far this year are up 7.9 percent to 1.2 million.

— BMW AG said sales of BMW and MINI brand vehicles shrank 10.1 percent to 45,860. Year-to-date sales were up 2.5 percent to 248,870. **AP**

Grant Peck, Bangkok

A U.S. government-affiliated broadcaster that provides news to countries in Asia where freedom of information is restricted is losing its partner in Myanmar after refusing to stop using the word "Rohingya" to describe an oppressed Muslim minority.

Monday was the last day DVB Media Group's network would carry Radio Free Asia's television broadcasts, RFA spokesman Rohit Mahajan said. He said RFA told Myanmar authorities that it was unwilling to bow to their pressure to use a term other than Rohingya.

About 700,000 Rohingya have fled to neighboring Bangladesh since Myanmar's government launched a violent counterinsurgency campaign last August in western Myanmar, where most Rohingya lived. Many people in Myanmar call the Rohingya "Bengali" to reflect the contention that they are illegal migrants from Bangladesh rather than natives.

The government refuses to recognize the Rohingya as an official ethnic minority and denies most the right to citizenship and its privileges.

Myanmar is the second Southeast Asian nation in 10 months where RFA has lost access to local broadcasters. Cambodia last August prohibited local FM stations from carrying RFA programming, one of several actions restricting the media in what was seen as a move to si-

US broadcaster loses Myanmar outlet over Rohingya name



A newspaper stall in Yangon, Myanmar

lence critical voices ahead of a general election this July.

Mahajan said RFA had been broadcasting on DVB's channel since early October last year. A May 7 memo about DVB's case from the government broadcasting agency Myanma Radio and Television to private broadcasters said the direct use of the "controversial word 'Rohingya'" was a violation of contractual codes to which broadcas-

ters are bound.

A statement by RFA President Libby Liu provided Monday to The Associated Press declared that the U.S. broadcaster "will not compromise its code of journalistic ethics, which prohibits the use of slurs against ethnic minority groups. RFA will continue to refer to the Rohingya as the 'Rohingya' in our reports. Use of other terms, even those that fall short of being derogatory,

would be inaccurate and disingenuous to both our product and our audience."

"By forbidding the use of the word 'Rohingya,' Myanmar's government is taking an Orwellian step in seeking to erase the identity of a people whose existence it would like to deny," she said. "RFA will continue to provide audiences in Myanmar with access to trustworthy, reliable journalism,

particularly when reporting on issues that local and state-controlled media ignores and suppresses."

Mahajan said RFA's programming for Myanmar would remain available on its website, on Facebook and YouTube and on shortwave radio, and its reporters will continue to work in the country.

In Cambodia, the cessation of RFA broadcasts on local media last year was followed by the closing under pressure of its office and in November by the arrest of two of its former reporters on espionage charges that are generally considered to be attempts to intimidate.

RFA, which is loosely modeled on longtime broadcaster Radio Free Europe, carries broadcasts to China, Cambodia, North Korea, Laos and Vietnam as well as Myanmar. It is funded by the U.S. government but run by an independent board.

DVB — the Democratic Voice of Burma — was originally established in 1992 as a shortwave radio station in Norway to beam uncensored news to Myanmar when it was still under military rule. It did not immediately respond to a request for comment on its relationship with RFA. **AP**

Vietnam passes cybersecurity law despite privacy concerns

VIETNAMESE legislators yesterday passed a contentious cybersecurity law, which critics say will hurt the economy and further restrict freedom of expression.

The law requires service providers such as Google and Facebook to store user data in Vietnam, open offices in the country and remove offending contents within 24 hours at the request of the Ministry of Information and Communications and the specialized cybersecurity task-force under the Ministry of Public Security.

Addressing the Communist Party-dominated assembly before the vote, chairman of the Committee on Defense and Security Vo Trong Viet said the law is "extremely necessary to defend the interests of the people and national security".

Viet said the law doesn't

contradict Vietnam's commitments to multinational trade treaties such as the World Trade Organization and the Trans-Pacific Partnership, but he said there are exceptions on national security grounds.

He said requiring foreign companies to set up data centers in Vietnam may

An estimated 70 percent of Vietnam's 93 million people are online and some 53 million people have Facebook accounts

increase their operational costs, but it was necessary for the country's cybersecurity and will facilitate the companies' operations and user activities.

"When there are acts of violation of cybersecurity, the coordination in handling the violations will be more effective and more viable," Viet said, without elaborating.

An estimated 70 percent of Vietnam's 93 million people are online and some 53 million people have Facebook accounts.

Jeff Paine, managing director of Asia Internet Coalition, an industry association that includes Google and Facebook, said that the group was disappointed with the passage of the law whose requirements on data localization, content control and local offices will hinder the country's ambitions to achieve GDP and job growth.

"Unfortunately, these provisions will result in severe limitations on Vietnam's digital economy, dampening the foreign investment climate and hurting opportunities for local businesses and SMEs to flourish inside and beyond Vietnam," he said in a statement.

The Vietnam Digital Communications Association said the law may reduce GDP growth by 1.7 percent and wipe out foreign investment by 3.1 percent.

Facebook did not comment on the new legislation.

The United States and Canada had called on Vietnam to delay the passage of legislation.

The U.S. Embassy said last week it found the draft containing "serious obstacles to Vietnam's cybersecurity and digital innovation future, and may not



be consistent with Vietnam's international trade commitments."

Amnesty International said the decision has potentially devastating consequences for freedom of expression.

"In the country's deeply repressive climate, the online space was a relative refuge where people could go to share ideas and opinions with less fear of censure by the authorities," Clare Algar, Amnesty International's director of global operations, said in a statement yesterday.

She said the law grants the government sweeping powers to monitor online activity, which means "there is now no safe place left in Vietnam for people

to speak freely."

"This law can only work if tech companies cooperate with government demands to hand over private data. These companies must not be party to human rights abuses, and we urge them to use the considerable power they have at their disposal to challenge Viet Nam's government on this regressive legislation," she said.

Despite sweeping economic reforms since the mid-1980s that made Vietnam one of fastest growing economies in the region, authorities maintains tight control over almost all aspects of life including the media and religion and tolerate no challenge to the one-party rule. **AP**

MALAYSIA

Attorney General starts review of 1MDB probe papers

Anisah Shukry

MALAYSIA'S attorney general will start his review of 1MDB investigation papers, signaling that charges linked to the troubled state fund may be imminent.

Attorney-General Tommy Thomas has formed two teams, one to study the documents for possible criminal prosecution, and the other for civil proceedings, he said in a statement. The Malaysian Anti-Corruption Commission submitted the files to the Attorney General's Chambers yesterday afternoon.

"We would require time to review the papers but appreciate the urgency and sensitivity of our tasks," Thomas said in the statement.

While the anti-graft agency has issued arrest warrants for people linked to 1MDB, inclu-



ding financier Low Taek Jho, any charges would come from the public prosecutor.

Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad hasn't eased his pace in reviving a probe into the troubled state fund. In the month since his administration swept into power, authorities have questioned former premier Najib Razak and his wife, seized cash and jewelry from properties linked

to Najib, and held talks with U.S. and Singapore to uncover the extent of the scandal that has spawned multiple investigations across the globe.

Thomas has signed requests for mutual legal assistance from Switzerland, the U.S., France and the United Arab Emirates in relation to 1MDB, whose full name is 1Malaysia Development Bhd. **Bloomberg**



INDIA

World's fastest growth yet to make a mark on job market

Ronojoy Mazumdar

HIRING in India's formal job market remained stagnant even as growth accelerated at the fastest pace among the world's biggest economies.

A survey of 5,110 employers conducted by Manpower Group found 16 percent planned to increase their workforce in the quarter ending September. It includes companies in the formal sector, who employ 10 or more workers. Data on India's informal labor market, which employs the majority of its workers, is limited.

"Major trends that will drive recruitment in 2018 in India are diversity, automated recruitment, virtual reality, remote working options," AG Rao, group managing director of Manpower Group India

said in a statement yesterday. The service sector and wholesale and retail trade are expected to have the strongest outlook, with 20 percent of respondents saying they planned to hire in the September quarter.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government is counting on high levels of economic growth to deliver jobs before the country heads for elections in 2019. Gross domestic product growth has accelerated in each of the last four quarters, hitting 7.7 percent for the quarter ending March.

Before sweeping to power in 2014, Modi appealed to young job-seekers with a promise to create 10 million jobs. Four years later it remains unclear how many positions have been created. More than 12 million Indians enter

the workforce every year, government data show.

Though the rate of hiring isn't increasing dramatically, neither are large numbers of jobs being lost, data indicates. The unemployment rate fell to 5.29 percent in May from 5.64 percent the previous month, data compiled by Center for Monitoring Indian Economy show, which is the lowest since January. India does not have official government data on unemployment available for 2018.

"A large part of the acceleration in recent quarters comes from increased public administration spending," said Mahesh Vyas, chief executive officer at CMIE. "This is not sustainable and so there are inherent limits in the nature of the current growth." **Bloomberg**

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ONE SHOT NEWS



Protesters are roughed up by plainclothes police after heckling Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte at the 120th Philippine Independence Day celebration yesterday at the Emilio Aguinaldo Shrine at Kawit, Cavite province south of Manila, Philippines. Duterte's speech was marred by protesters who heckled him with shouts of "traitor!" and "Oust Duterte!"

Jon Gambrell, Dubai

WAR profiteers, terror financiers and drug traffickers sanctioned by the U.S. in recent years have used Dubai's real-estate market as a haven for their assets, a new report released yesterday alleges.

The report by the Washington-based Center for Advanced Defense Studies, relying on leaked property data from the city-state, offers evidence to support the long-whispered rumors about Dubai's real-estate boom. It identifies some USD100 million in suspicious purchases of apartments and villas across the city of skyscrapers in the United Arab Emirates, where foreign ownership fuels construction that now outpaces local demand.

The government-run Dubai Media Office said it could not comment on the report.

For its part, the center known by the acronym C4ADS said Dubai has a "high-end luxury real estate market and lax regulatory environment prizing secrecy and anonymity above all else." That comes as the U.S. already warns that Dubai's economic free zones and trade in gold and diamonds poses a risk.

"The permissive nature of this environment has global security implications far beyond the sands of the UAE," the center said in its report. "In an interconnected global economy with low barriers impeding the movement of funds, a single point of weakness in the regulatory system can empower and enable a range of global illicit actors."

The properties in question include million-dollar villas on the fronds of the man-made Palm Jumeirah archipelago to an apartment in the Burj Khalifa, the world's tallest building. Others appear to be one-bedroom apartments in more-affordable neighborhoods in Dubai, the UAE's biggest city.

Among the highest-profile individuals named in the report is Rami Makhoul, a cousin of embattled Syrian President Bashar Assad and one of that country's wealthiest businessmen. The U.S. has sanctioned Makhoul, who owns the largest mobile phone carrier SyriaTel, for using "intimidation and his close ties to the Assad regime to ob-

Report describes Dubai real estate as money-laundering haven

tain improper financial advantages at the expense of ordinary Syrians."

Makhoul and his brother, also sanctioned by the U.S., own real estate on the Palm Jumeirah, according to the report. They also have ties to two UAE-based free-zone companies. The UAE, a federation of seven sheikhdoms led from oil-rich Abu Dhabi, has opposed Assad in his country's yearslong war.

The UAE also opposes Hezbollah, the Lebanese political party and militia group backed by Iran. However, C4ADS' report identified at least one property directly linked to Lebanese businessmen Kamel and Issam Amhaz, who the U.S. sanctioned in 2014 for helping Hezbollah "covertly purchase sophisticated electronics" for military drones. The report identified another nearly \$70 million in Dubai properties owned by two other shareholders in Amhaz's sanctioned firms.

Separately, the report identified some \$21 million in real estate still held by individuals associated with the Altaf Khanani money laundering organization, a Pakistani ring that aided drug traffickers and Islamic extremists like al-Qaida through its currency exchange houses.

The report identified Dubai properties owned by Hassein Eduardo Figueroa Gomez, a Mexican national indicted in the U.S. for importing mass quantities of chemicals needed to make methamphetamine. It also identified properties owned by two Iranians previously sanctioned for their work on Iran's missile program.

Dubai, an Arabian Peninsula entrepot, long has been a favorite port of call for those skirting the law. Gold smuggling into India served as one of the emirate's most lucrative trades for the decades after the pearling industry collapsed. Guns, drugs and other illicit cargo also moved through the city-state.

Over time, however, Dubai itself became a haven. The emirate's decision in 2002 to allow foreign



Laborers work at a construction site at the Palm Jumeirah, in Dubai, United Arab Emirates

ownership of so-called "freehold" properties drew a rapid construction boom that attracted developers from across the world, including President Donald Trump, whose name is on two golf course projects and villas.

Dubai's easily flipped luxury properties offered an opportunity for those wanting to park money they otherwise couldn't spend. The Federation of American Scientists warned based on news reports in 2002 that "money-laundering activity in the UAE may total \$1 billion annually."

Money quickly flowed in from all corners, especially those now involved in the U.S. wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, likely topping that.

From Kabul, the Afghan capital, over \$190 million in physical cash left for Dubai in three months in 2009 on commercial flights, according to an October 2009 U.S. diplomatic cable published by WikiLeaks. In 2008, some \$600 million, as well as 100 million euros and 80 million British pounds, made the trip, according to the cable.

A banking scandal in Afghanistan in 2010 saw regulators demand that a banker turn over 18 Palm Jumeirah villas and two business properties. The brother of former Afghan President Hamad Karzai also profited from the sale of a Palm Jumeirah villa at the time.

In Pakistan, authorities believe citizens invested \$8 billion in Dubai's property market over four years, possibly to eva-

de taxes, officials said in 2017. Alleged Australian drug kingpins arrested in Dubai last year also owned real estate in the city, while the governments of Nigeria and South Africa also have launched investigations into alleged money laundering involving Dubai.

Unlike in the U.S., whe-

re property records are public, Dubai does not offer an accessible database of all its transactions, instead requiring specific details only individual buyers and sellers would have. C4ADS said it relied in part on "private UAE data compiled by real estate and property professionals" offered by

a confidential source for its reporting.

The U.S. State Department as recently as this year issued a warning about money laundering in the UAE in its annual International Narcotics Control Strategy Report, noting the country's money-exchange shops can allow for "bulk cash smuggling." The UAE's economic free zones, real estate sector and its trade in gold and diamonds also pose risks.

"The UAE has demonstrated both a willingness and capability to take action against illicit financial actors if those actors pose a direct national security threat or present a reputational risk to the UAE's role as the leading regional financial hub," the State Department said. "However, the UAE needs to continue increasing the resources devoted to investigating, prosecuting and disrupting money laundering." AP

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Just a couple of guys talking cars — while the world watches. President Donald Trump offered North Korea leader Kim Jong Un a rare glimpse inside the presidential limousine known as “The Beast.” After meetings and a working lunch, Trump and Kim were spotted approaching Trump’s hulking black limousine, adorned with an American flag. Trump gestured to the car and then a Secret Service agent opened the right passenger door. Kim could be seen smiling as the two stood chatting and Kim peeked inside. While there was initially some confusion about what the leaders were doing, it quickly became clear that Trump was making a classic alpha male move: showing Kim his ride.

Dennis Rodman weeps as Trump and Kim meet



Former NBA star Dennis Rodman openly wept on television in a live interview from Singapore yesterday as President Donald Trump and North Korea’s Kim Jong Un met for the first time. The eccentric former reality television star is one of the few Westerners to have spent time with Kim during multiple visits to Pyongyang. The two struck up an unlikely friendship over their shared love of basketball. Rodman also goes back years with Trump and appeared on his “Celebrity Apprentice” show. In an emotional and sometimes hard-to-follow interview with CNN’s Chris Cuomo, Rodman, wearing sunglasses and a “Make America Great Again” hat, said he had received a call from the White House ahead of the summit.

Height difference not that noticeable



The North Korea leader is about 170 centimeters tall, about 20 centimeters shorter than Trump, according to media reports. But when the two stood together during yesterday’s meeting, the difference in their heights wasn’t that noticeable. Maybe the special made shoes helped, as can be noticed in this picture of Kim walking toward Donald Trump at the Capella Hotel on Sentosa Island.

President shows Kim a video laying out the stakes of summit

Ken Thomas, Zeke Miller

PRESIDENT Donald Trump, the former reality television star with a knack for theatrics, tried a dose of Hollywood drama as he sought to sway North Korean leader Kim Jong Un during their historic summit.

Using an iPad, Trump said, he showed Kim a short video made on his behalf, laying out the opportunities that could come with an agreement to eliminate North Korea’s nuclear arsenal — a story about “two men, two leaders, one destiny.”

Reminiscent of a movie trailer, the film shows images of warplanes and artillery while a narrator suggests in English and Korean that “a new world can begin today, one of friendship, respect and goodwill.”

“We had it made up. I showed it to him today, actually during the meeting, toward the end of the meeting and I think he loved it,” Trump said during a news conference. The video was broadcast on big screens at the start of Tuesday’s press conference.

Trump said the video was played for about eight members of the North Korean delegation, “and I thought



they were fascinated by it.” The president added: “That could very well be the future.”

“I showed it because I really want him to do something,” he said.

Long an authoritarian state, North Korea has used propaganda films to shape public perception of its leaders, often portraying Kim and his family as gods. The current leader’s father, Kim Jong Il, was a longtime movie buff who had thousands of titles in his film collection and once led North Korea’s ministry of propaganda.

Trump, who starred on NBC’s reality show “The Apprentice” before entering politics, told reporters he was “not concerned at all” that the film could be used as propaganda, adding, “We

could use that video for other countries.”

It wasn’t the first time video was used as a way to connect with Kim. At the end of a summit in April on the southern side of the Demilitarized Zone between the Koreas, Kim and South Korean President Moon Jae-in watched a highly produced video, backed by inspirational music, that highlighted the ceremonies they had just conducted during the day.

During his exchanges with Trump, Kim seemed to buy into the cinematography of their unlikely meeting, saying through a translator, “many people in the world that will think of this as a scene from a [...] science fiction movie.”

The short film sought to

place Kim as a central character living in a key moment in history.

Against a piercing musical score, the narrator dramatically asks, “What if? Can history be changed? Will the world embrace this change? And when can this moment in history begin? It comes down to a choice, on this day, in this time, at this moment, the world will be watching, listening, anticipating, hoping.”

The video suggests that Kim could “be the hero of his people. Will he shake the hand of peace and enjoy prosperity like he has never seen, a great life, or more isolation? Which path will be chosen?” The narrator references some of Trump’s main arguments to Kim, namely that eliminating his nuclear stockpile would allow his country to benefit economically and re-enter the world community.

The trailer portrays Trump and Kim as the two leading characters of the film — but the outcome is yet unknown. The narrator says the film is “featuring President Donald Trump and Chairman Kim Jong Un, in a meeting to remake history, to shine in the sun, one moment, one choice, what if? The future remains to be written.” **AP**

China suggests sanctions relief for Pyongyang

CHINA suggested yesterday that the U.N. Security Council consider suspending or lifting sanctions against North Korea if the country is in compliance with U.N. resolutions and making progress in diplomatic negotiations.

Hours after talks between North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and U.S. President Donald Trump in Singapore, Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Geng Shuang said the Security Council’s sanctions against North Korea were designed to be adjusted and could be suspended or lifted in accordance with the North’s actions.

The Security Council



North Korean men push their bicycles as they cross a road in Pyongyang, North Korea

could consider loosening or lifting sanctions on North Korea “in accordance with the compliance of the [North Korean] side and the development of the situation,” Geng said at a daily briefing in Beijing.

“Sanctions are not an end,” he said. “We believe the Security Council should make efforts to support the diplomatic efforts at the present time.”

The Chinese position echoes comments made by Russian

Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov, who called for a lifting of sanctions during a May visit to Pyongyang, North Korea’s capital. U.S. officials believe that harsh sanctions have been instrumental in the “maximum pressure campaign” to bring Kim to the negotiating table.

Trump ruled out immediate sanctions relief for North Korea after his meeting with Kim, saying it would come “when we are sure that the nukes are no longer a factor.”

China, North Korea’s main ally, accounts for more than 90 percent of the isolated country’s trade, and China’s participa-

tion is widely seen as crucial for international sanctions to have any bite. Bilateral trade has plunged in recent months as China ratcheted up enforcement of the increasingly tough restrictions ordered over the North’s missile and nuclear weapons tests.

In the past, China has been accused of skirting sanctions to prop up the North Korean government — an accusation it vigorously denies. Geng said yesterday that China has been following the U.N. sanctions resolutions “comprehensively, accurately and strictly.”

But Trump suggested that China has already been relaxing trade controls.

“Over the last two months the border is more open than it was when we first started,” Trump told reporters in Singapore. **AP**

PRESIDENT Donald Trump and North Korea's Kim Jong Un concluded an extraordinary nuclear summit yesterday with the U.S. president pledging unspecified "security guarantees" to the North and Kim recommitting to the "complete denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula."

Meeting with staged ceremony on a Singapore island, Trump and Kim came together for a summit that seemed unthinkable months ago, clasping hands in front of a row of alternating U.S. and North Korean flags, holding a one-on-one meeting, additional talks with advisers and a working lunch.

Both leaders expressed optimism throughout roughly five hours of talks, with Trump thanking Kim afterward "for taking the first bold step toward a bright new future for his people."

Trump added during a free-flowing news conference that Kim has before him "an opportunity like no other" to bring his country back into the community of nations if he agrees to give up his nuclear program.

Trump announced that he will be freezing U.S. military "war games" with its ally South Korea while negotiations between the two countries continue. Trump cast the decision as a cost-saving measure, but North Korea has long objected to the drills as a security threat.

Trump acknowledged that the timetable for denuclearization is long, but said, "once you start the process it means it's pretty much over."

The president acknowledged that U.S. intelligence into the North Korean nuclear stockpile is limited, "probably less there than any other country," he said. "But we have enough intelligence to know that what they have is very substantial."

Trump sidestepped his public praise for an autocrat whose people have been oppressed for decades. He added Otto Warmbier, an American once detained in North Korea, "did not die in vain" because his death brought about the nuclear talks.

Trump said Kim accepted his invitation to visit the White House at the "appropriate" time.

Light on specifics, the document signed by the leaders largely amounted to an agreement to continue discussions as it echoed previous public statements and past commitments. It did not include an agreement to take steps toward ending the technical state of warfare between the U.S. and North Korea.

The pair promised in the document to "build a lasting and stable peace regime" on the Korean Peninsula and to repatriate remains of prisoners of war and those missing in action during the Korean War.

Language on North Korea's bombs was similar to what the leaders of North and South Korea came up with at their own summit in April. At the time, the



Donald Trump and Kim Jong Un stop to talk with the media as they walk from their lunch at the Capella resort on Sentosa Island

After summit, Trump announces halt to US-S. Korea 'war games'

Koreans faced criticism for essentially kicking the issue of North Korea's nuclear arsenal down the road to yesterday's Trump-Kim summit. Trump and Kim even directly referenced the so-called Panmunjom Declaration, which contained a weak commitment to denuclearization and no specifics on how to achieve it.

The formal document signing followed a series of meetings at a luxury Singapore resort.

After the signing, Trump said he expected to "meet many times" in the future with Kim and, in response to questions, said he "absolutely" would invite Kim to the White House. For his part, Kim hailed the "historic meeting" and said they "decided to leave the past behind."

In a moment that would never happen in North Korea, reporters began yelling questions to Trump and Kim after they signed the document, including whether they had discussed the case of Otto Warmbier, the American college student who suffered brain damage while in North Korean custody and died in June 2017, days after he was returned home to Ohio.

In the run-up to the meeting, Trump had predicted the two men might strike a nuclear deal or forge a formal end to the Korean War in the course of a single meeting or over several days. But in the hours before the summit, the White House unexpectedly announced Trump would depart Singapore earlier than expected — yesterday evening — raising questions about whether his aspirations for an ambitious outcome had been scaled back.

The meeting was the first between a sitting U.S. president and a North Korean leader.

Aware that the eyes of the world were on a moment many people never expected to see, Kim said many of those watching would think it was a scene from a "science fiction movie."

After meeting privately and with aides, Trump and Kim moved into the luncheon at a long flower-bedecked table. As they entered, Trump injected some levity to the day's extraordinary events, saying: "Getting a good picture everybody? So we look nice and handsome and thin? Perfect."

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Then they dined on beef short rib confit along with sweet and sour crispy pork.

And as they emerged from the meal for a brief stroll together, Trump appeared to delight in showing his North Korean counterpart the interior of "The Beast," the famed U.S. presidential limousine known for its high-tech fortifications.

Critics of the summit leapt at the leaders' handshake and the moonlight stroll Kim took Mon-

day night along the glittering Singapore waterfront, saying it was further evidence that Trump was helping legitimize Kim on the world stage. Kim has been accused of horrific rights abuses against his people.

"It's a huge win for Kim Jong Un, who now — if nothing else — has the prestige and propaganda coup of meeting one on one with the president, while armed with a nuclear deterrent," said Michael Kovrig, a northeast Asia specialist at the International Crisis Group in Washington.

Trump responded to such commentary on Twitter, saying: "The fact that I am having a meeting is a major loss for the U.S., say the haters & losers." But he added "our hostages" are back home and testing, research and launches have stopped.

Giving voice to the anticipation felt around the world as the meeting opened, South Korean President Moon Jae-in said Tuesday he "hardly slept" before the summit. Moon and other officials watched the live broadcast of the summit before a South Korean Cabinet meeting in his presidential office.

The summit capped a dizzying few days of foreign policy activity for Trump, who shocked U.S. allies over the weekend by using a meeting in Canada of the Group of Seven industrialized economies to alienate America's closest friends in the West. Lashing out over trade practices, Trump lobbed insults at his G-7 host, Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. Trump left that summit early and, as he flew to Singapore, tweeted that he was yanking the

U.S. out of the group's traditional closing statement.

The optimistic summit was a remarkable change in dynamics from less than a year ago, when Trump was threatening "fire and fury" against Kim, who in turn scorned the American president as a "mentally deranged U.S. do-tard." Beyond the impact on both leaders' political fortunes, the summit could shape the fate of countless people — the citizens of impoverished North Korea, the tens of millions living in the shadow of the North's nuclear threat, and millions more worldwide.

Alluding to the North's concerns that giving up its nuclear weapons could surrender its primary deterrent to forced regime change, Secretary of State Mike Pompeo told reporters 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 said the U.S. was "prepared to take what will be security assurances that are different, unique, than America's been willing to provide previously."

The North has faced crippling diplomatic and economic sanctions as it has advanced development of its nuclear and ballistic missile programs. Pompeo held firm to Trump's position that sanctions will remain in place until North Korea denuclearizes — and said they would even increase if diplomatic discussions did not progress positively. **AP**

what's ON



18TH MACAU LOTUS FLOWER FESTIVAL

VENUE: 6am-10pm (Taipa Houses)
6am-9pm (Lou Lim Ieoc Garden)

UNTIL: June 17, 2018

ADMISSION: Free

DISCOVER MACAU: MUSEUM OF TAIPA AND COLOANE HISTORY

TIME: 10am-6pm daily (last admission at 5:30pm; closed on Mondays)

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TIME: 10am-9pm

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VENUE: Tap Seac Gallery, located at No. 95,

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ENQUIRIES: (853) 8988 4000

TAIPA ANCHORAGE: NAMES OF THE PAST AND THE PRESENT

TIME: 10am-7pm (Closed on Mondays)

UNTIL: June 18, 2018

VENUE: Taipa Houses - Nostalgic House

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CATALOGUE EXHIBITION IN CELEBRATION OF THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF MACAO MUSEUM

TIME: 10am-6pm (closed on Fridays)

UNTIL: August 30, 2018

VENUE: Kun Iam Ecumenical Centre

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UNTIL: July 31, 2018

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Offbeat

RESIDENTS TRY TO BREAK WORLD RECORD FOR LARGEST PAPER PLANE

Residents of a Massachusetts city are hoping to break the world record for largest paper airplane.

The Revolving Museum of Fitchburg is revealing a nearly one-ton (0.9-metric ton) plane Tuesday at the Fitchburg Municipal Airport. Volunteers have spent more than three years planning and building the plane.

Organizers say they don't plan to fly the 64-foot long (19.5-meter), 1,500-pound (680-kilogram) contraption. A construction crane will instead hold it aloft. An independent monitor also will be on hand to measure and document the plane on behalf of the Guinness World Record organization.

The plane project is meant to spotlight Fitchburg's history as a major paper producer.

Guinness World Records says the largest paper aircraft was built by students and employees at the Braunschweig Institute of Technology in Braunschweig, Germany in 2013.

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19:10	2018 FIFA World Cup Diary
19:35	Portuguese Serie
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:00	Macau Small Documentary
21:55	Portuguese Program
22:10	Brazilian Soap Opera
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JURASSIC WORLD: FALLEN KINGDOM

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

LOVE CHUNIBYO AND OTHER DELUSIONS

ROOM 3

7:30pm

Director: Tatsuya Ishihara

Language: Japanese (Chinese)

this day in history



1991 YELTSIN WINS FIRST RUSSIAN ELECTIONS

Boris Yeltsin is celebrating victory as Russia's first popularly-elected president.

The 60-year-old reformer and leader of the group Democratic Russia has inflicted a heavy defeat on the Communist Party which has ruled the country since the 1917 Revolution.

Although the result will not be officially confirmed until next week, it is clear Mr Yeltsin has achieved more than the 50% of votes required to avoid a second ballot.

His supporters claim he has secured 60 to 70% of the vote in many of the large Russian cities and up to 90% in his native city, Sverdlovsk.

His allies, Gavriil Popov and Anatoly Sobchak, who stood in the mayoral races in Moscow and Leningrad respectively, have also defeated their Communist rivals.

But the biggest surprise of all is that the people of Leningrad have voted to change the city's name back to the Tsarist St Petersburg - despite a vigorous opposition campaign.

Mr Popov said the elections had been "a great event in Russian history and brought Russia into the family of civilised nations which choose their leaders by direct popular elections".

United States presidential spokesman Marlin Fitzwater said the election was a "historic step for the Russian people and the Soviet Union".

President Yeltsin's mandate, as head of three quarters of the Soviet land mass and 150 million people, could now force President Mikhail Gorbachev to embark on more radical reforms.

He remains President of the Soviet Union, but unlike President Yeltsin he was not elected by the people.

Mr Yeltsin resigned from the Soviet Communist Party last year. He had been a trenchant critic of Mr Gorbachev for not pressing ahead fast enough with political reform and his departure left the Communist Party in disarray.

One of Mr Yeltsin's first tasks as Russian President will be to maintain the delicate political balance between himself and Mr Gorbachev.

Speaking on the eve of the ballot, Mr Yeltsin said his relations with Mr Gorbachev were "businesslike and low-key".

For his part, Mr Gorbachev told reporters that he was prepared to co-operate with anyone the Russians elected.

Mr Yeltsin has chosen as his deputy a former Afghan war hero, Colonel Alexander Rutskoi.

He will also have to improve his shaky international image - beginning with a visit to Washington and President George Bush on 20 June.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

In August 1991 Soviet hardliners staged a coup against President Gorbachev and President Yeltsin emerged as a national hero as he rallied the people from the top of a tank to keep the peace.

In early December, the leaders of Russia, Ukraine and Belarus precipitated the end of the Soviet Union with the formation of the CIS or Commonwealth of Independent States.

Mr Gorbachev stepped down as Soviet leader on 25 December 1991 and Mr Yeltsin became president of independent Russia.

He pushed ahead with a radical programme of reforms but when he met opposition from within his own parliamentary assembly, he chose to break the deadlock by closing it down and then ordering the military to storm the Moscow White House.

In the second half of the 1990s he began to suffer from health problems and underwent heart surgery in 1995.

The unpredictable nature of his character surfaced again and he sacked his entire government twice, until parliament eventually forced him to accept limitations on his powers. He stepped down on 1 January 2000.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 Take a deep breath, because respiration, as everyone who's done breathing exercises knows, contributes greatly to inspiration. If you're already inspired, go ahead and aspire to make your ideas real.

Taurus April 20-May 20 Today is a good day to check in with your network. You might want to send a few test signals out to see if there are any missing links, faulty relays, broken wires or downed poles.

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 There are different kinds of security. There's financial security, there's emotional security and then there are childproof caps. There are seatbelts and there's health insurance.

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 You and your heart are going to sit down for a little heart-to-heart. Well, okay, maybe it's more accurate to call it a mind-to-heart. Or mind-and-body-to-heart. Whatever....

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 You're one tough cookie. It doesn't matter if you feel more like oatmeal or chewy chocolate, more butter or more powdered sugar-covered, more pecan or more caramel. Nutty or not, you bend, not break.

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 You are no shrinking violet. No, not you. On the contrary, you're more like a Venus flytrap - you know what you want, and when it buzzes over your way, you snap it up! Then you do what you will with it.

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 Mark your territory. After all, it's your territory and nobody else's. The clearer you can be about your boundaries, the easier it will be for other people to respect them.

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 You understand the value of exercise. It's not just for your body, but for your body, mind, and spirit that you jog, box, walk, do martial arts, take yoga or do whatever it is that you do.

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 On the one hand, you have to recognize reality for what it is. On the other hand, you have to be able to visualize ways it could be better. The thing to avoid is imagining reality as something that it isn't.

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 Sometimes the old way of doing things just doesn't cut it anymore. Whether you're a line cook who's sick of using dull knives or a pastry chef who wants an oven that doesn't burn the croissants.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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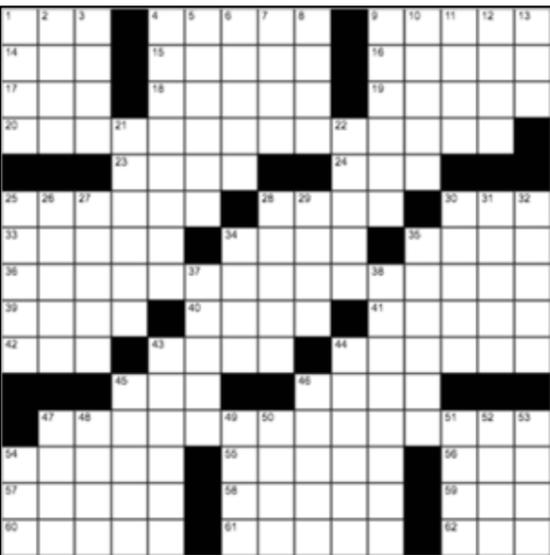
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NBA

Oakland ready to again celebrate champion Warriors

FOR the second straight year, throngs of Oakland fans will get to celebrate the Golden State Warriors with a parade for a team some are calling a basketball dynasty.

Hundreds of thousands of fans are expected to line downtown Oakland streets today [Macau time] to cheer Stephen Curry, Kevin Durant and the rest of the Warriors winning their third title

in four years.

The NBA champions have gone back-to-back, beating LeBron James and the Cleveland Cavaliers 108-85 on Friday night to finish off a four-game sweep of these

NBA Finals in the fourth consecutive meeting between these clubs.

Oakland city streets have been lined with gold and blue banners and shop and restaurant owners

along the parade route say they are getting ready to open their businesses during the celebration.

Fasil Lemma, who owns De Lauer's Newsstand, said he will be selling the new championship T-shirts and gear from past championships.

"It's very exciting," Lemma told the East Bay Times. "We want to serve the community."

Officials say as many as 1 million fans are expected to attend the parade, which will start at 11 a.m. at Broadway and 11th Street, wind through downtown streets and end on Oak and 13th Street.

Unlike other years, the parade won't end at a rally near Lake Merritt. Instead, there will be large Jumbotron-type screens set up along the route that will feature members of the team talking in real time and answering the questions of a few lucky fans.

"We wanted to make it more intimate, free flowing and, frankly, more exciting," Raymond Ridder, the team's vice president of communications, told the newspaper. "We will now have more fans along the parade route, creating more of a buzz, giving fans closer/direct access to players and, ideally, it will keep the event moving/flowing." **AP**

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ON THE ROAD TO WORLD CUP

Rossi explodes into life as Italy wins third title

ITALY has a reputation of being a slow-starter at the World Cup, not least because of its exploits at the 1982 tournament in Spain.

The team barely advanced after drawing its three group games against Poland, Cameroon and Peru, scoring only twice. With an unbalanced 24-team format at that World Cup, third place was enough for some to make it through to the second group stage.

But few gave the Azzurri much of a chance to go further, not least because its reward was to be grouped against defending champion Argentina, now reinforced with a young Diego Maradona, and Brazil, the team that had lit up the first round.

After beating Argentina 2-1, Italy knew that only victory against Brazil would confirm its place in the semifinals.

Brazil was playing the most exhilarating football, and a first World Cup triumph in 12 years looked likely. The goals were abundant even though Brazil arguably didn't have a quality striker. Why would that matter, anyway, when the team was blessed with an



array of attacking midfielders in Zico, Socrates, Falcao and Toninho Cerezo?

But in that match, the hitherto out-of-form Paolo Rossi exploded into life. Rossi, who had just returned from a suspension for alleged match-fixing, hadn't scored in Italy's first four games and coach Enzo Bearzot was under intense pressure to drop him.

Bearzot's faith was rewarded after Rossi scored a hat trick that saw Italy beat Brazil 3-2 in one of the great World Cup encounters. No Brazil team since has ever matched the attacking intent of coach Tele Santana's side.

With another two goals in the semifinals against Poland, Rossi was on fire and a third World Cup triumph for the Azzurri was looming.

In the final against West Germany, Rossi put Italy ahead with his sixth goal in three matches. Midfielder Marco Tardelli soon doubled the lead, his celebration one of the most memorable in World Cup history. Alessandro Altobelli added a third to give Italy a surprisingly easy victory despite a late consolation goal from Paul Breitner. The 3-1 victory ensured Italy won the World Cup for the first time in 44 years. **AP**



Leanne Italie, New York

WORLD CUP

Nigeria's bright, trippy uniforms a hit among jerseys

SPAIN, your asymmetry is showing. Nigeria, you're so bright I need shades! Croatia, Russia's fresh out of Big Boy restaurants. No worries, though, your party duds will be just the ticket once the World Cup gets underway June 14.

Those countries are among several of the more festive standouts in jerseys for the global football showcase, with loads of sentimental touches in the designs of the 32 teams.

With millions in exposure and retail sales at stake, the World Cup kits of 2018 can be categorized, generally speaking, like this: Team Plain, Team Retro and Team Cool Kid on the Pitch.

"We didn't used to care so much," said Roger Bennett, who is half the wacky British duo of the "Men in Blazers" football show on NBC Sports.

"What's changed is the fusion of the World Cup and the Premier League and the Champions League and television as a global platform, and advertising, which has essentially transformed them from being just functional garments, nothing to see here, just polyester, everybody move along, to the single-most lucrative billboard in the world," he said. "They may as well be spun from gold in terms of the impact that they have on the sports manufacturing brands that propel them."

Or, in the case of Australia, gold with a riot of jagged lines on shoulders and sleeves of home jerseys. The algae green lines celebrate waves and the country's proximity to various oceans and seas, said Nike football apparel senior design director Pete Hoppins. The away kit is all green with

a diagonal slash of yellow and lighter green touches on the front, in tribute to Australia's 2006 jerseys.

Football fans have been buzzing for weeks about Nigeria's shirts, to the delight of supplier Nike but not so much among folks back home who consider the USD85 price tag out of reach. The away shirts are a screeching bright green, white and black with trippy jagged edging on a chevron pattern that may just be the World Cup's shining Rorschach moment, along with an ode to the country's style and pop culture energy.

The we-have-arrived look is a modern reinvention of Nigeria's 1994 kits, the first time the country qualified for the World Cup. The new shirts sold out in minutes on the first day of sales in some spots, including Nike's flagship store in London and online, Hoppins said, after stakeholders decided early on to go bold and market the strips in a collection that also includes hats, T-shirts and jackets.

"We've never seen anything like this before in terms of excitement, in terms of people queuing around the block," Hoppins said, referring to the crowd that showed up June 1. "It's something that Nike has never really done before, which is going all out and having fun with it. We want Nigeria to be everyone's second team."

To Simon Doonan, football nut and creative ambassador at large for Barneys New York, when it comes to out-there World Cup shirts, you're either in or you're out.

"The ones you remember are the ones that are crazy, but some leagues are risk averse," said Doonan, author of the new book "Soccer Style: The Magic and Madness."

"The World Cup is a carnival. It's not supposed to be a beacon of restraint and good taste," he said.

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SIMON DOONAN
AUTHOR

Doonan's favorites on the flamboyant front: Croatia's red-and-white checkerboard, reminiscent of the country's flag and medieval coat of arms — and, some say, — the Big Boy burger chain (Nike); Colombia's red-and-blue lightning bolts coming out of the armpits against a bright yellow background (Adidas); and Belgium's horizontal dash

of red-and-yellow Argyle, like the socks (also Adidas).

Doonan is also a fan of vertical stripes (hello, Argentina in blue and white, just like your flag and your kits from your 1978 World Cup win).

There are some jerseys he's not hugely fond of as a matter of personal preference.

"I'm very obsessed with symmetry, in life and in my work, so the Spain shirt, even though I'm a big fan of the Spanish team, the asymmetry of those shirts and that sort of folkloric zigzag only on one side, completely freaks me out," Doonan said of the dash of yellow, blue and red against, well, red.

And then there's Nigeria, the social media and retail king heading into the World Cup.

"They're fabulous," Doonan said. Bennett agreed: "You could wear it to a rave in Manchester in the 1990s and fit right in. It's a great way to live a life."

As for the upside down Vs in the Nigeria design, Hoppins said it's a nod to eagles — as in the team's Super Eagles nickname.

Other nationals also have '90s throwback designs. Germany's black-and-white shirts are an update of the jerseys won by Der Mannschaft's 1990 champions. "That's a nice bit of nostalgia," Bennett said. Hoppins considers the '90s a heyday in jersey style.

In the clash of sports com-

pany titans behind the parade of shirts, Adidas "has the wind behind them," as Bennett said, with 12 countries that include some powerhouse players, followed by Nike with 10, Puma with three and New Balance with two. Brands with one include Errea (Iceland), Hummel (Denmark), Uhlsport (Tunisia), Romai (Senegal) and Umbro (Peru), with its iconic red sash against white.

The U.S. didn't qualify, so forget another patriotic jersey iteration on display. Remember 1994, the year Adidas went with a washed-out denim blue-and-star design that some dubbed the worst World Cup shirts in history?

While acknowledging the deep pride and symbolism behind Croatia's ever-present checkerboard, Bennett isn't a fan: "I find it fairly terrifying. It's a tablecloth."

Among the uniforms on Bennett's not-so-much list: Iceland. "For whatever reason they've decided to clad their footballers in shirts so tight they're like sausage casings," Bennett said. "It's all nipples."

He was all praise for the Japan jersey, a rich blue that references the ancient Japanese technique of sashiko hand stitching in a pattern of rows of tracks down the front.

"It's utterly captivating and everything that's beautiful about a national football jersey," he said. "That's what we should aspire to." **AP**

opinion

Animal Farm
 Albano Martins



WASHING HANDS?

It has been announced that the Canidrome wants to send the greyhounds to China!

The Macau Government's policy seems to be as usual, following the "laissez faire, laissez passer" posture, washing its hands when the issue is about the free market.

The Canidrome knows that only a few of the greyhounds can be adopted within one and a half months, so, they have argued, as the deadline nears that very few people want to adopt them. Next month's closure of the Canidrome was known two years ago, when there were more than 120 inactive animals there. Now, there are only a few days remaining on the deadline. Anima sent its last letter on May 18, the latest in many letters, advice and recommendations sent by Anima in the past, anticipating these problems!

The Canidrome and the Macau Government may have forgotten that Anima has found around 430 potential adopters from all over the world, including within Macau and Hong Kong, and it definitely did not happen in one and a half months, but over several months, even years.

Anima recently offered its support to the Canidrome for the adoption program but, as usual, has received no answer.

The Macau Government will be under very tight observation and scrutiny from local and international communities and I believe also from the China central government authorities, regarding the future of its greyhounds.

From 2012, Anima has been asking for an adoption program for greyhounds, but it was not really done.

Angela Leong recently said that she does not believe there are any happier dogs in the world than the greyhounds of Macao.

Well, this is the price of freedom, everybody is free to joke with our authorities!

What about those thousands of animals that were not able to have an option and were all killed?

Were they so happy, or even healthy, when they were killed, even if they were healthy?

A few days ago, she announced races were not happening anymore, and Mr. Lei Chi Man, executive director of Canidrome confirmed that the races will cease on July 2.

If the greyhounds will run on the track until the last day, who is going to believe that on that final night all of them will be removed, so that when the Government wakes up the next day, the facilities will be all released?

Not forgetting, of course, the toy collection kept for the animals in the Canidrome!

In conclusion, it is better to imagine a beautiful toy than a rug on the floor!

For a long time, Anima has mentioned that Canidrome wants to send all greyhounds to China.

First Leong said that she had to ask the animal owners if they could be put into adoption (she didn't know she was the major owner?). With the decrease from over six hundred greyhounds, the SJM workers, and her friends, could have kept them all.

This may be a silly question, but what does SJM have to do with this greyhound business?

Now, she says that the process would be much easier if they are all sent to China.

Going to China, right next door without being desexed, is much easier and more profitable indeed!

If they go to China, of course it is more profitable if they are not desexed (as what happens now with the large majority) and this could be a new source of income: breeding for sale to the tracks that exist internally, as well as supplying other parts of Asia! This will create a potential violation of China's laws.

The Australian breeders who sold many of the greyhounds to the Canidrome violated the industry's own rules, as they were sent to Macao without the approval of Greyhounds Australasia. This then created a serious problem of potential breeding of these animals in China, yet Macao has closed its eyes!

Now they want to send them provisionally to the Jockey Club, where there is a lot of housing around, and even hotels? Well I like the imagination of those people! Business first, as usual!

THE BUZZ THE DESIGNER LOUBOUTIN WINS CASE ON RED SOLED HIGH-HEELS

The European Union's top court has defended French fashion designer Christian Louboutin's claim to trademark red soled high-heel shoes.

The European Court of Justice ruled yesterday that Van Haren, a Dutch company that sold similar shoes, had infringed the trade mark.

The court said that it did not matter that its shoes were different in shape. It said the registration of the trademark "sought solely to protect that application of a colour to a specific part of that product."

Louboutin said in a statement that it "warmly welcomes this judgment."



Station	Air quality
Roadside	45-65 Moderate
High Density Residential Area	30-50 Good
Ambient	45-65 Moderate

SOURCE: D5M/G

WORLD BRIEFS

IRAQ Turkey's military says its warplanes have struck 12 Kurdish rebel targets in cross-border raids in northern Iraq, where it is broadening its operations and vowing to destroy a stronghold of the fighters.

ROMANIA's president says he is considering a referendum on the justice system amid a contentious overhaul of the country's laws and ongoing anti-corruption protests.



EU The European Central Bank will tomorrow weigh when and how to end its bond-buying stimulus program — an exit that will have far-reaching consequences across the economy, from long-suffering savers to Europe's indebted governments.

GERMANY Police say a 15-year-old girl was fatally stabbed in a park in the German city of Viersen and a suspect is in custody. The dpa news agency reported that a 25-year-old Turkish man, who was known to police, has turned himself in.

FRANCE Police say a man is holding two people hostage in an office in central Paris. There is no indication of terrorist motives.



US Immigration judges generally cannot consider domestic and gang violence as grounds for asylum, U.S. Attorney General Jeff Sessions said in a ruling that could affect large numbers of Central Americans who have increasingly turned to the United States for protection.

BRAZIL Rising homicide rates are damaging Brazil's economy and leading to skyrocketing public security costs, according to a new study.

U2 dedicates song to Anthony Bourdain at Apollo show

John Carucci, New York

U2 frontman Bono honored the late Anthony Bourdain toward the end of the band's special performance at the Apollo Theater in Harlem.

Bono spoke of losing a "lot of inspiring, useful people" over the past few years "who gave up on their own life" alluding to the apparent suicides of musicians Chris Cornell and Chester Bennington, as well as fashion designer Kate Spade.

"And now this great storyteller, who I'm sure has stories he couldn't tell us. So for Anthony Bourdain, and his friends and family this is a song inspired by a great, great, great friend of ours. His name is Michael Hutchence," Bono said Monday night before launching into an impassioned version of "Stuck in a Moment You Can't Get Out Of."

The Grammy-winning song about suicide was written by the band after INXS singer Hutchence was found dead in 1997 of an apparent suicide.

The 61-year old Bourdain was found dead of an apparent suicide last week in France.

As for the performance,



Singer Bono of U2 performs during a concert at the Apollo Theater

the band took a break from their Experience and Innocence arena tour to play a special one-night show at the legendary theater for Sirius XM, subscribers. The invite-only show had a star-studded guest list, including Harry Belafonte, tennis legend John McEnroe, rocker Jon Bon Jovi, E-Street band guitarist "Little Steven" Van Zandt, and New England Patriots owner Robert Kraft.

The band ripped through its 90 minute set, covering 18 songs, and maintaining enough energy to keep many of the nearly 1,500 on their feet for most of the night. On the floor, fans waved their arms and sang along from the first chorus of opener, "I Will Follow" to the last encore of "Love Is Bigger Than Anything in Its Way."

Never afraid to play songs from a new album, four came from "Experience." But they also included standards like "Pride (In the Name of Love)," "Vertigo," and "Desire."

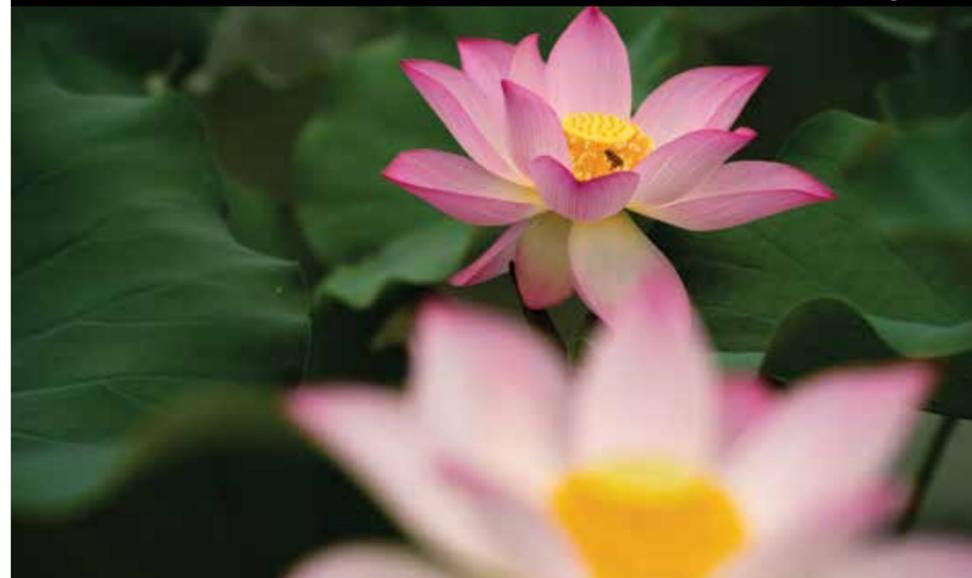
They also dusted off a few gems that have not been heard yet on the tour, including "Angel of Harlem," the band's homage to Billie Holliday. For that one, and a few others, the Sun Ra Arkestra backed them up.

Other songs marking their first tour appearance included, "When Love Comes to Down," "Every Breaking Wave," and "Out of Control" from "Boy," the band's 1980 debut album.

Though the concert was only for a select crowd of primarily SiriusXM subscribers, U2 fans can hear it on the band's SiriusXM channel from today. **AP**

THE DECISIVE MOMENT

Xinhua/Cheong Kam Ka



City emblem. Lotus flowers are seen growing in Macau. The lotus is the state flower for India, Vietnam and the Macau Special Administrative Region.