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Damaged cars crowding limited parking spaces

A number of flood-damaged vehicles are crowding Macau's underground car parks, reports the South China Morning Post, while parking spaces in the small city continue to command a premium.

The vehicles are in part a legacy of last year's deadly Typhoon Hato, though the SCMP says some of them date from a decade ago, when Typhoon Hagupit struck southern China in 2008.

The government has introduced a compensation scheme whereby the owners of cars damaged during Typhoon Hato can receive a

tax refund on a purchase of a replacement vehicle.

Speaking to the SCMP, lawmaker Au Kam San criticized the policy, explaining that it was not helpful in advancing the government's aim to cut the number of vehicles in Macau.

"There are already too many cars in Macau, but this scheme requires citizens to get new vehicles in order to get the tax refund benefit," he said. "Cash compensation would be a lot better."

The issue comes in the context of a disparity between the number of vehicles in the city and the number of

parking spaces, as well as transportation infrastructure that is struggling to handle the volume of cars during peak traffic hours.

Last week, the government proposed doubling fines from MOP300 to MOP600 to counter a rise in illegal parking.

But the move proved unpopular, with professional drivers in the city saying that the proposal was unfair as there were few legal parking options. They demanded that the government first improve the parking infrastructure and then consider raising the fines for lawbreakers.

Festival between China and Lusophone countries to be held next month

THE first edition of "Encounter in Macau – Arts and Cultural Festival between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries" will be held in July, and will feature activities such as a film festival.

The festival features 23 screenings of 24 films in three sections, namely "Films in Chinese", "Films in Portuguese" and "Images, Macau", as well as a series of related talks and post-screening sessions. It opens with the film 'Wrath of Silence', the latest production by emerging Chinese Director Xin Yukun, and closes with the first feature film 'Aniki Bóbó' and the first short documentary Douro, 'Faina Fluvial' by Portuguese film master Manoel de Oliveira.

According to a statement issued by the Cultural Affairs

Bureau, the organizer of the event, the program also includes three modern Chinese films and nine recent productions shot in Portuguese-speaking countries; such as Portugal, Brazil, Cape Verde, Mozambique, Guinea-Bissau and other countries in Southern Africa. It will also screen nine films in Chinese and Portuguese shot in Macau between 1923 and 2015.

Another highlight of the program is the "China and Portuguese-speaking Countries Gala Performance," which will be held on July 6 at the Macao Cultural Centre's Grand Auditorium. It will feature the Gansu Performing Arts Troupe as well as various artists and groups from eight Portuguese-speaking countries, such as the Portuguese ensemble Galandum Galundaina.



Portuguese ensemble Galandum Galundaina

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Anthony Bourdain: An ambassador of the people, lost to memory

Dear Editor,

"People are generally nice... if you're nice"
(Anthony Bourdain in an interview with Money Magazine)

Writer, travel raconteur and celebrity chef Anthony Bourdain passed on 8 June, having left behind inspiration, acceptance, and a sense of lively enlightenment to his simple yet effective message when engaging people outside of his own culture.

All of this, despite the contradiction of his suicide, was to pursue life curiously, with intensity in love, respect and disdain for malarkey from dominant paradigms.

He was a true rebel.

The outpouring of love, yet shock and

disbelief, that has over taken traditional media and social media has extended across the globe, which exemplifies his own outreach through life to better understand the world through uncompromising, unfettered conversation, rarely treating any guest or host as less than his equal, so long as they had humanity in their heart.

Through his two long running travel shows, "No Reservations" and "Parts Unknown", he has set the tone on how modern travel shows should be run, honest, bare, with depth and openness towards his hosts and ensuring a platform for those that are underrepresented and underappreciated to tell their story without judgement. Those stories were often elicited over meals which provided an authentic humanizing peek into wor-

lds that both he and his audience would have likely never encountered.

When you went on the journey with him, you learned, you listened, you grew a little each time, or you got the hell out of the way. Tony tended to abhor trends or movements that put either politics and philosophy before the human experience such as this quote he had given to Playboy Magazine concerning vegetarians:

"They make for bad travelers and bad guests. The notion that before you even set out to Thailand, you say, 'I'm not interested,' or you're unwilling to try things that people take so personally and are so proud of and so generous with, I don't understand that, and I think it's rude. You're at Grandma's house, you eat what Grandma serves you."

It's in this spirit that perhaps the mes-

sage he was trying to convey was to be open to everyone's experience, and to put others before yourself. A clear clash with egocentric trends in today's travel and lifestyle media which seem to accentuate, if not elevate, exoticism of place or experience to serve the self rather than the people you are with.

Though with balance, he did acknowledge the importance of self-indulgence.

In 2011, Bourdain visited Macau, admitting in the opening of this "No Reservations" episode that he personally knew very little of our little enclave, but would spend much of the episode exploring the indulgences and human connections Macau has to offer. Yet by the end of the episode, in tribute to simple delights, such as the humble pork chop bun, he would proclaim that "In the end, it's all about me."

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Taiwan wants to attract more tourists from the SARs

Julie Zhu, Kaohsiung*

WHILE Macau is attempting to find a solution to become a world tourism and leisure center, Taiwan's Kaohsiung city and Penghu County are offering several options for a richer and more educational experience for its visitors.

The Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Macau organized a trip to Taiwan for local media, in particular, to the cities of Kaohsiung and Penghu County.

The trip followed right after the 2018 Kaohsiung Travel Fair, which took place between June 8 and June 11.

The Macao Government Tourism Office (MGTO), together with Switzerland's and Hong Kong's tourism authorities, participated in the fair in order to promote Macau tourism in Kaohsiung city.

On Tuesday, the visiting group comprising of Macau's media was taken to the Kaohsiung wetland educational garden.

As informed by a representative of Taipei Economic and



The delegation visited Kuibishan, located in the Penghu islands archipelago

Cultural Office in Macau, this media trip carried a mission of bringing some of Taiwan's tourism information to the Macau public.

In regards to the exploration of tourism products, Taiwan has put its focus on sea and island tourism, including tourists coming from Macau, so they can know more about Taiwan's sea and islands, in particular the attractions in Penghu

County.

On Tuesday, the group visited the Old Railway Bridge Hanging Trail.

The Kaohsiung-Pingtung Old Bridge was built by the Japanese engineer Iida Toyozu and completed in 1913.

A century later, it was revitalized and renovated by the Municipal Government in line with the principle of "not losing any original components", pro-

ducing the Old Railway Bridge Hanging Trail, and providing a viewing platform on which tourists could relax.

In total, 26 official nature attractions can be found across the entire Kaohsiung city, including more than 10 wetland gardens.

On a daily basis, at least two flights are being operated between Kaohsiung and Macau.

Yesterday, the Macau media

visiting group was led to Penghu islands. In September and October, Penghu will host the 2018 Most Beautiful Bays in the World Club, which was founded in France in 1996.

According to Chen Kuang Fu, Magistrate of Penghu County, both representatives of Macau and of Hong Kong will attend the 2018 Most Beautiful Bays in the World Club.

"Both Macau and Hong Kong will have yachts exhibited at the 2018 Most Beautiful Bays in the World Club," said Chen.

In addition, the Penghu County Magistrate noted that starting from August until December, each week, there will be two direct flights between Penghu and Hong Kong.

Chen has welcomed Macau residents to visit Penghu by taking the aforementioned flights.

The Penghu Islands stretch 60 kilometers north to south and 40 kilometers east to west.

The Penghu Islands are scattered in seas where a branch of the Japan Current passes by, bringing with it a wealth of marine resources. The islands, only 20 of which are inhabited, have a total land area of approximately 127 square kilometers.

*The journalist is in Taiwan at the invitation of the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Macau

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Owner runs antique shop more as a passion than business

Julie Zhu

WHEN people think about antiques, probably one of the first images to cross their minds is that of auctions and collectible products known worldwide.

In Macau there is a tradition of antique shops and there still remain several small antique shops. There have also been some instances of antique lovers opening antique shops for non-profit purposes, such as promoting Chinese culture.

Paul Ieng, owner of an antique shop called Ieng's Antique Collection, Macau, located at Rua do Guimarães, wanted his shop to mean far more than just business.

While introducing his own collection, Ieng said "this is not a business. I am a retiree. Regarding collecting antiques, I have had a plan ever since 20 to 30 years ago," said Ieng. "I had plans to collect antiques as a way of spending my days after retirement."

Ieng expects his shop, which opened in 2013, to be a meeting point for antique lovers, and a source of accurate information for aficionados of antique collecting.

Ieng has been dealing with Chinese antiques for over 30 years. Throughout this period, Ieng spent a lot of his time learning from national Chinese antique experts and



Paul Ieng pictured inside his store

participating in different Chinese antique conferences and academic courses worldwide.

According to Ieng, he has been losing money on a daily basis as his shop cannot even provide him with a basic income.

"There is no business to be talked about regarding my shop," said Ieng, explaining that he opened the shop out

of his personal interest in antiques, followed by his aim of promoting Chinese culture.

"If you like antiques, you should put effort into research, and you should put effort into researching [...] Chinese culture," said Ieng.

According to Ieng, his shop has not seen many customers yet, as it has not been open for long.

"There are not too many people who truly like antiques. There are more people with ideas for business," Ieng told the Times, further explaining that "nowadays, the whole market is like this. But we are absolutely not [for business purposes]."

When questioned about the type of antiques people favor the most, Ieng told the Times that "it depends on each individual's knowledge." Ieng then emphasized that his shop "is mainly about research."

When talking about the overall antiques industry, Ieng noted that in the market concerning China, the majority of industry participants offer fake items.

Among all kinds of antiques, Ieng's personal favorite antiques are the ones made of porcelain.

Furthermore, Ieng said that in mainland China, there are a lot of young antique lovers who are interested in researching antiques.

The large majority of non-Chinese visitors at his own shop come from Southeast Asia.

"Actually, regardless of race, people like [ancient] Chinese porcelains and Chinese culture," Ieng remarked.

Tong, prior to his retirement, worked in architecture and construction.

Tong's interest in antiques was piqued by his previous job. "When I was working on engineering projects, the main customers were Portuguese. They like [antiques] quite a lot," said Tong, further explaining that he became fond of antiques after he started choosing antique gifts to offer his former customers.

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PAUL IENG

Currently, in Ieng's shop, somewhere between 400 and 500 antiques items are on display. Ieng purchased most of his antiques in Europe and America, in his early years.

"Most of them come from the United Kingdom and France," disclosed Ieng, adding, "I started buying them in the 80s."

According to Ieng, customers from Macau generally go for items which are comparatively smaller due to space restrictions.

ASSOCIATION: FEW TOURISTS BUYING ANTIQUES

CHOI CHON Ieng, member of the Macau Antiques and Porcelain Association, told the Times that members of this association mainly consist of antique lovers and antique amateurs between 30 and 70 years old. According to Choi, "in the past ten years, not too many tourists came to Macau looking to buy antiques. Instead, tourists have bought items mainly related to Chinese painting and calligraphy."



QING VASE SELLS FOR RECORD USD69.5M

AN 18TH-CENTURY Qing Dynasty vase sold for a record price last week, making it the highest ever price paid at auction for a Chinese antiquity. The vase went for a total of USD69.5 million, raised to \$85.9 million after a 20 percent buyer's premium from

the auction house, Bainbridge's, and Britain's consumer tax are taken into account. The piece dates from the period of Emperor Qianlong, who expanded China's western frontier during his rule and is remembered for being a great patron of the arts.

THE University of Macau (UM) and Zhejiang University (ZU) recently signed an agreement on collaboration in the field of life sciences. Under the agreement, both parties will leverage their unique strengths and carry out "mutually beneficial long-term collaboration" in training high-calibre medical professionals.

UM and Zhejiang University sign medical cooperation agreement

They will also cooperate in applying for major projects in China and Macau, developing innovative products, and promoting the development of medical technologies and the medical

industries in Macau and Zhejiang.

A delegation from UM, led by Rector Yonghua Song, recently visited Zhejiang University to sign the agreement.

According to the agree-

ment, UM's Faculty of Health Sciences (FHS) and Zhejiang University's School of Medicine will jointly launch a bachelor of science dual degree program and a dual degree program in

medicine so as to provide an attractive new option for students from the two areas.

Moreover, ZU's School of Medicine will select some students to participate in the summer

exchange activities at UM. UM's FHS and ZU's School of Medicine will launch a joint postgraduate training program and establish a collaborative center for innovation in medicine.

Other members of the ZU delegation included Li Min, director of the Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan Affairs Office, and the deputy director, Fang Gang.

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Urban Planning Committee members criticize plans for Zone A

Renato Marques

THE Urban Planning Committee (CPU) gathered for a plenary meeting yesterday with several topics on the agenda, among them the presentation of projects and urban condition of seven plots of land located in Zone A of the new plots of land. Of all the topics discussed during the meeting, this matter garnered particular concern and discussion.

The presentation was addressed by several critics from many of the committee members: Mak Soi Kun, Wu Chou Kit, Chan Tak Seng, Manuel Wu Ferreira, Paul Tse and Rui Leão, who expressed open criticism as to the way the government is leading the process.

Most of the critics discussed the planning regarding the accessibilities and transport-related facilities, with several others claiming that the “paper planning” without “on-site” visits or model forecasting has resulted in poor outcomes and in a “lack of understanding” of what the real project will look like.

On this topic, the committee member and appointed lawmaker Wu remarked on the need to know exactly what is planned regarding the transport hub, as well as the Light Rail Transit (LRT) facilities and many other aspects, calling on the Land, Public Works and Transport Bureau (DSSOPT) and on the Transport Bureau (DSAT) to clarify such plans.

In reply, the representatives of DSSOPT noted that there are plans for that area: “We will have four transport management centers in four different areas of Zone A,” a representative from the Bureau said, adding, “these centers will pay support



to the LRT so they will be placed near the LRT Stations and also on the central axis of the area and on the peripheral main avenue.” “Since these facilities will depend mostly on the LRT and we don’t know yet where the LRT stations will be located, we are depending on that part in order to develop more on such facilities’ projects.”

“We have already made mistakes many times before; I don’t want to continue to fall on the same mistakes.”

PAUL TSE

Manuel Ferreira weighed in on the topic, noting, “that is exactly the problem: we don’t know, we don’t have informa-

tion, and if we don’t have information we will have many difficulties to plan,” he said. “When is the Master Plan going to be created?” he asked, before remarking that such a plan is the essential part that will allow for “proper urban planning.” “An urban plan is not about building height quotas, shadow projection and anti-fire rules,” adding that the blueprints presented are missing many other infrastructures like the fuel reservoir park, the waste water treatment plant, and so on.

The same member also questioned the real needs of housing in the area, which plans to include a total of 28,000 public housing units and another 4,000 from the private sector, calling on the government to take “this opportunity to do general planning instead of a partial planning.”

Remarking on the same topic was member Tse, who said, “we only have figures on the number of housing units or the public and private sector to use as a reference; nothing else. I don’t know where [...] the market [is], where [...] the schools [are], etc.

I have been only listening to government slogans on the topic.” “We have already made mistakes many times before; I don’t want to continue to fall on the same mistakes,” Tse said, calling for more details on the commercial areas and accessibilities.

Rui Leão noted that he found it strange that although this was the third meeting of the committee in which the land plots were addressed, the government never presented any real street plan, tridimensional model or computer rendering that could

give insight as to what is the real idea from the government for this part of the territory, “only numbers, sizes and dimensions. It is very strange not to show any profile of the streets [now], otherwise we will only see the plan when it is already built.”

The architect also directed harsh criticism at the government regarding the ideas for such an area: “This is an area of the new centrality and regional articulation, it would make all sense that [it] would not be used almost exclusively for public housing. This is both excessive and incorrect [to do]. It makes no sense not to have private [use for] land plots.”

Leão also proposed that the access to the LRT should be done through the podium of the buildings, creating a “win-win situation” for both the buildings and the LRT at the resemblance with what happens in some areas of Hong Kong currently. “Policy must be written and clearly stated so it can be used as a negotiation tool [with the developers of the plots located next to LRT stations], otherwise it would be impossible to negotiate later; we already have experience on this matter,” he said.

CPU MEMBER WARNS OVER EXCESSIVE DENSITY

DURING YESTERDAY’S meeting of the CPU, architect Rui Leão expressed concerns over what he considers to be a big planning flaw for Zone A of the new landfills; an “excess of density” on the use of the land plots. He made the remarks when commenting on the plans for land plots C5 and C6 allocated to be used as a “school village” that would include four institutions. Leão said, “this seems to be a very high density use and that will include a very

high number of students,” adding, “the density use of the land plots is not being thought and seriously analyzed.” “[The] government is saturating the urban plots leaving no space for the public. Consequently we are creating forms of police supervision [for illegal parking] instead of thinking about the freedom of movement and use by people,” he said. “Parking, circulation areas and public space needs should be solved inside the land plot area.”

Chui hails HKZMB as proof of ‘advanced building capabilities’

THE Chief Executive, Chui Sai On, said the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge (HKZMB) was an example of the country’s advanced capability in building key, large-scale, infrastructure.

During a visit on Tuesday to the Bridge, Chui also said it would contribute to the effort of pressing ahead with the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau

Greater Bay Area.

The bridge, as the first infrastructure project developed jointly by the Hong Kong, Zhuhai and Macau authorities under the “One country, two systems” principle, would also facilitate sustainable socio-economic development in the three places, he said.

During the visit, Chui was briefed by officials of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai

-Macau Bridge Authority on the challenges of building the Bridge. He was also briefed about how the Bridge would be able to withstand the typhoons that frequently affect the area; how the bridge accommodates the flow of the water channels below it; and how its builders had addressed environmental issues.

The visit started from a toll plaza at the Zhuhai

boundary crossing facilities, and ended at an artificial island located immediately to the west of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region boundary.

During the car journey eastward in the direction of Hong Kong, Chui had a chance to see the part of the Bridge that spans the Qingzhou Channel – known as the Qingzhou Channel Bridge, accor-



ding to a government statement. The steel towers of that part of the project are designed to resemble the shapes of traditional Chinese knots.

During his journey Chui also passed over another artificial island of the Bridge, connected to the westernmost one via an undersea tunnel.

AP PHOTO



The reconfigured floor inside the Ocean Resort Casino as the former Revel property prepares to reopen under a new owner and a new brand

GAMING

Shuttered USD2.4b Atlantic City casino readies for second chance

Wayne Parry, Atlantic City

FOR months, there was little, if any, sign that Atlantic City's former Revel casino, a USD2 billion bust, was getting ready to reopen.

Colorado developer Bruce Deifik bought it in January and made plans for its reincarnation as the Ocean Resort Casino. But there was scant activity visible on

the site. That has changed.

Now, days from its opening date of June 28, the place is a blur of activity: Cocktail servers and bartenders are practicing their serving technique, housekeeping staff are already working on hotel rooms and seemingly everywhere you look someone is using a drill or a saw on something.

Hundreds of new workers are walking the halls clutching pieces

of paper, while others sit in orientation classes or get measured for employee uniforms. Felt tops are being affixed to card and roulette tables, and even the street signs that once directed motorists to Revel now send them toward the Ocean Resort.

"We are definitely going to be ready," said Seth Schorr, a member of Deifik's management team after leading a tour of the casino

hotel for reporters on Tuesday.

Revel cost \$2.4 billion to build and lasted just over two years before closing on Sept. 2, 2014, making it Atlantic's biggest casino flop.

Deifik set out to correct Revel's numerous flaws, including difficulty getting around on the casino floor and making one's way through the property. The casino floor has been reconfigured

with straighter sight lines and walkways. Employees called ambassadors will not only tell guests how to get to certain places, they'll walk them there, Schorr said.

Two days before sports betting was set to begin in New Jersey, workers were busy building a sports betting lounge just off the casino floor where The Social, a Revel gathering spot, used to be. Upstairs, an adult hangout named The Den was being created. The Den will include billiards, shuffleboard, arcade games and eSports, with the first eSports tournament set for October.

The casino's main check-in desk was still being worked on, as was a giant fish tank across from it.

But the 1,399 guest rooms were in fine shape, with new carpeting installed underneath fixtures that were just over two years old when they were last used.

And Ovation Hall, a 5,500-seat concert hall that hosted the likes of Beyonce when Revel operated, is unchanged.

Sixteen of the property's 20 restaurants will be open on its first day, with the other four opening soon afterward, Schorr said.

Ocean Resort is reopening on the same day as the former Trump Taj Mahal, which is reopening as the Hard Rock Hotel & Casino. AP

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Now the personal injury lawyers have scooters in their sights

Anousha Sakoui, Edvard Pettersson

BIRD Rides Inc. and other scooter startups have drawn fire from pedestrian advocates, politicians and annoyed citizens. Now they have a new nemesis: personal-injury lawyers.

In recent months, people hurt riding (or hit by) scooters in San Francisco and Los Angeles have been calling legal firms to file claims. Smelling opportunity, firms have even carved out dedicated spots on their websites urging people to file scooter-related claims. "Our thought when we first saw them 'flying' around Santa Monica and haphazardly abandoned on city sidewalks: This is an accident waiting to happen," blared McGee Lerer & Associates.

Los Angeles abounds with personal-injury lawyers on the hunt for cases. "Lawyers will be lawyers when there's the potential for some money to be made," says John Perlstein, a 25-year veteran who litigates accident claims referred to him by other attorneys. "Most of them are trying to keep the doors open and hope for a million-dollar case to come their way." There are no records so far of lawsuits being filed against Bird or its rival Lime, but lawyers say it's just a matter of time.

The scooters began appearing in many parts of the U.S. last year. They can be unlocked with a smartphone for a buck, cost 15 cents a minute to rent and reach 15 miles an hour. The machines have proved popular—and polarizing. The companies see them as a logical next step to the transportation revolution started by Uber and Lyft. Foes consider the scooters an annoying fad among tourists and tech workers, who



zip around imperiling themselves and others.

Investors, who have poured hundreds of millions of dollars into scooter startups, expect the machines to become a lasting feature of the urban landscape. Both Bird and Lime are in the process of raising large investment rounds to fuel their expansion. Though the scooter revolution is on hold in San Francisco while operators apply for permits, the machines are expected to re-appear within weeks as the city conducts a pilot program. They continue to weave through the traffic in Santa Monica and other cities. Accidents happen.

Catherine Lerer, one half of McGee Lerer's husband-and-wife legal team, says she got the first scooter-related call about five months ago. A 16-year-old boy had been injured falling from a Bird scooter, and the family wanted to make a claim. The phone has been ringing ever since. Many of the mishaps involve young riders who broke a

collar bone or an arm in a single-rider accident, when the brakes locked or they lost control of the scooter, Lerer says.

Los Angeles lawyers expect there to be more scooter incidents in LA, where the automobile famously rules

Los Angeles lawyers expect there to be more scooter incidents in LA, where the automobile famously rules, than in San Francisco, where cyclists, runners and cars compete for lane space. "Local drivers aren't as used to sharing the road and also tend to drive more aggressively," says Robin Saghian, a personal injury lawyer with Omega

Law Group in Beverly Hills.

In addition, scooter riders can be more reckless crossing intersections at fast speeds, which increases the chance of an accident, he says. "We're getting about 2 to 5 calls a week and it's getting more common," Saghian says. The inquiries about scooter-related accidents, including by pedestrians who get hit by a scooter, have jumped since his firm posted a blog about the issue on its website in April.

The McGee Lerer lawyers say they've heard of accidents involving single scooter crashes due to malfunctioning tires or brakes, road hazards, as well as pedestrians hurt tripping over scooters left on paths. They've seen children riding the scooters, people riding tandem without helmets, riders zipping along sidewalks and scooters left abandoned in the middle of sidewalks.

California requires riders to wear helmets, have a driver's license and refrain from carrying passengers, riding on sidewalks

or leaving scooters on their sides. Santa Monica will soon vote on a pilot program to rein in scooter rental companies like Bird, according to the Los Angeles Times. The proposals would cap the number of scooters and apply tougher penalties for rule breaking. A rental company could lose its permit if it endangers public health or safety.

Earlier this year, after a local woman collided with a motor vehicle and wound up in hospital, Bird began asking riders to wear helmets, supply a driver's license and prove that they're at least 18 years old. It's not clear how strictly these rules are enforced. Lime asks users to wear head protection, too, and was offering riders a free helmet if they have an account balance of USD10 or more.

Bird also specifies that riders agree to use the scooters at their own risk and limits its own liability to \$100. Perlstein says a waiver won't bar claims for gross negligence. He also says Bird may be an easy target because as a startup it's unlikely to have an in-house legal team willing to fight protracted lawsuits. Like Uber and Lyft, the scooter company may be more willing to settle before a lawsuit is filed, he says.

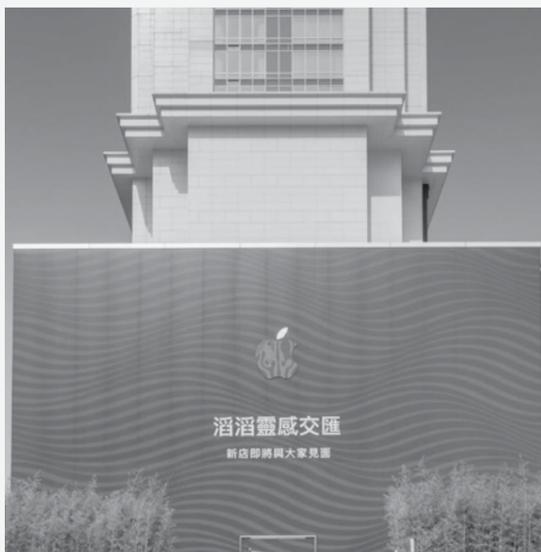
Bird, which is based in Santa Monica, declined to comment. San Mateo-based Lime says it hasn't been sued and is unaware of incidents involving people using its scooters.

Lawyers say winning damages won't be simple. Pedestrians who claim they were injured dodging a scooter on the sidewalk typically have no one to sue because the riders are long gone. Riders hit by cars probably have the strongest cases. "I have been turning away a lot of callers because I need to have an insurance company to go after," Lerer says.

She expects the number of accidents to increase, particularly on college campuses and heavily touristed precincts. "It's like the plague," Lerer says. "It's spreading so fast." **Bloomberg**

corporate bits

APPLE TO OPEN SECOND STORE IN COTAI



Apple is constructing a second retail location adjacent to the Sands Cotai Central resort, featuring its logo on the building's façade.

A chromed Apple logo and two lines of Chinese text can be seen on the façade, along with a phrase in Chinese which roughly translates to "An inspirational exchange — new store is coming soon."

No opening date has been spotted on the banners or posted on Apple's retail website, yet reports noted that the store will likely open no later than the beginning of July.

Apple often references local culture when designing temporary signage for new stores, thus the sign's wavy, aquatic pattern matching the tiling style of Senado Square.

Apple opened its first store in Macau just under two years ago at Galaxy Macau.

SANDS SENDS SECOND GROUP OF MANAGEMENT STAFF AROUND THE WORLD



Sands China Ltd. recently inaugurated a second cohort of management team members into its Sands China International Strategic Leadership Programme for Integrated Resorts (ISLP) with a ceremony at The Venetian macao.

The company is sending a

second group of management team members around the world in order to receive international leadership development through this first-of-its-kind programme, the gaming operator noted in a statement.

Between June and November 2018, the 26 ISLP parti-

cipants will attend three universities, including Católica Lisbon School of Business & Economics in Lisbon, Portugal; Cornell School of Hotel Administration in Ithaca, New York, USA; and the University of Saint Joseph in Macau.

Besides lectures, the programme includes five projects based on current or anticipated real-world business challenges facing the company.

Sands China hopes this practical component of the coursework will inspire the participants to respond to the challenges of the dynamic integrated resort industry by developing forward-looking and innovative strategies. They will present their recommendations to Sands China senior executives in November 2018.



BLOOMBERG

PRC influence in Pacific parried with subsea cable

Jason Scott

AUSTRALIA announced yesterday it will help fund a new telecommunications cable stretching from Sydney to the Solomon Islands, squeezing out a bid by Huawei Technologies Co., as it tussles with China to retain its diplomatic influence in the South Pacific.

A high-speed undersea cable will stretch from Australia's east coast via Port Moresby in Papua New Guinea and on to Honiara, and then link remote provinces in the Solomons, Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull said.

The Solomon Islands government had initially considered allowing Huawei to build the cable, though reconsidered the Chinese company's involvement due to Australian concerns, the nation's Prime Minister Rick Houenipwela told reporters this month. Australia in 2012 banned Huawei from bidding for contracts to help build its own national broadband network, citing security concerns.

As part of its global bid for influence, China has stepped up diplomatic and economic engagement in the Pacific - signing at least USD1.8 billion in aid and loans since 2006,

according to Sydney-based think tank the Lowy Institute. That's triggered concern in Australia, which remains the largest donor to the region, with Foreign Minister Julie Bishop saying earlier this month "we regard the Pacific as our part of the world" and "we want to continue to be the partner of choice for nations in the Pacific."

"Our concern is ensuring that Australian aid provides the support for economic and social development in the Pacific and that's why we're building this cable," Turnbull told reporters in Canberra yesterday after a meeting with Hou-

enipwela. Funding will come from Australia's aid budget, Turnbull said, declining to give a total cost.

Huawei in August 2017 denied a media report that it had provided political donations to the Solomon Islands government as part of its bid for the cable project.

Huawei hasn't given up on winning new projects in Australia. It is bidding to help construct Telstra Corp.'s 5G cell phone network, and also on a AUD120 million (\$91 million) contract to build a communications system for Perth's metropolitan rail system. **Bloomberg**

BRIC inventor says G-7 'irrelevant' as China and India left out

Ben Bartenstein

DONALD Trump was right to call for a shakeup in the Group of Seven membership. He just picked the wrong emerging market to add, according to Jim O'Neill.

The former chairman of Goldman Sachs Asset Management, who famously coined the "BRICs" in 2001 to refer to the fastest growing emerging markets, said the G-7 can't be taken seriously when it excludes China, whose economy is set to overtake the euro zone this year, and India, whose gross domestic product already eclipses Italy's.



Jim O'Neill

"The Group of Seven has become increasingly irrelevant in a world of new emerging powers," he wrote in a blog post. "An institution that excludes the

BRICs while still including economic basket cases like Italy cannot possibly claim the legitimacy required to exercise global economic leadership."

Unlike Trump, who advocated for bringing Russia back into the group, O'Neill said the G-7 would be much more relevant if China, India and a single de-

legation from the euro zone replaced Canada, France, Germany and Italy. More than half of the increase in global gross domestic product since 2010 has come from the two Asian nations alone, while the dollar value of the Japanese and EU economies has declined during that span, according to data compiled by Bloomberg.

O'Neill said the muted market reaction to last weekend's chaotic G-7 conference in Quebec serves as further evidence of the group's insignificance.

"That may simply reflect the fact that the G-7 no longer matters," he wrote. **Bloomberg**

FRAUD CLAIMS

Carson Block is shorting Chinese tutoring firm TAL education

CARSON Block, a short-seller who runs Muddy Waters, said he's wagering against Chinese tutoring company TAL Education Group. The firm's ADRs plunged on the news. "It's a real business but its profits are fraudulent," Block said on Bloomberg TV yesterday. "It is a real business with real students and learning centers. It's just not able to grow nearly as profitably as it's been portraying."

A spokesperson for Beijing-based TAL, which has a market cap of about USD23 billion, didn't respond to requests for comment after business hours in China.

Block's activist investment firm has in the past wagered against Chinese companies, many of which he claims engage in fraudulent behavior. Forestry company Sino-Forest Corp. lost more than two-thirds of its market value in two days after Block first criticized it in 2011, and was subsequently delisted.

TAL began fraudulently creating profits as early as fiscal year 2016, by penciling in more favorable numbers along with engaging in more sophisticated asset parking transactions, according to a report on Muddy Waters's website.

Two transactions inflated the company's pre-tax profits by up to \$153.2 million, or 28.4 percent, between fiscal years 2016 and 2018, the report said. Between 2016 and 2017, TAL "fraudulently overstated" its operating profit by at least 21 percent, pre-tax profit by at least 39 percent and net income by at least 43 percent, it said.

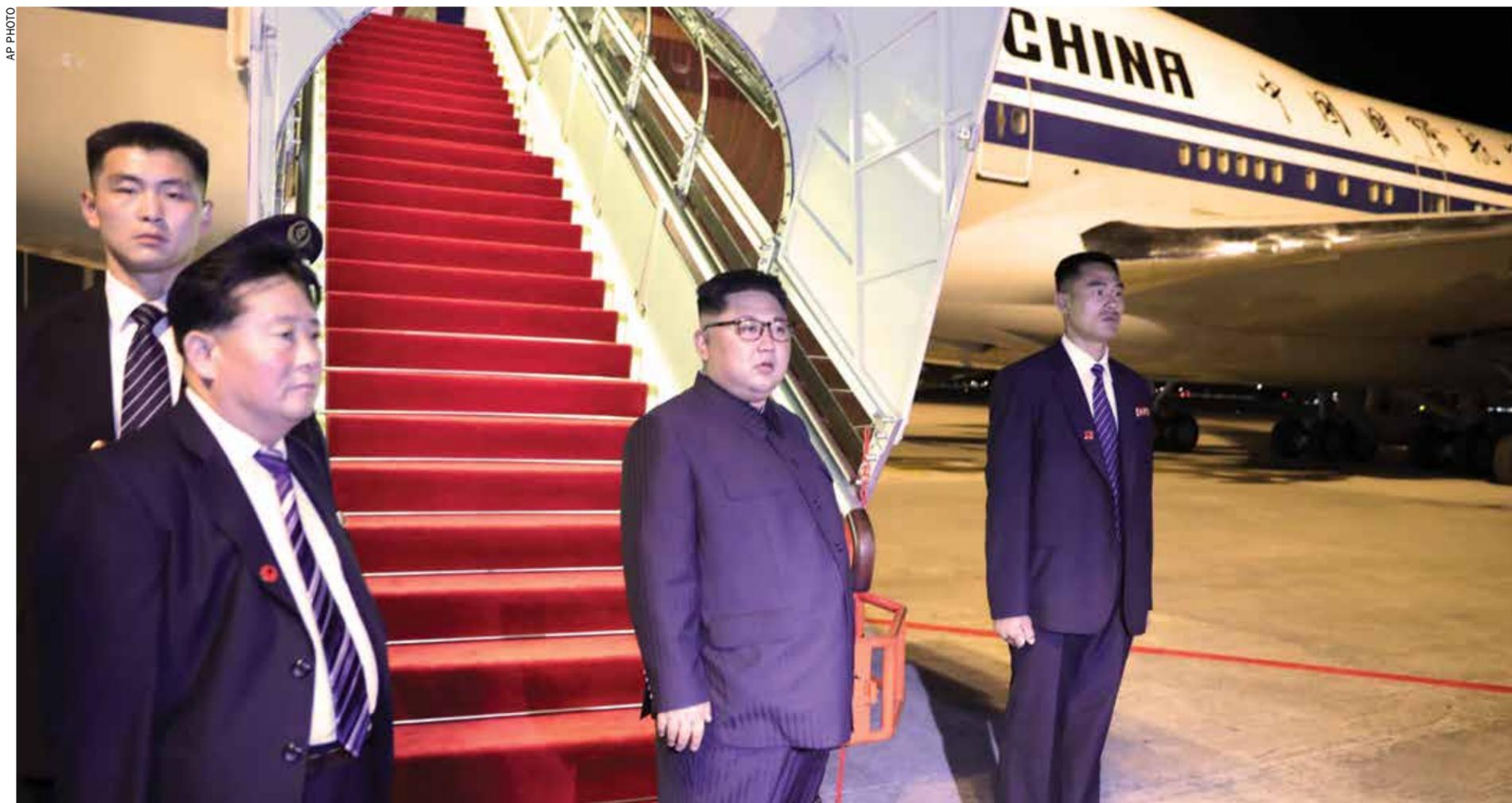
Most important, Block told Bloomberg TV, is the shareholder registry for TAL. "When you look at the shareholder registries you see that TAL has been lying about investments and how it made these investments and that really goes to the heart of what they're doing," Block said.

TAL's American depository receipts dropped 12 percent at 12:19 p.m. They had rallied about 154 percent last year, and this year the ADRs are up about 54 percent through Tuesday. The educational service company has 2.3 million students in 42 cities across China, according to its website.

Block has said that fraudulent Chinese companies pose a risk to U.S. markets as the firms draw capital back to their home country. He said China can list fraudulent companies in the U.S. with impunity and they operate at the behest of the government, which doesn't follow the same rules as many other countries when it comes to issues such as intellectual property theft.

TAL was a mixed bag for hedge funds in the first quarter. Thirty-six funds bought the stock, including Coatue Management and Point72 Asset Management, while 28 sold at least some of their stake, according to data compiled by Bloomberg News.

Some of Block's calls on Western companies have missed the mark. His 2013 take on U.S. cell-phone antenna operator American Tower Corp., in which he said shares may drop 40 percent, failed to shake the company. Since then American Tower has rallied nearly 97 percent. **Bloomberg**



Beijing wary of closer US-N. Korea ties

Gillian Wong, Christopher Bodeen

THE outcome of the Singapore summit between President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un was good news for one absent but key player: China.

China won big at the summit after Trump made surprising pledges to suspend war games with South Korea and eventually pull U.S. troops from there. Beijing dislikes the U.S. military presence in South Korea and Japan and has urged Washington to suspend the drills that Pyongyang claims are rehearsals for invasion, in return for the North's halting of nuclear activities.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Geng Shuang told reporters yesterday that Trump's drills suspension announcement was "another proof that China's proposal is legitimate, is reasonable [and] it addresses the concerns of the two sides."

China wants to see a reduction in foreign military forces in Northeast Asia and for the gap between Washington and its allies and partners to widen, said Ryan Hass, who directed China policy for the U.S. National Security Council during the former President Barack Obama administration. "Beijing is now on track to achieve these objectives at little cost."

But as soon as Kim steps off the plane China provided him for the Singapore trip, Beijing will be mindful of maintaining its influence over a Pyongyang

that may feel less isolated after Trump showered Kim with praises, called him a "very talented man," and made security concessions in return for very little.

"Any improvement I think in the bilateral relationship for the U.S. and North Korea, China could potentially see as a loss for China," said Paul Haenle, a former China director at the White House National Security Council in the Obama and George W. Bush administrations.

China will look for ways that don't violate the sanctions to then provide incentives to North Korea

MICHAEL KOVRIG
ANALYST

Analysts say they expected that Kim would meet with Chinese President Xi Jinping fairly quickly after the summit and that Xi would remind his North Korean counterpart about China's willingness to help the North develop its economy.

Despite recent tensions between the communist neighbors, Xi has met Kim twice since April, most recently hosting a banquet for him and

strolling with the young leader along a beach and through lush gardens at a coastal Chinese city last month.

That meeting in Dalian was seen as an effort by China to ensure that Beijing's voice was heard when Kim later met with Trump. In the on-again, off-again run-up to the summit, Trump at one point blamed Kim's trip to China for creating an unwelcome "change in attitude" by the North Korean leader. China moved quickly to urge both sides not to cancel the meeting.

Such maneuvers highlight the delicate balance China has to strike between encouraging Pyongyang and Washington to engage on ending the North's nuclear program and pushing Pyongyang too far into Trump's embrace.

China would be wary if the suspension of military exercises led to some kind of larger rapprochement between the U.S. and North Korea, Haenle said. China, which fought the U.S. on behalf of the North in the 1950-53 Korean War, wants a stable, independent North Korea as a buffer with South Korea and the thousands of U.S. troops stationed there. Beijing is also hoping to convince Seoul to remove a sophisticated U.S. missile defense system that China sees as a threat to its security.

China remains North Korea's only major ally and chief provider of energy, aid and trade that keep the country's broken economy afloat. Ties in recent

months have frayed as China supported tougher U.N. sanctions on North Korea and suspended coal and iron ore imports. Pyongyang last year seemingly sought to humiliate Beijing by timing some of its missile tests for major global summits in China.

Haenle added that Beijing is well aware that Pyongyang is probably also trying to put some distance between itself and its powerful neighbor "so that China doesn't have that kind of influence that it does with North Korea today."

But the North's long dependence on and trust in China are not easily unwound, analysts noted.

"Flying to the Singapore summit by Air China shows, to some extent, North Korea's trust in China," said Cheng Xiaohu, an associate professor at Renmin University's School of International Studies in Beijing, referring to the Boeing 747 that China's flag carrier put at Kim's disposal. That constitutes "more trust than it has in the U.S. and South Korea," he said.

Cheng said that Pyongyang needed Chinese help if it wanted to pursue the types of market reforms introduced by former leader Deng Xiaoping that transformed China's economy.

"If North Korea improves relations with one country while its relations with an important neighboring country become worse, it would not be in line with North Korea's national interests," Cheng said.

Shortly after Trump and Kim met in Singapore Tuesday, China suggested that sanctions that have exacted a toll on the impoverished North could be suspended or lifted if Pyongyang complied with U.N. resolutions. That could mean Beijing would soon help lobby for sanctions on Pyongyang to be eased.

Lu Chao, a Korea expert at the Liaoning Academy of Social Sciences, said that though China continued to implement U.N. sanctions, he suggested some of the pressure had already been easing. "Normal economic cooperation has been resumed, such as trade cooperation in daily necessities," Lu said.

But China is likely to take a cautious approach and not move swiftly for changes to the sanctions regime.

"Without U.S. agreement first, China won't move to take steps on sanctions since that would harm dialogue between North Korea and the U.S.," said Kim Dong-gil, the director of the Korean Peninsula Center at Peking University.

China would want to see North Korea commit to freezing its nuclear program before lobbying on its behalf for some relief from the sanctions, said Michael Kovrig, a Northeast Asia specialist at the International Crisis Group.

"China will look for ways that don't violate the sanctions to then provide incentives to North Korea," Kovrig said, citing humanitarian assistance as an example. **AP**

Cambodia scorns US sanctions against senior military officer

Sopheng Cheang, Phnom Penh

CAMBODIAN authorities reacted with scorn yesterday to an announcement by the United States that it has blacklisted an important senior army officer over human rights abuses, blocking his access to any assets in the U.S.

The Treasury Department announced sanctions Tuesday against Gen. Hing Bun Hieng, commander of Cambodia's Prime Minister Bodyguard Unit, which it said had been engaged in serious human rights violations for at least the past 21 years.

A Cambodian Defense Ministry statement issued yesterday regretted and condemned the U.S. action, which it described as unjust and not backed by any evidence. It said it was a "stupid decision that Cambodia cannot accept."

The U.S. move came just a little over a month before a general election in which the main and only credible opposition party will not take part because it was dissolved last year by Cambodian courts in what critics contend was a politically motivated move to ensure the continued rule of Pri-



Bun Hieng (second from left) looks on to Prime Minister Hun Sen (foreground right)

me Minister Hun Sen. Other moves to curb the opposition have included silencing most independent media.

Bun Hieng, a four-star general, also holds the position of deputy commander of the armed forces. The bodyguard unit is an elite force with thousands of troops which is seen as being deeply involved in internal security matters and especially loyal to Hun Sen, who has held power for three decades.

The Treasury Department announcement said the unit "has been implicated in multiple at-

tacks on unarmed Cambodians over the span of many years" and is "connected to incidents where military force was used to menace gatherings of protesters and the political opposition going back at least to 1997, including an incident where a U.S. citizen received shrapnel wounds."

The 1997 incident involved grenades being thrown at a small political protest the opposition leader was attending in the middle of the capital city, Phnom Penh. Seventeen people were killed and about 150 wounded.

The Treasury Department ac-

tion also bars U.S. citizens generally from doing any transactions with Bun Hieng.

Bun Hieng told The Associated Press that he had not committed any human rights abuses and held no property in the United States.

"As an army commander, I have never committed anything that was contrary to the Cambodian Constitution and laws, therefore, I am not worried at all by the U.S. sanction," he said by telephone. "The sanctions are laughable because I don't have any property in the U.S. or deposited with any

company there."

Additional statements decrying the U.S. action were issued by the Foreign Ministry and the offices of the Cabinet — which said it violated Cambodia's sovereignty — and the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces. The Foreign Ministry statement said it could be construed as part of a series of coordinated attacks on the government's image ahead of next month's polls.

Washington's move was applauded by others.

"Hin Bun Hieng's position as commander of PM Hun Sen's bodyguards makes him one of the most feared men in Cambodia, and with good reason. It's about time the U.S. finally recognized that it falls to a major global power to call out such a powerful figure on human rights grounds, and hold him accountable for the atrocities he's committed," said Phil Robertson, Asia deputy director for the New York-based Human Rights Watch.

The Cambodian National Rescue Party, the opposition grouping that was dissolved last year, said it welcomed the U.S. action, calling it justified because Bun Hieng was, it charged, one of the country's biggest human rights abusers.

It said Washington's move should serve as a warning to Cambodia's government that it must cease its abuses or face punishment from the international community. **AP**

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AUSTRALIA

PM will make national apology to sex abuse victims

Trevor Marshallsea, Sydney

AUSTRALIAN Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull will deliver a national apology to child sex abuse victims as part of the government's response to a long-running inquiry that heard allegations against government and private institutions and prominent individuals in five years of hearings.

The apology, to be delivered on Oct. 22 after public consultations, was announced yesterday as Turnbull outlined his government's formal reaction to the Royal Commission into Institutional Responses to Child Sexual Abuse. Its inquiry ended in December after taking evidence from leaders such as Vatican Cardinal George Pell, who is charged with committing historical sex abuses himself and was accused of failing to protect children.

Turnbull's government will adopt 104 of the 122 recommendations the royal commission made to it, including establishing a national office for child safety and joining a redress payments program. The 18 other recommendations remain under consideration.

"It's been harrowing work," Turnbull told a news conference in Canberra. "Now that we've uncovered the shocking truth, we must do everything in our power to honor the bravery of the thousands of people who came forward."



Australia Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull

The royal commission, Australia's highest form of investigation, heard more than 8,000 harrowing personal stories alleging sexual abuse. Taking evidence at 57 public hearings across the country, it heard of alleged abuse in various institutions including schools, sport and hobby groups, and religious organizations.

Pell, Australia's most senior Catholic official, gave evidence to the inquiry on three separate occasions. A counsel to the royal commission said in final submissions that Pell and other Catholic officials had failed to exercise proper care for children in Victoria state by not acting on information about alleged sexual abuse by priests — an allegation Pell strenuously denied.

As a result of a separate Victorian police investigation, Pell is to face trial on charges of sexual abuse. Pope Francis' fi-

nance adviser, Pell is the most senior Vatican official to be charged in the Catholic Church sex abuse crisis. Pell has pleaded not guilty to the charges, the details and number of which have not been made public.

Turnbull said yesterday the national office for child safety would come into effect July 1, as would a national redress program involving the federal and state governments to provide payments to victims.

Federal Social Services Minister Dan Tehan said the maximum possible payment to each victim would be 150,000 Australian dollars (USD113,000), lower than recommended, though the average payment would be higher than the royal commission had recommended.

Turnbull said the commission had revealed shocking abuse of children. "It revealed that for too long the reporting

of this abuse was met with indifference and denial by the very adults and institutions who were supposed to protect them," Turnbull said.

The royal commission also made a number of recommendations directed toward the Vatican, including that any child abuse disclosed during Catholic confession should be reported to police. It also recommended that the Australian Catholic Church should seek permission from the Vatican to introduce voluntary celibacy for the clergy.

Australia is now seeking to harmonize laws across its states and territories to act on the royal commission's recommendations. Already, the state of South Australia has said that from October, church confessions will no longer be exempt from laws concerning the mandatory reporting of child sex abuse. **AP**



Former President Maumoon Abdul Gayoom

MALDIVES

Ex-strongman sentenced to 19 months in jail

Mohamed Sharuhaan, Male

A Maldives court yesterday sentenced a former strongman accused of plotting to overthrow the government to 19 months in prison for failing to cooperate with the police investigation.

Maumoon Abdul Gayoom, who ruled the Indian Ocean archipelago state from 1978 to 2008, is the second former president to be jailed under President Yameen Abdul Gayoom's rule. He was arrested in February on charges of attempting to overthrow the government of Yameen, his half-brother.

A court sentenced him to one year, seven months and six days in prison for failing to hand over his mobile phone to investigators. Two Supreme Court judges, Abdulla Saeed and Ali Hameed, who were arrested with Gayoom, were also given the same sentences for the same offense on yesterday.

Saeed and Hameed previously had been given similar jail sentences for allegedly influencing lower court decisions.

Maldives, known for its expensive tourist resorts, became a multiparty democracy in 2008, ending Gayoom's 30-year strongman rule. However, Yameen, who was elected in 2013, has rolled back much of the democratic gains.

Mohamed Nasheed, who was the country's first freely elected president in 2008, was earlier given a 13-year sentence in a trial widely criticized for due process violations. However, he was granted asylum in Britain when he went there on leave from prison for medical treatment.

Yameen's former vice president, Ahmed Adeen, two former defense ministers, a prosecutor general and opposition lawmakers are among those who have been jailed during Yameen's tenure. All of the trials have been criticized for alleged lack of fairness.

With all of his potential opponents either in jail or in exile, Yameen is preparing to run for re-election in September virtually unopposed.

A five-member Supreme Court bench in February ordered the release and retrial of Nasheed and other prisoners, calling their sentences politically motivated.

However, Yameen declared a state of emergency and had Saeed, Hameed, and Gayoom arrested.

Later the three remaining Supreme Court judges overturned their previous decision to release the political prisoners. **AP**

NORTH KOREA

Farmers focus on fields, not summit

AWAY from the political developments that have rocketed their country back into the international headlines, North Korean farmers are preparing for the summer season with hopes the relatively good conditions they have had so far this year will hold until the fall harvest.

"The situation right now is good," said Kim Song Ryong, chief engineer of the Migokri Cooperative Farm in Sariwon, a city about 80 kilometers south of Pyongyang, the capital.

Migokri is one of the



larger and more mechanized farms in North Korea, with about 1,850 farmers and support staff.

Its sprawling paddies are now covered with the light green of freshly transplanted rice plan-

ts, still only about knee high. Though decidedly modest, the farm has its own living areas, stores, schools and other facilities.

Feeding a nation of about 25 million has always been a tall order

for North Korea's agricultural workers.

Shortages of fuel and fertilizer are not uncommon and finding spare parts for tractors and other equipment is always a challenge. With most of the country covered in mountains and a government policy of strict self-sufficiency, every available nook and cranny is put to use growing something.

Since rice requires flat land, corn is the crop of choice in places that are hilly. Where the weather is too cold, it's often potatoes.

Kim told The Associated Press on Wednesday that Migokri produces everything from peaches to cucumbers. With the advantage of having mechanization that is still out of reach for farmers in more rural areas, where oxen are the rule, Kim said his rice paddies can produce 10 tons per hectare.

But he acknowledges he also has some more traditional help.

Just recently, he said, the farm released 100,000 snails into the paddies to eat rice-destroying insects. **AP**

Saudi-led forces begin assault on Yemen port city of Hodeida

Jon Gambrell, Dubai

A Saudi-led coalition backing Yemen's exiled government began an assault yesterday morning on Yemen's port city of Hodeida, a crucial battle in the 3-year-old conflict that aid agencies warned could push the Arab world's poorest country into further chaos.

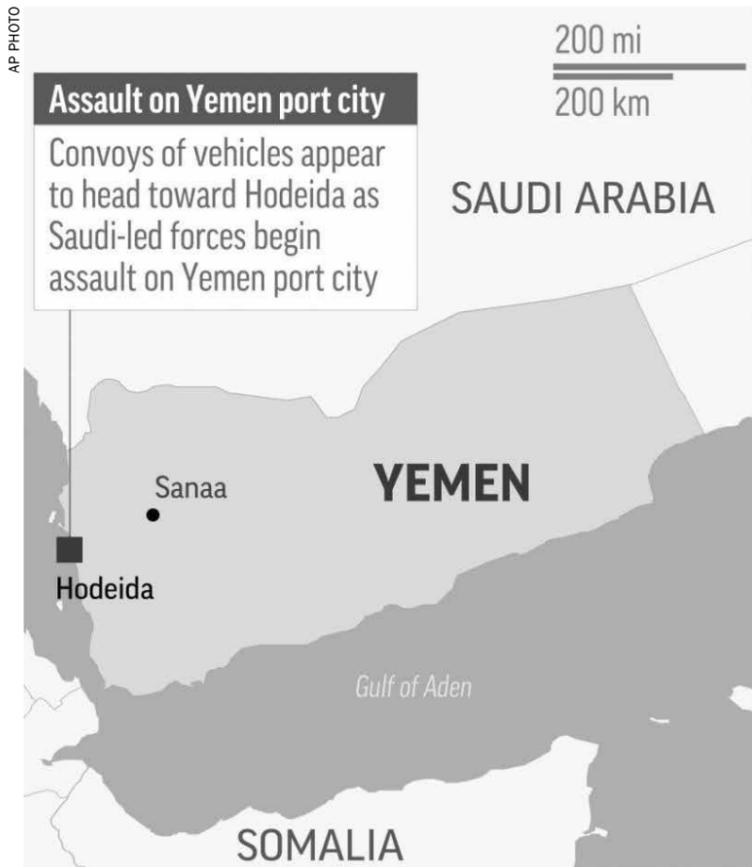
Iranian-aligned Shiite rebels known as Houthis and their allies for years have held the Red Sea port, crucial to food supplies in a nation on the brink of famine after years of war. The battle for Hodeida, if the Houthis don't withdraw, also may mark the first major street-to-street urban fighting for the Saudi-led coalition, which can be deadly for both combatants and civilians alike.

Before dawn yesterday, convoys of vehicles appeared to be heading toward the rebel-held city, according to videos posted on social media. The sound of heavy, sustained gunfire clearly could be heard in the background.

Saudi-owned satellite news channels and later state media announced the battle had begun, citing military sources. They also reported coalition airstrikes and shelling by naval ships.

The initial battle plan appeared to involve a pincer movement. Some 2,000 troops who crossed the Red Sea from an Emirati naval base in the African nation of Eritrea landed west of the city with plans to seize Hodeida's port, Yemeni security officials said.

Emirati forces with Yemeni troops moved in from the south near Hodeida's airport, while others sought to cut off Houthi supply lines to the east, the officials said. They spoke on condition of anonymity as they weren't



authorized to brief journalists.

Yemen's exiled government "has exhausted all peaceful and political means to remove the Houthi militia from the port of Hodeida," it said in a statement. "Liberation of the port of Hodeida is a milestone in our struggle to regain Yemen from the militias."

The Houthi-run Al Masirah satellite news channel later acknowledged the offensive, claiming rebel forces hit a Saudi coalition ship near Hodeida with two missiles. Houthi forces have fired missiles at ships previously.

"The targeted ship was carrying troops prepared for a landing on the coast of Hodeida," the channel said.

The Saudi-led coalition did not

immediately acknowledge the incident. The U.S. Navy's 5th Fleet, whose area of responsibility includes the Red Sea, referred questions to the Pentagon, which did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Forces loyal to Yemen's exiled government and irregular fighters led by Emirati troops had neared Hodeida in recent days. The port is some 150 kilometers (90 miles) southwest of Sanaa, Yemen's capital held by the Houthis since they swept into the city in September 2014. The Saudi-led coalition entered the war in March 2015 and has received logistical support from the U.S.

Emirati Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Anwar Gargash

earlier told French newspaper Le Figaro the deadline for a withdrawal from Hodeida by the Houthis expired early yesterday morning.

The United Nations and other aid groups already had pulled their international staff from Hodeida ahead of the rumored assault.

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Over 10,000 people have been killed in Yemen's civil war, which has displaced 2 million more and helped spawn a cholera epidemic. The Saudi-led coalition has been criticized for its airstrikes killing civilians. Meanwhile, the U.N. and Western nations say Iran has supplied the Houthis with weapons from assault rifles up to the ballistic missiles they have fired deep into Saudi Arabia, including at the capital, Riyadh.

Before the war, over 70 percent of Yemen's food and fuel imports came through Hodeida, accounting for over 40 percent of the nation's customs income. The port remains crucial for incoming aid, food and medicine for a nation driven to the brink of famine by the conflict and a Saudi-led blockade. A Saudi-led airstrike in 2015 destroyed cranes at Ho-

deida. The United Nations in January shipped in mobile cranes to help unload ships there.

The U.N. says some 600,000 people live in and around Hodeida, and "as many as 250,000 people may lose everything — even their lives" in the assault. Already, Yemeni security officials said some were fleeing the fighting.

"We have had more than 30 airstrikes within 30 minutes this morning around the city. Some civilians are entrapped, others forced from their homes," said Jolien Veldwijk, the acting country director of the aid group CARE International, which works in Hodeida. "We thought it could not get any worse, but unfortunately we were wrong."

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres had said that U.N. envoy Martin Griffiths was in "intense negotiations" in an attempt to avoid a military confrontation. However, Griffiths' recent appointment as envoy and his push for new negotiations may have encouraged the Saudi-led coalition to strengthen its hand ahead of any peace talks with the Houthis.

The attack also comes as Washington has been focused on President Donald Trump's recent summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un. A statement from Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said Monday he spoke with Emirati officials and "made clear our desire to address their security concerns while preserving the free flow of humanitarian aid and life-saving commercial imports."

Defense Secretary Jim Mattis on Monday acknowledged the U.S. continues to provide support to the Saudi-led coalition.

"It's providing any intel, or anything we can give to show no-fire areas where there are civilians, where there's mosques, hospitals, that sort of thing — [and] aerial refueling, so nobody feels like I've got to drop the bomb and get back now," he said.

It wasn't immediately clear what specific American support the coalition was receiving yesterday. **AP**

US

Dennis Hof, Nevada's most famous pimp, wins GOP primary

PIMP Dennis Hof, the owner of half a dozen legal brothels in Nevada and star of the HBO adult reality series "Cathouse," won a Republican primary for the state Legislature on Tuesday, ousting a three-term lawmaker.

Hof defeated hospital executive James Oscarson. He'll face Democrat Lesia Romanov in November, and will be the favored candidate in the Republican-leaning Assembly district.

Hof celebrated his win at a party in Pahrump with Hollywood Madam Heidi Fleiss at his side.

"It's all because Donald Trump was the Christopher Columbus for me," Hof told the Associated Press in a phone call. "He found the way and I jumped on it."

Hof, who wrote a book titled "The Art of the Pimp," has dubbed himself "The Trump of Pahrump," and held a rally with longtime

Trump adviser Roger Stone. Hof was in the limelight in 2015, when former NBA player Lamar Odom was found unconscious at Hof's Love Ranch brothel in Crystal, Nevada, after a four-day, USD75,000 stay.

If Hof wins in November, he wouldn't be the only brothel owner in elected office — Lance Gilman, the owner of the famous Mustang Ranch in northern Nevada, is a Storey County Commissioner.

Voters in November will be voting on closing down brothels at least one of the seven Nevada counties where they're legally operating. The question will be on the ballot in Lyon County, where Hof owns four brothels. Activists are also gathering signatures to try to get to get measure on the ballot in Nye County, where Hof owns two more brothels in the desert outside the city of Pahrump.

He painted the anti-bro-



Dennis Hof, owner of the Moonlite BunnyRanch

thel efforts as political retribution that's tied to his opponent, but Oscarson and the referendum backers deny any connection. Most brothels operate in rural areas of Nevada. They're banned in the counties that contain Las Vegas and Reno.

Hof said Tuesday he's downsizing his business by selling off some brothels to focus more on politics.

Oscarson and Hof previously faced off in 2016 when Hof ran for the seat as a Libertarian. Oscarson won with 60 percent of the vote. **AP**



Kim Jong Un (left) and Donald Trump pose for a picture



People read newspapers at the Puhung subway station in Pyongyang

Adam Schreck, Foster Klug

With US-N. Korea summit over, US envoy to brief Asia allies

A day after their historic summit, Donald Trump and Kim Jong Un returned to their respective strongholds yesterday — but to far different receptions.

In Pyongyang, the North Korean autocrat woke up to state media's enthusiastic claims of a victorious meeting with the U.S. president; photos of him standing side-by-side with Trump on the world stage were splashed across newspapers. Trump, meanwhile, faced questions about whether he gave away too much in return for far too little when he bestowed a new legitimacy on Kim's rule and agreed, at Pyongyang's request, to end war games with Seoul that the allies had long portrayed as crucial to Asian safety.

As the top U.S. diplomat jetted to South Korea for follow-up talks yesterday, much of Asia was still trying to process the whirlwind events of the day before.

There was, at times, a surreal quality to the carefully staged, five-hour meeting of two men who'd been threatening each other with nuclear war and insulting each other's mental and physical attributes just months before. Trump repeatedly praised Kim's negotiating skills and their new relationship and expressed hope for "a bright new future" for Kim's impoverished nation.

But there were worries, especially in Tokyo and Seoul, which both have huge U.S. military presences, about Trump agreeing to halt U.S. military exercises with South Korea, which the North has long claimed were invasion preparations. That concession to Kim appeared to catch the Pentagon and officials in Seoul off guard, and some South Koreans were alarmed.

"The United States is our ally, so the joint military drills are still necessary to maintain our

relationship with the U.S.," said Lee Jae Sung, from Incheon. "I think they will be continued for a while."

U.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo left Singapore yesterday on his way to Seoul, where he planned to meet privately in the evening with Gen. Vincent Brooks, commander of U.S. Forces Korea.

Pompeo will meet President Moon Jae-in to discuss the summit. Japanese Foreign Minister Taro Kono is also heading to Seoul and is due to meet with Pompeo and his South Korean counterpart. Pompeo, the former CIA director, then plans to fly to Beijing to update the Chinese government on the talks.

On the issue the world has been most fixated on — North Korea's pursuit of a nuclear arsenal meant to target the entire U.S. mainland — Trump and Kim signed a joint statement that contained a repeat of past vows to work toward a denuclearized Korean Peninsula. The details of how and when the North would denuclearize appear yet to be determined, as are the nature of the unspecified "protections" Trump is pledging to Kim and his government.

Despite the confusion and disappointment among some, the summit managed to, for a time at least, reset a relationship that has long been characterized by bloodshed and threats. In agreeing to the summit, Trump risked granting Kim his long-sought recognition on the world stage in hopes of ending the North's nuclear program.

North Korea is believed to possess more than 50 nuclear warheads, with its atomic program spread across more than

100 sites constructed over decades to evade international inspections. Trump insisted that strong verification of denuclearization would be included in a final agreement, saying it was a detail his team would begin sorting out with the North Koreans next week.

Moon has championed engagement with the North, and the agreement's language on North Korea's nuclear program was similar to what the leaders of North and South Korea came up with at their own summit in April. Trump and Kim referred back to the so-called Panmunjom Declaration, which contained a weak commitment to denuclearization but no specifics on how to achieve it.

As Trump acknowledged that denuclearization would not be accomplished overnight, the North suggested Wednesday that Trump had moved away from his demand for complete denuclearization before U.S. sanctions on the long-isolated country are removed.

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The state-run Korean Central News Agency said the two leaders "shared recognition to the effect that it is important to abide by the principle of step-by-step and simultaneous action in achieving peace, stability and denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula." KCNA also reported that Trump had expressed his intention to lift sanctions "over a period of goodwill dialogue" between the two countries.

The White House declined to comment on the North Korean characterization of the deal. Instead, officials merely pointed to the text of the joint Trump-Kim statement, and left it at that.

The Singapore agreement does not detail plans for North Korea to demolish a missile engine testing site, a concession Trump said he'd won, or Trump's promise to end military exercises in the South while negotiations between the U.S. and the North continue. Trump cast that decision as a cost-saving measure, but also called the exercises "inappropriate" while talks continue.

While progress on the nuclear question was murky, the leaders spent the public portions of their five hours together expressing optimism and making a show of their new relationship. Trump declared he and Kim had developed "a very special bond," and seemed to delight in giving Kim a glimpse of the presidential limousine. Kim, for his part, said the leaders had "decided to leave the past behind" and promised, "The world will see a major change."

The U.S. has stationed combat troops in South Korea since the end of the Korean War in the 1950s and has used them in a

variety of drills. The next scheduled major exercise, involving tens of thousands of troops, normally is held in August.

The Pentagon said Tuesday it was consulting with the White House and others, but was silent on whether the August exercise would proceed. Mattis' chief spokeswoman, Dana W. White, told reporters he was "in full alignment" with Trump.

In Japan, the prospect of canceled U.S.-South Korean drills was met with concern.

"The U.S.-South Korea joint exercises and U.S. forces in South Korea play significant roles for the security in East Asia," Japanese Defense Minister Itsunori Onodera told reporters Wednesday. He said he planned to continue sharing the view with Washington and Seoul.

Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga said Japan wants to get further explanations from the U.S. and South Korea on the issue. He declined to comment further.

In South Korea, the liberal Kyunghyang Shinmun newspaper said Trump and Kim have started a "march of peace" to end nearly seven decades of hostility and pave the way for permanent peace and prosperity on the peninsula.

The conservative Chosun Ilbo, the country's biggest paper, was decidedly more critical, denouncing Trump for offering the end of military drills while failing to convince the North to commit to verifiably giving up its nukes for good. It called the summit "dumbfounding and nonsensical," and said it will allow North Korea to permanently maintain its nuclear weapons program. **AP**

what's ON



SHADE OF BUTTERFLY AND RED PEAR BLOSSOM
TIME: 7pm
UNTIL: June 19, 2018
VENUE: Macau Cultural Centre
ADMISSION: MOP100, MOP380, MOP580, MOP800
TICKETING ENQUIRIES: (853) 2855 5555

IN LOVE WITH MACAU – CALLIGRAPHY AND
PAINTINGS OF MACAU
TIME: 10am-7pm (last admission 6:30pm; closed on
Mondays)
UNTIL: August 12, 2018
VENUE: Macau Museum of Art
ADMISSION: Free
ENQUIRIES: (853) 8791 9814

THE EXHIBITION "SWISS STYLE NOW"
TIME: 10am-9pm
UNTIL: June 17, 2018
VENUE: Tap Seac Gallery, located at No. 95,
Avenida do Conselheiro Ferreira de Almeida
ADMISSION: Free
ENQUIRIES: (853) 8988 4000

MACAU SCIENCE CENTRE
TIME: 10am-6pm daily (Except on Thursdays; open
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VENUE: Macau Science Center
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sky shows)
MOP80 (Planetarium 3D dome or 3D
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ENQUIRIES: (853) 2888 0822

EXHIBITION OF NEW WORKS IN MAM
COLLECTION
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UNTIL: October 26, 2018
VENUE: Macau Museum of Art
ADMISSION: Free
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LA PARISIENNE – CABARET FRANCAISE
TIME: 8pm (Tuesdays to Fridays)
2pm & 8pm (Saturdays)
2pm & 5pm (Sundays)
UNTIL: June 17, 2018
VENUE: Parisian Theatre, Parisian Macau
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Offbeat

DISTILLERY HAS NEW BOURBON
FLAVORED BY BEAVER SECRETION

Beaver-flavored whiskey, anyone?
A New Hampshire distillery has a new bourbon, Eau De
Musc, flavored partly by the secretion from a beaver's castor
sacs.
Tamworth Distilling says the secretion, called castoreum,
has a history of being used as a flavoring and is on a small
list of FDA ingredients called "generally recognized as safe."
The distillery says on its website castoreum "exhibits bright
and fruit qualities (raspberry) and rich leathery notes along
with creamy vanilla aroma," common among barrel-aged spi-
rits.
Other ingredients are raspberry, Canadian snakeroot, fir
needles, birch bark (tar oil and regular oil) and maple syrup.

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20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:00	Macau Small Documentary
21:35	Non-daily Portuguese News
21:40	Portuguese Serie
22:25	Brazilian Soap Opera
23:00	TDM News
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ROOM 1

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Starring: Chris Pratt, Bryce Dallas Howard, BD Wong

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 135min



OCEAN'S EIGHT

ROOM 2

2:30, 4:30, 7:30, 9:30pm

Director: Gary Ross

Starring: Sandra Bullock, Cate Blanchett, Anne Hathway

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 110min



DEATH WISH

ROOM 3

2:30, 4:30, 7:30, 9:30pm

Director: Eli Roth

Starring: Bruce Willis, Vincent D'Onofrio, Elisabeth Shue

Language: English (Chinese)

this day in history



1940 GERMAN TROOPS ENTER PARIS

German troops marched into Paris in the early hours of this morning as French and allied forces retreated.

The enemy met no resistance as it entered the capital, which was declared an open town yesterday by the city's French military governor, General Hering.

French troops withdrew to avoid a violent battle and total destruction of Paris. They are believed to have taken a new line of defence south of the city.

The Germans advanced from the north-east and north-west and shortly afterwards tanks rumbled past the Arc de Triomphe down the Champs Elysees to the Place de la Concorde.

All shops and businesses in Paris have been closed and shuttered and there are unconfirmed reports the French government has now left Tours, in central France, and gone further south to Bordeaux.

The enemy has been advancing toward Paris since they took Dunkirk ten days ago, forcing a huge evacuation of the port, resulting in thousands of allied deaths and casualties.

As the Germans approached, the French premier Paul Reynaud broadcast an appeal for all free men to come to the aid of France.

British troops arrived south of Paris and began fighting, with their French counterparts, day and night to stem the advance of the Germans.

The RAF has spent the past few days bombing German convoys, supply columns, mechanised units and lines of communications.

All the bridges behind enemy lines from Rouen to Mantes have been destroyed by the RAF to stop the enemy bringing up material and reserves.

German aircraft responded with air raids east of Paris and at Evreux and Mantes, west of the capital.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

Hitler's attack on western Europe began on 10 May when the Germans carried out air raids on Belgium and Holland.

They took northern France despite heavy allied resistance. By 4 June 340,000 allied troops had been rescued from Dunkirk.

After the Germans had taken Paris British troops began to be evacuated from French ports which were still in allied hands. They retreated across the Channel.

On 17 June Reynaud was replaced by Henri-Philippe Petain as French premier. Mr Petain negotiated an armistice which was signed on 22 June. All hostilities ceased by 25 June.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 Nobody said it was going to be easy to make your dream a reality so, luckily, you weren't expecting that it would be. But couldn't it be a little easier? Go ahead and pose the question to a few people involved in the project.

Taurus April 20-May 20 You can tap into some pretty creative energies right now, so go ahead and get out your great-idea tap and collect as many ideas as you can in your great-idea-bucket.

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 You're no wilting flower, but sometimes you feel that way on the inside. Why not take a look at the disparity between the 'you' you present to the world and the 'you' you know from the inside.

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 When was the last time you cooked a delicious meal? Whether it was just last night or never before, today's the day to get a cookbook or go online or call your grandmother and ask her to send you her best dinner recipes.

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 Today could bring a lovely sense of freedom. Freedom from what? The answer might surprise you. Sometimes, we think we need to be freed from outside constraints: work, social demands, family duties.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Whether you made a promise without all the necessary information or you just plain promised too much, be upfront about it right now. Nobody expects you to be infallible. But they do expect to be kept informed.

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 If you were a surfer and today was a wave, you'd do best to ride it out. There's no predicting exactly what the natural forces - tides, water, etc. - will do. You just have to paddle out there...

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 Get out your cotton swabs and give the old ears a careful cleaning before you head to work. Why? Because today's all about listening, and you don't want to miss anything.

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Today is a good day for building your network of contacts. Whether you're looking to expand your existing business projects or want to change jobs completely, a solid, diverse network of friends.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Get ready for an increase in responsibility. Don't worry, this won't make you feel stressed out and overloaded. On the contrary, more responsibility is just what you need to feel good.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 If a cougar hesitated before it tried to catch a nice little wild mouse to eat, do you think it would have dinner? No, he wouldn't. The nice little wild mouse would take its chance and scurry away.

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 You've got an eagle eye when it comes to noticing who is not doing so great, emotionally. You see them scurrying down in the underbrush of their emotional world long before others do.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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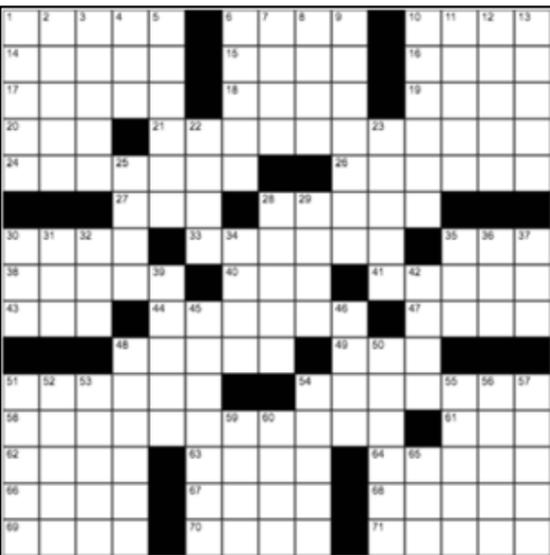
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DOWN: 1- Chopin composition; 2- Oracular; 3- Pays to play; 4- Coloring material; 5- Cerumen; 6- Slightly intoxicated; 7- Patriot Nathan; 8- Alaska's first governor; 9- Naught; 10- Falafel sauce; 11- Texas shrine; 12- Kitchen gadget; 13- Nous; 22- Understanding words; 23- Marsh bird; 25- Domesticate; 28- Perot; 29- Comfort; 30- How Dry; 31- Kind of fingerprint; 32- Uncommon sense; 34- Hotbed; 35- Lingus (Irish carrier); 36- West of Hollywood; 37- Letters on a Cardinal's cap; 39- South American ruminant; 42- Choir attire; 45- Unity; 46- Hitch or glitch; 48- Strong snuff; 50- Whatever person; 51- Land's end?; 52- Really bother; 53- Young salmon; 54- Batman's hilarious nemesis, with "the"; 55- Shoulder muscles, briefly; 56- Alamogordo's county; 57- Fragrant compound; 59- Twistable cookie; 60- Old Italian money; 65- Succeeded;



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Spain replaces fired Lopetegui with Hierro

WITH only two days to go before Spain's opening match at the World Cup, Julen Lopetegui was fired as national team coach after accepting a job to lead Real Madrid next season.

Spanish football federation president Luis Rubiales, who made the announcement yesterday in Krasnodar, later said Fernando Hierro would replace Lopetegui as coach for Spain's match against Portugal in Sochi Saturday [Macau time].

The 50-year-old Hierro, a former national team player and Real Madrid captain, will be taking on his first major coaching job. He had been acting as the federation's sports director and was already in Russia with the national team.

Rubiales said firing Lopetegui wasn't the best solution but it was needed after the federation was caught by surprise by Madrid's announcement.

"The federation cannot be left out of a negotiation by one of its workers and be informed five minutes before the press release," Rubiales said. "We have been compelled to act."

Rubiales, who took over as president last month, said Lopetegui disrespected the federation's values and it was the only decision he could make.



Julen Lopetegui



Spanish football president Luis Rubiales (right) poses with Spain's new coach Fernando Hierro

"It's a difficult situation, but we are not the ones who determined the action that had to be taken. The federation has its values and it has to maintain them," Rubiales said. "It may look like a weakness now, but with time this will make us stronger."

Rubiales said he tried to keep the Madrid announcement from being made public but it wasn't possible. He said he had to

make the decision — which was supported by the federation's board of directors — to "send a clear message" that things have to be done properly.

There were reports that players tried to persuade Rubiales to change his mind and keep Lopetegui on the job. "We are the national team. We represent this emblem, these colors, our fans, a country," Spain captain Sergio Ramos wrote on Twitter. "Our

responsibility and commitment is to you. Yesterday, today and tomorrow, together."

Because he was fired, Madrid won't have to pay the 2 million euros (USD2.3 million) of the termination clause on Lopetegui's contract. Rubiales said that although the federation's financial situation was not ideal, money was "not the most important thing in a moment like this."

Lopetegui did not attend the news conference but was expected to speak to the media after returning to Spain.

Hierro was Carlo Ancelotti's assistant at Real Madrid after Zinedine Zidane left the post in 2014. He coached second-division club Real Oviedo two seasons ago and was Malaga's general manager after leaving his sports director position with the Spanish federation in 2011.

After Madrid's announcement that it hired Lopetegui, critics immediately began questioning some of the coach's decisions with the national team, including his choice to leave some Barcelona players such as Sergi Roberto out of the World Cup squad. There were also questions about how Lopetegui would be able to fully focus on the national team while also having to discuss off-season signings for his new club.

There are six Madrid players in Spain's team for the World Cup. Lopetegui's name had not been mentioned by Spanish media among the probable candidates for the Madrid job, which opened up after Zidane unexpectedly quit. Last month, Lopetegui agreed to extend his contract with the national team through 2020. AP

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NORTH America will host the 2026 World Cup after FIFA voters overwhelmingly opted for the financial and logistical certainty of a United States-led bid over a risky Moroccan proposal for the first 48-team tournament.

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An optimistic promise of delivering USD

14 billion in revenue helped sway voters, along with the lack of major construction work required on the 16 planned stadiums, all of which already exist.



Delegates attend the FIFA congress on the eve of the opener of the 2018 football World Cup

North American trio beats Morocco to host 2026 World Cup

By contrast, Morocco appeared too hazardous as a potential host when all 14 venues had to be built or renovated as part of a \$16 billion investment in new infrastructure. The vote leaves Morocco reeling from a fifth failure in a World Cup hosting vote, with the continent's sole tournament coming in 2010 in South Africa.

While Morocco's combined tickets and hospitality revenue would be \$1.07 billion, according to FIFA analysis, North America would generate \$2 billion additional income.

Canada will host men's World Cup matches for the first time, while Mexico gets its first taste of the event since staging the entire event in 1986.

The 87,000-capacity MetLife Stadium outside New York is proposed for the final. It's just miles from where federal prosecutors spearheaded an ongoing investigation into FIFA corruption. More than 40 football officials and businesses indicted, convicted or pleaded guilty.

The bribery scandal put the governing body on the brink, FIFA President Gianni Infantino told the congress ahead of yesterday's vote.

"FIFA was clinically dead as an organization," Infantino said, reflecting on his election in 2016. "Two years later, FIFA is alive and well, full of joy and passion and with a vision for its future."

The North American victory suggests football officials are ready to gather for a World Cup in a country whose government has demonstrated its willingness to jail corrupt sports leaders through undercover investigations.

The North America bid also had to overcome concerns about the impact of policies from the Trump administration, including attempts to implement a ban on travel by residents of six majority-Muslim countries.

The main intervention by President Donald Trump was a warning in a White House news conference, discussing the FIFA vote, that he would be "watching very closely."

It was a veiled threat to withhold U.S. support from countries opposing the bid.

FIFA now has the final say on which cities are selected to host games and whether all three countries are guaranteed a place at the tournament. Victor Montagliani, the Canadian who leads CONCACAF, wants them to take three of the six qualification slots reserved for the region.

There is also a chance to send a seventh team via an inter-continental playoff. North America will host the six-team playoff tournament in November 2025 to decide the last two places in the 48-team lineup. **AP**

ON THE ROAD TO WORLD CUP

Brazil humiliated by Germany at home in 2014

GETTING what you wish for doesn't always work out well. Brazil had partly wanted to host the 2014 World Cup to exorcise the ghosts of the past — specifically, its traumatic 1-0 loss to Uruguay in the final match of the 1950 tournament at home in Rio de Janeiro.

Watched, it is said, by about 200,000 at the Maracana Stadium, that match left an indelible mark on Brazil's psyche, so much so that the team changed the color of its shirt from white



to the now-famous yellow. It's been termed The Maracano — roughly speaking, the Maracana Blow.

And despite winning five

World Cups after that, the shock of losing that match remained as Brazil readied to host the tournament again in 2014.

To be fair, there was a bit of concern in Brazil that its team was not particularly strong, the attacking prowess of Neymar notwithstanding.

Brazil won its group and scored seven goals in its three group matches. But its performances were unconvincing. Still, Brazil hoped that a wave of emotion could help shore up the team as it went further into the tournament.

The home support helped Brazil overcome Chile in a penalty shootout in the round of 16 and in the

narrow 2-1 victory over Colombia in the quarterfinals. That set up a semifinal match against Germany.

It was bad timing for the hosts because Germany really came into form. It was bad luck for Brazil, too, that it was without its best player, Neymar, after he had injured his back in the match against Colombia. Brazil was also without its captain, Thiago Silva, who was suspended.

But no one could have predicted exactly what would happen at the en-

counter in Belo Horizonte.

When Thomas Mueller put Germany ahead in the 11th minute, there wasn't too much concern — after all, Germany was widely expected to win. But then two, three, four and five — 5-0 down within half an hour. The World Cup's greatest champions were being humiliated at home.

It ended 7-1, and one ghost had been replaced by another.

At least Brazil didn't change the color of its shirt this time. **AP**

opinion

Made in Macao
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I THINK THEREFORE I CREATE: ON TRAFFIC AND ROMANCE

One of the greatest miseries we face living in Macao is traffic. Being stuck in traffic is not that bad if we compare to those who are still trying to get a cab or waiting for a bus. Yes, living in a city as small as Macao, one can walk anywhere within half-an-hour to one making it the best traveling option, but only if we put aside the temperature variable. So, unless we work in a place with the possibility of taking a shower in the premise before getting to our desk for work, we are stuck 'with' traffic. But there is a solution to our miseries.

In studying the mystery of our brains, I came to realize the miseries of lives that are ultimately, merely in our minds. In our brains' attempt for knowledge acquisition which is its utmost function, we are genetically wired through the cerebral cortex that envelopes our cerebral hemispheres (that form our brains) to collect information via our different senses, and through the higher function of our brains, we create synthetic concepts as to what things are and/or should be. According to Semir Zeki's book, Splendors and Miseries of the Brain, our brains tend to create synthetic concepts in the forms of images, or scenarios, or phenomenon, whatever you want to name it, that is perfect from information it gathers. But in fact, there is no perfection, because the concepts in our brains keep changing but reality does not, just as ambiguity exist only in our mind, a painting is a painting no matter how we interpret it. Therefore, it is not as much as "I think therefore I am" as it is "I think therefore I create". And so, the problem of miseries vs. happiness can be solved as long as we can control our perception of things or situations.

Now, to solve the miseries of being caught in traffic. What is the main villain? The never ending construction work, the unintelligent urban design that puts a zebra crossing right at the turn of a road, and the many double or triple parking outside of almost every schools. But we are not going to dwell on those miseries. Imagine how romantic it is to be in a comfortable seat whether moving a machine slowly through the streets, or watching the rest of the world slowly passing by, and yes, it can be as slow as 10km/hour, the point is, we are in a comfortable seat disregard of the rain or heat outside.

Or better yet, when one is riding with an object of one's affection (just a term, not objectifying lovers or potential lovers), one is given the opportunity to spend time with them, which without traffic, we will have to depart with them in a few minutes. If one has no target yet, how about the possibility of giving someone miserably waiting for a cab a ride? Forget about all those love stories about waiting for "the one" like the popular Hong Kong romance Café Waiting Love (等一個人咖啡). Imagine the love story that can happen as one waits through traffic in a car Before Sunrise or Before Sunset.

Being caught in traffic can, after all, not be that miserable if we can synthesize a sense of romance in our brain. Or wait for someone to create a movie of "Traffic Waiting Love". And then, we would give thanks to our government for the urban design, for the non-stop road constructions, and for the disregard of double parking, for they are part of our personal happiness. As they may contribute to the romance of our lives, or our creative thinking.

THE INSTITUTE FOR TOURISM STUDIES
BUZZ COLLABORATES FOR TED SUMMIT 2018

The Institute for Tourism Studies (IFT) collaborated with the Regency Art Hotel Macao in hosting this year's Tourism Education Student Summit – 2018 event (TED Summit 2018). According to the IFT, the TED Summit – 2018 held yesterday was an opportunity for the top 20 percent of graduating students to showcase their research findings. TED Summit event series are an opportunity for the public to preview the next generation of hospitality and tourism leaders, who "have their finger on the pulse of the cur-

rent state of affairs within the Macao tourism industry."

"IFT is the only higher education institution in Macao that includes this individual research component as a requirement for all its Bachelor of Science undergraduate candidates. Built-in to the design of the research component, the TED Summit event series are an opportunity for the public to preview the next generation of future hospitality and tourism leaders," the institution wrote in a statement.

Station	Air quality	
Roadside	25-45 Good	
High Density Residential Area	15-35 Good	
Ambient	30-50 Good	

SOURCE: DSMG

WORLD BRIEFS

IRAN A female Indian chess player said yesterday she has decided to not participate in an Asian championship being held in Iran next month because she could not comply with an Iranian rule requiring women participants to wear a headscarf.

YEMEN The Saudi-led coalition backing Yemen's exiled government began an assault yesterday on the port city of Hodeida, the main entry point for food in a country already teetering on the brink of famine. More on p14



GERMANY-DENMARK More than 150 German and Danish police officers searched a dozen apartments and offices yesterday in a joint cross-border raid on an illegal human trafficking network that focused on arranging hundreds of sham marriages.

FRANCE A judicial official says the suspect in a hostage-taking in central Paris has been transferred overnight to a psychiatric unit.



SPAIN Judicial authorities yesterday told the brother-in-law of Spain's King Felipe VI that he must report to a prison within five days in order to serve five years and 10 months for fraud and tax evasion, among other crimes.

PORTUGAL Authorities in Portugal say that a British and an Australian tourist plunged to their deaths in a coastal town while reportedly taking selfies from a wall overlooking the beach.

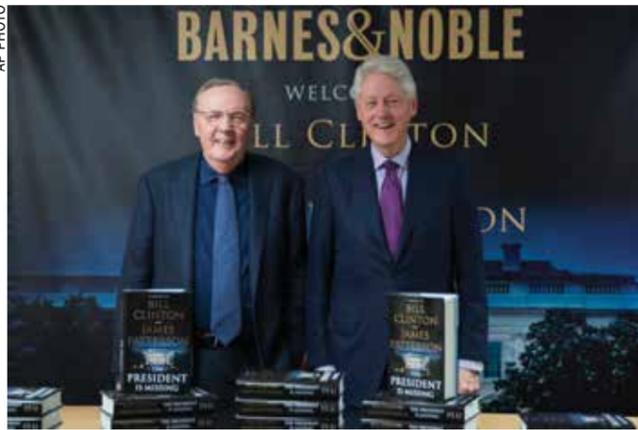
US Dozens of Tennessee farmers have urged the state's U.S. House delegation to oppose President Donald Trump's steel and aluminum tariffs, saying they worry the fallout will cripple the rural state's agriculture.

Clinton's debut novel sells 250,000 copies its 1st week

BILL Clinton's debut novel had the year's biggest opening so far for a work of fiction. "The President is Missing," the thriller he co-wrote with James Patterson, sold 250,000 copies its first week. Alfred A. Knopf and Little, Brown and Co., the book's co-publishers, announced Wednesday that the number includes hardcover, e-book and audio sales. NPD BookScan, which tracks around 85 percent of print sales, reported sales of 152,000 copies. That's BookScan's top-selling fiction debut since the latest "Diary of a Wimpy Kid," which came out last fall, and biggest first week for adult fiction since Harper Lee's "Go Set a Watchman" sold more than 700,000 hardcover copies in 2015.

"The President is Missing" was published June 4 and spent much of last week at No. 1 on Amazon.com and elsewhere despite some awkward and contentious moments in interviews with the former president. Clinton responded defensively to questions from NBC's Craig Melvin about the #MeToo movement and whether he owes an apology to former White House intern Monica Lewinsky. Clinton's affair with Lewinsky helped lead to his impeachment.

The novel begins with a president facing impeachment, for supporting terrorism, and tells of his efforts to thwart a



potentially apocalyptic cyber-rattack.

"By any measure, this was a terrific opening week of sales, one that exceeded even our own optimistic projections," Michael Pietsch, CEO of Little Brown's parent company, Hachette Book Group, said in a statement. "Sales continue apace this week, with Father's Day on the horizon."

"We are heartened by the response to the work, especially among readers," said Knopf chairman Sonny Mehta.

The novel has been billed as combining Patterson's long background in thrillers and Clinton's unique perspective as a former president. Reviews ranged from mocking ("Reveals as many secrets about the U.S. government as 'The Pink Panther' reveals about the French government," wrote The Washington Post's Ron Charles) to admiring. Nicole Wallace, the

political analyst and former White House aide, praised the novel as "ambitious and wildly readable" in a review for The New York Times. In The Wall Street Journal, Barton Swaim called the book "beach reading of a high order."

Patterson, one of the world's busiest and most popular authors, has released numerous No. 1 best-sellers. Clinton also has topped the lists before, as author of the million-selling memoir "My Life." The Clinton-Patterson novel is a likely blockbuster at a time when adult fiction sales have struggled. The year's biggest works have been nonfiction books offering highly critical portraits of President Trump. "The President is Missing" doesn't mention Trump by name, but does refer favorably to immigrants and expanded voting rights and warns against the "drift into tribalism, extremism and seething resentments." MDT/AP

THE DECISIVE MOMENT

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Anti-government protesters fire homemade mortars at police and government supporters in Jinotepé, Nicaragua. Protests began in mid-April in response to changes to the social security system, but expanded to call for President Daniel Ortega's exit from power.