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INDIA Police say a huge tin shed with a large number of people perched on its roof watching a tractor race collapsed under their weight in western India, injuring at least 70 of them.



RUSSIA Tens of thousands of demonstrators have rallied throughout Russia to protest plans to substantially hike the age at which Russian men and women can receive their state retirement pensions. *More on p14*

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GAMING

Junket operators may bid for casino licenses

THERE may be new competition for Macau's VIP gamblers, according to a Reuters report which says that top VIP-gaming company Suncity Group might be interested in filing for their own licensing and casinos, instead of operating VIP rooms in local concessionaires as they currently do.

According to the report, big junket operators such as Suncity have been taking advantage of tighter regulations to beat competition from smaller companies and gain momentum.

In the last five years, the number of junkets has more than halved. The surviving junkets have become stronger leading to the potential operation of Suncity Group's own casinos. Suncity's Alvin Chau has been investing in this field with his publicly traded Suncity Group Holdings, namely in Vietnam's Hoiana development, which suggests that it could soon be a new competitor to Macau's gaming giants. It is also said that China's poor growth prospects, which have reportedly been slowing down, have contributed to such an outcome.

Either way, if confirmed, this could take a significant proportion of high rollers from operators such as Wynn Macau, Galaxy Entertainment.

The Vietnamese development is only seen as a little threat at the moment, as Hoiana Integrated Resort will only have 1,000 hotel rooms and 140 gaming ta-



Alvin Chau

bles, making it a very small-sized property by Macau standards. In any case, casino groups (including Melco Resorts & Entertainment, MGM China, Sands China and SJM) depend less on high rollers now than they did in the past. But China's softening economic performance, aggravated by trade tensions, already presents some economic risks for Macau. The pressure on markets may be even clearer, as operators prepare to release second quarter results this week. Melco Resorts & Entertainment (the first to report) says revenue fell by around 5 percent

when compared to the year before.

As for Suncity's Vietnamese ventures, Chau may hold more cards up his sleeve and try to start something bigger. He could try for a license in Macau should a new concession come up soon and if officials prefer a local outfit.

Obviously this will may be part of the conjecture and more about possibilities than facts, but stranger things have happened - recalling that the Lui family started in construction before founding the Galaxy gaming empire. It is safe to say that Macau's casino moguls will keep a close eye on Chau. **RM**

Appeal court backs gov't in more land concession expiration

THE Court of Second Instance (TSI) has once again backed the government's decision to reclaim another two land plots for expiration of concessions without the expected developments, reaffirming the decision as lawful.

A statement issued by the Office of the Court of Final Appeal acknowledged the TSI's ruling regarding the Chief Executive's decision to declare the expiration of the concession of land plots, and considered the reasons given by the appellants as invalid.

The cases refer to plots located in Taipa (Pac On) and in the ZAPE area of the Peninsula.

In both cases, the concession period given was well past the 25-year period, during which time the concessionaires failed to carry out the necessary developments to make the concession period definitive.

As on previous occasions, the situation has led the Court to rule the same way, allowing the government to claim the undeveloped land

plots, according to rules established by the Land Law and independent of the fact that the concessionaires may or may not be guilty of non-development within the fixed period, and hence "not having any margin of discretion."

For the first case, the TSI decided that the fact there was no prior hearing given to the concessionaire, would not be taken into account.

In the second case the appeal claimed an extension of the concession, since at the time of granting the plot of land it was occupied by facilities and things belonging to the administration.

The court verified this fact, as the party had been granted two extensions on the concession period for this reason previously.

The TSI noted that there was no breach of the principles of good faith, equality, justice, impartiality and trust, denying the appeals made by the two concessionaires and upholding the decisions made by the Chief Executive. **RM**

ASK THE VET

by Dr Ruan Du Toit Bester

CANINE DISTEMPER VIRUS

KITTEN development is a process that occurs in the first six to 18 months of a cat's life. There are four main stages, each with its own unique characteristics. Though these broad stages can be broken down week by week, four main themes are identified: nursing, environment, weaning and status.

Week 1: Nursing

In the first week, a newborn kitten spends its entire time nursing and will double its weight in the first seven days. During this time, separation from the mother is detrimental to its development and health, as the constant nursing supplies the necessary vitamins and nutrients for certain faculties to completely form. Since the senses are not yet fully developed, separating the kitten from its mother may cause blindness or deafness. Likewise, the brain may not form

properly, leading to mental inhibitions.

Weeks 2 through 7: Environment

Around week two, the kitten will open its eyes, though its sight will not be fully functional until around the fifth week. The sense of smell and hearing are emerging and the kitten will become more aware of its environment, though interaction remains limited. The kitten's bones are not yet fully hardened, so walking is not yet experienced. After the fourth week, all senses are generally developed and the kitten will start to explore its environment as it attempts to walk for the first time. Social interaction with the environment, people and other kittens will emerge near the fifth week and behavior is learned during this time.

Week 8: Weaning

Most mother cats will wean their kittens af-

ter eight weeks. Active play is now at its highest and will continue to be so as the kitten furthers its understanding of the environment and interacts with people and other cats. After the fourteenth week, playfulness will decrease slightly and the kitten will begin assuming a more mature composure.

6 to 18 Months: Status and Rank

At six months, the kitten's sense of status emerges, and a desire to dominate siblings or other pets may appear. In a litter this will take the form of aggressive play, snatching the siblings' food and "guarding" a certain area from the rest. Some kittens may even try to dominate other household pets or humans. This will continue until about 18 months, when the rank and status of each cat becomes generally established in the litter.

After 18 months, most cats are mature, though some species may not reach adulthood until two years.

As cats are not born with certain faculties fully developed, the time between birth and eighteen months is a crucial period that will determine his abilities and the functionality



of his senses. Proper care is needed to ensure good development and lifelong health.

Hope this info helps
Till next week
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CCAC to probe Viva Macau for illegal asset transfers

THE Macau Commission Against Corruption (CCAC) has opened an investigation into Viva Macau at the request of the Industrial Development and Marketing Fund (FDIC), in relation to a MOP212 million loan to the now-defunct air carrier.

The CCAC will investigate whether there was any illegal transfer of assets from Viva Macau to external companies or individuals prior to its bankruptcy eight years ago.

Secretary for Economy and Finance Lionel Leong took the decision to forward the case to the CCAC, just a few days after he told reporters that the government is asking its lawyers to continue the case against Viva Macau's guarantor, Eagle Airways Holdings Limited.

He said that the government was not prepared to have the debt forgiven and would pursue civil means to reclaim the funds.

The total debt of Viva Macau amounts to some MOP1.14 billion.

The FDIC was the second largest creditor after Eagle Airways, which loaned around MOP470 million. In total, there were some 1,800 known creditors including airlines, airports of several cities, travel agencies and banks.

The bankruptcy proceedings for the low cost airline concluded last month and left creditors without a means to recover their investments.

The Court of Final Appeal has already ruled that Viva Macau no longer has any other property or funds with which to pay creditors. That came after just MOP98,000 worth of assets was seized from the company.

Accordingly, the court said prosecutors must pursue its Hong Kong-based guarantor, Eagle Airways, in order to recover the debt. However, the court was unsure of whether the current period for

prosecuting such an offence has or has not already expired.

The CCAC is now investigating the case, seeking to determine whether there were any illegal transfers of assets from Viva Macau, prior to its bankruptcy.

Viva Macau was operational between 2006 and 2010, when, after an accumulation of debt and the cancellation of flights, local authorities canceled the airline's license. In November 2010, the government filed a lawsuit against the airline to recover the MOP212-million loan.

More recently, some legislators have requested that the government provide information on the make-up of the committee that initially approved the loan. Secretary Leong indicated that the FDIC would work closely with legislators as the case develops.

Businessman Kevin Ho was a director at the guarantor company, Eagle Airways. However, autho-



RENATO MARQUES

rities have been unable to locate any of the assets pledged as collateral by Eagle Airways, a Hong Kong-registered company which never directly undertook any aviation activities. Kevin Ho is the nephew of Edmund Ho, who was Chief Executive of Macau between 1999 and 2009. Ho also owns KNJ investment, who recently bought 30 percent of Portuguese group Global Media.

Health Bureau wants hospital built faster

Commenting on the sidelines of the completion of the foundation for the long-delayed Islands Hospital, the director of the Health Bureau said he hopes that the next stages of construction will be finished quicker. According to public broadcaster TDM, Lei Chin Ion said that authorities were studying whether or not it would be possible to carry out construction 24 hours a day so the hospital could be completed sooner. "Following the pile foundation is the tender for the buildings," said Lei, cited by TDM. "We aim to see if the construction [of the] Islands Medical Complex project, as it is far from residential areas, has the conditions to be carried out 24 hours a day."

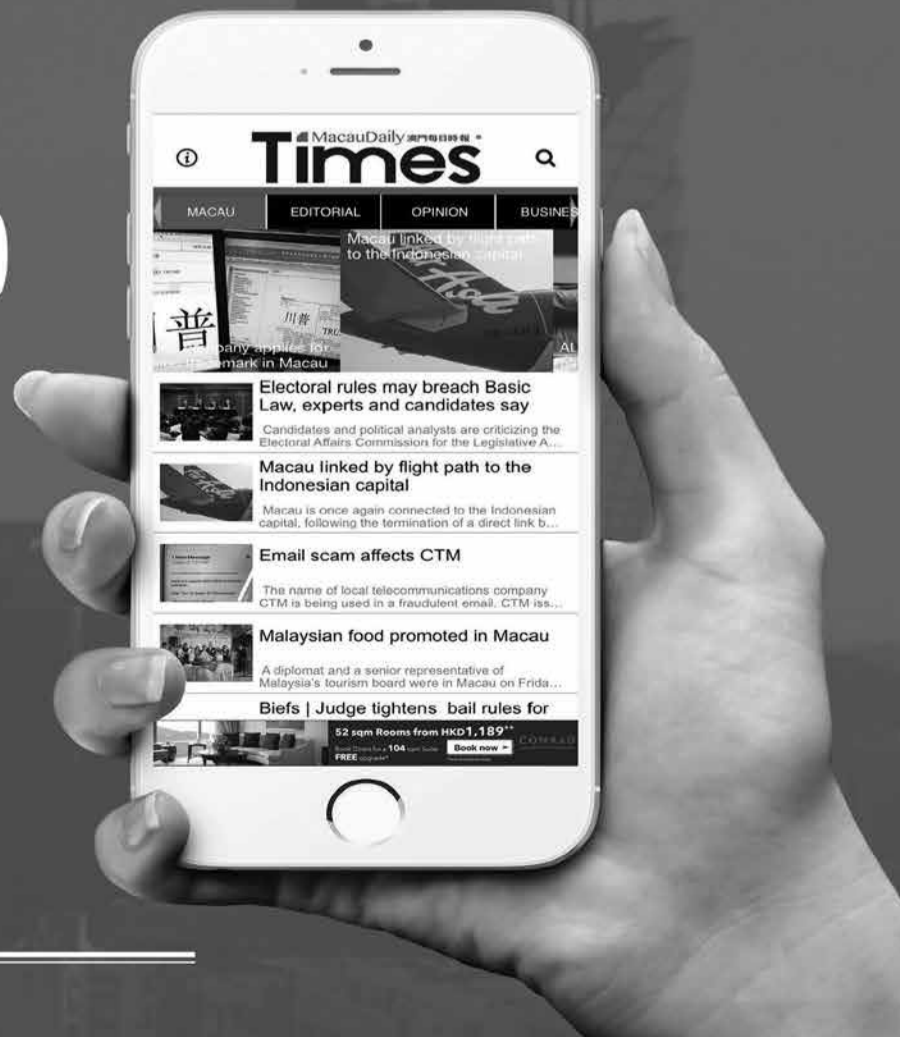
Unemployment holds steady

The general unemployment rate for the three-month period of April to June 2018 held stable at 1.8 percent, as in the previous period from March to May, according to the latest information from the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC). The unemployment rate of local residents for April to June 2018 was 2.4 percent, down by 0.1 percentage points. Meanwhile, the underemployment rate remained unchanged at 0.5 percent. In the second quarter of 2018, the general unemployment was also 1.8 percent and that of local residents stood at 2.4 percent, decreasing by 0.1 and 0.2 percentage points respectively from the first quarter. Median monthly employment earnings of the employed held stable in the second quarter at MOP16,000 when compared with the first. The median earnings of employed residents stood unchanged at MOP20,000.

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Vicente Bravo, architect influential in Macau, dies

Vicente Bravo has passed away on Saturday, as confirmed by friend and architect Maria José de Freitas to Radio Macau. Born in Luanda, Angola in 1946, Bravo worked in Macau for many years, namely during the 80's and 90's, after arriving in the territory to work with Manuel Vicente, another great name of local architecture. Among the many projects for which Bravo was responsible, was the Macau Handover Ceremony Pavilion, which was built before the handover of the region to the Chinese administration. After the handover, the Pavilion gave way to the current Handover Gifts Museum of Macao.

First Greater Bay Area conference of physical societies

The first Joint Annual Conference of Physical Societies in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area was held on Friday at the University of Macau (UM). Co-organized by UM, Physical Society of Macau, Physical Society of Hong Kong, and Guangdong Physics Society, the event attracted over 350 experts, scholars, researchers, and industry practitioners in the field of physics from the United States, the United Kingdom, Singapore, the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area, and other parts of China. During the event, participants discussed the latest developments and research findings in physics, and explored opportunities for further collaboration and joint development in research and technology in the area.

Philippines wants daily charter flights to Subic

The Philippine Department of Tourism (DOT) said that it is now working with Royal Air Charter Service to operate charter flights between Macau and Subic Bay International Airport seven times a week. The agreement is expected to produce an additional 697 international air seats, or about 35,308 seats per year for flights from China. "Royal Air is among our airline partners which the DOT is working with to bring in tourists from China," said a DOT spokesperson, as cited by the Manila Bulletin. "Through our Route Development Team, we are providing marketing support to air carriers to increase tourist traffic to underutilized international gateways in the Philippines, such as Subic Bay International Airport." Subic Bay is a special economic zone that permits the entry of foreign nationals without a visa for a maximum stay of 14 days.

TRANSPORT

Dongguan city backlists 'bad taxi drivers,' unlike Macau

TAXI drivers whose behavior was considered "uncivilized" after signing the "civilized service commitment" in the neighboring city of Dongguan, Guangdong province, could be blacklisted and forbidden from entering the city's five main stations, Dongguan's local English language magazine "Here! Dongguan" has reported. According to the report, the Dongguan Taxi Association has been enforcing a change of attitude among local taxi drivers while it reforms and updates the infrastructure. The association reportedly spent RMB200,000 (over MOP237,000) to update waiting bays with number plate recognition systems for the Dongcheng Terminal Bus Station, Nancheng Bus Station, East Bus Station, Humen Railway Station and Dongguan Train Stations. In addition, only drivers who signed the agreement are permitted to enter those areas.

The agreement pledges that drivers are required to charge by the meter and without cheating; wait on orders; accept all clients; and refrain from bargaining or



rejecting transportation and detouring. Technically, the agreement also enforces hygiene inside the taxis by not allowing food or drinks.

According to available information, a total of 5,624 taxis have been approved by the system that was put in place to change what was considered unacceptable behavior within public transport services and facilities.

Due to the cloud data shared among number plate recognition systems, drivers who break

the rules will be forbidden from entering any of these stations for a period of between seven days to one year.

Meanwhile, in Macau, the Macau Taxi Drivers Mutual Association has been calling for a fare increase to "cover the [industry's] high operating costs," a measure that has raised many questions from Legislative Assembly lawmakers, who warned that such a "gift" from the government could provoke a serious backlash from the public, who largely feel a sense of "chronic dissatisfaction with taxi services."

According to 2017 figures quoted by the director of the Macau Government Tourism Office, there were almost 5,500 taxi infractions registered by authorities last year, amounting to a 32.2 percent year-on-year increase.

Most recently, due the increase of serious incidents reported to the police, the Public Security Police Force included a special section of the police hotline and mobile application dedicated to dealing with incidents of taxi driver malpractice in order to tack-

le the persistent and increasing problem of bad behavior by taxi drivers.

Last week the lawmakers of the 3rd Standing Committee, who are discussing a bill that aims to set a new juridical regime for taxi operations, agreed that the enforcement of the installation of a "sound recording device" in the taxis would be "enough against the abuses" from the taxi drivers.

The topic has been in heated discussion as many think that the law should also mandate an image recording system, solution that has been "not yet completely refuted," the president of the committee, lawmaker Vong Hin Fai said.

Another of the matters noted by several lawmakers on such committee was regarding the lack of staff from the supervising authorities to enforce the law.

The city of Dongguan is one of the cities in the "Greater Bay Area." Macau is seeking to cultivate relations and cooperation with participating cities. Dongguan was the last stop in a Macau delegation led by the Chief Executive that toured all nine cities last month. **RM**

Small change kiosk coming to town

TWO Hong Kong students who started a coin collection business for small change plan to open a kiosk in Macau to serve the local population.

In the two SARs, small change under 1 Hong Kong dollar or 1 pataca – namely the 10, 20 and 50 cent pieces – can be difficult to spend as many businesses refuse to accept the coins.

Students Adam Lau and Eddie Rong started their Heycoins business in 2016, with the view to converting unwanted coins into electronic currency. They have set up several permanent kiosks for converting coins on their Tap & Go wallet, or into Heycoins credit to purchase gift coupons or make charitable donations online.

Citing the Hong Kong Monetary Authority, the South China Morning Post (SCMP) reported that there is approximately HKD6.7 billion worth of small coins in the neighboring SAR.

The company has thus far converted more than HKD7.6 million worth of small coins, serving more than 30,000 people in Hong Kong. By the end of the year, they aim to have 50 machines installed across the city.

Now, they are expanding into



Macau, as well as several other jurisdictions in Asia – mostly notably, Singapore.

"We were contacted by Macau residents via our social media, asking if we would go there," Lau told the SCMP. "Macau is a similar market and there is clearly a demand for our service. Our kiosk there accepts both Hong Kong dollars and Macau patacas."

The company has already won a series of innovation awards, including first-prize from the Alibaba Cloud-SUSS Entrepreneurship Programme, partly run by the Singapore University of Social Sciences.

"I don't want to say if we've made it yet - we're going through a process," said Lau when asked by the SCMP about his successful enterprise. "We're going to try to expand more and see how it goes."

HK company to invest USD1.5b in Manila casino resort

A Hong Kong-listed company has won a provisional gaming permit from the Philippines gaming regulator PAGCOR to operate a USD1.5 billion casino resort in Manila, Philippines, the company announced last week.

Slated to commence operations in 2022, the license granted to Landing International Development will be valid for 15 years until July 11, 2033, and will allow them to operate baccarat, blackjack, pontoon, roulette, Casino War, Stud Poker, pai gow, slot machines, EGMs and poker, among other gambling variants.

Landing detailed in a statement that the facility will feature a casino, indoor cultural theme park, a water theme park and Asia's first and largest "indoor movie-based theme park," along with a convention center, hotels and retail and dining spaces.

It will be built on 9.5 hectares of reclaimed land near Manila Bay and will be named NayonLanding. Nayon means small village in Tagalog.

Landing said that NayonLanding would be a family-oriented resort promising a different cultural experience as a leisure and entertainment destination.

"We would like to thank PAGCOR for their vote of confidence in granting Landing Philippines a provisional gaming license in the Philippines and the opportunity to strategically expand our Landing brand into the Philippines," said Landing International chairman and executive director, Dr Yang Zhihui.

"NayonLanding will be able to leverage [...] the growing brand equity in Jeju Shinhwa World to attract more Koreans and tourists in the region to visit the Philippines," Yang further explained in the statement.

The license was granted to Landing despite President Rodrigo Duterte's ban on new casinos in the country as he refused to see an oversupply in the industry.

According to Nikkei, gaming officials were not immediately able to comment on Landing's announcement.

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Venus Court NAPA Macau

(Ref: 18070686)
1,230 sq.ft. HKD 16,200

A beautiful fully furnished apartment located in Nape area. With 3 bedrooms, 2 double and 1 single, shower room with communication with one of the bedrooms, en-suite bathroom on the master room, and another small toilet. A modern western style kitchen with oven, with storage room and laundry area. A nice size balcony with beautiful green views. The apartment was recently renovated



The Buckingham

(Ref: 18060681)
700 sq.ft. HKD 18,000

Two double bedroom fully furnished apartment in luxury complex of The Buckingham, Central Taipa. The apartment has been fitted out to Marriott Hotel standard. Well fitted galley style kitchen equipped with kitchen essentials. Close to banks, supermarkets and public transportation this property is in the perfect location for convenience.



Manhattan D unit, High Floor

(Ref: 18070684)
2305 sq.ft. HKD 29,800

Fabulous family apartment on a high floor in the Manhattan, located in central Taipa. Four bedrooms: three doubles & one single, separate shower room and en-suite bathroom off the master room. The Manhattan has a super outdoor lap pool and kids outdoor climbing frame, indoor private dining room for twenty, and a state of the art gym (better than many local hotels).

FOR SALE



Jubilee Court, Macau

(Ref: 18030672)
2,200 sq.ft. HKD 15.98M
Rate: HKD 7,263

Great size four bedroom apartment in downtown Macau, across the road from Star World and next to the Landmark this apartment is well located. Two double bedrooms have built wardrobes and walk in shower rooms. The other two bedrooms share a bathroom. Plenty of bespoke storage throughout the property.



Old Macau, Unique Walk Up

(Ref: 18065557)
950 sq.ft. HKD 4.48M
Rate: HKD 4,715

Located close to St Lazarus church on the Macau peninsula this apartment has three bedrooms (one on the rooftop), it's a duplex the property has a lofty feel about it. Modernised a few years ago it needs little renovation.



Jou Fai Kuok, St Pauls Ruin's Macau

(Ref: 18055556)
627 sq.ft. HKD 3.9M
Rate: HKD 6,347

One bedroom apartment in Heritage Area of Macau. A five minute from the Ruins of St Pauls. Renovated 3 years ago. Good size master bedroom with built in wardrobes. Modern shower room with built in under counter cabinet. Well equipped kitchen. S shaped living / dining area with small nook for desk.



Va Nam Top Floor

(Ref: 18045550)
750 sq.ft. HKD 4.18M
Rate: HKD 5,573

This property is centrally located in Taipa and enjoys exclusive access to the corresponding rooftop area. The internal area does need some TLC which makes it a unique opportunity for investors to renovate and force appreciation. The property is currently tenanted but can be viewed with prior arrangement.



Calçada da Surpresa, 12, Ching Fai Court, Macau

(Ref: 18035547)
2,000 sq.ft. HKD 11.5M
Rate: HKD 5,750

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The Buckingham, Unit C, Taipa

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1,186 sq.ft. HKD 9.48M
Rate: HKD 7,993

Great two bedroom apartment in Central Taipa. Open plan kitchen with fitted appliance. Two double bedrooms sharing one walk in shower room. Good size living area with balcony.



Violet Court, Hellene Gardens, Coloane

(Ref: 18035546)
2,530 sq.ft. HKD 20M
Rate: HKD 7,905

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Choi Long Meng Chui, Taipa

(Ref: 18045555)
3,398 sq.ft. HKD 21M
Rate: HKD 6,180

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ANIMAL RIGHTS

Canidrome, Anima agree to cooperate despite previous spats

Lynzy valles

FOLLOWING public outcry over the greyhounds' welfare, the Macau (Yat Yuen) Canidrome has partnered with animal rights group Anima Macau to accommodate the remaining 553 greyhounds at the Canidrome – a project which will cost some MOP25 million a year to operate.

In a press conference on Friday, the two parties announced the submission of The International Center for the Rehoming of Greyhounds plan to the government.

According to the plan, the facility will be located on a private lot in Largo de Pac On.

Angela Leong, executive director of the Canidrome, made a financial commitment to subsidize the rent for the standalone building which costs MOP800,000 per month.

The two parties believe that the center, which will be a non-profit organization, and its environment will provide better living conditions for the greyhounds in accordance with international standards.

During the press conference, it was noted that the center would have 10 vets, along with the current 129 Canidrome employees if the proposal is approved by authorities.

"This is a place where they can rest and enjoy their life. They can rest there before they are adopted and we also have professionals who can take care of them in the center," said Albano Martins, president of Anima Macau.



Albano Martins and Angela Leong

The animal rights activist described the project as "very good news for the greyhounds," adding that the two parties are leaving behind their previous disputes.

Anima Macau had previously slammed the Canidrome for failing to provide their plans for the retired greyhounds before.

"Now we are happy because we are involved, and we are involved in good faith. I expect that everything will go on in good faith. [...] I don't want to talk about the past, now we are looking at the future," said the animal rights activist.

All expenses incurred during the period for feeding and caring of the greyhounds will be borne by the Canidrome.

Meanwhile, Leong stressed that the project is the Canidrome's promise to the public on its responsibility to take care of the retired greyhounds.

"From the first day, [we] have been indicating [to the

public] the responsibility we have to our greyhounds, that we will take care of them until the end of their lives. And this is what we insisted," said Leong.

"That is why we have this new scheme. We fulfill the promises we had made and [our] full responsibility." Leong expressed that the center is willing to work with international organizations and receive suggestions and evaluations on the facilities' standards and services.

Leong, who had been threatened with a fine under animal protection laws earlier,

reiterated that the Canidrome would cover the operations cost of the center.

"Love is the bridge between people, and love is also the bridge between people and animals [thus] whatever the cost, the Canidrome will cover it," said Leong.

"I trust that Mr Albano and his team can take care of them well." Martins, who will run the center for a minimum of two years, also announced that those whose adoption applications have been approved are required to pay MOP1,500 per month while waiting for the greyhounds' quarantine periods to end.

He also added that the new facility would be open to the public and prospective adopters so they could bond with the dogs in the center's activity area.

In a statement issued yesterday, Albano Martins said that "Anima and Angela Leong are now partners" and that "the period of fight has finished." Claiming that Anima "works for free in this partnership," Martins said that "the decision of putting an end to the difficult past was by Anima's own initiative, not forced by anyone, not paid by anyone!"

IACM GIVES PRELIMINARY APPROVAL TO PLAN

THE CIVIC and Municipal Affairs Bureau has preliminarily approved a new plan for the relocation of the greyhounds from the Canidrome racing track, which means that the dogs can stay on the current premises during this period.

Officials have given the Canidrome until today to accept the new conditions for a 60-day extension. The Canidrome previously said it will take at least 60 days to complete improvement work on facilities at the new center

Council says demand for healthcare practitioners has surged

THE Council for Medical Affairs of the Health Bureau (SSM) has met with the Talents Development Committee (SCDT) to report on the status of the employment market in the health sector and the certification of qualified healthcare professionals in Macau.

According to the SCDT, data from the last five years shows that the health sector has recorded an increased demand from the population. The statistics indicate that the demand for physicians, nurses, pharmacy professionals, traditional Chinese medicine practitioners and dentists has grown by over 10 percent.

The number of professionals working in pediatric health grew by 50 percent in the last five years, due to an increase in population demand.

The president of the Council, Lei Chin Ion, noted that the number of professionals has been stable, although there has been an increase in the ratio of nurses to residents.

Lei said that changes to the hiring and training of professionals in this field has taken place according to the five-year development plan of the MSAR.

Referring to the legislative process of the Qualification Regime for the Health Professionals, the secretary-general of the Council, Leung Pui San, reported that consultation on the topic with the public and the health sector has concluded. The relevant bill is expected to be voted through soon.

Leung remarked that in the future, the bill would allow for standardization in the evaluation of all health professionals from the public and private sectors.

Leung also noted that the future creation of the Medical Academy, which will create four schools and offer training in 34 medical specialties, will upscale the conditions for professionals to develop their skills.

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SANDS CHINA SCREENS AMAZING CHINA DOCUMENTARY FOR EMPLOYEES



Sands China held a screening of the first episode of the multi-part documentary series, Amazing China, for its employees at The Venetian Macao's Adelson Advanced Education Centre last week.

According to the company, the event is part of Sands China's ongoing efforts to promote professional education, and aims to deepen employees' understanding of China's historical changes and its latest achievements.

The screening attracted more than 150 employees from different departments, according to Sands China.

Amazing China is a multi-part documentary series co-produced by the Publicity Department of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China and China Central Television. It chronicles China's economic and social achievements.

The first episode focuses on infrastructure in China and features the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge.

Also shown during the screening were various promotional clips from the Macao SAR Government, including one about the Five-Year Development Plan (2016-2020).

FISHERMAN'S WHARF SIGNS AGREEMENT ON PUBLIC MUSIC PERFORMANCES

Macau Fisherman's Wharf and the Macau Association of Composers, Authors and Publishers held a signing ceremony for the agreement on public musical performance licenses at Vic's in Macau Fisherman's Wharf's Rocks Hotel.

The agreement extends public music performances right throughout Macau Fisherman's Wharf, including Legend Palace Hotel, Harbourview Hotel, Rocks Hotel, Legend Palace Casino and Babylon Casino.

Jennifer Lai, Group Director of Marketing & Communications of Macau Legend Development,

said that the agreement will allow Macau Fisherman's Wharf "to provide a sustainable environment to the local musicians."

She said that the recent designation of Macau as a Creative City of Gastronomy was the impetus for the agreement.

"Gastronomy means the art of eating good food which [consists of] good food, wine, ambience and an essential element – music," she said. "Macau Fisherman's Wharf has nearly 30 restaurants, apart from serving authentic menus we also feature the local music at dining outlets."

IPIM signs agreements at Guangdong-Macau Fair

THE Macau Trade and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM) signed four co-operation memorandums at the opening ceremony of the Guangdong & Macau Branded Products Fair 2018 on Friday, all with the aim of promoting Macau's role as a platform for trade between China and Portuguese-speaking countries.

The memorandums were also signed by various entities in Guangdong province, namely the Bureau of Commerce of Huizhou Municipality, the Bureau of Commerce of Dongguan City, the Bureau of Commerce of Zhaoqing City, and the Jiangmen Bureau of Commerce.

Moreover, the Investment Promotion Bureau of Congjiang County used the opportunity to sign a "Strategic Cooperation Agreement" with China Products Company.

According to a statement issued by IPIM, Fang Shaoming, an associate researcher of Bureau of Commerce of Dongguan City, said that the areas of co-operation covered in the scope of the memorandum between Dongguan and Macau are related to industry, research and the deve-



lopment of Macau as a platform between China and Portuguese-speaking countries.

He further said that foreign capital in Dongguan used to be invested in the U.S. and European countries mainly, however, since Chinese President Xi Jinping proposed the 'Belt and Road Initiative', Dongguan has seen a surge in its exports to countries along the 'Belt and Road' and to Portuguese-speaking countries.

Nine enterprises from Dongguan participated in this year's Fair, mainly exhibiting food and spices.

Meanwhile, Zhao Ruisi, Director of Jiangmen Bureau of Com-

merce, revealed that he believed the signing of the Economic and Trade Cooperation Memorandum with IPIM could elevate economic and trade co-operations between Jiangmen and Macau.

According to IPIM, Zhao added that co-operation between Macau and Jiangmen was always close, but recently the jurisdiction has been able to tap into Macau's links with the Portuguese-speaking world to explore new business opportunities.

Jiangmen organized for 11 enterprises to join the Fair this year, many of which were return exhibitors.

Chan Wai Chon wins IC prize at Young Musician Competition

THE special prizes competition for the 36th Macao Young Musician Competition was held earlier this month at the Institute for Tourism Studies, where Chan Wai Chon was awarded the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) Prize during an evening of musical performances from local students.

Aged 18, Chan is the first prize winner of both the saxophone advanced category and the woodwind concerto advanced category. He began learning how to play the saxophone at the age of 10 and subsequently joined the Macau Youth Symphonic Band.

According to the IC, Chan performed a difficult concerto during the competition, "with a subtle and precise interpretation of tones as well as a rich sense of rhythm and musicality, receiving high acclaim from the jury."

Chan will receive a scholarship from the IC for first year of tuition fees for a related undergraduate or pre-college music course.

Various other winners of



IC president Mok Ian Ian presented the prize to Chan Wai Chon

the competition may collect their award certificates in mid-September at the IC building, located in Tap Seac Square.

The jury of the special prizes competition was comprised of the music director and principal conductor of the Macao Orchestra, Lu Jia, the principal conductor of the Chinese Orchestra of the Shanghai Conservatory of Music, Dai Luqing, and the conductor of the Taipei Youth Chinese Orchestra, Chen Ju-Chi.

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UK lawmakers recommend tougher rules on Facebook

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Danica Kirka, London

THE U.K. government should increase oversight of social media like Facebook and election campaigns to protect democracy in the digital age, a parliamentary committee has recommended in a scathing report on fake news, data misuse and interference by Russia.

The interim report by the House of Commons' media committee said democracy is facing a crisis because the combination of data analysis and social media allows campaigns to target voters with messages of hate without their consent.

Tech giants like Facebook, which operate in a largely unregulated environment, are complicit because they haven't done enough to protect personal information and remove harmful content, the committee said.

"The light of transparency must be allowed to shine on their operations and they must be made responsible, and liable, for the way in which harmful and misleading content is shared on their sites," committee Chairman Damian Collins said in a statement.

The study was due to be published today [Macau time], but a copy was leaked on Friday by Dominic Cummings, the director of the official campaign group backing Britain's departure from the European Union.

Social media companies are under scrutiny worldwide following allegations that political consultant Cambridge Analytica used data from tens of millions of Facebook accounts to profile voters and help U.S. President Donald Trump's 2016 election campaign. The committee is also investigating the impact of fake news distributed via social media sites.

Collins ripped Facebook for allowing Russian agencies to use its platform to spread disinformation and influence elections.

"I believe what we have discovered so far is the tip of the iceberg," he said, adding that more work needs to be done to expose how fake accounts target people during elections. "The ever-increasing sophistication of these campaigns, which will soon be helped by developments in augmented reality technology, make

this an urgent necessity."

The committee recommended that the British government increase the power of the Information Commissioner's Office to regulate social media sites, update electoral laws to reflect modern campaign techniques, and increase the transparency of political advertising on social media.

Prime Minister Theresa May has pledged to address the issue in a so-called White Paper to be released in the fall. She signaled her unease last year, accusing Russia of meddling in elections and planting fake news to sow discord in the West.

The committee began its work in January 2017, interviewing 61 witnesses during 20 hearings that took on an investigatory tone not normally found in such forums in the House of Commons.

The report criticized Facebook chief Mark Zuckerberg for failing to appear before the panel and said his stand-ins were "unwilling or unable to give full answers to the committee's questions."

One of the committee's recommendations is that the era of light-touch regulation for social media must come to an end.

Social media companies can no longer avoid oversight by describing themselves as platforms, because they use technology to filter and shape the information users see. Nor are they publishers, since that model traditionally commissions and pays for content.

"We recommend that a new category of tech company is formulated, which tightens tech companies' liabilities, and which is not necessarily either a 'platform' or a 'publisher,'" the report said. "We anticipate that the government will put forward these proposals in its White Paper later this year."

The committee also said that the Information Commissioner's Office needs more money so it can hire technical experts to be the "sheriff in the Wild West of the internet." The funds would come from a levy on the tech companies, much in the same way as the banks pay for the upkeep of the Financial Conduct Authority.

"Our democracy is at risk, and now is the time to act, to protect our shared values and the integrity of our democratic institutions," the committee said. **AP**

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SANDS CHINA NEWS

Third Cohort of Local SME Suppliers Graduate from Sands Procurement Academy

Latest batch to complete Sands China's training programme

The third cohort of local SME suppliers to graduate from the Sands Procurement Academy were honoured at a ceremony July 19 at The Venetian Macao's Adelson Advanced Education Centre. The Academy's training programme has been co-organised with the Macao Chamber of Commerce and the Macao Productivity and Technology Centre (CPTTM) since last year.

Launched in April 2017, the Sands Procurement Academy is an initiative of Sands China's F.I.T. programme for local Macao SME suppliers. Comprised of three pillars – Financial Support, Invitational Matching, and Training and Development – F.I.T. is part of Sands China's Local Small, Medium and Micro Suppliers Support Programme. Targeting both existing and new local Sands China suppliers, these programmes aim to continue increasing local SMEs' procurement opportunities with Sands China.

The Sands Procurement Academy is specifically geared toward four types of local SME suppliers: small- and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs), micro-enterprises, Macao young entrepreneurs, and "Made-in-Macao" enterprises. The academy's tailor-made practical training modules help develop suppliers by sharing business knowledge and skills, letting them gain experience and capacity for working with large-scale international customers like Sands China.

Feedback from participating suppliers has been very positive, as the programme is the first of its kind in the industry, and is focused on practical knowledge.

For the first time, this latest round of training added a continuous improvement workshop on the eight disciplines (8D) model of problem solving, led by a CPTTM lecturer, bringing the total number of modules to seven.

This latest round of training attracted 27 local SMEs. Among them, 25 successfully completed the coursework, which begun in June. The training programme took them through a weekly schedule of seven training modules. Suppliers who graduate from the programme – now numbering 85 – are given preferential procurement under otherwise equal circumstances.

The academy's coursework is facilitated by lecturers with various areas of expertise, and covers seven topics: effective warehouse operations, quality assurance, logistics management, procurement process and system overview, procurement contracts, supplier code of conduct, and 8D problem solving.

"With each new class of graduates, Sands China is pleased to see positive results continuing to come from this programme," said Charlie Cai, vice president of procurement and supply chain for Venetian Macao Limited. "As local SME suppliers bolster their enterprises, they are able to reap the rewards of becoming more competitive in the market. And integrated resort operators like Sands China benefit from being able to do more business with local enterprises."

The July 19 graduation ceremony was attended by Shuen Ka Hung, director-general of CPTTM; Chui Yuk Lam, vice president of the board of directors of the Macao Chamber of Commerce; Choi Tat Meng, chief of the liaison department of the Macao Chamber of Commerce; Hongyan Wen, senior vice president of human resources for Sands China Ltd.; Charlie Cai; and Winnie Wong, vice president of corporate communications and community affairs for Venetian Macao Limited.

Sands China's Local Small, Medium and Micro Suppliers Support Programme is in line with the Macao government's initiative to "buy local" and demonstrates Sands China's commitment to supporting local enterprises as part of the company's corporate social responsibility efforts. It is part of Sands China's supplier relationship management strategy, which guides the company's long-standing effort to support local suppliers, whom it views as its strategic partners.



Guests of honour, Sands China executives and graduating local suppliers attend a graduation ceremony for the Sands Procurement Academy July 19 at the Adelson Advanced Education Centre at The Venetian Macao.

Regulators say 4 American airlines missed Taiwan deadline

Joe McDonald, Beijing

CHINESE regulators appear to have rejected a possible attempt by U.S. airlines at a compromise over Beijing's demand to call self-ruled Taiwan a part of China, an order Washington opposed.

The communist mainland's latest effort to use China's growing economic clout to isolate Taiwan's democratically elected government is further straining ties between Beijing and the U.S. amid a deepening trade dispute.

The Chinese airline regulator says United Airlines, American Airlines, Delta Air Lines and Hawaiian Airlines missed a Wednesday deadline to change their websites while 40 other carriers obeyed.

The U.S. carriers had hoped that listing Taipei without a country would be good enough because Korean Air took a similar approach. Korean Air, however, began changing its website far ahead of this week's deadline, while the U.S. carriers waited until the last minute.

Before the deadline, U.S. airline officials had cautioned that it could take several days to make changes across their websites — including drop-down menus, search-result pages and maps — and other sales outlets.

On Friday, American Airlines was "in the process of implementing changes," said



spokeswoman Shannon Gilson. The other U.S. airlines declined to comment or did not respond.

The industry's main U.S. trade group, Airlines for America, said the carriers made "initial changes" to address China's concerns. "All flights are operating normally, and we do not anticipate any service disruptions to occur," said Alison McAfee, a spokeswoman for the group.

Taiwan and China separated in 1949 following a civil war on the mainland but Beijing claims the island, formally known as the

Republic of China, as part of its territory.

The Civil Aviation Administration of China acknowledged on its website that the U.S. airlines had made some changes "but rectification of the content still is incomplete." It gave no details and phone calls to the agency went unanswered.

Beijing demanded airlines call Taiwan's capital "Taipei, China." Three of the U.S. carriers cited by CAAC switched to saying only Taipei, with no country, on their websites. Other destinations

have city and country names.

"We complied within the deadline with what we thought was a nice solution for everyone," American Airlines chairman Doug Parker said in a conference call this week to discuss the airline's financial results.

The Trump administration rejected the order in May as "Orwellian nonsense" and expressed dismay that airlines obeyed.

Other airlines including British Airways, Air Canada and Lufthansa started using "Taipei,

China" to avoid Chinese penalties.

Hawaiian Airlines doesn't fly to Taiwan. It has a code-sharing agreement with Taiwan's China Airlines but its website has no mention of Taipei.

Last week, an airline from the Pacific nation of Palau said it shut down due to a drop in tourism from China. Chinese officials last year reportedly told tourist agencies to stop booking trips to Palau to punish the tiny nation for having diplomatic ties with Taiwan.

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In January, hotel chain Marriott was ordered to shut down its China website and app for a week after it sent out a customer survey that included Taiwan, Tibet and Hong Kong in a list of countries. News reports said Marriott executives were questioned by police.

The government also criticized fashion brand Zara and other countries for referring to Taiwan as a country on their websites. AP

China, BRICS push to shift world order amid trade threats

Ana Monteiro, Amogelang Mbatha

BRAZIL, Russia, India, China and South Africa, representing about 40 percent of the world's population and almost a quarter of its output, think it's time for a change in how things are done.

After a three-day summit in Johannesburg, the BRICS nations said they want a fairer, more representative global order in diplomacy and trade just as China, the biggest member, faces billions of dollars of extra U.S. tariffs.

They also seek reforms at the United Nations, the UN Security Council and the International Monetary Fund to better represent developing na-

tions, and have asked that members of the World Trade Organization - including the U.S. - abide by WTO rules as the multilateral trading system faces "unprecedented challenges."

"They're not only re-balancing the current global order, but contesting that order," Lyal White, senior director of the Johannesburg Business School at the University of Johannesburg, said by phone Friday. "Each of these countries can't do that on their own, but together they're a force to be reckoned with. This is a decisive but progressive shift."

Driving the call for multilateralism in trade at the summit was Chinese President Xi Jinping, whose U.S. counterpart Donald

Trump escalated trade tensions by threatening to impose tariffs on every one of the Asian economy's exports. That could derail a global upswing that's already losing momentum amid weaker-than-expected economic growth in Europe and Japan as financial markets seem complacent to the mounting risks, the International Monetary Fund warned July 16.

BRICS "took a firm stance against protectionism," South African President Cyril Ramaphosa told reporters at the end of the summit on Friday. "We felt we need to do everything we can to strengthen the multilateral trade system which is now under attack. There are many attempts to weaken it."

The members are sovereign nations and would never be pressured into taking sides, he said. "None of us, as part of BRICS, will ever accept the fact that we should be told who our friends should be and who our enemies should be."

The annual gathering of the coterie of emerging economic powers, first identified by former Goldman Sachs Asset Management Chairman Jim O'Neill, is the 10th since its leaders started meeting and the first since the prospect of a full-blown global trade war became a real threat.

"The BRICS summit has been extremely successful for China in terms of building a coalition of emerging markets that

seek to defend the current multilateral trade regime," Martyn Davies, managing director for emerging markets and Africa at Deloitte, said by phone. "What we have seen is the development of an agenda for these countries, because there's never been an agenda before. We've never seen BRICS talking about liberalized trade as a grouping or as a coalition, but now trade is front and foremost."

Russia is pushing for better business ties between counterparts in the club, President Vladimir Putin said. All countries committed to strengthen their cooperation in energy and developing new technologies.

China pledged USD14.7 billion in investment in South Africa, including loans to its state power utility and logistics company. The commitments are the biggest yet from

the Asian nation to South Africa, whose electricity producer is cash-strapped as it cleans up governance issues.

"Are you going to say no to investment and loans that are sorely needed?" said White. "China is going to become the most dominant economy in the world. These are the rules of the game globally - South Africa has to learn how to play."

China benefited significantly from joining a multilateral, regulated liberalized regime when it became part of the WTO in 2001, Davies said.

"The major component of China's growth has been dependent on exports - of course it's going to defend that and to bring other countries along," he said. "It's making the point by creating these coalitions in the BRICS directed against the belligerence and erratic nature of U.S. trade policy." Bloomberg



Andy Chan



Protesters hold placards calling for Hong Kong's independence during a 2016 rally

Hong Kong radical is test case in bid to limit speech

John Follain, Natalie Lung

INDEPENDENCE activist Andy Chan was minutes into an open-air debate in Hong Kong's Victoria Park when an opponent suggested his actions might be as dangerous as terrorism.

"Do you see any guns on me now?" Chan shot back, his arms spread wide. "You can search me."

The exchange on a sweltering Sunday afternoon, as hundreds of maids picnicked nearby, was just one volley in a debate that has gripped the former British colony for more than three years: How much should Hong Kong tolerate activists like Chan who seek the city's separation from China?

Earlier this month, Hong Kong's government threatened to ban Chan's pro-independence National Party, a move unprecedented since the city's return to Chinese rule in 1997. More moderate democracy advocates who disavow Chan's views fear the action could soften the ground for broader efforts to curb the freedoms that help multinational companies thrive in the global financial hub.

"China and the Hong Kong government are shrinking and shrinking the political space for freedom of expression," said Chris Ng of the Progressive Lawyers' Group. Ng said they were building a case to revive a national security law - known as Article 23 - that the government abandoned after half a million protesters flooded the streets in 2003.

While Hong Kong Chief Executive Carrie Lam has declined to commit to a time frame for advancing the legislation, Chinese authorities have expressed impatience with the inaction.

The proposed ban on the National Party, which could take effect as soon as Aug. 7, is the latest attempt to squelch a small but consequential independence movement that sprung up after mass "Occupy" protests in 2014 failed to win any democratic reforms. In 2016, the Chinese government reinterpreted local law to ban such activists from public office, and local officials earlier this year barred a legislative candidate from running because she supported "self-determination."

President Xi Jinping warned during a visit to Hong Kong last year that any challenge to China's rule was "an act that crosses the red line, and is absolutely impermissible." Lam struck a similar tone when asked about the ban Wednesday before beginning a four-day trip to Beijing: "Any speech or acts that advocate Hong Kong independence cannot be tolerated and would most certainly face suppression."

The lanky and soft-spoken Chan, 27, is among a generation of activists who emerged from the 2014 protests favoring a sharper break with China. Standing outside a McDonald's, Chan bought a megaphone and urged protesters to occupy roads, emulating the sit-ins that closed down three business districts.

"Halfway through Occupy, I realized that when we were asking for democracy from the Hong Kong government, we were actually asking or begging for democracy from the Beijing government," the business administration and engineering graduate said while sipping Earl Grey tea in an interview July 20. "I thought that if we break away from China, we would have democracy."

I didn't do any real actions but speeches. So now they consider what I have said on the radio is evidence I damaged national security.

ANDY CHAN
INDEPENDENCE ACTIVIST

Others had the same idea. A patchwork of "localist" groups emerged across Hong Kong, some favoring a vote on the city's future, others backing a violent break if necessary. After members of one organization participated in a February 2016 riot that left scores of police of-

ficers injured, authorities vowed to crack down on the "radical separatists."

The next month, Chan launched a Facebook page with "30 to 50" members to start his Hong Kong National Party, evoking the Nationalist Party deposed by the Communists in the Chinese civil war. He was among the first candidates barred from running in local legislative elections on the grounds that his views violated the city's Basic Law, a mini-constitution that calls Hong Kong "an inalienable part of" China.

Now, the Hong Kong government is arguing that the National Party's mere existence "poses a real threat to national security." On July 17, two police officers presented Chan with a 700-page dossier recommending a ban. It was based on transcripts of his public remarks, photographs of him distributing leaflets and his contacts with Tibetan and Taiwanese activists.

The report accused the party of "school infiltration," "inciting hatred against mainland people" and being willing to "use any effective measures to achieve their goal, including use of force," according to a copy Chan posted on Facebook. Security Secretary John Lee gave the party three weeks to respond.

"I did not form an army. I didn't do any real actions but speeches. So now they consider what I have said on the radio is evidence I damaged national security," Chan said. Asked whether he ruled out the use of

violence, he said people "need to fight back" if China deployed the military against protesters, like it did in Tiananmen Square in 1989.

"I do not advocate violence," Chan said. "I do not advocate we attack people pro-actively."

Even Chan admits independence is a long-shot. The U.K., which quickly lost Hong Kong to the Japanese during World War II, deemed the colony unsustainable without Chinese support. The city gets most of its food and electricity from the mainland, which also represented about half of its global trade last year.

"Independence is a stupid idea - Hong Kong can't be a country because we don't have military strength or even water," said Gary Mak, 25, a multimedia entrepreneur who attended the park debate Sunday. "The National Party should be banned because it challenges the Basic Law."

To ban the group, Hong Kong authorities are relying on a colonial-era law originally intended to break up criminal gangs. Democracy advocates are concerned that authorities are singling out the more extreme members of their fractious coalition to break opposition to a potentially more powerful legal weapon - Article 23.

The Basic Law provision requires Hong Kong to "enact laws on its own" to prevent secession, sedition and subversion, as well as restrict the activities of foreign political organizations.

As he prepared his response to the government's letter, Chan said he suspected that others would be targeted after himself.

"Self-determination and then democracy and then freedom of speech," he said. "They are just moving the red line and they will deal with one enemy at a time." **Bloomberg**

INDONESIA

Strong quake hits Lombok, killing at least 14

A strong and shallow earthquake early yesterday killed at least 14 people and injured 162 on Indonesia's Lombok island, a popular tourist destination next to Bali, officials said.

The quake damaged more than 1,000 houses and was felt in a wider area, including on Bali, where no damage or casualties were reported.

The U.S. Geological Survey said the quake struck at a depth of only 7 kilometers. Shallow earthquakes tend to do more damage than deeper ones.

East Lombok district was the hardest hit with 10 deaths, including a Malaysian tourist, said Sutopo Purwo Nugroho, a spokesman for Indonesia's Disaster Mitigation Agency. The number of casualties could increase as data was still being collected from other locations on the island, he said.

At least 162 people were injured, including 67 hospitalized with serious injuries, Nugroho said.

The quake caused blackouts in East Lombok and North



Medical officers take care of earthquake victims at Sembalun village

Lombok districts and triggered a large landslide from Mount Rinjani. Rescuers were evacuating more than 800 tourists from the mountain.

In East Lombok and the provincial capital of Mataram, the quake lasted about 10 seconds, causing residents to flee their homes onto streets and fields, Nugroho said. He said most of the fatalities and injuries were caused by falling slabs of concrete.

Photos released by the disaster agency showed damaged houses and the entrance to the popular Mount Rinjani National

Park, which was immediately closed for fear of landslides.

Television footage showed residents remaining outside, fearing aftershocks, as the injured were being treated on mattresses taken out of their partially damaged houses and patients were wheeled out of a hospital.

Eka Fathurrahman, the police chief in East Lombok, said the Malaysian woman who died was part of a group of 18 Malaysian tourists who had just visited Mount Rinjani when the quake jolted their guesthouse and toppled a concrete wall.

Six other people were injured at the guesthouse.

Fathurrahman said many injured people who were treated outside a damaged clinic were evacuated to the main hospital farther away after more ambulances reached the devastated location in East Lombok's Sembalun village.

"Residents refused to enter their houses as prolonged aftershocks are still being felt," he said.

Indonesia's meteorology and geophysics agency recorded more than 130 aftershocks.

Like Bali, Lombok is known for pristine beaches and mountains. Hotels and other buildings in both locations are not allowed to exceed the height of coconut trees.

Indonesia is prone to earthquakes due to its location on the Pacific "Ring of Fire," an arc of volcanoes and fault lines in the Pacific Basin. In December 2004, a massive magnitude 9.1 earthquake off Sumatra triggered a tsunami that killed 230,000 people in a dozen countries. AP

JAPAN

Tropical storm heads for hard-hit western region

A tropical storm in Japan disrupted transportation and knocked out power to thousands of homes in its path as it headed west toward a region still recovering from devastating rains earlier this month.

At least 16 people have been injured, according to a tally by Japan's public broadcaster, NHK.

Tropical Storm Jongdari made landfall about 1 a.m. yesterday in central Japan after dumping heavy rain on Tokyo and other parts of eastern Japan the previous day. Downgraded from a typhoon, it had maximum sustained winds of 90 kilometers per hour with gusts up to 126 kph.

Airlines cancelled many flights to and from the affected regions Sunday for the second day in a row, and train service was delayed or suspended. Electric utilities reported scattered power outages as the storm moved from east to west, NHK said.

Residents and workers piled up sandbags Saturday to guard against flooding in Okayama and Hiroshima prefectures, the two states hit hardest by landslides and floods that killed more than 200 people during record rains in western Japan in early July. Authorities issued evacuation advisories throughout the affected areas. AP

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IN its efforts to nurture local talent in line with the talent development policy of the Macau SAR Government, Galaxy Entertainment Group (GEG) regularly unveils diverse and innovative professional training programs for its team members. GEG believes that its wide-ranging initiatives help enrich the professional knowledge of its team members and propel them forward in their careers.

GEG Launches GEG-MPI Gaming Position Certification for Over 7,000 Team Members

Earlier this month, GEG and the Macao Polytechnic Institute (MPI) hosted the GEG-MPI Gaming Professional Development Recognition Ceremony and Position Certification Launch. The GEG-MPI Gaming Position Certification is the largest professional qualification program in the industry, providing theoretical and practical training for more than 7,000 GEG team members. Additionally, the event

recognized the efforts of the nearly 50 GEG team members who had earned the Gaming Management Diploma, co-organized by GEG and MPI. The program offers a number of courses in MPI's Bachelor of Business Administration in Gaming and Recreation Management Program, as well as seminars on topics such as responsible gaming. Having provided over 240 training hours to GEG employees, the program has

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With a view to collectively pursuing higher operational efficiency and better customer service, GEG has rolled out the GEG Work Improvement Program, an innovative initiative based on internationally known corporate management theory and GEG's own Work Improvement Model. The program was designed to hone the management and problem-solving skills of GEG team members. The first stage of the program began in November last year, with approximately 50 team members from International Premium & Mass Market Development completing a series of workshops, meetings and training sessions conducted by professional coaches and consultants.



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CAMBODIA

With China's help, Hun Sen set to extend 33-year rule

Philip Heijmans

AS Cambodians voted yesterday, a win is all but assured for strongman Prime Minister Hun Sen in an election that highlights China's growing influence in Asia over the West.

Polls closed at 3 p.m. local time, but the election commission announced that preliminary results wouldn't be known until Aug. 11. Results were known immediately after the 2013 election, which generated protests from the opposition.

After that narrow win over Sam Rainsy and his opposition Cambodia National Rescue Party (CNRP), Hun Sen - who's been in power for 33 years - has since disbanded the party, silenced his critics and forced the closure of most independent media.

In that time he's grown ever closer to China, accepting cash from Beijing in return for supporting its geopolitical aims in the region - particularly regarding disputed territory in the South China Sea. When the U.S. and European Union pulled funding for the election, China stepped in with USD20 million for equipment, including polling booths, laptops and computers.

As a staunch supporter of Hun Sen's regime, Beijing has billions of dollars at stake. This month, U.S. security-research firm FireEye said it found evidence of a Chinese hacking team infiltrating computer systems be-



Hun Sen casts his ballot

longing to Cambodia's election commission, opposition leaders and the media.

Still, the U.S. and EU have some leverage left: Low tariffs for Cambodia's garment industry, the largest employer in the country. The EU is now reviewing those benefits, citing the current political climate.

"Now, the biggest destination of export from Cambodia are the EU and U.S.," said Hiroshi Suzuki, chief economist at the Business Research Institute for Cambodia. If the EU were to pull out of its trade incentive schemes "the effect to Cambodian economy, especially the garment sector, could be serious."

Cambodia has experienced a median growth rate of 7.6 per-

cent over the past two decades, outpacing other Southeast Asian nations. China was by far the biggest investor in Cambodia, outlaying \$12.6 billion in foreign investment since 1994, according to the Council for the Development of Cambodia. It's also Cambodia's biggest trade partner.

"Chinese support has allowed them to be much more open and confident in their spurning of human rights norms, so there is some enabling effect," said Sebastian Strangio, author of the book "Hun Sen's Cambodia."

While that benefits Beijing while Hun Sen's Cambodian People's Party is in power, it also poses a risk if he ever leaves. Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir

Mohamad is now reconsidering tens of billions of dollars in Chinese projects after a surprise election win in May.

"There is a widespread popular disaffection with the CPP's crackdown," Strangio said. "The CPP government may not be seen as legitimate."

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SEBASTIAN STRANGIO
AUTHOR OF THE BOOK 'HUN SEN'S CAMBODIA'

International observers and institutions including the United Nations have questioned the state of democracy in Cambodia and declared the elections "not genuine." Phil Robertson, deputy director of Human Rights Watch's Asia division, called it "a farce and a mockery of democracy by a prime minister keen to ratify his seizure of absolute power with a rubber stamp election."

Despite the lack of opposition, Hun Sen and his Cambodian People's Party have campaigned hard. On Friday, they entertained tens of thousands of supporters waving flags and chanting as they rode on trucks into Phnom Penh for the mass rally.

During his speech, Hun Sen branded the CNRP - who secured 45 percent of the vote in the last election - as traitors and defended its dissolution as a necessary for the country's stability.

"If we didn't eliminate them with an iron fist, maybe by now Cambodia would be in a situation of war," he said.

The exiled CNRP leadership, meanwhile, has asked Cambodians to boycott the election. They stopped short of calling for mass protests as they did following the 2013 election, when demonstrations in the streets of the capital turned deadly.

"We do not want bloodshed. Hun Sen is ready to use the armed forces to kill. He has done it before," said Mu Sochua, deputy leader of the CNRP. "Keep your finger clean," she said referring to the indelible ink used as proof of voting. "Do not legitimize this sham election."

Still, many Cambodians are willing to excuse Hun Sen's attack on the opposition and fundamental rights while the economy continues to improve.

"I am a fan of Hun Sen and the CPP," said Tita, a 20-year-old university student in Phnom Penh. "I think he has developed my country and I don't have to depend on him. I can now depend on me."

Even as an avid Hun Sen supporter, she said she'd rather the CNRP was allowed to participate. "I am sad about it. I think it is not a totally happy election, but that's okay." **Bloomberg**

AUSTRALIA

Turnbull aims for election boost from super Saturday

PRIME Minister Malcolm Turnbull is looking for a strong showing for his Liberal-National coalition in special by-elections being held in Australia this weekend as he looks to bolster his leadership ahead of a nationwide election to be held within a year.

Polls show the coalition has a chance to win as many as two of the five electorates up for grabs in the so-called Super Saturday by-elections, the bulk of which have been triggered because incumbent Labor candidates were deemed ineligible due to holding citizenship of other nations at the time of the

last election in 2016.

Should Labor lose a seat to the government, it will place pressure on party leader Bill Shorten and give the prime minister bragging rights: The last time an incumbent government won a seat from the opposition in a by-election was 1920. While his coalition marginally trails Labor in national polls, some political pundits say a strong showing may embolden Turnbull to call an election as early as this year, months before it must be held by May.

"There could be significant consequences from these elections," said Nick Economou, a political

analyst at Monash University in Melbourne. "A poor result for Labor may tempt Turnbull to go to the polls as soon as possible to lock the opposition in with an unpopular leader."

Labor, which is campaigning on its promise to bolster health and education spending, holds two of the seats - one in Brisbane's northern fringes and one in rural Tasmania - by a 2.2 percent margin or less, and Turnbull's government has been campaigning heavily to win them back. Another electorate the government is aiming to reclaim is in Adelaide, which is held by an independent. It's not

contesting the other two Perth-based seats safely held by Labor.

Bolstered by a strengthening economy and surging employment, Turnbull's government has improved its performance in opinion polls this year and has a reasonable chance to win re-election. The prime minister has shrugged off gaffes that threatened to derail his coalition, including an extramarital affair by his then-deputy Barnaby Joyce, allowing him to better focus voters' attention on his core message of providing economic and defense security.

Still, Turnbull, 63, has downplayed the chances



Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull

of winning a seat on Saturday and says he remains committed to holding the national ballot next year. He won the last election by only one seat.

"It is very clear that they are close, obviously, but you have to remember that the last time a government won a by-election from the opposition was 100 years ago," Turnbull told reporters last week.

A poor showing on Saturday for Labor would weigh heavily on Shorten, 51. Polls show he's less popular than Turnbull as voters' preferred prime minister.

"It is not about me or Malcolm - it is about more of the same from the Turnbull government," Shorten told reporters on Tuesday. "What we are going to do is keep focusing on the issues." **Bloomberg**



Former Zimbabwean President Mugabe holds a press briefing at his residence in Harare

ZIMBABWE

Mugabe emerges, rejects Mnangagwa in election

Farai Mutsaka, Harare

ZIMBABWE'S former leader Robert Mugabe yesterday emerged to address the nation for the first time since stepping down in November and just hours before today's historic election, declaring that "I will not vote for those who have illegally taken power."

In a slow and rambling address, the 94-year-old Mugabe spoke to reporters with some

bitterness about his dramatic removal under military pressure and amid a ruling party feud.

He also was coy about endorsing a candidate ahead of the election in which the former deputy that he fired, President Emmerson Mnangagwa, faces a 40-year-old lawyer and pastor, Nelson Chamisa.

"I cannot vote for those who have tormented me," Mugabe said, in a reference to Mnangagwa, who took office with the

military's support. "I cannot vote for ZANU-PF," the ruling party he long controlled.

Mugabe, who has backed a new political party that is part of a coalition supporting Chamisa, said of him: "He seems to be doing well at his rallies [...] I wish to meet him if he wins."

And Mugabe added: "Whoever wins, we wish him well. [...] And let us accept the verdict."

Many in Zimbabwe knew no other leader but Mugabe, who

led the country for 37 years after independence from white minority rule in 1980. What began with optimism crumbled into repression of the opposition, alleged vote-rigging, violent land seizures from white farmers and years of international sanctions.

The southern Africa nation hopes that a credible vote today could get those sanctions lifted and bring badly needed investment for a collapsed economy. Mnangagwa, a former Mugabe confidante, has tried to recast himself as a voice for reform, inviting back dozens of election observers and pledging a free and fair vote.

Mugabe defended Zimbabwe's election commission after Chamisa and the opposition raised concerns that the vote will be

flawed, saying that "it acts quite freely." And in a breathtaking statement, he asserted that his long stay in office had been free from meddling: "It was not the army that ensured I remained in power."

I cannot vote for those who have tormented me.

ROBERT MUGABE

He blamed "evil and malicious characters" for his resignation, which was met with a joyous outpouring by thousands of people in the capital, Harare, and elsewhere. "I was a fool to have him next to me," he said of Mnangagwa, whom he accused of conniving with the military chief to pull off a "coup."

Mugabe said he resigned to avoid "bloodshed" and defended his wife, Grace, who just months ago appeared to be positioning herself for the presidency: "Leave, leave, leave my wife alone."

Zimbabwe's former leader, who appeared to have allowed his hair to go gray, spent the final question musing on his legacy, reminding people of his years in prison during the country's fight for liberation and his work raising literacy and education standards. "I tried to do my best," he said, as journalists began to slip away.

While Mugabe, who has largely remained quiet in his Harare home since leaving power, spoke largely of the past, Zimbabweans are already impatient for the future — and today's vote. **AP**

RUSSIA

Tens of thousands protest retirement age hikes

Jim Heintz, Moscow

TENS of thousands of demonstrators have rallied throughout Russia to protest plans to substantially hike the age at which Russian men and women can receive their state retirement pensions.

A crowd estimated at more than 10,000 attended a protest in Moscow that was called by the Communist Party. A similarly large crowd gathered in Yekaterinburg to protest and demonstrations also were reported Saturday in large cities including Rostov-on-Don and Volgograd. No arrests were immediately reported.

Russia's lower house of parliament, the Duma, has given its first-reading



approval to a measure that would gradually raise the pension ages from 60 to 65 for men and from 55 to 63 for women.

Protesters have called for a national referendum

to be held on the issue before the parliament considers further readings of the bill after it resumes in September.

The proposal to raise the pension ages was put for-

th by the Cabinet on the eve of the opening of the World Cup in Russia last month and many opponents accused the government of trying to slip it past citizens distracted by the global soccer tournament. But protests broke out and dismay with the retirement changes appears to be growing.

President Vladimir Putin's trust rating in public opinion has fallen significantly in the proposal's wake. Last week he appeared to try to tamp down public distress by saying that he would listen to "all opinions" on the matter.

"If the retirement age is increased, every citizen of Russia will be robbed for more than a million rubles [USD16,000] and it is unacceptable," activist

Sergei Udaltsov said at the Moscow demonstration.

He said if a referendum on the subject isn't held, "millions will go to the streets. We will demand not only stopping the pension reform but also a change of power - the dismissal of the government, the dissolution of the Duma and the impeachment of the president."

Although Russia's life expectancy rate is rising, many fear they won't survive until the proposed retirement age. "I think a person cannot work properly at the age of 65, he is an old person already. Besides, everybody knows the statistics of how long people live" in Russia, said Konstantin Zhukov, a protester in

Yekaterinburg. "The main question is why I make payments to the pension fund if I probably won't live to get it."

The World Bank says average life expectancy in Russia was 71 as of 2016, up from 65 in 2003. The Russian government says the rise puts a burden on the pension fund that necessitates raising the retirement ages.

On the same day that the pension change was introduced, the Russian government made another proposal to augment state coffers — raising the value-added tax by 2 percentage points to 20 percent. On Saturday, that measure was approved by the upper house of parliament, the last step before being signed into law. **AP**

VENEZUELA

Maduro suspect in probe as US keeps pressure on

Laura Millan Lombrana

PRESIDENT Nicolas Maduro is a principal suspect in a U.S. investigation into the embezzlement of more than USD1 billion from the South American country's state-owned oil company, the Miami Herald reported, as the U.S. adds to the pressure on the socialist leader.

Maduro, his three stepsons and other Venezuelan government officials are being investigated for links to an international money-laundering conspiracy tied to Petroleos de Venezuela SA, known as PDVSA, the newspaper reported, citing sources familiar with the investigation that it didn't identify.

Venezuela's leader isn't mentioned in a criminal complaint filed in Miami federal court last week, but there are references to him as "Venezuelan Official 2," according to the Miami Herald. Officials with the Venezuelan information ministry didn't immediately respond to requests for comment.

Maduro's stepsons were described by the Herald's sources as having received an estimated \$200 million in funds stolen from Venezuela, wired to a European bank in late 2014 and early 2015. The de-



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posits were among 10 wire transfers totaling about \$600 million, according to a Homeland Security Investigations criminal complaint, the newspaper reported.

Bloomberg News reported on July 26 that private banker Matthias Krull, who until last month was one of Julius Baer Group Ltd.'s wealth managers for Venezuela, was arrested as part of the same investigation, which Swiss authorities are also working on.

Switzerland in 2016 seized \$118 million in bank assets linked to a Venezuelan businessman who has admitted to bribing PDVSA officials to steer about \$1 billion in energy-supply contracts.

The U.S. continues to make life difficult for the autocratic Maduro, 55, who won a new six-year term in a May in an election widely derided as a sham.

Meanwhile, the economic crisis in Venezuela - once a prosperous OPEC nation - was described last week by the International Monetary Fund as rivaling some of the worst in history, including that of Germany in the 1920s and Zimbabwe a decade ago. The fund is forecasting that Venezuela's inflation will reach 1 million percent this year.

A sharp decline in the production of crude oil in Venezuela, home to the world's largest oil reserves, has exacerbated its economic troubles.

The U.S. has sanctioned at least 48 Venezuelan nationals associated with corruption, including Maduro, and has provisionally revoked tens of thousands of visas. The most recent measures were announced in May, prohibiting purchases of debt owed to Venezuela, including PDVSA.

Earlier this month, the U.S. revoked the visa of Asdrubal Chavez, cousin of late socialist leader Hugo Chavez and chief executive officer of PDVSA's U.S. refining unit, Citgo Petroleum Corp. **Bloomberg**

GREECE

Tears, grief at memorial service for wildfire victims

Hundreds of people have attended a memorial service in the Greek seaside resort of Mati for the dozens who



perished in a wildfire that devastated the area. Bishop Kyrillos presided over yesterday's service at the Greek Orthodox Church of the Dormition of the Virgin Mary, six days after the fire swept through and killed at least 86 people. In a message read out during the service, the Church's Holy Synod said the burden of responsibility weighs upon everyone to avoid actions that hinder the protection of the environment. Dozens of volunteer divers kept searching the sea off Mati yesterday looking for the bodies of other possible fire victims.

SPAIN

Migrants rescued in the Strait of Gibraltar

Spain's maritime rescue service says it has saved 123 migrants trying to cross the Mediterranean Sea from North Africa. The service says it pulled the migrants from 12 different boats intercepted by rescue craft yesterday morning in the Strait of Gibraltar. The latest arrivals come after Spain rescued nearly 1,000 people attempting the perilous journey from African to European shores on Friday and Saturday. Spain has received over 20,000 migrants by sea in 2018.



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DATE: 2018-07-30

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DATE: 2018-07-30

TIME: 11:00

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Offbeat

PAWN SHOP BUYS VIOLIN FOR USD50, FINDS OUT IT'S WORTH \$250,000

A violin bought by a Massachusetts pawn shop for USD50 has ended up being worth about 5,000 times that.

WFXT-TV reports a new employee at the LBC Boutique and Loan in Somerville had no idea what he was buying when he paid for the Ferdinando Gagliano violin, which was handcrafted in 1759 and is worth \$250,000. Store manager Dylan McDermitt says the bows alone are worth \$16,000 to \$18,000.

Police say the violin was stolen during a house break-in and has since been returned to its rightful owner. They say the seller had no criminal record and they're still investigating.

McDermitt says in the future shop employees are going to ask people who bring in violins to play them so they know the instruments are theirs.

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Language: Cantonese (Chinese)

Duration: 118min



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ROOM 2

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ROOM 3

4:30pm

Director: Christopher McQuarrie

Starring: Paul Rudd, Evangeline Lilly, Michael Douglas

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 118min



SKYSCRAPER

ROOM 3

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

Director: Rawson Marshall Thurbe

Starring: Tom Cruise, Henry Cavill, Simon Pegg

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 147min

this day in history



1974 PEACE DEAL FOR CYPRUS

The prime ministers of Greece and Turkey and the British Foreign Secretary have signed a peace agreement to settle the Cyprus crisis.

After five days of talks in Geneva, Constantine Karamanlis of Greece, Bulent Ecevit of Turkey and James Callaghan of the UK have agreed a deal to end weeks of fighting on the Mediterranean island.

Mr Callaghan said: "It creates conditions under which Greece and Turkey can draw back honourably from making war on each other."

He has described it as a "common sense agreement", but Greek diplomats say it leaves Turkey - which invaded the republic of Cyprus on 20 July - in a stronger position.

Under the ceasefire, Turkish troops are prevented from making further advances and a UN-patrolled buffer zone will be established to keep warring Greek and Turkish factions apart.

Representatives from Greece, Turkey, the UK and the UN will determine the precise location and size of the buffer zone tomorrow morning, according to the positions of the opposing forces at 2000 GMT this evening.

The agreement is in line with UN Security Council Resolution 353 demanding withdrawal of all unauthorised troops and seeks to restore the terms of the peace agreed in Nicosia in 1960, which established independence and power-sharing.

Greece breached the 1960 treaty ten days ago by instigating a coup against elected Cypriot president Archbishop Makarios.

Turkey responded by sending in troops, since the Greek puppet regime threatens its minority on the island.

Turkish soldiers were still arriving on the island last night, swelling their force - permitted under the 1960 treaty - to 35,000 men and 300 tanks and other armour.

Speaking in London, the exiled president said he was pleased with the peace as long as all parties kept to it.

Greek, Turkish and British ministers will meet again in Geneva on 8 August to discuss further details of the settlement.

Greek-Cypriot and Turkish-Cypriot delegates will be invited to the conference on 10 August.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

The United Nations continued to demand the withdrawal of unauthorised troops. But as further talks in Geneva collapsed, the Turkish army advanced eastward and by August 16 they had taken over 40% of the island. Thousands were forced from their homes as Greeks in the Turkish zone and Turks in the Greek zone fled to opposite sides.

Glafkos Clerides acted as Greek-Cypriot president in the south, until Archbishop Makarios returned in December 1974.

Makarios remained as president until his death in 1977, when Spyros Kyprianou succeeded him.

Former vice-president of pre-partition Cyprus, Rauf Denktaş, became president of the Turkish Federated State of Cyprus, proclaimed by Turkey in February 1975.

Northern Cyprus remains unrecognised by the international community, and the UN continues to protect the buffer zone - or Green line - separating the Greek and Turkish populations.

A UN plan put to a referendum on 24 April 2004 to reunite the island was rejected decisively by the Greek Cypriots but accepted by the Turkish Cypriots. EU membership only applies in the Greek sector.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 Jump on that big, fat opportunity — you need to relish it for all its worth!

Taurus April 20-May 20 You can count on plans and people today — even the stuff you've been questioning should be pretty solid.

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 Things are bothering you under the surface today, but you may not be able to plumb the depths in time to figure out what's up.

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 An unavoidable issue comes your way today — so prepare yourself! It may be somewhat early, which means you can wrap it up and then take the rest of the day off.

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 It's a good day for you to share your passions with new people — you may win a few converts, or at least impress them with your enthusiasm!

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 You know better than most how hard work pays off — and early today, you get a reminder of how right you are!

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 Your limits are closer than you'd like, but you still have a ways to go before you risk bumping up against them.

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 Big ideas are on the table — make sure that yours are mixing and mingling, too!

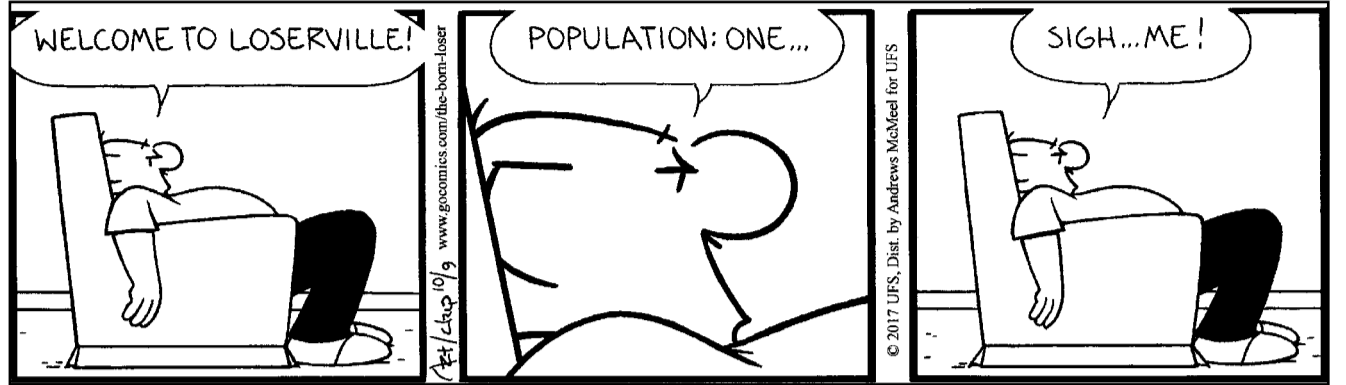
Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 You think for yourself — much more so than most people — and today, that quality is shining brightly!

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Your plans are coming together in a great way today — so make sure that you're looking ahead to see what you can do in the future.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Can you maintain focus? If so, today should be golden. If not, you may have to get help from a friend or boss who can keep you on task.

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 You need a new boss — which could mean a new job or even a new career! Try to push yourself out there and find something that can work with every aspect of your being, if that's possible.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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

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Table listing weather conditions for various world cities like Moscow, Frankfurt, Paris, etc.

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Are esports sports? Overwatch players sure act the part

Terrin Waack, New York

SEUNG-TAE Choi doesn't look the part of a traditional athlete, not with his shaggy hair, smallish build and an expression that says ready to nap rather than game on. During all the hours he spends playing video games, though, the 21-year-old from South Korea certainly acts it.

"We're not here to have fun," he said through a translator.

Choi — better known to his fans as Bdosin — and his teammates with the London Spitfire like to think they're making a statement on a major stage this weekend: esports might not be the same as football or basketball, but the competition is as real and the lifestyle as intense as it is for any traditional sports star.

The Spitfire won the Overwatch League's inaugural championship Saturday at Barclays Center in Brooklyn. Choi had spent years chasing a career in the 6-on-6, first-person shooter, and now he's splitting a USD1 million top prize with his Korean teammates.

London swept the Philadelphia Fusion, a club featuring players from nine countries, in two matches at the end of a seventh-month season.

"It's like a job," Fusion player Gael "Poko" Gouzerch said. "We're not doing this for fun. It's not like how you go on your sofa and play your PS4 and just do it for fun. It's more than that."

The twelve-team league has many traditional sports markers: regional divisions, a preseason and postseason, and even broadcast rights deals with Twitch and ESPN. Blizzard Entertainment, the creator of Overwatch, structured the league on traditional sports, even



The London Spitfire (background) competes against the Philadelphia Fusion

bringing in NFL team owners Robert Kraft (Patriots) and Stan Kroenke (Rams) as franchise owners.

And the players' lifestyles don't appear to be much different from more recognizable stars.

For most in the league, the day starts after a good night's sleep. Overwatch coaches and managers have strongly encouraged a full eight hours — the Spitfire turn off wifi in team housing at 3 a.m. to cut down on distractions — and even employed physical trainers to further promote a healthy lifestyle.

After a breakfast cooked by a team chef, they go to work. It starts with warmups — normally some individual screen time. Then comes in-game practice, usually scrimmaging for six-plus hours.

At that point, many teams encourage players to step back

from the PC to talk strategy. Then there's solo time for sharpening skills.

"It takes full commitment at some point," Fusion player Joonna "Fragi" Laine said. "I think a lot of people need to think about their day-to-day life, but at some point, you've got to take the leap and really fully commit to it."

When the esports-as-sports debate really matters is off the field. As in, who will partner with the industry?

ESPN has a two-year deal to broadcast Overwatch matches, and gaming could even one day find itself in the Olympics — Overwatch League Commissioner Nate Nanzer was just in Switzerland with Blizzard Entertainment to meet with the International Olympic Committee.

Gaming doesn't look like a traditional sport, but when the players talk, it sure sounds like

one. The buzzwords and phrases have a familiar feel — players talk about execution, focus, team chemistry and determination.

"Winning the final," Gouzerch said.

People around esports liken their games to darts, bowling or pool.

No 40-yard dash times, bench presses or vertical jumps needed. But some players are more physically gifted than others. Nanzer pointed to New York Excelsior sniping specialist Do-Hyeon "Pine" Kim as an example earlier this season.

"I promise you, you physically cannot do what he does," Nanzer said. "There's actually a physical component of moving that cursor across the screen in a split-second and putting it on a pixel. That's a physical move. And you can practice a lot, and

you can get better at it, but you couldn't get to his level at it.

"There are players that have innate, natural ability, just in the same way that there are baseball players that can throw a baseball 99 mph and there are baseball players that can't."

Talent separates amateurs from professionals. In the Overwatch League, the pros get a minimum base salary of \$50,000 with healthcare and a retirement savings plans.

“We’re not doing this for fun. It’s not like how you go on your sofa and play your PS4 and just do it for fun. It’s more than that.”

FUSION PLAYER GAEL
“POKO” GOUZERCH

With stakes like the \$1 million grand prize, there's another traditional sports hallmark apparent: the sting of defeat. The Fusion lost the first match to the Spitfire on Friday night and then again on Saturday afternoon. Tension and disappointment was apparent in each of their post-match press conferences.

Then there was the Spitfire, riding high and relaxed after beating Philadelphia on both days of competition. The finals could have stretched into three matches, but London ended it in two and became the first club to hoist the Overwatch League trophy.

"We're dedicating our lives to this, making sure we are the best of the best," Spitfire player Jae-Hui "Gesture" Hong said. "I don't think anyone can do what we do." **AP**

OLYMPICS

Tokyo 2020 organizers say venue delays won't hit test events

ORGANIZERS of the 2020 Tokyo Olympics insist construction delays at two key venues will have no impact on preparations for the games, including test events.

The Tokyo Metropolitan Government announced last month construction of the Olympic Aquatics Center and the Sea Forest Waterway will be delayed by two months.

This led to media reports

organizers would have to reshuffle test event schedules.

"A recent media report is causing confusion about Tokyo 2020's test event schedule," said Tokyo 2020 spokesman Masa Takaya.

"Despite the Tokyo Metropolitan Government's announcement last month that construction of the Olympic Aquatics Center and the Sea Forest Wa-

terway will be delayed by two months, both the TMG and Tokyo 2020 can confirm that the construction schedule will have no impact on Games preparations or running test events."

Takaya said the Sea Forest Waterway, which will host rowing, will be completed in May 2019, allowing for the test event to be carried out in August as currently scheduled.

The Olympic Aquatics Center, which hosts swimming and diving, is due for completion in February 2020. Tokyo 2020, the TMG and the sports federation are working toward organizing the test events for aquatics in April or later, ensuring no impact to the preparations for the Games-time operations.

"Overall, Tokyo 2020 is right on track to deliver the Games in two years'



The Olympic Aquatics Center under construction

time," Takaya said. "Our recent report to the IOC Executive Board was well received, and the IOC recognized that Tokyo's venue preparations are

being carried out with an emphasis on project management and quality."

The 2020 Olympics are scheduled to run from July 24 to Aug. 9. **AP**

DOPING

Russia could be reinstated in December, says IAAF

RUSSIA could be provisionally reinstated to worldwide track and field competition in December if it meets certain conditions, the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) said Friday.

Track and field's governing body suspended Russia in November 2015 after a World Anti-Doping Agency report detailed widespread, state-sponsored doping in the sport. "They have made significant improvement in meeting the outstanding requirements," Rune Andersen, the IAAF's Russia task force head, said during a two-day meeting in Argentina's capital.

"In fact, in some cases, they have gone above and beyond what is required."

Andersen, however, said three conditions



Rune Andersen, Chair of IAAF Inspection Team

had to be met before Russia could be readmitted to international competition.

Firstly, RUSAF (the Russian Athletics Federation) has to pay for costs incurred by the IAAF as a result of the scandal. The WADA must also reinstate the Russian Anti-Doping

Agency (RUSADA), which depends on the country acknowledging the findings that officials at the Russian ministry of sports orchestrated the doping of its athletes, and its cover-up.

Finally, Russian authorities have to give access to data from doping tests carried out at RUSADA's

Moscow laboratory from 2011-15.

"It would make a mockery of clean sport to reinstate RUSAF when the evidence required to resolve these suspicions, one way or the other, is still being withheld," Andersen said.

WADA is communicating with Russian authorities to try to resolve these issues before the meeting of the doping agency's executive committee in September.

"We hope there will be a breakthrough," Andersen said. "If these points are resolved before the [IAAF] Council's next meeting in Monaco in December 2018, then the Task Force would hope and expect to be able to recommend that RUSAF would be provisionally reinstated at that time." The Russian team was banned from the Winter Olympics in February. **AP**

F1

Hamilton wins Hungarian GP

Lewis Hamilton won the Hungarian Grand Prix from pole position yesterday to extend his championship lead over Sebastian Vettel. Hamilton was untroubled as he secured a second straight win, fifth of the season and 67th overall. But Mercedes missed out on a 1-2 as Valtteri Bottas was overtaken by Vettel and Kimi Raikkonen with five laps to go. Bottas and Vettel touched cars during the overtaking move, with some debris flying off the Mercedes. In a dramatic finish, Bottas lost control of his car as he bumped Daniel Ricciardo's Red Bull off the track as he was about to be overtaken. Bottas was told on team radio to give the position back to Ricciardo, who finished a commendable fourth after starting 12th.



FOOTBALL

Rooney scores first MLS goal

Wayne Rooney scored his first MLS goal to help D.C. United beat the Colorado Rapids 2-1 on Saturday night. United, who won for the second time since May 19, took a 2-1 lead on an own goal in the 90th minute when Ulises Segura's cross deflected off Colorado's Niki Jackson into the net. Rooney, the 32-year-old English star who ranks second with 208 career Premier League goals, opened the scoring in the 33rd minute. Rooney ran onto a pass from Luciano Acosta and slipped it between the legs of Tim Howard into the net.



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opinion

Rear Window
 Severo Portela



KILLING ME SOFTLY

If it were a fictional protagonist of a tragedy characterized as sensitive and prone to meek hysterics... this persona, being the judicial system, would shout: they are killing me softly! Descending unto earth, down on the Pearl River Delta MSAR, we should be restrained and level-headed, maintaining a convenient composure so as to credibly point to some proposals for the legal system and the judiciary (Executive sent to the Legislative Assembly) which could well be akin to a potential seismic shift. Despite this, a touch-up is somewhat justified as an imperative emanating from State Security and Defense Law and not contrary to the Macau Basic Law.

We have resorted above to a kind of disclaimer to guard ourselves from the possibility of an incomplete perception of the reality and from being accused of having a sick imagination. Nonetheless we have noticed that some of those who have refused to even interpret the Basic Law now are more than happy to refer to the Fundamental Law.

Again, our point is by necessity simple tunnel vision. The idea and the actual proposal to ban non-Chinese judges from ruling on cases related to national security, we have to admit, is attractive to the average resident who are often unfamiliar with legal matters, much less the judiciary or the constitutional law.

Indeed, popular imagination has its way of picturing an affair of national security or sensitive matters that would be better handled solely by nationals. However, we are not talking about conventional social boundaries. The regular or average resident must know that the amendment to restrict cases of national security to Chinese-national judges not only sustains the idea of special court(s) but challenges the principles of natural justice. Apparently, there will be a selection of judges to rule on those cases made by the Council of Judicial Magistrates but the criteria to select and later distribute these cases is not known and that is worrisome. I rephrase: what is worrisome is that there has been absolutely no questioning regarding the "criteria". For instance, will the criteria include the possibility that a regular case may be syphoned or re-graded to a sensitive matter, thus redistributed?

Wisely, veteran lawyer João Miguel Barros warns against the apparent tactics of not confronting the big picture, rather slicing it so that in the end it will be necessary to mend it according to the greater good: the big picture?

To end the afflictions of the legal week we do have to mention the unequivocally independent decision against the government stand to deny the right to challenge the winning bid of China Construction Engineering (Macau). China Road and Bridge lost the bid to China Construction for a mere pair of points. Awarded on the basis of comprehensive criteria: price, experience, plan for the LTR rolling-stock depot, and honesty and integrity.

The Court of Final Appeal, better known by its acronym TUI, followed the ruling of the Court of Second Instance blocking the Chief Executive's own appeal arguing that courts had no legal grounds and no authority to intervene in the awarding of the contract with China Co because it was an administrative matter. "Administrative entities behind the tender had no legal basis to compel the courts to respect the government decision". In the talk of the town: go back and do the math again to see if the two points stand!

Something is telling us that this is just the beginning of the second part of the incredibly difficult Light Train Rail depot episode.

THE AUSTRALIAN BECOMES 1ST WOMAN TO SKIPPER CLIPPER RACE WINNER

Australian sailor Wendy Tuck has become the first woman to skipper the winning vessel in the Clipper Round The World Yacht Race.

Tuck, 52, from Sydney, led the Sanya Serenity Coast team to victory in the race that finished in Liverpool on Saturday. Her team beat 25-year-old British skipper Nikki Henderson's Visit Seattle yacht by four points.

The brainchild of Robin Knox-Johnston, the

first person to sail solo non-stop around the world, the race encompasses 40,000 nautical miles. Competitors sail on identical 21-meter ocean racing yachts around the world.

The endurance challenge, in its 11th edition, is taken by ordinary people captained by qualified skippers. Tuck says she got into racing "rather late," at 30. She says "I'm just an old lady that likes sailing around the world."

Harvard denies admission-bias claim in Asian-Americans' suit

Bob Van Voris

HARVARD University assailed a group claiming the school intentionally discriminates against Asian-American applicants, saying in a court filing that the organization offered a "misleading narrative" based on "cherry-picked" documents.

Students for Fair Admissions, which is suing the Ivy League school, claims Harvard ignored statistical evidence from its own researchers showing bias in admissions. The group asked a judge to decide the case in its favor before a trial scheduled for October in Boston, based on court filings. Harvard on Friday responded aggressively, calling the written request "a 45-page press release."

"The evidence fails to show - let alone beyond dispute - that Harvard intentionally discriminates against Asian-American applicants," the school said. Students for Fair Admissions, which sued in 2014, last month told the judge that it has "incontrovertible" evidence that the university has "engineered the admissions process to achieve" illegal goals. The organization says Asian-Americans are subject to the same kind of quotas that kept many Jews out of Ivy League colleges in the first half of the 20th century - and



the Trump administration has indicated it's sympathetic to their argument.

The Justice Department weighed in on the case in April, urging the judge to publicly release years of admissions data provided by Harvard. The government said it has a "substantial interest" in the lawsuit because it's conducting a probe of similar allegations.

Harvard, the wealthiest U.S. university, has asked the judge throw out the case before trial, arguing that admissions data and pretrial witness testimony don't support the plaintiff's claims.

"Students for Fair Admissions looks forward to presenting our case at trial in October at which time the remaining redacted data, memos, emails and depositions Harvard refuses to disclose will be made public during testimony," SFFA's president, Edward Blum, said in an emailed statement.

Harvard said in its brief that the evidence fails to

show intentional discrimination or support a claim of "racial balancing." Harvard argued that the group's own expert witness agreed that the racial composition of a Harvard freshman class "fluctuates significantly" from year to year.

The school said its consideration of race, "as one factor among many" in the admissions process, is legal under U.S. Supreme Court precedent. And it claimed the plaintiff is unable to show how Harvard could provide the educational benefit of a diverse student body while remaining blind to race.

Harvard announced in April that it admitted 4.59 percent of the applicants to its class of 2022. Women represented 50.1 percent of those accepted; African-Americans 15.5 percent; Latinos 12.2 percent; and Native Americans 2 percent, according to the Harvard Crimson. Asian-Americans made up a record 22.7 percent of the class. **Bloomberg**

THE DECISIVE MOMENT



A girl dressed up as an anime character poses for photos at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Center. The five-day 20th Animation Comic Games Hong Kong kicked off on Friday.

Station	Air quality
Roadside	20-40 Good
High Density Residential Area	10-30 Good
Ambient	20-40 Good

SOURCE: DSMG

WORLD BRIEFS

YEMEN Officials and witnesses say heavy fighting between pro-government forces and Shiite rebels along the country's west coast in recent days has left dozens of dead from both sides.

EGYPT's president expressed his displeasure over recent online postings urging him to step down because of how he is handling the country's troubled economy, saying he is "upset" over the posts.



ZIMBABWE In a surprise address to the nation after months of silence, Zimbabwe's former leader Robert Mugabe emerged just hours before today's historic election declaring that "I will not vote for those who have illegally taken power" and turning his back on the ruling party he long controlled. **More on p14**

SERBIA Lawyers announced yesterday they will go on strike for a week to protest the killing of a prominent attorney who had been on the defense team of former strongman Slobodan Milosevic at the Yugoslav war crimes tribunal.



BRAZIL Some of Brazil's most popular musicians called for jailed former president Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva to be freed in a concert Saturday in Rio de Janeiro attended by tens of thousands of people.

US Two armed individuals walked up to a crowd gathered outside a strip mall in New Orleans and opened fire, killing three people and wounding seven more.