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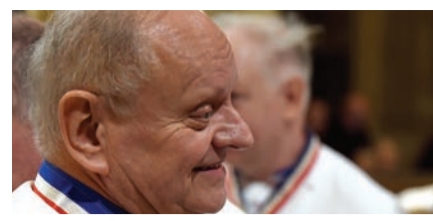
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'Macau is our B&R headquarters', IBF president says

Renato Marques

THE 2018 International Boxing Federation (IBF) Silk Road Champions Tournament has been held for the second consecutive year in Macau. The boxing event organized and scrutinized by the IBF has been gaining momentum, with the president of the IFB, Daryl James Peoples, stating that more and better audiences may be anticipated for such events in the near future.

In an interview with the Times on the sidelines of the main event on Sunday evening, Peoples spoke about the initiative and the role of Macau within it, stating firstly that "Macau is our B&R [Belt & Road] headquarters."

For the president of IBF, the Silk Road Champions is more than a boxing event alone: "What we are doing is trying to create a sportsman breed in which we use Boxing as a bridge between sports and culture."

So far, the results of such a partnership have been very pleasing according to Peoples, who anticipates that such cooperation will continue in the long run.

"So far it has been fantastic. I think we are going to be here for a long time," Peoples said, remarking on the results obtained in the past two years.

"People appreciate what we are doing here in Macau, so I can just see it moving forward," he added.

For Peoples, "there is a lot of [boxing] talent around here

and namely in China that [no one] is really aware of, so ultimately we want to develop these [talents] and showcase them and give [...] these fighters some international experience."

From such aims came the signing of a cooperation agreement on Sunday between IBF B&R, the Games and Amusements Board of Philippines (GAB), and event promoter, Rejoy Group, to enhance the all-round communication and cooperation of sports between China and Philippines.

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The three sides promised to jointly strengthen exchange between professional boxers and coaches and thus between the two nations via IBF's brand competitions. GAB also agreed to improve the competitive level of boxers from both nations through actively participating in IBF Silk Road Champions, as well as by holding Sino-Philippines Friendly Boxing Games and organizing boxing training camps, among other initiatives.

According to Peoples, "there is a lot of boxing talent in China, and Philippines is well-known for its trainers (and



Daryl James Peoples

coaching methods) as well as [the fact that] there are a lot more people in the Philippines familiar with the professional side of boxing." He additionally noted that these initiatives will bring increased talent, "which ultimately will help

IBF as well."

To the Times, Peoples remarked, "There are more 'Zou Shimings' out there that we don't know about. We are trying to get better trainers in or trainers that are more accustomed to training fighters

in a more professional boxing style, which I think will bring the best [out] of these guys".

To the question of how far such fighters can go, Peoples said, "It might not be immediately, but there are definitely some World Champions in China."

Questioned also as to whether Macau is the right place to gather and foster these talents around the whole region (Southeast Asia), Peoples replied, "I believe so, Macau already has some boxing history, so there is some [measure] of a fan base, and people in the region [Southeast Asia] are accustomed to seeing boxing in Macau."

"On top of these, we count on the support of the local government and the local sponsors that reached out to us and [have] given a lot of support. All the elements of success are right here in Macau," he added.

Questioned regarding the inclusion of IBF Silk Road Champions Tournament in a broader Martial Arts related event (Wushu Masters Challenge 2018) and the possibility of these partnerships of boxing with other events, the president of IBF said, "it is more of a cultural development in Macau and there is a history of combat sports," adding, "we are not here just for boxing. We want to kind of pay Macau back for all the support they have given us so any attention we can bring [to] combat sports or any other development in Macau, we are 100 percent behind."

As the president of IBF had previously announced, he once more said that he hopes to elevate the Silk Road Champions Tournaments to the next level, and hopes that next year, the event will include an international title match being fought in Macau.

A Philippine police official visiting Macau has said that the country is working closely with both Filipinos and international authorities to better protect its compatriots who are working abroad.

The director of the Philippines' Police Community Relations group, Rhodel Sermonia, was in Macau on Sunday to meet with the Filipino community. He said that

Police official expresses concern over migrant workers' issues

the country's Foreign Law Enforcement Community regularly discuss matters of security and the concerns of migrant workers.

The community, which includes the attachés, consuls and secretaries

of different consulates, aims to serve as a channel for raising awareness of migrant workers' issues.

Speaking to TDM, the official said that they plan to provide a platform for these migrant

workers to report their concerns, but "not only their concerns in [a] particular country, but the problems that might be encountered by their loved ones who are left in the Philippines," said Sermonia.

The official affirmed that the Philippine police force is ridding itself of rogue cops and is continuing the Philippines' war on drugs. "The image of the Police that I've been seeing in the mainstream media

like in TV, radio, newspapers and even in social media represents only one percent of the entire population of the PNP (Philippine National Police), [which is] 190,000," said the official.

"There are only less than a thousand that have been committing mistakes. But, of course, we are now very aggressive in our internal cleansing," he added.

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Kazuo Okada out on bail for alleged graft

KAZUO Okada has been arrested in Hong Kong over unspecified "corruption-related" offenses, it has been reported.

Universal Entertainment Corporation said yesterday that the Independent Commission Against Corruption (ICAC) had arrested Okada and released him on bail. According to Forbes, Okada is the 16th richest person in Japan.

The ICAC did not confirm this, saying that it does not comment on specific cases. "Upon receipt of a corruption complaint and should there be sufficient information to pursue, the ICAC will follow up on it in accordance with the law and established procedures," the organization stated. Universal Entertainment said it would assist ICAC with the probe.

Okada was sacked from his board position at Universal Entertainment in 2017, when he was accused of misappropriating USD20 million, a charge which Okada denies. He was also ousted as a director of Hong Kong investment company Okada Holdings,

which controls Universal.

In Macau, Okada's company is involved in a long-time feud with Wynn Resorts.

The company filed a suit in 2012 against Okada, claiming he had put Wynn's gaming licenses at risk by making illicit payments to Philippine regulators. Okada countered that he was forced out of the company because Steve Wynn perceived him as a threat to his control.

In March, Wynn Resorts Ltd. agreed to pay a total of USD2.4 billion to settle a lawsuit with Universal Entertainment Corp. over the forced redemption of the Japanese pachinko-machine maker's 20 percent stake in the casino operator six years ago. However, since Okada had been ousted from his Tokyo-based company, he wasn't a party to the settlement.

Under the new leadership of Matt Maddox, Wynn Resorts dropped all other claims against Okada, the Las Vegas Review Journal reported.

Universal shares closed 5.6 percent lower after the news, which broke only minutes before the market closed.

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Wynn Resorts settles with Elaine Wynn, Phil Satre appointed vice chairman

WYNN Resorts Ltd. elected former Harrah's Chief Executive Officer Phil Satre to the position of vice chairman of the board after reaching a settlement with its largest shareholder, Elaine Wynn.

Satre will take over as chairman of the Las Vegas-based casino operator following the retirement later this year of D. Boone Wayson, Wynn Resorts said in a statement yesterday. Under the agreement with Elaine Wynn, who owns just under 9 percent of the stock, she won't significantly increase her stake, nominate more directors, or join groups seeking a takeover until 2020. She'll be reimbursed for as much as USD5 million in expenses she incurred to launch a proxy fight earlier this year and negotiate the agreement.

"I have long respected Phil as a leader in the gaming industry and am confident that his addition to the company's leadership team, coupled with the plans laid out by

management, will bring the company tremendous success in the years to come," Elaine Wynn said in a statement.

The deal settles years of fighting between Elaine, the ex-wife of former Chief Executive Officer Steve Wynn, and the company since her ouster from the board in 2015. She unsuccessfully launched a proxy challenge to regain her seat that year and earlier this year got

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Elaine Wynn

a director who had ties to her ex-husband knocked off the board. Steve Wynn resigned as CEO in February following allegations of sexual harassment and later sold all his shares. Wayson is his longtime friend.

"I am proud of our accomplishments and am pleased that someone as outstanding as Phil will succeed me in the role as chairman," Wayson said in the statement.

Satre helped build Harrah's, now known as Caesars Entertainment Corp.,

from a regional player into the largest owner of casinos in the U.S. He currently serves as chairman of retailer Nordstrom Inc. and slot machine maker International Game Technology Plc.

While Satre's appointment and the settlement put to rest the tensions with the company's largest shareholder, Wynn Resorts still faces investigations into the sexual harassment allegations that could challenge its gaming licenses in Nevada, Macau and Massachu-

setts. A report is expected from regulators in Boston by end of the summer.

REGRET FOR NOT ENTERING MACAU MARKET

Speaking to the Las Vegas Sun last week, Satre admitted some responsibility for the fact that Harrah's missed out on Macau. "I was at the tail end of my career, and we didn't pursue it aggressively," he said.

The executive noted that the local gaming market "turned out to be a re-

markable market and, of course, the largest in the world and an incredibly important source of earnings for the companies that participate there."

Satre said that one of the motives that led Harrah's to pass on Macau related to "serious concerns about the regulatory environment." Before the opening of the market in 2001, Stanley Ho enjoyed a long monopoly on Macau. According to US regulators, the gaming mogul had ties to Chinese organized crime, which he let "operate and thrive" inside his casinos.

Ho has always denied these accusations. However, Satre said that at the time he feared that the company's involvement in Macau could hinder its U.S. license.

"At the time, we had licenses not just in Nevada, but we had licenses throughout the United States, more than anybody else in the industry," Satre said. "We had expanded our properties into more than 26 locations and to be honest with you, I was worried we would jeopardize those licenses because they would see us as having taken a reputational or regulatory risk that we didn't need to take," he added.



MIMF: Over 5,000 tickets sold

Tickets for the 32nd Macau International Music Festival (MIMF) went on sale on Sunday. According to the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC), over 5,000 tickets were sold by 7 p.m. on the first day of ticket sales, and the percentage of the ticket allocation sold for most of the shows was more than 50 percent. Tickets for the concert 'Portugal Meets Spain' were sold out and tickets for the Hagen Quartet, Queen of Muses and Electronic Sparks were almost sold out. This year's MIMF will be held from September 28 to October 28, featuring 16 programs and a total of 22 performances.

Wushu Masters Challenge to continue

The Sports Bureau's director, Pun Weng Kun, has claimed that this year's Wushu Masters Challenge witnessed better results than expected. According to Pun, approximately 100,000 people attended this year's Wushu Masters Challenge. "Our previous evaluation indicates that [Macau] will continue to organize the Wushu Masters Challenge," stated Pun, adding "an event cannot mature enough after it has been organized three or four times. It [Wushu Masters Challenge] still needs to be explored a bit further, and [the government] has to see the acceptance of tourists and residents."

CE reportedly preparing to announce Land Law amendment plan

CHIEF Executive Chui Sai On is expected to announce the initiation of the amendment of the MSAR's Land Law on Thursday, according to a report by Cheng Pou.

Yesterday, Secretary for Administration and Justice Sonia Chan was questioned about the report, to which she replied that all parties will know relevant information, which the CE will announce at the AL on Thursday.

Chan also noted that currently, the region's Land Law amendment, in particular the amendment concerning liability, is still at the research stage, and that the SAR government does not have a schedule for the amendment.

The Secretary also claimed that the local government is actively listening to opinions from all sectors regarding the city's land law.

In May, the MSAR government proposed to solve the Pearl Horizon issue by allowing Pearl Horizon buyers to purchase a public house from the government. Chan noted that the government has showed "kindness" towards the buyers concerned.

The CE will be at the Legislative Assembly for a Q&A with lawmakers on Thursday

Also during this month, the government will carry out a public consultation on the law concerning the temporary housing project.



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CRIME

Man organizes theft of ex-girlfriend's house

Renato Marques

A group of three local residents, all aged in their mid-20s performed a burglary upon a residence in Macau. The group was led by the ex-boyfriend of one of the victims of the burglary, who allegedly committed the crime in vengeance, a Judiciary Police (PJ) spokesperson said yesterday during a press conference.

The 28-year-old suspect, who was said to be the leader of the group, was detained together with a second person, aged 22, closing a probe that began on July 22, when the victims initially reported the case to the PJ.

At that time, the two victims, both non-resident workers who were the only residents of the apartment, reported they had been burgled while at work, reporting the loss of HKD17,000 in cash and a gold necklace worth HKD2,500.

The two were living in an



A PJ spokesperson pictured during yesterday's press conference

apartment building located on Rua da Praia do Manduco in the Barra area.

During the investigations, the PJ identified three suspects and managed to detain one of them on August 2. After that, and after notifying the other two at their address, the last two members of the group presented voluntarily to the PJ the next day. While questioning them, the police learned that one of them was a former boyfriend of one of the

victims, which was why he was knowledgeable about the house environment, victims' schedules and habits. He also admitted to knowing that they had the habit of keeping cash in the house in a particular location.

To the PJ he further said that the gold necklace had been immediately pawned in a shop for HKD500, cash that together with the other HKD17,000 was taken by the trio and spent on entertainment on the mainland.

All the members of the group have already been presented to the Public Prosecutions Office where they have been accused of aggravated theft.

In a separate case also reported by the same police force, a security staff member from a private building located on Rua de Francisco Xavier Pereira in Central district, a man over 50 years old, was found dead, in a case that the PJ says points to suicide.

Two co-workers of the man who was performing his duties on the night shift alerted the case to the police after they found the man hanged in the electricity meter room of the building on the morning of August 4.

One of these co-workers told the PJ that around 6.30 a.m. she had passed in front of the building while performing other duties and had not seen the man at his usual post, but did not find this strange, as it is common for the security staff to walk around the building performing checks and other tasks. However, at around 9.40 a.m., while she was trying to make a usual record of the electricity metering, she said she could not find the keys that grant access to the room and called another colleague to ask the whereabouts of the keys.

Upon entering, they found their co-worker's body inside.

Rosário considering legal action over crypto scam

Frederico dos Santos Rosário says he has already reported the cryptocurrency scam to both Hong Kong and Macau police authorities and is looking into "initiating civil proceedings in Hong Kong against Dennis Lau." Rosário and his mother, Rita dos Santos, are embroiled in an alleged cryptocurrency scam that has affected more than 70 local residents and potentially lost more than HKD13 million. Rosário and Santos both claim to be victims, but so does their Hong Kong partner Dennis Lau. The Macau residents invested a combined HKD20.1 million in the cryptocurrency business after a series of seminars in late 2017 were held at the Macau Civil Servants Association. The participants have only managed to recover HKD6.3 million to date. Though cryptocurrency businesses are legal in the private sector, on previous occasions the Monetary Authority of Macau has said that it does not "approve" of them in general and wants to "curb their occurrence."

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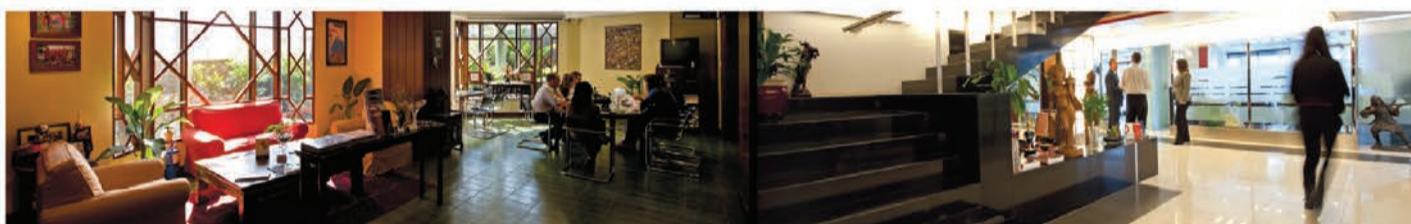
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HEALTH

Bureau pledges all current medical staff will be accredited

ALL of Macau's current medical professionals, including doctors and nurses, will have their medical licenses smoothly transferred to the region's newly proposed regime for the accreditation and licensing of medical personnel.

Last week, the analysis of a bill that proposes to create a regime for medical personnel accreditation was concluded by the Executive Council. The bill was sent to the Legislative Assembly (AL) to be voted on.

The bill mainly proposes that medical personnel be accredited and licensed under the condition that these professionals have a medical internship, medical practice experience, and have passed the city's future medical personnel examination.

"Even if the bill is passed [at the AL], all medical personnel, including doctors and nurses, who are currently practicing medical services in Macau, will not be affected at all" by the new regime, declared Lei Chin Ion, Director of the Health Bureau (SSM). "One hundred percent of them can

pass the accreditation to immediately become medical professionals under the new regime."

This policy will be applied to medical professionals who have already retired as well.

"The retired ones will get their professional accreditation, although this does not mean they eventually become licensed," Lei said.

However, according to Lei, the accreditation is different from a medical services operation license, in that the former does not entitle relevant people to perform medical operations.

The SSM director explained that the city currently has two medical professional license mechanisms that are both "not that good."

"One of the [current] license systems does not require [medical services performers] to pass



李展潤 Lei Chin Ion
衛生局局長
Director dos Serviços de Saúde

that "many places need doctors to take exams and go through an internship before getting a license."

This proposal will unite both the public and private medical sectors, with the two sectors falling under the same regulations.

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LEI CHIN ION
HEALTH BUREAU DIRECTOR

Once the law comes into effect, accredited doctors can only operate within their own profession, "like dentists can only operate in

dentistry."

"This [accreditation system] protects the residents," Lei remarked.

Along with this law, one administrative regulation also proposes the establishment of an Academy of Medicine.

The academy will be responsible mainly for the supervision of medical specialists' training, which will take place at the city's hospitals, including Conde S. Januário, Kiang Wu, the University Hospital of the Macau University of Science and Technology, and at the city's health centers under SSM's administration.

The schedule for the establishment of the academy remains unknown.

People with a Master's or a PhD degree can have a reduced period of training in the academy.

ANIMAL RIGHTS

Association clarifies stand on IACM, Canidrome partnership

ANIMA Macau's responsibilities within the Yat Yuen (Macau) Canidrome relate primarily to the control works of managing a kennel, in particular, the coordination of all cleaning staff and animal handlers, the organization clarified in a statement yesterday.

According to the animal rights group president, Albano Martins, any veterinary clinic work is under the responsibilities of a private clinic that has reached an agreement with the Cani-

drome.

Facilitated by IACM, the bureau is also responsible for fixed sterilization deadlines.

As per the agreement between the Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau (IACM) and the Canidrome, the sterilizations must be made within 60 days and inside the facilities of the Canidrome, and the process should start immediately.

"Anima has nothing to do with this agreement and does not oppose it. However, Anima makes clear

that if its opinion had been [heard], it would be slightly different from the one agreed upon," said Martins, adding that the sterilization and desexing process should take place "calmly."

"Anima also understands that if the idea is to use only the facilities of the Canidrome, [it is] hardly [likely that] this process will be finished within the 60 days," said Martins.

Anima suggested that the animals could leave the Canidrome and be sterilized in several other clinics.

"Anima respects the agreement reached between the parties and believes that the health of no animal will be jeopardized by this accelerated process," he added.

Martins then lamented the negative statements made by Zoe Tang, shelter manager of Anima, to the Chinese press. Following his comments, Tang has not reported for work over the past few days, Martins told the Times yesterday.

These controversial statements included complaints regarding the procedures of



A greyhound receives a medical treatment at the Canidrome

IACM and the Canidrome in regards to handling the remaining 533 greyhounds.

"Anima is sorry for what has happened and hopes that this kind of attitude will not create any more problems in this final course when we are concentrating on solving the problems of

the greyhounds in Macau," he said.

Anima has been in partnership with the Canidrome and under the supervision of the IACM since August 1, taking care of the 533 greyhounds that are in Canidrome for a period of 60 days. **LV**

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SANDS CHINA LAUNCHES ANTI-DISCRIMINATION TRAINING



Sands China Ltd. has launched a training campaign dedicated to helping team members recognize and prevent discrimination and harassment in the workplace.

Established in July, the policy states that the company does not tolerate any type of harassment or discrimination, and in cases where accusations of harassment or discrimination

are made by or against team members, appropriate action will be taken.

The gaming operator has team members representing more than 55 nationalities, the company said in a statement.

The company-wide training program which launches this month, aims to train all of the company's 28,000 team members by the end of the year. The large-scale effort requires 250 departmental trainers to be dedicated to delivering training sessions.

Sands China Ltd. President Dr. Wilfred Wong said, "We will have zero tolerance for violation of this policy, and we want to make sure that all staff are aware of their rights and are encouraged to take the necessary action when they see injustice."

FOUNDATION SPONSORS AEROSPACE SUMMER CAMP



Sponsored by the Stanley Ho Astronautics Training Foundation, 78 students and 11 teachers from the secondary schools of Macau, Hong Kong, Taiwan and Singapore partici-

pated in the 25th Annual Aerospace Summer Camp held in Beijing from July 15 to 21.

During the seven-day study tour, the students attended seminars and visited aeros-

pace-related museums and organizations, according to a statement issued by the foundation.

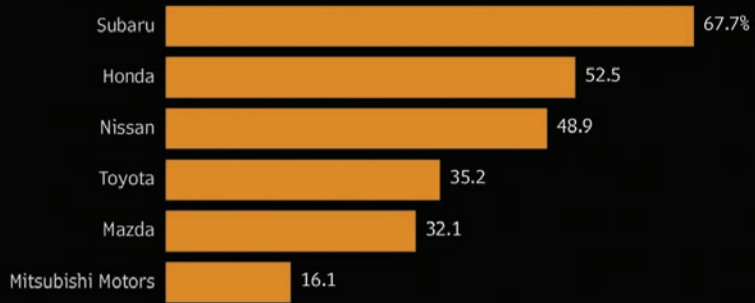
The tour incorporated various historical sites and landmarks, such as the Forbidden City, the Great Wall, the National Museum of China and the Beijing Olympic Village.

Dr. Ambrose So, the secretary-general of Stanley Ho Astronautics Training Foundation, remarked, "This year's Summer Camp has reached a momentous milestone as it celebrates [its] 25th anniversary." He added that the students have been provided with the opportunity to learn more about aerospace science, as well as the development of China's aerospace industry and Chinese culture.



Dollar Dependence

Subaru gets more revenue from North America than any Japanese peer



Note: Revenue for the fiscal year ended March 2018
Source: Data compiled by Bloomberg

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ners from Canada to Europe and China, the U.S. Commerce Department is probing whether imports of passenger vehicles imperil national security, and Trump has threatened a tariff on autos and parts of as high as 25 percent.

“It’s a fact that there would be a big impact from a U.S. tariff increase,” Chief Financial Officer Toshiaki Okada said at a briefing in Tokyo. “We’re studying what the impact might be but there are too many unknowns at this point, so we want to refrain from giving a specific figure.”

The company is also examining how it can control spending on incentives in the U.S., Okada said.

The CFO said Subaru faces severe competition in China, where unit sales dropped about 58 percent to 3,400 vehicles in the fiscal first quarter.

Subaru maintained its outlook for the yen to trade at 105 to the dollar for its full-year forecasts. The company expects operating profit to fall 21 percent to 300 billion yen (USD2.7 billion) in the year ending March 31. That’s less than analysts’ projection of 357.7 billion yen, based on an average of estimates **Bloomberg**.

TRADE WAR

Subaru joins Toyota in expecting ‘big impact’ from US auto tax

Kevin Buckland

SUBARU Corp. reported a sales slide in the U.S., its largest market, and predicted a “big impact” from President Donald Trump’s proposed tariffs on imported vehicles

following the escalation of a global trade war.

Unit sales in the U.S. dropped about 14 percent to 149,800 vehicles in the three months through June 30, the company said in a presentation yesterday. For the year that ended in

March, only half of the 670,900 vehicles it sold in the U.S. were produced locally, meaning that the remaining units, imported from Japan, would be subject to any additional import taxes put in place by the Trump administration.

Subaru joins its largest shareholder Toyota Motor Corp. in warning about repercussions from a potential U.S. auto import tariff, echoing sentiments from global peers including General Motors Co. Amid escalating tensions with trading part-

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OBITUARY

Michelin-starred French master chef Joel Robuchon dies at 73

JOEL Robuchon, a master chef who shook up the stuffy world of French haute cuisine by wowing palates with the delights of the simple mashed potato and giving diners a peek at the kitchen, has died at 73.

His career was one of superlatives: Named among the best craftsmen in France in 1976, crowned cook of the century in 1990, chosen to be one of the cooks at the “dinner of the century,” and, for years, holder of the most Michelin stars in the world.

A spokeswoman for Robuchon confirmed his death, with French TV station BFM and newspaper Le Figaro reporting that he died yesterday in Geneva from cancer.

Robuchon was known for his constant innovation and even playfulness in the kitchen — a revelation to the hidebound world of French cuisine. He built an empire of gourmet restaurants across the world — from Paris to Tokyo, Las Vegas and New York City.

“To describe Joel Robuchon as a cook is a bit like calling Pablo Picasso a painter, Luciano Pavarotti a singer, Frederic Chopin a pianist,” Patricia Wells, a cook and food writer, wrote in “L’Atelier de Joel Robuchon,” a book about the chef and his students. “Joel Robuchon will undoubtedly go down as the artist who most influenced the 20th-century world of cuisine.”

While Robuchon was no stranger to the fancy — truffles and caviar were among his favorites — his food was often described as simple because he preached the use of only three or four ingredients in most dishes and his goal was always to show off, not mask, their flavors.

He started a revolution with his “Atelier” (workshop in French) business model: small, intimate restaurants where diners sat at a counter surrounding the kitchen. They didn’t take reservations and many didn’t even have tables.

His goal, Robuchon said, was to make diners feel comfortable, let them interact with the chef and, above all, put the focus back on

AP PHOTO



the food. It was partially a rebuke to the Michelin star regime, which awards points not just for technique but also for the ambiance and service.

But Michelin, and just about everyone else, gobbled it up. And thanks to Ateliers around the world, Robuchon reached a total of 32 Michelin stars in 2016 — a record — and still held 31 stars this year, including five three-star restaurants.

Born just before the end of World War II in the French town of Poitiers, south of the Loire Valley, Robuchon studied at a seminary from a young age and considered becoming a priest. But hours spent cooking with the nuns convinced him that he had another calling. He got his professional start at 15 at a local restaurant and by 29 was running the kitchen at a large Paris hotel,

in charge of 90 chefs.

For years, his culinary home was at Jamin, a restaurant near the Eiffel Tower that he opened in 1981. The restaurant racked up a Michelin star a year for its first three years — a feat no one had ever accomplished before. The wait for a reservation was two months, even though the price without wine was USD200.

Even at this classic restaurant, signs of the ways Robuchon would shake up the culinary scene could be found. For one, his most famous dish was the lowly mashed potato.

“These mashed potatoes, it’s true, made my reputation. I owe everything to these mashed potatoes,” he said once during a demonstration of how to make the almost liquid dish. “Maybe it’s a little bit of nostalgia, Proust’s madeleines. Everyone has in his

memory the mashed potatoes of his mother, the mashed potatoes of his grandmother.”

The idea that a restaurant might be a warm, casual place, rather than a stuffy temple to awkward food, was taking root. It was, in part, a rejection of “nouvelle cuisine,” the movement that made French chefs notorious for small plates, exquisitely presented but often not all that satisfying.

But, as long promised, Robuchon hung up his whisk in 1996, at the age of 51. “You have to know when it’s time to quit,” the chef told The Associated Press at the time. “A great chef has to be in great shape. Cooking is tough. It’s like being an athlete who has to stay really fit.”

He would still consult with other chefs, work on a line of prepared foods, oversee restaurants

across the world, but he declared that he was done with slaving away all day at the stove.

And that, some say, is when his career really took off.

In 2003, he came out of retirement to create the Atelier — one opened in Paris and one in Tokyo nearly simultaneously. From there, he brought them to cities all over Asia [including a restaurant in Macau, located at the Grand Lisboa], Europe and the U.S., and the Michelin stars followed fast and furious.

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JOEL ROBUCHON

Guy Job, who produced Robuchon’s cooking shows, called it “3-star food with stainless steel cutlery and glass glasses, not crystal ones.”

His latest new project came this year in Paris with the opening in April of Dassai, a restaurant and tea and cakes salon with, importantly, a bar for tasting sake, the rice-based alcohol of Japan, where the French chef established a presence, and drew inspiration, decades ago. The establishment, not far from the French presidential palace, was opened in collaboration with Dassai sake producer Hiroshi Sakurai. **AP**

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HONG KONG

Journalists defy government request to cancel speech

HONG Kong's top foreign journalists' club has found itself at the center of a battle over Beijing's encroachment on the city's freedoms, as Chinese officials pressed the group to cancel a speech by an independence activist.

The spat follows the Foreign Correspondents' Club decision to invite activist Andy Chan to give a talk on Aug. 14 entitled "Hong Kong Nationalism: A Politically Incorrect Guide to Hong Kong Under Chinese Rule." The speech was expected to be closely watched, since it comes in the middle of an unprecedented effort by the Beijing-backed local government to ban Chan's pro-independence National Party.

The event drew the ire of the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs, which urged the FCC to cancel it. "We are firmly against the attempt of any external forces to provide venue to the advocates for 'Hong Kong independence' to spread their nonsense," the ministry's Hong Kong office said Friday in a statement.

The unusually blunt criticism of the foreign media body comes a year after President Xi Jinping visited the city to mark two decades of Chinese rule and warned that challenges to Communist Party authority wouldn't be tolerated. Pro-democracy activists fear Xi is trying to curtail freedoms guaranteed to Hong Kong, which have been credited with sustaining its status as an international financial center.

Victor Mallet, a Financial Times journalist and first vice president of the FCC, said yesterday that the club would go ahead with Chan's talk, under its policy of welcoming speakers with all points of view. He said the club was committed to freedom of the press enshrined in Hong Kong's charter.

The dispute escalated after former Hong Kong Chief Executive Leung Chun-ying posted an open letter to Mallet on Saturday, questioning whether the club would also host "criminals and terrorists" as speakers. Leung asserted that the FCC had leased its premises from

the local government for only "a token rent."

"Not many organizations in Hong Kong have received from the government this kind of support," he said.

The FCC - with about 2,000 members - has hosted speakers from across the political spectrum, including Leung; Song Ruan, an official from the foreign ministry's local branch; and democracy activist Joshua Wong, who was jailed for storming government property at the start of the mass "Occupy Central" protests in 2014.

Since the Occupy rallies, Chinese authorities have expressed alarm over the rise of a small, but vocal independence movement. Leung - a critic of the movement during his turbulent tenure - is now a vice chairman of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, an advisory body to the Communist Party-led government in Beijing.

Leung's successor, Chief Executive Carrie Lam, said Sunday that the FCC had paid a "market rate" for its premises, in a co-



Andy Chan

lonial-era building in Hong Kong's central business district. Still, she called the decision to host Chan's talk "regrettable and inappropriate."

The FCC's board of governor's said in a statement Monday that the group invites a broad range of speakers.

"Hosting such events does

not mean that we either endorse or oppose the views of our speakers," the board said. "The FCC believes its members and the public at large have the right - and in the case of journalists, the professional responsibility - to hear the views of different sides in any debate." **Bloomberg**

ECONOMY

Beijing tightens controls to slow currency's fall

Joe McDonald, Beijing

CHINA has tightened controls on trading in its yuan to discourage speculators after a decline against the dollar amid a tariff dispute with Washington fueled fears of a damaging outflow of capital from the world's second-largest economy.

Traders must post a 20 percent deposit starting yesterday for contracts to buy or sell yuan on a future date. That raises the cost of betting it will drop and might help to discourage speculative trading.

The tightly controlled yuan has been allowed to decline by about 8 percent against the dollar since early February.

That helps Chinese exporters that face U.S. tariff hikes by lowering their prices in dollar terms. But it also encourages investors to shift money out of China, which would have a



broader impact by raising financing costs for other industries.

On Friday, the yuan slipped to a 13-month low of 6.91 to the dollar, close to the highly symbolic level of 7, before strengthening to 6.83 after the margin requirement was announced.

The deepening U.S.-Chinese tariff fight prompted suggestions Beijing might weaken the yuan to help exporters. But analysts say the decline has been driven mostly by China's

slowing economic growth and the diverging direction of U.S. and Chinese interest rates.

Washington imposed 25 percent tariffs on USD34 billion of Chinese goods on July 6 and is considering an increase on an additional \$16 billion, with another \$200 billion list of goods threatened. Beijing matched Washington's first round of increases and on Friday threatened penalty charges on another \$60 billion of U.S. imports.

Communist leaders have tried to stick to long-term economic plans, resisting U.S. President Donald Trump's demands to change industry development strategies Washington and other governments say violate their market-opening commitments.

That business-as-usual approach has included the People's Bank of China allowing the yuan to fluctuate more widely. Beijing wants to make the exchange system more market-oriented and efficient.

The central bank "had been largely tolerant" of the yuan's decline, said Jingyi Pan in a report. But the latest changes "may have gathered concerns including capital flight."

The margin of decline against the dollar has been unusually wide because other currencies in the basket used by the Chinese central bank to set exchange rates have

not risen along with the greenback.

Compared with the overall basket, the yuan has declined by a smaller margin of 4 percent, according to Carl B. Weinberg of High-Frequency Economics.

Traders must post a 20pct deposit for contracts to buy or sell yuan on a future date

"These are trivial moves in the medium term, despite volatility recently," said Weinberg in a report.

Beijing imposed similar controls in October 2015 after a change in the exchange rate mecha-

nism prompted markets to bet the yuan would fall, according to Philip Wee and Eugene Leow of DBS Group. The currency temporarily steadied but fell further the following year.

Making it harder to bet on the yuan "did not insulate it from the currency war," said Wee and Leow in a report.

The effectiveness of the latest controls will be limited, analysts said. The yuan still faces downward pressure as Chinese and U.S. interest rates head in opposite directions.

The Federal Reserve is raising U.S. rates while Beijing eases access to credit to pep up cooling economic growth. That encourages investors to convert money into dollars in search of higher returns.

Due to that, "the outlook of yuan remains weak," said Margaret Yang of CMC Markets in a report. **AP**

Samson Ellis & Adela Lin

STRAIT DIPLOMACY

Taiwan to target airlines that say island belongs to PRC

TAIWAN is looking at ways to hit back at foreign airlines that recently caved in to pressure from Beijing to refer to the island as part of China.

The transportation ministry is studying countermeasures, according to an official who asked not to be identified because they are not authorized to speak publicly.

Taipei-based United Daily News reported earlier yesterday the measures could include banning offending airlines from using boarding bridges and changing takeoff and landing slots. Authorities are also considering offering incentives for carriers that switch to a more neutral wording for Taiwan, such as reducing or eliminating landing fees and facility charges.

Retaliation from Taipei would be its first official response to increasing pressure from the mainland. Beijing has successfully pressured 44 international airlines to refer to Taiwan as a part of China on their websites. The White House in May criticized China's efforts to impose its political views on U.S. citizens and private companies as "Orwellian nonsense."

The Taipei-based Civil Aeronautics Administration has asked the airlines to change their websites, saying defining the island as part of China damages Taiwan's sovereignty, deputy transportation mi-



nister Wang Kwo-tsai said via telephone. He said authorities were still considering what measures to take and they would take passengers' interests into account before implemen-

ting them.

The Civil Aviation Administration of China sent a letter to more than 40 foreign carriers in April, ordering them not to place China, Hong Kong

and Taiwan on an equal footing. The letter stipulated that Taiwan must be referred to as "China Taiwan" or the "China Taiwan region" and maps must display Taiwan in the same co-

lor as mainland China.

A search for Taiwanese destinations on the websites of Delta Air Lines Inc. and American Airlines Group Inc. shows Taiwanese cities without a country name or code, unlike say London or Tokyo.

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China has declared those changes "incomplete" and has given the carriers until Thursday to fully implement its directive.

While Taiwan has been ruled separately from China for much of the past 120 years, Beijing claims the island as part of its territory to be taken by force if necessary. **Bloomberg**

Kinmen island begins importing water from China

THE Taiwanese-controlled island of Kinmen located just off the Chinese coast has begun importing water from its neighbor via a pipeline despite heightened tensions between Beijing and Taipei.

Water from Jinjiang in China's Fujian province began flowing through the 16-kilometer-long pipeline under a 30-year contract.

The island, about three times the size of Manhattan, has long been short of water and hordes of tourists have put an extra strain on supplies.

The move shows how trade and other non-political ties have been relatively unaffected by the diplomatic freeze instituted two years ago by China, which claims Taiwan as a part of its territory to be annexed by force if necessary.

In recent months, China has increased Taiwan's diplomatic isolation and stepped up military



threats by sending warplanes on patrols around the island and staging war games on its side of the Taiwan Strait.

It has also offered preferential terms for talented young people from the high-tech island to work in cities such as Shanghai and Beijing that offer much larger potential markets than those available in

Taiwan.

China has taken an increasingly hard line since the election of Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen, who has refused to endorse Beijing's insistence that Taiwan is a part of China.

Kinmen was retained by Chiang Kai-shek's Nationalists as they fled the Communist takeover of the mainland in 1949. For

years, it was bombarded by Communist artillery leaving it strewn with shells and its beaches covered in barbed wire.

With the end of open conflict, the island was opened to tourism in the 1990s and has grown increasingly popular with

visitors from both China and Taiwan's main island. The USD1.35 billion water project will provide Kinmen's 128,000 people with up to 55,000 tons of water per day.

The head of Kinmen's local government, Chen

Fu-hai, has suggested the island could in future import electricity from China and even build a bridge to the mainland, drawing a rebuke from Taiwan's central government that such decisions weren't up to the local government alone. **AP**

ONE SHOT NEWS



United Nations General Assembly president-elect Maria Fernanda Espinosa Garces talks to Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi, during their meeting at the Diaoyutai State Guesthouse in Beijing yesterday. Garces is on a courtesy visit to China until August 10.

MALAYSIA

Jakarta returns yacht at center of graft probe

MALAYSIAN Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad said yesterday that Indonesia has handed over a luxury yacht allegedly bought with money stolen from the multi-billion-dollar looting of a state investment fund.

In a Facebook video, Mahathir thanked Indonesia's government and President Joko Widodo for returning the USD250 million yacht, Equanimity, which was seized by Indonesia off Bali in February in cooperation with the U.S. FBI.

An aide said the yacht will sail from the Indonesian island of Batam near Singapore and is expected to arrive in Malaysia's Port Klang within 48 hours.

"We believe that this yacht belongs to the Malaysian government because

it was bought with Malaysia's money that was stolen," Mahathir said, citing investigations by the U.S. Justice Department.

The Justice Department,

“We believe that this yacht belongs to Malaysia because it was bought with money that was stolen.”

MAHATHIR

one of several foreign agencies investigating the alleged looting of the 1MDB fund by associates of former Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak, had listed the yacht among the assets it could seize and sell to recover stolen funds.

Najib set up 1MDB when he took power in 2009 but it accumulated billions in debts. The 1MDB scandal led to his shocking electoral defeat in May and Najib is now facing charges.

Malaysian and international authorities want to question Malaysian financier Jho Low, who the Justice Department alleges was a key figure in the theft and international laundering of \$4.5 billion from 1MDB. U.S. investigators said Low bought the yacht.

Low, who has so far evaded investigators, issued a statement through his U.S. attorney on Sunday protesting the handover of the yacht.

Mahathir said anyone who wants to claim ownership of the yacht must show proof that the vessel was not bought with stolen funds.

"We want to know where they obtained so much money to buy such an expensive yacht," he said.

The Equanimity's lavish amenities include a helicopter landing pad, plunge pool, gymnasium and a cinema. It was built in 2014 by the Dutch yacht manufacturer Oceano, which received detailed instructions from Low about its outfitting, according to the Justice Department's asset recovery case. **AP**

SINGAPORE

Minister says major cyberattack may be state-linked

A cyberattack that breached 1.5 million health records in Singapore has been attributed to sophisticated attackers who may be state-linked, a Cabinet minister said yesterday.

S. Iswaran, minister for communications and information, said in Parliament that the government's detailed analysis of last month's cyberattack on SingHealth records found it was the work of an "advanced persistent threat" group.

Such groups comprise sophisticated cyberattackers and are typically state-linked groups "who conduct extended, carefully planned cyber campaigns, to steal information or disrupt operations," Iswaran said.

The attackers used tools that were advanced and sophisticated, "including customized malware that was able to evade SingHealth's anti-virus software and security tools," he said.

Citing national security reasons, Iswaran said he would not reveal which state was thought to be behind the attack.

Iswaran said other recent cyberattacks by such advanced persistent threat groups include the 2016 hacking of the U.S. Democratic National Committee and the 2014 theft of more than 20 million personnel records from the United States Office of Personnel Management.

The former was thought to be the work of Russia, while the later was blamed on China.

The SingHealth cyberattack occurred from June 27 to July 4, and specifically and repeatedly targeted the health records of Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong. In the process, the personal particulars of 1.5 million patients — including the outpatient dispensed medical records of 160,000 — were accessed and copied.

Patients' information was not amended or deleted and the hackers did not have access to other records, such as diagnosis documents, test results or doctors' notes.

Iswaran said it was Singapore's most serious breach of personal data. While the country will "do our utmost to strengthen our cybersecurity," he cautioned that it was impossible to completely eliminate the risk of another such attack.

"Ensuring cybersecurity is a ceaseless battle, like our battle against terrorism. It involves changing technology and sophisticated perpetrators who are constantly developing new techniques and probing for fresh weaknesses," he said.

Singapore's government made the attack public on July 20, and four days later convened a Committee of Inquiry to look into the events and make recommendations by Dec. 31. **AP**

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Luxury yacht "Equanimity" is anchored in the waters off Batam Island yesterday

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INDONESIA

At least 98 dead after quake rocks tourist island

Rescue teams search for victims in the rubble caused by an earthquake in North Lombok

Ros Idin & Niniek Karmini, Mataram

A powerful earthquake flattened houses and toppled bridges on the Indonesian tourist island of Lombok, killing at least 98 people and shaking neighboring Bali, as authorities said yesterday that rescuers still hadn't reached some devastated areas and the death toll would climb.

It was the second deadly quake in a week to hit Lombok. A July 29 quake killed 16 people and damaged hundreds of houses, some of which collapsed in Sunday evening's magnitude 7.0 temblor, killing those inside.

National Disaster Mitigation Agency spokesman Sutopo Purwo Nugroho told a news conference that damage was "massive" in northern Lombok. In several districts, more than half the homes were destroyed or severely damaged.

The ruins of a mosque that collapsed in Lading-Lading village while people prayed inside was being pulled apart by a backhoe in search of victims.

Some areas still hadn't been reached as of midafternoon, with rescuers battling collapsed bridges, electricity and communication blackouts and damaged roads blocked with debris.

Nugroho said the death toll had risen to 98, after warning earlier that it would "definitely increase." More than 230 people were seriously injured. Thousands of homes and buildings were damaged and 20,000 people were in temporary shelters.

The quake, measured at magnitude 7.0 by Indonesian authori-

ties and 6.9 by the U.S. Geological Survey, struck at a shallow depth of 10.5 kilometers in the northern part of Lombok. Shallow quakes tend to cause more damage than deeper ones.

"We were sitting there having dinner at about 7 o'clock last night, we just felt a really big sort of shaking and the lights went off and everyone just ran," Australian tourist Kim Liebelt said as he waited with other travelers for a flight out at Lombok's international airport.

"And then the roof started falling down on us, rocks and rubble and then just everyone running to get away," he said.

■ The quake, measured at magnitude 7.0 by Indonesian authorities, struck Sunday evening

Videos showed screaming people running in panic from a shopping mall and a neighborhood in Bali where parked vehicles swayed. On Lombok, soldiers and other rescuers carried injured people on stretchers and carpets to evacuation centers. Many victims were treated outdoors because hospitals were damaged.

"People panicked and scattered on the streets, and buildings and houses that had been damaged by the previous earthquake had beco-

me more damaged and collapsed," Nugroho said.

The quake triggered a tsunami warning, and frightened people poured out of their homes to move to higher ground, particularly in North Lombok and Mataram, the capital of West Nusa Tenggara province. The warning was lifted later Sunday after only small waves were recorded.

"When it happened, we stood with residents in the middle of the street and watched houses collapse around us," said Yustrianda Sirio, supervisor of a group of university students from Java doing a community service program in East Lombok. "Many of us screamed hysterically."

He said the group had already been staying in tents after the July 29 quake but now officials had told them to return to Java.

"We really want to stay here to help the villagers," he said.

On Gili Trawangan, one of three popular vacation islands near Lombok, thousands of tourists and local residents spent the night on a hill fearing a tsunami, said British visitor Saffron Amis.

"There was a lot of screaming and crying, particularly from the locals," said Amis, from Brighton. "We spoke to a lot of them and they were panicking about their family in Lombok. It was just a lot of panic because no one knew what was happening."

Thousands of people are now trying to get off the island, she said, describing the mood as both somber and panicked.

Hundreds of people packed a sliver of brilliant white beach on the 16-square kilometer island, shout-

ing at rescue personnel trying to ensure an orderly evacuation, video and photos supplied by the local water police showed.

Nugroho said authorities had deployed three ships to evacuate people. Reports that seven Indonesian tourists died on the island have not been confirmed, he said.

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 because of 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 island triggered a tsunami that killed 230,000 people in a dozen countries.

Australian Home Affairs Minister Peter Dutton, in Lombok for a regional security meeting, said he and his delegation were eating dinner in their hotel's 12th floor

restaurant when the quake struck, plunging the building into darkness and throwing people to the floor.

"Mate, we were knocked certainly to the floor. It was the violence of the shaking of the building — was pretty dramatic," he said in a radio interview. "Everyone's a bit shaken, but all well, but people out in the villages or elsewhere haven't been so lucky, unfortunately."

The Bali and Lombok airports have remained open.

Model Chrissy Teigen, who was in Bali with singer-husband John Legend and their two children, live-tweeted the shaking.

"Bali. Trembling. So long," Teigen tweeted to her 10.6 million followers.

Several hours later, she asked news organizations not to write more stories about her lively stream-of-consciousness tweets, suggesting media share information to help those who need it instead. AP

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Tourists affected by the earthquake line up on a beach as they wait to be evacuated on Gili Trawangan Island

US More change ahead for New York's shrinking garment district

Verena Dobnik, New York

HUNDREDS of thousands of garment workers once toiled in the sweaty, elbow-to-elbow workshops of midtown Manhattan before the whirring of sewing machines was mostly silenced by foreign competition.

But the city's garment district isn't dead yet.

A group of manufacturers, landlords, designers and politicians has a plan to preserve a remnant of the garment industry in a neighborhood where about 5,000 people are still employed in workshops mostly serving higher-end designers, while doing away with zoning rules that critics said put onerous restrictions on prime real estate.

City Hall wants to preserve at least 300,000 square feet for garment manufacturing, but allow real estate developers to bring in more 21st century businesses. Property owners have already pledged to fill 300,000 square feet with apparel manufacturing, and the city is seeking to add more. For now, that's millions of fewer square feet than factories occupied in the industry's glory days from the 1920s to the 1960s.

The plan, if approved by the City Council, would lift 1987 zoning that reserved about 4 million square feet of space in the garment district's high-rises for apparel-production businesses. Today's garment workshops occupy only an estimated 700,000 square feet, according to the city's Economic Development Corp.

And many say that number will likely dwindle away without the city's protection.

"The truth is, it's a dying indus-



"The Garment Worker," a bronze sculpture by Judith Weller at the edge of New York's Garment District

try in the garment district, and who knows what would have happened to the remaining jobs without the city's intervention," said EDC spokeswoman Stephanie Baez.

A Council vote is expected in the next few months, after more reviews to tweak details. Under the plan, landlords would get a tax break for setting aside at least 25,000 square feet in a building for manufacturers, with tenants offered the option to sign leases for at least 15 years. The city would also spend USD20 million to acquire a building that would be dedicated to manufacturing.

The proposal represents a retreat from an earlier plan that would have done away with special protections entirely.

That idea had been opposed by representatives of New York City's fashion design and theater industries, which still need highly skilled garment workers close by.

"The New York fashion world depends on the Garment Center's tight-knit cluster of specialty suppliers and skilled workers," said Manhattan Borough President Gale Brewer, who teamed with Council Speaker Corey Johnson to craft the new plan.

Gabrielle Ferrara, who with her mother runs Ferrara Manufacturing, one of the neighborhood's largest garment factories, said she supports the plan. Something needs to be done, she said, to stabilize the shrinking district.

"We're at a crisis point, 100 percent at a crisis point," said Ferrara, whose 30-year-old business employs about 70 people and works with high-end designers.

"When the city talks about investing in machinery and technology, the fact is, you can't invest without permanent real estate space," she said. "I'm nervous for the two-thirds of the industry with short leases of just months or a year; there's no safety net for them."

As recently as 1960, many of the clothes sold in the United States were made in Manhattan's garment district, where the city now proposes to preserve apparel-production space from 35th to 40th streets, just south of Times Square, and from

Broadway to Ninth Avenue.

Remnants of the old district remain. On the second floor of a massive building on West 37th Street is Absolute Couture, where ethnic Chinese workers sit all day at rows of sewing machines — not unlike the old days, at first glance.

But the workers are better paid and more skilled than the ones who once eked out a living in shifts of 12 hours or more, with an occasional rat or mouse scurrying by. Workers overheard on the street now speak Spanish, Arabic, Chinese and Korean, with Yiddish still spoken by Jewish businessmen who once dominated the district.

City Hall wants to preserve at least 300,000 square feet for garment manufacturing

Newcomers to the neighborhood include shiny boutique hotels, spiffy restaurants and bars, and even a tiny hotel called Nap York where guests may reserve a sleeping "pod" for as little as an hour. Recent tenants also include artists, architects, and firms specializing in advertising, technology and media.

They mingle with old-fashioned wholesale storefronts that offer everything from clothing, buttons and beads to trimming, just pockets and pleating work. Outside, workers pushing racks of garments on wheels squeeze past a cacophony of trucks, cars, bicycles and people on foot.

Sitting on Seventh Avenue is a tribute to the human hands at the heart of the neighborhood: Israeli-born Judith Weller's life-size sculpture of her father, a Jewish man wearing a skullcap at a sewing machine, next to a needle threading a button. **AP**

Five killed when small plane crashes in California parking lot

ELLA Pham said it was a painful thing to see.

Pham, 20, and her boyfriend were walking in a parking lot yesterday [Macau time] when they saw a twin-engine Cessna crash, she told the Los Angeles Times.

"We looked up to see the plane falling nose first," she told the Times. "It was so heartbreaking just seeing the plane crumbled into pieces."

Five people on board the

small airplane were killed but nobody on the ground was hurt when the plane crashed in the Southern California parking lot, authorities said.

The pilot of the Cessna 414 declared an emergency before crashing about a mile (1.6 kilometers) from John Wayne Airport, Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman Arlene Salac said.

The plane was heading to the airport southeast of

Los Angeles when it came down and struck an unoccupied parked car in the lot of a Staples store and a CVS pharmacy, Orange County Fire Authority Captain Steve Concialdi said. There was no fire and nobody on the ground was hurt, he said.

Photos from the scene showed the plane upright but on its belly and the car damaged. Several roads surrounding the shopping center and the

South Coast Plaza mall across the street were closed.

The plane is registered to the San Francisco-based real estate company Category III, according to an FAA database. A phone call to the company was not immediately returned Sunday.

The FAA and the National Transportation Safety Board will investigate the cause of the crash, Salac said. **AP**



SAUDI Arabia expelled the Canadian ambassador yesterday and froze “all new business” with Ottawa over its criticism of the ultraconservative kingdom’s arrest of women’s rights activists — yet another warning to the West reflecting Riyadh’s new assertive foreign policy.

The sudden and unexpected dispute bore the hallmarks of Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, Saudi Arabia’s 32-year-old future leader whose recent foreign policy exploits include the war in Yemen and Lebanese Prime Minister Saad Hariri’s surprise resignation broadcast during a visit to the kingdom. Hariri later rescinded the resignation, widely believed to be orchestrated by Riyadh, and returned to Beirut.

Analysts say the dispute between Riyadh and Ottawa shows Saudi Arabia won’t accept any outside criticism and will continue flexing its muscles abroad, especially as the kingdom enjoys a closer relationship with President Donald Trump.

“This message is obviously not just being sent to Ottawa,” said Giorgio Cafiero, the CEO of Gulf State Analytics, a Washington-based risk consultancy. “It’s a message to countries across Europe and across the rest of the world that criticism of Saudi Arabia has consequences.”

The Saudi Foreign Ministry

HUMAN RIGHTS

Saudi Arabia expels Canadian ambassador over criticism

made the announcement early yesterday, giving Ambassador Dennis Horak 24 hours to leave the kingdom. It wasn’t immediately clear if he was in the kingdom. Saudi Arabia said it would recall its ambassador to Canada as well.

■ The dispute between Riyadh and Ottawa shows Saudi Arabia won’t accept any outside criticism

“Any further step from the Canadian side in that direction will be considered as acknowledgment of our right to interfere in Canadian domestic affairs,” the Foreign Ministry said. “Canada and all other nations need to



The Saudi Arabian Embassy in Ottawa, Canada

know that they can’t claim to be more concerned than the kingdom over its own citizens.”

Marie-Pier Baril, a spokeswoman for Canadian Foreign Minister Chrystia Freeland, said Canada was “seriously concerned” by Saudi Arabia’s actions.

“Canada will always stand up for the protection of human rights, very much including women’s rights, and freedom of expression around the world,” she said in a statement. “Our government will never hesitate to promote these values and believes that

this dialogue is critical to international diplomacy.”

The dispute appeared centered around tweets by Canadian diplomats calling on the kingdom to “immediately release” detained women’s rights activists.

Among the arrested activists is Samar Badawi, whose writer brother Raif Badawi was arrested in Saudi Arabia in 2012 and later sentenced to 1,000 lashes and 10 years in prison for insulting Islam while blogging.

His case long has been raised by international human rights

groups and Western diplomats, including Canadians, who have called on Saudi Arabia to free him. His wife, Ensaf Haidar, lives in Canada and received Canadian citizenship in July at a Canada Day ceremony.

Freeland tweeted about the arrests last week.

“Very alarmed to learn that Samar Badawi, Raif Badawi’s sister, has been imprisoned in Saudi Arabia,” she wrote. “Canada stands together with the Badawi family in this difficult time, and we continue to strongly call for the release of both Raif and Samar Badawi.”

Saudi Arabia in June ended its long practice of banning women from driving cars — a ban Samar Badawi and other women’s activists have long campaigned against.

However, supporters of women’s rights were arrested just weeks before the ban was lifted, signaling that only King Salman and his powerful son, Crown Prince Mohammed, will decide the pace of change. AP

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Offbeat

AP PHOTO



LONELY MAN BEFRIENDS WILD TURKEY WHO MOVED INTO HIS YARD

A suburban Detroit man who found himself facing fines after a wild turkey moved into his overgrown backyard has made friends with the large bird.

Garden City bans residents from keeping wild animals as pets. The city fined Mark Johnston USD100 for harboring the turkey and another 100 for dumping brush at his curb after he cleaned up his backyard in an effort to get the 30-pound turkey to leave.

The city eventually dismissed the turkey ticket since Johnston wasn't keeping the animal as a pet, The Detroit News reported. Johnston is still fighting the other one.

Meanwhile, the turkey remains in Johnston's yard. Johnston said that as far as he's concerned, the bird can stay as long as he wants.

"I have no kids. I'm in the middle of a divorce. I have no one at home," said Johnston, 45, a tow truck driver. "He kinda keeps me company. It gives me something to come home to."

Johnston previously hunted turkeys but said he's given it up, considering his backyard guest.

Johnston's neighbors don't seem to have a problem with the turkey, which they said isn't too noisy.

"It's crazy. [But] if the turkey likes it and the guy likes it, leave them alone," said neighbor Sandi Canning.

Wild animals can only be moved if they're a nuisance or a threat, said Holly Vaughn, a spokeswoman for Department of Natural Resources' wildlife division.

"He's not holding it captive," Vaughn said. "Technically, it's a wild turkey and is free to go where he wants."

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18:00	Miscellaneous
18:45	Miscellaneous
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23:50	Miscellaneous
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DORAEMON THE MOVIE:
NOBITA'S TREASURE ISLAND

ROOM 1

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

Director: Kazuaki Imai

Starring: Wasabi Mizuta, Megumi Ohara, Yumi Kakazu

Language: Cantonese (Chinese)

Duration: 109min



INCREDIBLES 2

ROOM 1

9:30pm

Director: Brad Bird

Starring: Craig T. Nelson, Holly Hunter, Sarah Vowell

Language: Cantonese (Chinese)

Duration: 118min



MISSION IMPOSSIBLE - FALLOUT

ROOM 2

2:30, 6:00, 9:00pm

ROOM 3

4:30pm

Director: Christopher McQuarrie

Starring: Tom Cruise, Henry Cavill, Simon Pegg

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 118min



CHRISTOPHE ROBIN

ROOM 3

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

Director: Marc Forster

Starring: Ewan McGregor, Hayley Atwell, Bronte Carmichael

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 147min

this day in history



1998 US EMBASSIES IN AFRICA BOMBED

At least 200 people have been killed and more than 1,000 injured following explosions at United States embassies in Kenya and Tanzania.

The bombings took place within minutes of each other at around 1030 local time.

No-one has claimed responsibility but US officials suspect the attacks were the work of Osama bin Laden, an Islamic fundamentalist.

The first blast happened in the Tanzanian capital Dar es Salaam and the second, just five minutes later, in Nairobi, Kenya's capital city.

The Nairobi explosion demolished a five-story office block sending it crashing onto the embassy next door.

The US Ambassador Prudence Bushnell was meeting Kenyan Trade Minister Joseph Kamotho at the nearby Ufundi Cooperative Bank at the time but was only slightly injured.

The blast could be heard 10 miles (16km) away and caused total chaos in the city centre.

Rufus Drabble, from the British High Commission, said there was a cloud of thick smoke over the city and helicopters hovered overhead.

The US embassy was extensively damaged and its bomb-proof doors were ripped off. Two passing buses were also wrecked.

Volunteers worked furiously to pull survivors from the rubble and cranes have been brought in to free people who are trapped at the bomb site.

There was also widespread devastation in Dar es Salaam, where a BBC correspondent said the embassy reception area had been destroyed.

Survivor Jim Owens said the blast at the Tanzanian embassy threw him back about five feet (1.5m).

He said: "The cuts I have do not look that bad but they bled profusely."

"They bled over my glasses so I couldn't see as I was walking around the smoke-filled embassy."

US President Bill Clinton has condemned the attacks as "abhorrent" and said every effort would be made to catch the bombers.

He said that the US was sending counter-terrorism experts and medical teams to the region. A team of US marines is also flying there to bolster security along with FBI agents.

"These acts of terrorist violence are abhorrent, they are inhuman," Mr Clinton said at the White House press conference.

"We will use all the means at our disposal to bring those responsible to justice," he added.

Mr Clinton said flags at all US government buildings would be flown at half-mast as a mark of respect to the victims.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

The Kenyans were ill-equipped to deal with such a huge disaster.

It wasn't until an Israeli search and rescue team arrived that the last bodies were retrieved and the final death toll known - 207 Kenyans and 12 US citizens in Nairobi.

Another 11 lives were lost in the Tanzanian bombing. Altogether more than 4,000 people were injured.

Four men linked to al-Qaeda were convicted and jailed for life for the attacks in May 2001. They were Mohamed Rashed Daoud al-Owhali, Khalfan Khamis Mohamed, Wadiah al-Hage and Mohamed Sadeek Odeh.

A memorial park was opened in Nairobi on 7 August 2001 to commemorate the victims of the blast.

The US spent \$4.3 million helping bomb victims and rebuilding central Nairobi but some survivors felt it was not enough. They tried and failed to sue the US Government for compensation.

YOUR STARS

Aries
Mar. 21-Apr. 19
You might not have psychic abilities per se, but today you will have such a strong sense of your future that you'll experience a level of confidence you haven't felt in quite a while.

Taurus
April 20-May 20
You are entering a very contemplative time in your life, so be open to your moods and follow them. Any urge you have to turn your thoughts inward might distance you from your friends a little bit.

Gemini
May 21-Jun. 21
Someone who is usually strictly business will suddenly show you a softer, more personal side today. Your nonjudgmental attitude has encouraged this person to cut out the game playing and just keep it real.

Cancer
Jun. 22-Jul. 22
If you're looking for some good luck right now (and who isn't?), you can simply create it - all you have to do is focus on beefing up your karmic bank account. Be big-hearted and generous to a fault.

Leo
Jul. 23-Aug. 22
You'll have all the energy you need to tackle as much as your ambition allows, so get ready. But what's really going to drive your day is the fact that you are gaining a growing understanding of your situation.

Virgo
Aug. 23-Sept. 22
All your friends may be running around visiting the latest hot spots, shopping for the latest fashion trends and picking up on the latest celebrity gossip, but you have more substantial matters on your mind.

Libra
Sep.23-Oct. 22
This is a great day to sit back and admire your handiwork. You need to register your success in your own mind - what other people say is nice, but not ultimately important.

Scorpio
Oct. 23 - Nov. 21
Your recent period of growth is slowing down - it's not that you have nothing new to learn, it's that you need some downtime to process the things you have learned so far.

Sagittarius
Nov. 22-Dec. 21
If things are veering off track in an important relationship, today offers you a great opportunity to push things back in the direction you want. This could apply to a romantic relationship.

Capricorn
Dec. 22-Jan. 19
No matter what negatives you're feeling now, you need to remember that there are many new opportunities and ideas that have achieved a solid foothold in your life. Good things are about to happen...

Aquarius
Jan. 20-Feb. 18
A voice from the past will interrupt an unusually placid day, most likely in the early afternoon. You might not be prepared for the conversation or email exchange, but it's time you both got some closure.

Pisces
Feb.19-Mar. 20
You need to spread yourself around a bit more. That way you can make the connections you need to make in order to feel more of a part of everyone's lives. Align yourself with people who intimidate you.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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WEATHER

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Tianjin	26	31	thundershower
Urumqi	22	35	clear
Xi'an	26	37	cloudy
Lhasa	12	22	thundershower/shower
Chengdu	24	32	shower
Chongqing	26	34	drizzle
Kunming	17	24	shower
Nanjing	28	36	cloudy
Shanghai	27	35	overcast/cloudy
Wuhan	26	35	cloudy
Hangzhou	28	37	clear
Taipei	26	30	clear
Guangzhou	26	35	cloudy/thundershower
Hong Kong	28	33	cloudy
WORLD			
Moscow	15	23	overcast/cloudy
Frankfurt	20	32	clear
Paris	20	34	clear
London	14	25	clear/drizzle
New York	25	34	clear

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Common street name; 5- Ladies of Sp.; 9- Summary; 14- ___ extra cost; 15- Breathe hard; 16- Objects of devotion; 17- Homesickness; 19- Seizes with teeth; 20- Actually existing; 21- Quench; 23- Understatement; 25- Ich bin ___ Berliner; 26- Ref's counterpart; 29- Cooling units, for short; 30- Intermix; 33- Ancient Indo-European; 34- ___ by Starlight; 35- Swedish import; 38- NFL 6-pointers; 40- ___ and terminator; 41- Green; 44- Red fluorescent dye; 47- Sac in which bile is stored; 49- After taxes; 52- Code-breaking org.; 53- This is what eyes do; 54- Furrow; 56- Maker of Pong; 58- Muscle; 59- Low life?; 62- Relieves pain; 64- Disney deer; 65- Yarn; 66- Soccer great; 67- Eastern; 68- Oklahoma city; 69- Waste allowance;

DOWN: 1- Capital of the Philippines; 2- Not accented; 3- Maps within maps; 4- Au contraire!; 5- Rancorous; 6- Sleazy paper; 7- Black cuckoos; 8- Less fresh; 9- Knitted pattern; 10- "What I Am" singer Brickell; 11- Camp bed; 12- Draft choice; 13- Letter addenda; 18- Moving; 22- Points to; 24- Sports figure?; 26- Unattractive; 27- Fr. miss; 28- Fleshy fruit; 31- Broke off; 32- Vegas gas; 33- Second son of Adam and Eve; 35- Indication; 36- Collections of anecdotes; 37- ___ breve; 39- Lays down the lawn; 42- Refrain voluntarily; 43- Type of market; 45- Colonized; 46- Like some vbs.; 48- Add fizz; 49- Former Egyptian leader; 50- Prima ballerina; 51- Three lines of verse; 55- All thumbs; 56- Swedish pop band whose hits include "Waterloo"; 57- ___ uproar; 59- Lawyer's org.; 60- Pas' partners; 61- British record label; 63- Rhyming boxing champ;



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FOOTBALL | PREMIER LEAGUE 2018-19

Five new signings to watch out for

THE transfer window has been shortened in the Premier League and will close on Thursday, before the season starts.

Here is the pick of the signings so far:

RIYAD MAHREZ (MANCHESTER CITY)

Whether City needed another attacking midfield to complement Raheem Sterling, Bernardo Silva, Leroy Sane, David Silva and rising star Phil Foden is open to question.

Not that Riyad Mahrez is concerned about that. The Algeria winger might have thought he had missed out on a dream move to the champions when City and Leicester failed to conclude a deal in January for English soccer's Player of the Year in 2015-16. But City maintained its interest, and Mahrez sealed a club-record USD80 million move that gives manager Pep Guardiola another attacking option and a player who can operate anywhere behind the striker.

Mahrez mostly played on the right wing, cutting in on his favored left foot, but Sterling and Bernardo Silva already feature there. City may opt to use Mahrez centrally as Guardiola looks to manage the 32-year-old David Silva's game time.

FRED (MANCHESTER UNITED)

Brazil international Fred not only offers United more energy and solidity in central midfield, he also potentially gives a platform for fellow midfielder Paul Pogba to be more expansive and attacking this season.

Joining from Shakhtar Donetsk for \$66 million, Fred likely will take up a position in midfield alongside anchorman Nemanja Matic and also Pogba, who should play in his preferred place on the left of a central three and have fewer defensive responsibilities.

Perhaps that's what United manager Jose Mourinho meant when he talked about Fred giving the team "another dimension."

ALISSON (LIVERPOOL)

The arrival of Brazil goalkeeper Alisson, who played in all of his team's matches at the World Cup, provides a solution to Liverpool's one obvious weakness, and should mean Juergen Klopp's team is a genuine contender

for the Premier League title this season.

Loris Karius never felt like he was the long-term answer in goal and his two huge mistakes in the Champions League final against Real Madrid in May proved his undoing.

Alisson — at around \$85 million — is a definite upgrade, a strong all-around keeper who rarely makes an error leading to a goal. He also is good with his feet, something Klopp demands.

Liverpool now has the most expensive goalkeeper in history, along with the game's most expensive defender in Virgil van Dijk and the explosive front three of Sadio Mane, Roberto Firmino and Mohamed Salah.

JORGINHO (CHELSEA)

Seemingly destined for Manchester City, Jorginho instead ended up at Chelsea for \$75 million and is set to be the fulcrum around which new manager Maurizio Sarri bases his high-presing, high-energy style of play.

Jorginho, a Brazilian-born Italy international, is a deep-lying midfield playmaker who had more touches per minute for Napoli than any player in Europe's top five leagues last season.

The 26-year-old Jorginho will instigate attacks with his snappy passing from the base of the midfield, allowing the marauding N'Golo Kante to play further forward alongside a more creative central midfielder like Cesc Fabregas or Ross Barkley.

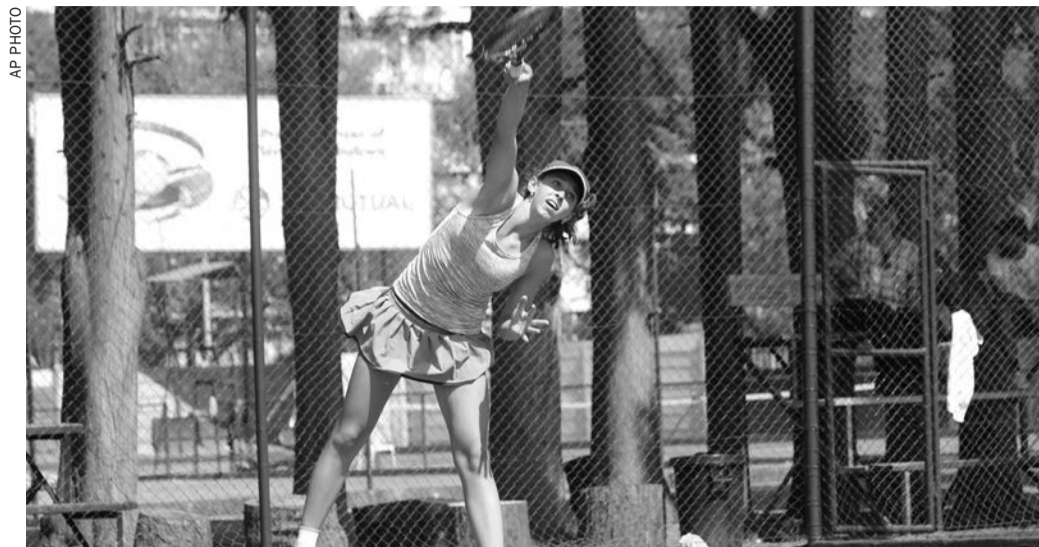
RICHARLISON (EVERTON)

A shrewd signing or another example of the madness of the Premier League?

Richarlison, a 21-year-old Brazilian, had played only one year in England's top division — he faded badly after Christmas at Watford following a strong first half of the season — when he was signed by Everton last month for a fee that could rise to about \$65 million.

Clearly, recently hired Everton manager Marco Silva, who coached Richarlison at Watford before getting fired in January, thinks highly of the tall midfielder whose pace and strength got him into promising positions but whose finishing often left him down.

Richarlison will compete with Theo Walcott, Yannick Bolasie and Kevin Mirallas but is set to be first choice. **AP**



TENNIS

Election violence in Zimbabwe didn't faze teens

Christopher Torchia, Harare

AS Zimbabwean soldiers opened fire on rioters, protesters and bystanders after a disputed election, teenagers in an International Tennis Federation tournament were playing each other on hard courts a few kilometers from the deadly violence.

Yesterday, junior tennis players from countries including South Africa, Egypt, Denmark, Thailand and the United States were still competing at the Harare Sports Club, days after international election monitors had gone home and troops and riot police had left downtown Harare. The decision to stick it out through tense times last week was based on security assessments by the London-based ITF and Zimbabwean tennis officials such as Cliff Nhokwara, who often quizzed the young players.

"Do you guys feel threatened? Did you see any violence? Do you think where you are staying is dangerous? Do you want me to move you to any other location?" Nhokwara recalled asking boys and girls who would ordinarily have other concerns: Who is my next opponent? Will I get through the qualifying rounds? What time is practice before the match?

ITF ranking points are a big deal for young players whose sporting accomplishments could help them get into universities in, for example, the United States. As the tennis teens were grinding out matches, Zimbabwe was experiencing one of its most tumultuous weeks since in-

dependence from white minority rule in 1980, when Robert Mugabe took power.

Millions voted on July 30 in the first election without the former leader on the ballot and, when official results showed the ruling ZANU-PF party would stay in power, the military violently dispersed angry protesters who accused the government of vote-rigging. Six people died. Authorities have yet to announce an inauguration date for President Emmerson Mnangagwa, a former enforcer for Mugabe who succeeded him after a military takeover in November.

The opposition, meanwhile, says it will challenge election results in court and alleges security forces are harassing and intimidating some supporters, in a sign that the political situation remains edgy.

"In elections, anything can happen, especially here in Africa," said Nigeria-born Ike Nweke, who lives in Denmark and traveled with his 14-year-old daughter, Divine, to Harare for three consecutive ITF junior tournaments over a three-week period.

The cluster of tournaments at the same location reduces expenses for players, particularly Zimbabweans in a country whose economy has been struggling for years, Nhokwara said in an interview with The Associated Press. He said a Russian player left Zimbabwe because of concerns about safety, but everybody else stayed.

Tinashe Tarubekera, a 16-year-old Zimbabwean player based in South Africa, said he had been training

hard because the competition is tough. He was staying at the Rainbow Towers, a downtown hotel, on Aug. 1 when opposition demonstrators approached the gates because electoral officials were announcing voting tallies at a conference center in the complex. Police fired tear gas and water cannon before the military crackdown in surrounding streets.

"There was a riot but they didn't get inside, so nothing happened to the guests," Tarubekera said. "It was quite scary."

On Aug. 3, two 16-year-old South African players were returning to another hotel, the Bronte, when they encountered riot police who tried to disperse journalists gathering for an appearance by opposition leader Nelson Chamisa.

"We saw so many police and we didn't really know what was going on," Cara O'Flaherty said.

"I didn't think we were going to get injured or hurt or anything," Isabella Weatherhead said.

Tapiwa Masunga, the ITF's regional development officer, said by telephone from Botswana that the federation's security department advised Zimbabwean tennis officials to offer player accommodation away from trouble spots, but concluded it was not necessary to cancel the tournaments. There were similar concerns last year when a tournament coincided with a disputed election and violence in Kenya, Masunga said.

"Unfortunately, the political environment in Africa often changes," Masunga said. **AP**



Riyad Mahrez is one of the five new signings to watch out for

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Our Desk

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ARE THE MCSLEEPERS LOVIN' IT?

The phenomenon of McSleepers has grown incredibly in the city's neighbouring regions, having a six-fold increase on the figures of five years ago.

These residents, dubbed McSleepers or McRefugees, spend their nights sleeping in 24-hour McDonald's outlets across the neighboring region – which is a similar state to what can be found in Macau.

This is even though in 2015, Hong Kong's social welfare department called on the government to pay closer attention to the homeless following the death of a homeless woman who had been sleeping at a 24-hour McDonald's outlet.

Such an incident pushed the government to impose rent controls and build homeless shelters.

A recent study conducted by Hong Kong's Junior Chamber International (Tai Ping Shan) showed that there was a total of 334 people sleeping in the giant fast-food chain during June and July.

Most of these culinary refugees had one main reason behind such a move: high rents and high electricity bills.

The survey showed that 57 percent of the survey participants admitted to have a job, while 71 percent have owned or rented flats, yet most opt to stay in the 24-hour restaurant as it has the air conditioning, reliable WiFi and free water.

Other reasons included the comfort and security at the fast food chain, followed by high rents, conflict with family members and substandard housing.

This phenomenon does not only happen in both SARs but also elsewhere, including in Singapore, the States and the UK.

Here in the city, I often see them after around 11 p.m., where a few elderly people are comfortable napping at Rua do Campo's McDonald's, with an empty tray in front of them, which I suppose they had used to carry a Filet-O-Fish and a cup of tea.

In a report published by the Times in 2016, a staff member of the chain said that it does not mind when its customers sleep at its restaurants.

Although it is not really clear why they opt to do so, McDonald's has also served as a place for small gatherings, which include group study sessions and chitchats.

Even if it is past midnight, there will occasionally still be a group of people occupying a large space to conduct some sort of meeting or gathering.

The restaurant has kind of created a comfortable environment for those who prefer to consume food in an affordable food chain and stay there until the wee hours of the morning.

I think reliable data on this could help foresee the social problem that lies within such a community – especially in such an affluent city.

Thus, this kind of data should also be worked on in Macau for the public to be more aware of such situations and not to just see this as something usual and normal.

Data would help us to see where this stems from.

Although I suppose the figures in Hong Kong soared higher during the past two months due to the summer weather, thus opting for free air conditioning at the restaurant, I do not think that a similar reason lies behind Macau's McSleepers.

Thus, such data should actively be gathered and made accessible in the city – just like in Hong Kong where they constantly conduct such research – for the region's social welfare department to be aware of what is actually behind the reason for these elderly residents' choice of sleeping in fast food outlets.

THE WATCHDOG SAYS AUSTRALIA
BUZZ **LAWMAKERS INCREASINGLY EXPLOIT RACE**

Australia's racism watchdog said the country is experiencing a resurgence in lawmakers exploiting race to advance their political agendas and listed ethnic Chinese and Sudanese among the minorities who are suffering.

Tom Soutphommasane said in the final speech of his five-year tenure as race discrimination commissioner that as politicians take advantage of voter fears of some ethnic groups, sections of the Australian media are

exploiting racism to earn revenue from racist audiences.

"I take no pleasure in saying this but, right now, it feels like there has never been a more exciting time to be a dog-whistling politician or race-baiting commentator in Australia," Soutphommasane said at a Sydney university.

"Five years ago, I wouldn't have said it was likely that we would see the resurgence of far-right politics. Yet here we are," he added.

Portugal battles major wildfire as Europe heat wave endures

EMERGENCY services in Portugal continued their fight yesterday against a major, four-day wildfire on the south coast that threatened to engulf a hillside town overnight.

The Civil Protection Agency said 44 people required medical assistance as the blaze passed by the outskirts of Monchique, 250 kilometers south of Lisbon, in the dark. A 72-year-old woman was seriously hurt.

Authorities said that more than 1,100 firefighters with 327 vehicles and eight aircraft were battling the blaze that erupted amid a heatwave caused by a mass of hot air from North Africa.

The rest of Europe has also felt the torrid recent weather.

In France, where four nuclear reactors have been temporarily closed due to the heat, three cities banned the most polluting cars from the roads because of heat-linked ozone pollution.

The heat wave in France is expected to last until Thursday, with temperatures peaking Tuesday.

After four days of intense heat that broke some records in Portugal, with



People stand next to the fire before being evacuated at the village of Monchique in Algarve

temperatures surpassing 45, Portuguese authorities forecast a cooler period beginning yesterday. The Algarve wasn't expected to exceed 30 C, while Lisbon was expecting 33 C.

Parts of the south and northeast of the country remained at "extreme risk" of wildfires, however, according to the national weather agency's forecast.

The falling temperatures helped create "much more favorable" conditions for firefighters tackling the Monchique blaze, local fire chief Abel Gomes told a news conference.

Overnight, dozens of homes and a hotel were evacuated around the town of about 2,000 people which is known for its spa.

The wind-driven fire has been racing across tinder-dry pine and eucalyptus forest in a largely inaccessible hill range behind the famous beaches of Portugal's Algarve vacation region.

Plumes of black smoke have blown across beaches popular with European tourists.

Firefighters expect forecast cooler temperatures to help them bring the fire under control. **AP**

THE DECISIVE MOMENT

Yohei Nishimura/Kyodo News via AP



Remember Hiroshima. A woman burns a stick of incense at the cenotaph dedicated to the victims of atomic bombing at Hiroshima Peace Memorial Park in Hiroshima, western Japan, yesterday, marking the 73rd anniversary of the bombing.

Station	Air quality	
Roadside	25-45 Good	😊
High Density Residential Area	15-35 Good	😊
Ambient	25-45 Moderate	😊

SOURCE: DSI/MG

WORLD BRIEFS

US-IRAN President Donald Trump signed an executive order yesterday reimposing many sanctions on Iran, three months after pulling out of the Iran nuclear deal, saying the U.S. policy is to levy "maximum economic pressure" on the country.



YEMEN A military coalition led by Saudi Arabia and backed by the United States cut secret deals with al-Qaida fighters, paying some to leave key cities and towns and letting others retreat with weapons, equipment and wads of looted cash, an AP investigation found.

GREECE A eurozone rescue fund says it has paid its final 15 billion-euro (USD17.3 billion) bailout loan to Greece, after objections by Germany delayed the payment a few weeks.

ITALY A tanker truck carrying flammable material exploded yesterday on a highway overpass near the northern Italian city of Bologna, killing at least two people and injuring up to 70 as it partially collapsed the raised roadway, police said.

NICARAGUA A rights group that has documented killings during months of political unrest in this Central American nation says it is closing its offices due to threats and harassment targeting its staff.



VENEZUELA Investigators hunting for assailants behind a failed attempt to assassinate President Nicolas Maduro with explosives-laden drones have raided hotels and seized vehicles while grilling six suspects for details of the plot.

BRAZIL Far-right presidential candidate Jair Bolsonaro has picked an army reserve general to be his running mate for Brazil's October elections.