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VIETNAM Seven people have died of suspected drug overdoses during a music festival in Vietnam.



PHILIPPINES A police officer who tried to persuade residents of a mining camp to move to safety as a powerful typhoon approached said yesterday they refused to leave, and a day later the storm triggered a huge landslide that buried dozens of people.

THAILAND Police yesterday announced three large seizures of illegal drugs, including 10 million methamphetamine pills and 37 kilograms of heroin hidden under sacks of chicken manure.



RUSSIA German doctors treating a member of Russian protest group Pussy Riot said yesterday that claims he was poisoned are "highly plausible," but stressed they can't say how this might have occurred or who was responsible.

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Language skills challenged IAS shelters' operation

THE Social Affairs Bureau (IAS) has already made plans to improve operations in the city's shelters, Secretary for Security Wong Sio Chak announced yesterday, after meeting with Chief Executive Chui Sai On at the Civil Protection Action Center. In particular, the IAS is not satisfied with the distribution of shelters due to the unbalanced number of evacuees at each shelter during the typhoon.

According to Wong, while some shelters received a large number of evacuees, others did not.

The transfer of evacuees from one shelter to another has also received feedback that it could have been handled better.

The IAS revealed that, during the typhoon, the shelters received many non-Chinese nationals.

"The language skills of the reception staff [should] improve," said Wong, who went on to explain that in addition to the large number of non-Chinese speakers, the shelters also received many mainland tourists.

"Language skills posed a challenge to IAS's work," said Wong.



The Secretary further noted that the IAS already has a plan for improvement, and that the government will focus more on promotional campaigns.

In the opinion of the city's top security official, the IAS did a good job despite it being the first time such an operation had been carried out.

The government conducts promotional campaigns for disaster

prevention in three languages: Chinese, English and Portuguese. According to Wong, some members of the public, including tourists, do not pay attention to these campaigns because they believe that disaster prevention is not relevant to them. Wong reminds these people to pay more attention to the information provided by the government.

Wong noted that the IAS direc-

tor already pointed out that improvements will be made.

In addition to language skills, the IAS has also identified another problem affecting shelters. It was difficult for the shelter staff to rest during the typhoon, a situation that needs to be remedied.

Besides the IAS, both the Health Bureau (SSM) and the Fire Services Bureau (CB) hope to establish an international rescue team

aiming at a long-term plan. The two bureaus trust that by having an international rescue team, Macau's disaster response capabilities can improve.

Wong also reported other improvements being considered by the government. In terms of rescue, evacuation and shelters, the security authority concluded that it will need to enhance evacuation skills and educational campaigns. As previously mentioned by Wong on Monday, some residents were unwilling to be rescued.

Yesterday, Wong pointed out that the security force hopes it will be able to invest additional efforts in educational campaigns regarding evacuations.

To handle flooding situations, the security force, in particular the customs authority, will purchase more inflatable boats and watercrafts.

Releasing repeated information can also be avoided.

During the typhoon, CEM deliberately cut off the electricity power supply in some areas. The government hopes that these decisions can be relayed to the government in advance in future.

Wong noted that majority of people who remained in the streets during the typhoon were tourists. The government will also release educational campaigns to raise awareness of the need to seek shelter in emergency situations. **JZ**

Participation in cultural activities on the decline

LOCAL residents participating in cultural activities totaled 253,900, a participation rate of 56.7 percent, down by 2.3 percentage points, according to the latest data published by the government.

According to the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC), a total of 300,000 individuals participated in the city's cultural activities in the second quarter of 2018, slightly up by 0.3 percentage points year-on-year.

Analyzed by type of cultural activity, going to the cinema remained the most popular activity for residents, with 165,500 participants, a decrease of 4.6 percent year-on-year, while the activity's participation rate fell by 2.2 percentage points to 37.0 percent.

Among these local residents, 30,000 had watched locally produced films and videos, down by 17.2 percent year-on-year.

Local residents going to libraries was up 1.6 percent year-on-year to 131,600, an increase of 0.1 percentage points to 29.4 percent. Students had a higher participation rate than non-students, at 76.8 percent and 25.1 percent respectively, with the difference between the two narrowing from 55.0 percentage points in the same quarter of 2017 to 51.7 percentage points.

Local residents visiting museums or World Heritage sites decreased by 12.8 percent year-on-year to 100,600.

The average visit per participant inched down by 0.2

to 3.1. Among these local residents, 69,700 visited museums and 66,600 visited World Heritage sites, down by 10.2 percent and 24.2 percent respectively year-on-year.

There were 81,100 local residents attending performances, up by 2.1 percent year-on-year. The average attendance per participant decreased by 0.5 to 2.1.

Music and dance performances recorded 60,200 participants, up by 4.7 percent year-on-year. Meanwhile, theatre performances had 40,300 participants, down by 18.7 percent.

DSEC's survey aimed to collect the information on participation in cultural activities by individuals aged over 16, six months prior to the date of interview.

MANGKHUT

SSM eliminates mosquitos in flooded areas

YESTERDAY morning, the Health Bureau (SSM) carried out mosquito control and disinfection procedures at R. da Praia do Manduco.

According to Lam Chong, chief of the disease control and prevention center of the SSM, there is an increased risk for Dengue fever due to the current weather and impact of typhoon Mangkhut, which has prompted SSM to eliminate mosquitos in several areas across Macau.

Recently, the SSM carried out mosquito control and disinfection activities in the Inner Harbor, Fai Chi Kei, and St. Lawrence districts. These areas are the ones said to have been the

most affected by the flooding.

According to the SSM, after the flooding, stagnant waters accumulated in several areas of the city, which might accelerate mosquito breeding.

In total, the SSM dispatched 80 staff members to disinfect the water on the streets. The frequency of mosquito control activities also increased from twice monthly to once or twice per week.

Besides eliminating the mosquitos, the SSM also put pesticide into the sewage system to prevent mosquito fertilization.

The elimination work will continue until the middle of November.

Yesterday, the SSM completed the mosqui-

to control works at Ilha Verde and Barra. This elimination process is harmless to citizens.

In addition, the SSM suggests that residents pay attention to their hygiene, in particular, washing their hands frequently.

Lam also recommended that residents frequently remove any traces of stagnant water at home, and to carry out a thorough disposal of trash at home as well.

On Monday, a 30-year-old Filipino tourist was diagnosed with Dengue fever. He had spent one week in Hong Kong before coming to Macau.

The SSM reported that the patient is currently in a stable condition.

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Jho Low proclaims innocence on personal website

PENANG-BORN businessman, Low Taek Jho, who is accused of looting billions from Malaysian investment fund 1MDB, is proclaiming his innocence on his website.

Wanted in Malaysia and Singapore and described by U.S. prosecutors as orchestrating the theft of \$4.5 billion from 1MDB, Low has once again declared his innocence on his website, denouncing what he called "unproven allegations."

"With hindsight I may have done things differently, like any young person, but any mistakes I made do not amount to the sweepingly broad and destructive allegations being made against me," Low, 36, said in a signed letter on the site. "Let me be clear: I am innocent."

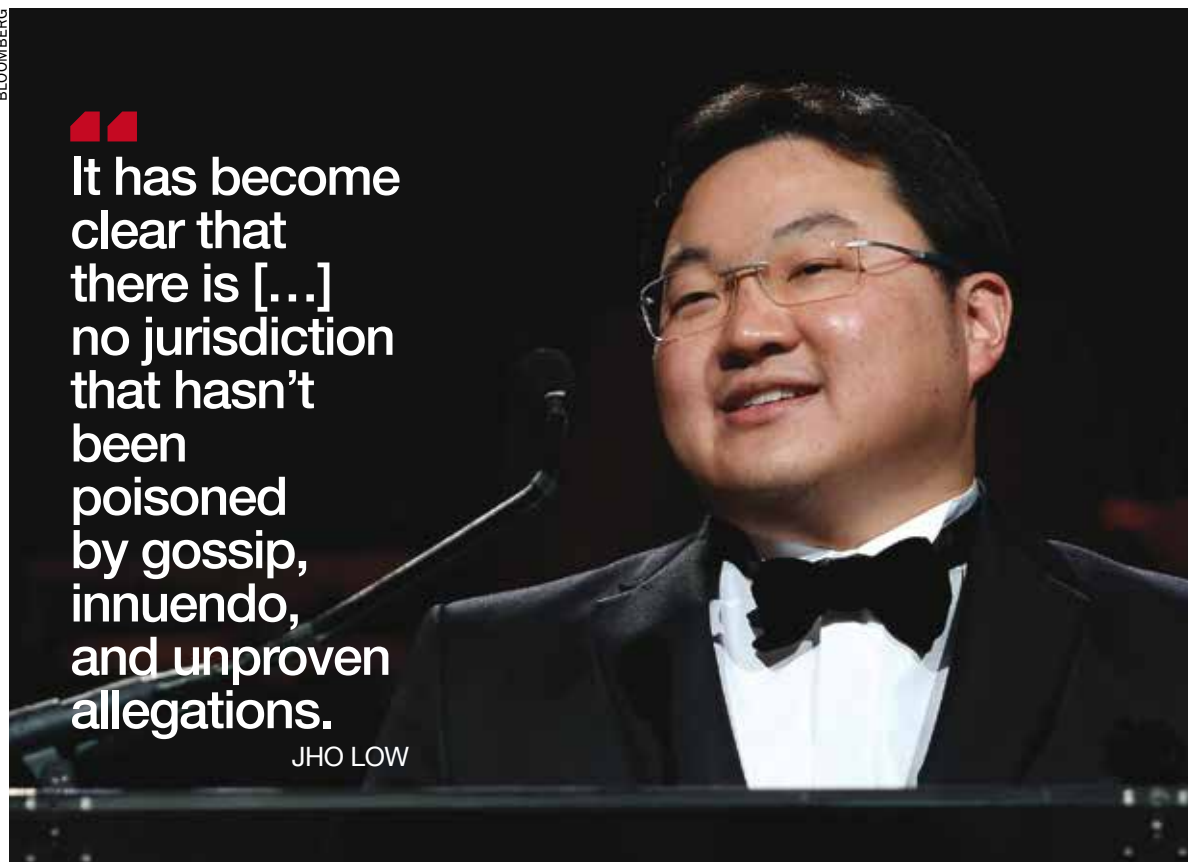
Low, whose whereabouts are unknown, is described on the website as a "global philanthropist, investor and entrepreneur."

He has been charged in absentia in Malaysia with money laundering, and Prime Minister Mahathir Mohamad has called

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It has become clear that there is [...] no jurisdiction that hasn't been poisoned by gossip, innuendo, and unproven allegations.

JHO LOW



on Low to return to the Southeast Asian country to help with the probe.

"I have been paraded in effigy through the streets of Kuala Lumpur and have photographs

from my younger days plastered in tabloids across the globe," Low wrote.

"I only ask that everyone - courts, prosecutors and the general public - keep an open mind until all of the evidence comes to light."

According to his signed letter, his goal is to provide a "balanced view" of the allegations he is facing, noting that the website will "bring to light these facts and provide the true story that has been suppressed for so long."

Low previously resided in Macau, after staying in Hong Kong for two months, as neither Malaysia nor Singapore had requested his arrest from the region.

"It has become clear that there is no platform where objective information can be presented regarding this issue - and no jurisdiction that hasn't been poisoned by gossip, innuendo, and unproven allegations," Low added in his letter.

Malaysian officials said last month that its government may know the whereabouts of the wanted businessman, yet did not disclose further details.

Meanwhile, The Wall Street Journal cited sources saying Low had been living freely in China despite the Interpol red notice.

Malaysia has applied for an Interpol red notice to seek assistance from the United Arab Emirates, Indonesia, India, Myanmar, China and Hong Kong to detain Low.

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Renato Marques

GUEST speaker at the Macau Young Entrepreneur Incubation Center (MYEIC) for a talk on financing startups, lawyer Luís Roquette Geraldes, a member of the corporate and commercial team of the law firm Morais Leitão Galvão Teles Soares da Silva & Associados (ML-GTS) and head of Team Genesis on Venture Capital said to the Times, "Macau has very favorable conditions to become a startup hub."

The legal expert noted that there are several factors that contribute to such an advantage. For example, "the Macau legal framework is a facilitator and also the cultural advantage, but above all the taxation system is the main incentive that can contribute as a significant incentive for the investors," he said.

Another of the advantages highlighted by Geraldes to the Times was precisely on the geostrategic position of the region. "Just a few steps away [there are] great tech hubs such as Shenzhen and Hong Kong, which already have a great tradition and history in financing [solutions] and startups," as well as other major startup world centers, such as Singapore.

In his opinion, Macau possesses this potential too due to "governmental [both local and

Macau legal and tax framework



Luís Roquette Geraldes

central] interest in fostering these kinds of companies and, particularly in Macau, [because of] the interest in diversifying

the economy."

"Macau is the perfect test bench for startup companies related to the gaming industry," he said.

"I have no doubts that this will work."

Questioned on what is missing for the development in the region of such a field, the legal expert said, "It is just a matter of time. New ecosystems need to mature first. In Portugal, we also took about eight years to develop and mature the ecosystem to the level that it is now."

Besides the maturation, Geraldes also noted the importance of "putting Macau on the map of startups" and for that more than just money is needed.

"Create the Buzz. Put people talking about Macau as a startup hub," he suggested, noting that when that happens, "it will develop very fast, I'm sure."

In this context the furthering of links with neighboring regions and to the Asian continent in general would also bring added benefits to Macau.

During the session, the legal expert noted several relevant aspects that according to his experience are decisive in making a "startup idea work" and succeed.

Replying to a question from the audience regarding the difficulties of dealing with possible investors, he said, "you need to adapt and to adjust your speech

to your audience, different kinds of investors [such as business angels or venture partners] search for different things and you must have different speeches for different types of investors."

"Generally speaking, you better have different business plans regarding the type of investment you looking for," he advised, adding, "in the case where one founder does not possess enough knowledge of the different ways and methods of financing or seeking investment, I would say maybe you need a co-founder that does; that speaks that language to be able to negotiate with the investors."

On the topic of the importance of government intervention and the promotion or encouragement of startups locally, Geraldes said, "I think [Macau] is clearly pointing in the right direction and with the right attitude."

In Geraldes words, "there is one thing that you need to make sure that you can create and that is a 'buzz', a PR [public relations] focused machine" that will contribute to highlight local status, "as you already do in other areas." He noted that PR could play a huge role, giving the

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example of Portugal's "Web Summit" that in his opinion, "made a landmark change."

As for other advice, the legal expert recommended to "keep it simple" and not engage in very complex processes

when doing initial rounds of investment. In his experience, he has observed that badly structured initial rounds of investment are often responsible for the "killing" of startups in premature stages.

"The deals often involve more than one investor, which is normal. [But] what you need to make sure is that none of the investors by themselves have a veto right and you should clearly show

from the start that you do not incentivize opportunistic behaviors [... such as] a misalignment of interests where [the investor's] self-interests are put ahead of the company's interests."

Young Entrepreneur Incubation Center with over 60 projects running

THE Macau Young Entrepreneur Incubation Center (MYEIC) run by the public company Parafuturo de Macau Investment and Development Limited approved last year a total of 84 startup projects from 109 initial submissions. From these, around 60 projects are already in development, the director of the center, Wilson Lam, said yesterday ahead of a talk from legal expert Luís Roquette Geraldes.

According to Lam, from the 60 projects currently running, the technology sector occupies a total of around 46 percent, exhibition and events is accountable for 4 percent, hospitality 19 percent and cultural industries occupy a share of 11 percent.

In the talk held yesterday afternoon, Geraldes provided a breakdown of the 10 most typical entrepreneur mistakes, in an attempt to highlight issues that in his opinion are "easy to prevent" but difficult to resolve, and can influence the overall success of a project. **RM**

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Neto Valente's hold on Lawyers Association

Daniel Beitler

LAWYER Sérgio de Almeida Correia is so far the only candidate in the race to dislodge long-time incumbent Jorge Neto Valente and become the president of the Macau Lawyers Association in the election this December.

His candidacy comes just a few months after Valente, who has been at the helm of the association for most of the past 23 years, said that its leadership was due a "total renovation", hinting that he would not put forward his name for another mandate.

In a 16-point manifesto announced by Correia last Friday, the advocate said that the way forward for the Macau Lawyers Association was one of transparency and accountability, "with no conflicts of interest" and one that "fulfills its social responsibility."

Correia wrote, "the values of advocacy can only be adequately pursued when the profession is exercised independently. When the lawyer is able to free himself from the shackles of economic subservience and political subservience, behaving with decency and transparency before the conflicting interests that require his intervention."

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Sérgio de Almeida Correia at his office

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is facing its first serious challenge

He also said that it was “necessary that the Macau Lawyers Association leaves the passive position in which it has been.”

The comments might have struck a nerve with Valente who, speaking to Radio Macau on the same day, appeared to retract his earlier statements by saying that he could not rule out his own candidacy and that it was still too early for him to say whether he would endorse Correia's bid.

Valente has defended the leadership position of the association for decades, mostly running unopposed. In that time he has earned for himself a reputation for being a trusted public figure with both local and central authorities.

Valente won praise from fellow lawyer Francisco Gaivão, who yesterday told the Times that the long-standing association president “has done a terrific job.”

“Valente has been very active in defending the system and the [use of] dual-languages, Portuguese and Chinese, which is integral to our legal system. He has a lot of prestige and respect within the community,” said Gaivão.

However, others feel that the Macau Lawyers Association's defense of the legal system – and in particular the Basic Law – has been on the wane.

Having held a senior post at the Macau Lawyers Association from 1995 to 1999, lawyer João Miguel Barros believes that the institution is in need of a renewal. He announced to the Times yesterday his support for Correia in the leadership contest.



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MIGUEL DE SENNA FERNANDES



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RODRIGO MENDIA DE CASTRO

“I am supporting Sergio Correia. I believe we are at a time when a renewal of the association is needed. We cannot have a post like the president's with just one person forever,” he said. “We don't want that kind of regime.”

Barros also said that the association needed to step up its defense of the Basic Law and highlight instances of when government policy encroaches on it.

“The responsibilities of the association are mainly to protect lawyers and the main principles of the Basic Law, but recently, the association has kept quiet on some matters relating to the Basic Law. It's now time to raise its voice,” he said.

For Miguel de Senna Fernandes, a lawyer and leader in the Macanese community, Correia's candidacy is a sign of vitality in the legal profession.

“It's good news [that Correia is running] because there was a time when nobody seemed to care about running against Neto Valente,” Senna Fernandes told the Times yesterday. “I am not saying that Valente is not a good leader – we all respect Valente; when you analyze the content of Valente's messages, you see that he wants the best for Macau's lawyers and he has strived to [enhance] the public image of law professionals and has done a good job. But it's a good sign for the vitality of the profession to have Correia as a candidate.”

“I believe that, if elected, Sergio Almeida Correia would be a rather good president. His candidacy has been amply discussed in these last few days and I have noticed the support expressed by several colleagues,” said Rodrigo Mendia de

Castro, a co-founder of FCLaw Lawyers & Private Notaries.

“To be very honest, as a lawyer, I no longer feel represented by the current Board and would welcome a change,” he added.

“We always felt that Jorge Neto Valente sincerely wished to leave the presidency and have others to take his place in the Lawyers Association. He has, actually, consistently encouraged others to run for the position,” said Mendia de Castro.

Correia, who holds a PhD in political science, has been regularly in the public eye with commentary on politics and legal affairs. He often offers his comments and critical views to the local press, including Macau Daily Times.

One local lawyer informed the Times that, as a reputed legal professional, Correia's bid will be welcomed and taken seriously by the association's community. The lawyer, who requested anonymity, added that in the past there have been potential contenders for the leadership position but, unlike Correia, “they didn't have the reputation to challenge Valente.”

“Correia is a very honest and competent lawyer and has experience working within the association,” agreed Barros. “He is a serious candidate and is committed to his candidacy.”

The Times contacted almost a dozen other lawyers, most of whom said they were aware of Correia's bid but not in a position to comment until they had studied the challenger's manifesto more closely.

The Times also sought a comment from Neto Valente, but was informed by his office that the incumbent president is on a state visit to Tibet organized by the Liaison Office in Macau, and could not be reached.

Man lost MOP30,000 to fraud

The Judiciary Police (PJ) reported on Monday that a local man lost MOP30,000 after falling victim to fraud. The suspect involved in the crime met the victim through a mobile social network. The suspect, pretending to be a prostitute working in a private club, told the victim that she needed to go to mainland China to see her family. The suspect told the victim to first pay MOP1,600 to her boss to get her out of the work place, and afterwards asked the victim again to settle a payment of MOP32,000. The boss threatened the victim into agreeing not to say anything to his family. Following this, the victim reported the case to the police.

Clean-up said to be completed by tomorrow

Yesterday, the Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau (IACM) said that it will take approximately two more days for the government to completely clean up the trash across the city. Approximately 90 percent of the trash in the Inner Harbor area and in other flooded areas have already been cleaned up. There was more trash in these areas compared to other parts of Macau. Until yesterday, a total of 2,545 tons of trash were cleaned up. This waste consists of mainly domestic waste and perishable substances. The IACM also disposed of 2.8 tons of frozen meat.

Calls for mandatory casino suspensions

The New Macau Gaming Staff Rights Association is calling for mandatory suspension of casino operations during powerful typhoons. Yesterday, the association delivered a letter to the Gaming Inspection and Coordination Bureau (DICJ) calling for casinos to be closed when typhoon signal No. 8 or higher is hoisted. Earlier, Cloee Chao, the leader of the gaming workers association, praised the operators' decision to suspend casino activities. However, Secretary for Security Wong Sio Chak said on Monday that the government has yet to consider such mandatory typhoon casino closures.



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FRANCISCO GAIVÃO

Japan's oldest winemaker readies for European grape onslaught

Aya Takada and Hiromi Horie

WITH the removal of tariffs on European wines as soon as next year, Kirin Holdings Co.'s wine-making unit is betting on Japanese grapes to weather the onslaught.

Mercian Corp., Japan's biggest and oldest winemaker, is nearly doubling its vineyards on expectations that its niche grapes - grown in a small area in the shadow of Mount Fuji - will increase sales both at home and overseas. It's seeking to bolster market share ahead of the implementation of a trade agreement removing tariffs on European Union wines that are as high as 182 yen (USD1.63) a liter.

The Japan-EU deal lowers barriers just as U.S. President Donald Trump's shunning of such deals helps stoke a wave of protectionism that's disrupted the trade of commodities and consumer goods. Japan is a growing wine market, with consumption surging this decade and exports climbing threefold last year. Mercian uses Koshu grapes, a white variety first cultivated in Japan in the 12th century and used in wine-making for more than 100 years, and Muscat Bailey A, a red variety developed eight decades ago.

The "chances to sell Japanese wine overseas are growing," Mercian President Teruyuki Daino, 58, said in an interview in Tokyo. Competition in the domestic market is set to intensify as imports from Italy and Spain increase, he said. The uniqueness of a wine made from Japanese grapes is an



Chateau Mercian workers handle Pinot Noir grapes

advantage when competing with bottles made from European varieties, according to Daino.

Japan's wine exports climbed to 493 million yen in 2017 from 164 million yen a year earlier, according to Agriculture Ministry data. Hong Kong accounted for 61 percent of sales, followed by Indonesia at 13 percent. Mercian's top market is Hong Kong, followed by the U.S. and Singapore.

Daino aims to double sales of wine made from Koshu and other locally-grown grapes in the next decade from 468,000 bottles last year and plans to start shipments to Thailand and China. It will expand the vineyard under its management to 76 hectares (188 acres) by 2027 from 40 hectares. Mercian sources grapes from its own vineyards as well as through contracts with farmers in Yamanashi, Nagano, Fukushima and Akita.

In addition to Japanese grapes, Mercian produces varieties better known to western consumers like chardonnay, merlot and cabernet sauvignon. It's also growing albarino and tempranillo to cope with future challenges posed by climate change after temperatures in Koshu city topped 35 degrees Celsius during the summer.

"Even if we use European grapes, our wine tastes different from Europeans because of our technique and terroir," Mitsuhiro Anzo, Mercian's chief winemaker, said in an interview in Koshu city in the eastern prefecture of Yamanashi.

Japanese wine is generally more expensive than European bottles and exports from countries such as France, Italy and Spain are expected to grow, said Kenichi Ohashi, a Tokyo-based expert who holds the title of Master of Wine. The trade

agreement will give European wine makers the chance to regain market share in Japan that's been lost to Chile in recent years, he said.

Still wine imports from Chile to Japan rose fivefold to 55,519 kiloliters in 2017 from 2007, according to data from the Ministry of Finance. In the same period, imports from France fell 13 percent to 45,523 kiloliters.

The EU deal will help cut costs for Japanese makers who produce the drink from imported bulk wine, according to Ohashi. It will also benefit Mercian, which imports bottled wine that it then sells in Japan. Overseas wine accounted for almost half of its total sales last year and the trade agreement is an opportunity for that side of the business, Daino said.

"With trade agreement with EU, we want to turn competition in Japan's wine market from price to quality," Daino said. **Bloomberg**

PHILIPPINES

Traders bail on stocks as 'no positive news' in sight

THE Philippine stock market can't catch a break.

Its benchmark index slumped 1.7 percent yesterday, closing below a key level of 7,300 for the first time in 10 weeks for several reasons: worse-than-expected damage from Typhoon Mangkhut, concerns surrounding an elevated inflation outlook and expectations the U.S.-China trade war will escalate. The peso fell as much as 0.1 percent to 54.15 against the dollar before paring losses.

"There is no positive news at the moment except for the good remittance number," says Helen Oleta, head of trading at Rizal Commercial Banking Corp. in Manila. "Inflation expectations remain high, the trade war could intensify while the exchange remains under pressure that many are asking where the peso will be," she said.

Damage caused by Typhoon Mangkhut to farms and infrastructure has reached 14.27 billion pesos (USD79 million), the agriculture department said Monday. About two thirds of the damage, which exceeds an initial forecast of 11 billion pesos, is due to losses in rice, one of key drivers of inflation that's at a nine-year high.

The benchmark PSEi could fall to 7,100 near term and may re-test the 17-month low touched in June if inflation shows no sign of easing and foreign investors continue to sell the nation's equities, according to Oleta. Given the weakness in equities, some investors are shifting to shorter-term dated-fixed income securities that offer better value given the weakness in stocks.

Philippine stocks have dropped 15 percent this year, making the benchmark the second worst major stock market in Asia and among the worst globally. Overseas investors have withdrawn \$1.51 billion this year, surpassing the record \$1.19 billion outflow for all of 2015.

"The typhoon has erased what the government has done to bring down inflation so the expectation is we will see more pressure," Oleta said. "The question now is what would support the market at this time. There isn't enough volume." **Bloomberg**

corporate bits

WING LEO INTRODUCES NEW CANTONESE DISHES



Executive chef Tam Kwok Fung, who has recently taken the helm of Wing Lei Palace at Wynn Palace Cotai, introduced a new menu that features innovative Cantonese dishes that also preserve the traditional culinary traditions of the region.

Honoring the heritage of Cantonese cuisine, Chef Tam's newly crafted menu features a selection of classic Cantonese dishes such as roasted goose with plum sauce where the Magang goose, one of the four most

well-known geese from Guangdong is roasted with lychee wood, Wynn notes in a press release.

Chef Tam, who is a native of Shunde, Guangdong, also introduced a special dish from his hometown called braised fish broth with fish maw and vegetables. Fresh grouper forms the fish broth blended together with fish maw, luffa, fungus and for the final touch, mandarin peel is mixed in to give the soup an added richness. Also, one of Chef Tam's masterpieces is the crispy sea cucumber stuffed with minced shrimp.

SANDS VOLUNTEERS FOR CLEAN-UP ACTIVITY



Around 60 volunteers from the Sands Cares Ambassador program helped to clean up Hac Sa beach yesterday morning, where they disposed of branches, rubbish,

and other debris, and helped shovel displaced sand back onto the beach.

According to a statement issued by the gaming operator, the move was in

response to the Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau (IACM) calling on the Macau community to help alleviate damage throughout the city caused by Sunday's typhoon Mangkhut.

Sands China's relief efforts, which began before Sunday's storm, include initiatives such as delivering meal boxes and visiting elderly residents who live alone to tape windows shut to minimise storm damage. The company's recovery work remains ongoing, and is part of Sands Cares, the global corporate citizenship programme of parent company Las Vegas Sands Corp.

CAPE VERDE

Fixed system for currency against euro preserved

THE benefits that Cape Verde derives from the fixed-rate regime of the Cape Verdean escudo against the euro means it is not worth joining the single currency of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS), the governor of the Bank of Cabo Verde said last week in Praia.

"Cabo Verde has a credible currency, which fulfills the functions of value reserve and means of exchange, which inspires confidence and has allowed the country to take the leap it did, so it does not make sense to change it," said João Serra, on the sidelines of the opening of an International Conference commemorating 20 years since the signing of the Foreign Exchange Cooperation Agreement between Portugal and

Cabo Verde.

Cited by Cape Verdean news agency Inforpress, the governor said that given the characteristics of the Cape Verdean economy, almost exclusively focused on Europe, the country will have no advantage in joining the African single currency.

"We have almost no economic relations with Africa, either with ECOWAS or with the continent as a whole, so we are technically arguing that Cabo Verde's accession to ECOWAS's single currency is not worth it, it will not bring benefits that might eventually supplant those we now have with the fixed regime against the euro," he said.

Serra also explained that the replacement of the Cape Verde escudo by the euro is also an issue that is not on the table. **MDT/Macauhub**

Angola, Portugal put an end to double taxation

ANGOLA and Portugal are due this week to sign a convention to end double taxation between the two countries, as part of a two-day visit to Angola that the Portuguese prime minister is due to start on Monday, financial newspaper *Jornal de Negócios* reported last Friday.

The newspaper reported that although Portugal's finance ministry did not confirm that the agreement will be signed during the prime minister's visit, the Angolan Secretary of State for International Cooperation, Domingos Vieira Lopes had already admitted the possibility of signing the agreement during Costa's visit to Luanda.

"The agreement to avoid double taxation between Angola and Portugal is in progress and practically concluded," the newspaper wrote quoting the Secretary of State for International Cooperation.

The Portuguese Minister of Foreign Affairs, Augusto Santos Silva, said the visit "will have a very important economic component because the commercial relationship and in terms of reciprocal invest-



ments of Portugal and Angola is very intense."

Santos Silva said in Brussels on the sidelines of a NATO summit in July that Portugal and Angola will also sign the new strategic cooperation programme and meet with the Portuguese community in Luanda.

Jornal de Angola reported that the Portuguese prime minister spoke yesterday at the "Angola-Portugal Economic Forum: for a strategic partnership."

The Forum is organised by Angola's Private Investment and Export Promotion Agency (AIPEX) and

its equivalent Agency for Investment and Foreign Trade of Portugal (AICEP). The Minister of State for Economic and Social Development, Manuel Nunes, is to make the opening speech at the meeting.

The schedule shows that the General Investment Plan will be presented during the meeting, with contributions from the presidents of Aipex, Licínio Contreiras and AICEP, Luís Filipe de Castro Henriques, as well as a letter of intent signed to support the Development Finance Company (Sofid) of Portugal for a project of Angolan company Metalser. **MDT/Macauhub**

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ANALYSIS

Five ways Trump's tariffs on USD200b in China goods could be felt

Josh Boak, Baltimore

BY imposing taxes on an additional USD200 billion in Chinese goods, President Donald Trump has intensified a battle of wills between the world's two largest economies — and the outcome is far from certain.

No one knows how long the tariffs announced yesterday [Macau time] might last. No one knows if Beijing will yield as pressure builds or instead stiffen its resolve and keep retaliating. No one knows if a politically divided United States will serve to undercut Trump's aggressive tactics.

But what's clear is that the latest fight in the escalating trade war is likely, one way or another, to affect consumers, companies, markets, the economy and the political landscape.

And how all that plays out could determine whether Trump's negotiating gamble proves a triumph or a failure. Here is a look at 5 potential consequences:

CONSUMERS

Unlike the first two rounds of tariffs totaling \$50 billion, the new taxes launched by Trump would more directly hit American consumers. As counterintuitive as it might seem, the president sees this fact as ultimately helping U.S. workers. In the end, he calculates, some short-term pain will lead to new trade policies and accords that will prove more favorable to American companies and individuals.

"As president, it is my duty to protect the interests of working men and women, farmers, ranchers, businesses, and our country itself," Trump said in a statement.

Starting Monday, the United States is to begin charging a 10 percent tax on thousands of Chinese imports — tires, windshield wipers, baseball gloves, bicycles, snakeskin pants, backpacks, trombone cases, refrigerators and wooden furniture, among others. The list runs 194 pages.

Unless the administration reaches a truce with Beijing, Trump's import tax will jump to 25 percent in 2019. What's more, if Beijing retaliates, Trump says he's ready to impose tariffs on an additional \$267 billion in Chinese goods.

The result could be higher prices for American consumers, because most companies are expected to pass on the cost to their customers. After Trump announced tariffs on washing machines toward the start of

2018, the price for laundry equipment shot up 16 percent between February and May, according to an analysis by Mark Perry, an economics professor at the Flint campus of the University of Michigan and a scholar at the American Enterprise Institute, a conservative think tank.

The tariffs could put a dent in consumer spending, though many economists think the impact on the overall economy will be minimal.

"The mere talk of tariffs on all remaining Chinese imports is of serious concern to retailers since tariffs of that magnitude would touch every aspect of American life," said Matthew Shay, chief executive of the National Retail Federation, a trade group for retailers.

COMPANIES

Many companies have warned that Trump's tariffs threaten to disrupt their businesses and depress their revenue.

The monthly manufacturing index by the Institute of Supply Management noted that some companies have expressed concern about tariffs despite an otherwise robust U.S. economy. One food and beverage firm in the ISM survey said, "Suppliers appear to be bracing us for cost increases, given increased talk of tariffs and inflation."

Trump's tariffs, with their uncertain duration, make it difficult for companies to plan for the future. Ted Murphy, a trade lawyer and a partner at Baker

McKenzie, said the president is signaling that many companies will need to rethink their operations.

No longer can they ignore tariffs, which were low and mostly headed lower before Trump took office. They now need to rethink the supply chains they've built across countries and calculate where best to deploy workers.

"They're definitely going to move jobs," Murphy said. "What Trump is doing is increasing the cost, and he's introducing uncertainty into trade relations. Businesses can deal with costs. It's the uncertainty they can't deal with."

FINANCIAL MARKETS

So far, at least, the stock market has taken the threats of tariffs in stride. Share prices have dipped, only to then resume their growth, in part because of deep corporate tax cuts that took effect this year and a solid U.S. economy in its 10th straight year of expansion.

But the new round of tariffs risks triggering a more alarming response by investors. The additional taxes suggest that the two countries are struggling to make progress in settling their differences. The issues include Chinese companies' theft of U.S. intellectual property and a widening trade gap as U.S. consumers have become more dependent on comparatively cheap Chinese imports.

"It's definitely a setback for the market that they can't seem

to get to the table," said J.J. Kinahan, chief market strategist for TD Ameritrade.

Kinahan said technology companies seem especially vulnerable to retaliation from Beijing, which could include tariffs on components as well as restrictions on access to websites and services.

GLOBAL ECONOMY

A prolonged trade war between the United States, the world's largest economy, and China, the second-largest, would ripple through the rest of the globe, potentially affecting economies from Buenos Aires to Istanbul.

Tariffs could translate into less trade, which could hinder growth in smaller nations. The U.S. dollar has already begun to rise in value as trade tensions have mounted. This has insulated the United States from higher prices.

But the higher-valued dollar has also diminished the value of the Turkish lira and the Argentine peso, among others. This trend has weighed heavily on their economies. In the meantime, the value of the Chinese yuan has dropped relative to the dollar, making it easier for Beijing to withstand U.S. tariffs.

Many emerging economies depend on shipping commodities to China. If the Chinese economy slows under the weight of U.S. import taxes, the global economy might also stumble, according to Stephanie Segal, deputy director of the Center for Strategic and International and

Studies, a Washington think tank.

POLITICS

The Republicans' control of the House and the Senate is at stake in the midterm congressional races in November. Trump has portrayed the import taxes as a winning electoral issue because they're forcing other countries to compromise with the United States.

But public opinion suggests that his tariffs could prove a vulnerability. A poll released Aug. 24 by The Associated Press-NORC Center for Public Affairs Research found that 61 percent of Americans disapproved of the president's handling of trade negotiations.

If Democrats win, it would possibly repudiate Trump's approach. But if many Republicans retain their seats, it could vindicate Trump's choice to announce tariffs so close to the elections.

Democratic Sen. Heidi Heitkamp clearly regards the new Trump tariffs as potentially helping her in a tough re-election contest in North Dakota. She immediately denounced them yesterday as crushing farmers who ship crops to China.

"Many family farms are afraid they won't be able to pay the bills if this misguided trade war continues," Heitkamp said in a statement. "There are smart ways to deal with China's cheating on trade, but stepping on our farmers is not one of them." **AP**

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RELIGION

As Pope Francis faces crisis in Rome, cardinal warns of split in China

Cardinal Joseph Zen

John Follain

WHILE Pope Francis battles rare criticism from senior clergy in the Vatican, he's facing a warning that the Roman Catholic Church risks devastating division from Asia.

Cardinal Joseph Zen - the retired but still outspoken former archbishop of Hong Kong - told Bloomberg News last month that he wrote to Francis to denounce efforts by the Vatican to reach a landmark agreement with Beijing on the appointment of bishops in China. Zen cautioned in a July letter that such a deal, which could lift a barrier to restoring diplomatic relations with Beijing, may also create a schism among the local faithful.

"Francis is too optimistic," said Zen, 86. "The trouble is that he doesn't know the Chinese government. He doesn't have experience of a Communist regime."

Zen's comments highlight another potential concern for Francis, while he faces accusations from the Vatican's former envoy to Washington that he ignored 2013 warnings about alleged sex abuse by U.S. Cardinal Theodore McCarrick. The pope has declined to comment on the claims and on Wednesday summoned top bishops to a February summit to discuss preventing clergy sex abuse.

The Wall Street Journal reported last week that a deal between China and the Vatican could come later this month. Under the agreement, both sides would have a say in appointing the church's bishops in China, according to the article, which cited unidentified sources familiar with the situation.

China Crackdown

The pope is risking another fight in the developing world, Zen said. The dispute in China - like so many in the Church's long history - centers on who gets to appoint bishops, the pope or China's government.

While talks have dragged on for years, Francis expressed optimism in a June interview with Reuters that ties were improving. China's main demand is for the Vatican to formally recognize seven excommunicated Chinese bishops appointed by the government without the pope's approval, according to the Wall Street Journal.

But reaching a settlement with the officially atheist Communist Party has provided elusive, especially as President Xi Jinping presides over the most widespread crackdown on religious freedom since it was written into the country's constitution in 1982. Chinese authorities have jailed Catholic priests, destroyed churches and cut crosses from the tops of churches.

The efforts go beyond Christianity. Last month, a United Nations panel called on Beijing to respond to what it said were credible reports that as many as 1 million Muslims were being held in "re-education camps" in the far western region of Xinjiang. A senior Chinese official warned in April against overseas individuals or entities using religion as a tool of infiltration.

The estimated 12 million Catholics in China are currently divided between the Catholic Patriotic Association, a state-run authority in which the government names bishops, and an "underground" Church loyal to the pope.

Although Zen is retired, he has retained influence as an advocate for greater democracy in the former British colony of Hong Kong. At his home in the Salesian House of Studies, Zen repeatedly rapped his gold cardinal's ring on the table as he gesticulated for emphasis. He argued that the Church didn't understand Xi's intent. "I said that, 'I'm really worried not about you, Your Holiness, but about the people around you,'" Zen said. "I said, 'The things your collaborators are doing' - and I used a really bad Italian word, *macchinando* [plotting] - 'will have tragic and long-lasting effects, not only for the Church in China, but for the whole Church.'"

The cardinal faulted discussions

about giving the pope veto power over a bishops nominated by a party-backed nominating conference.

"The conference is fake, it has no power at all," Zen said, adding that such a move risked creating "a schismatic Church with the blessing of the Holy Father."

The trouble is that [Francis] doesn't know the Chinese gov't. He doesn't have experience of a Communist regime.

CARDINAL ZEN

The Vatican declined to comment on Zen's remarks, or on the talks with China. The Vatican in January rebuked Zen - without naming him - for "fostering confusion and controversy" after he suggested Francis wasn't fully informed about Vatican officials' strategy on China.

The debate could also have repercussions for democratically run

Taiwan, which counts the Vatican as one of its 17 remaining diplomatic allies. Beijing has been wooing countries away from Taipei since the island elected a president from a pro-independence party in 2016.

Taiwanese Foreign Minister Joseph Wu told Bloomberg News on Aug. 24 that the island was watching China's efforts to boost ties with the Church. He argued that now wasn't the time for the Vatican to switch allegiances, since "there are more and more Catholics in China that are being persecuted."

Zen also expressed concern about what he said was an erosion of the autonomy and political freedom guaranteed to Hong Kong under China's "one country, two systems" framework. "They just threw away 'one country, two systems' a long time ago, and the government is becoming so totalitarian that you can't believe you are in Hong Kong anymore," Zen said.

Zen cited the government's unprecedented bid to ban a pro-independence group known as the Hong Kong National Party, calling it "ridiculous - a pretext to stop all criticism."

Asked what he would like to be remembered for, Zen chuckled and replied: "Oh, I simply don't like to be remembered. If they remember me, they should pray for me. That's all."

HEAD OF HONG KONG AND MACAU AFFAIRS OFFICE

Han Zheng to visit Singapore for key annual bilateral meeting for first time

THE Chinese vice-premier Han Zheng will attend the Joint Council for Bilateral Cooperation (JCBC) meeting with Singapore Deputy Prime Minister Teo Chee Hean for the first time tomorrow, leading a delegation which includes senior officials,

governors and mayors. The Straits Times reported.

Han, who was appointed to China's most powerful seven-member Politburo Standing Committee headed by President Xi Jinping last October, is expected to review the pro-

gress of bilateral cooperation between China and Singapore with Teo and chart the direction of future partnerships.

Several deals will also be inked between the two countries. The Straits Times "understands they will be in the areas of arts, re-

search, intellectual property and entrepreneurship."

Singapore and China take turns to host the annual meeting, which is the highest-level forum for deepening ties between the two countries and into its 14th year. The two sides will also hold separate

meetings to take stock of the three government-to-government projects - Suzhou Industrial Park, Tianjin Eco-city and Chongqing Connectivity Initiative - and discuss further developments, said a statement from the Prime Minister's Office yesterday.

According to the newspaper, Han arrives in Singapore today for a three-day visit.

Singapore has been China's top investor since 2013, and both countries share longstanding economic ties.

Han was previously mayor and later party secretary of Shanghai, where he was born. Since March this year, he has been the first vice-premier of the State Council, or Cabinet. He also oversees Hong Kong and Macau affairs. **MDT/TST**

JAPAN

Will 'flying cars' take off? Government hopes so

Yuri Kageyama, Tokyo

ELECTRIC drones booked through smartphones pick people up from office rooftops, shortening travel time by hours, reducing the need for parking and clearing smog from the air.

This vision of the future is driving the Japanese government's "flying car" project. Major carrier All Nippon Airways, electronics company NEC Corp. and more than a dozen other companies and academic experts hope to have a road map ready by the year's end.

"This is such a totally new sector Japan has a good chance for not falling behind," said Fumiaki Ebihara, the government official in charge of the project.

Nobody believes people are going to be zipping around in flying cars any time soon. Many hurdles remain, such as battery life, the need for regulations and, of course, safety concerns. But dozens of similar projects are popping up around the world.

A flying car is defined as an aircraft that's electric, or hybrid electric, with driverless capabilities, that can land and takeoff vertically.

They are often called EVTOL, which stands for "electric vertical takeoff and landing" aircraft.

All the flying car concepts, which are like drones big enough

to hold humans, promise to be better than helicopters, which are expensive to maintain, noisy to fly and require trained pilots, Ebihara and other proponents say.

"You may think of 'Back to the Future,' 'Gundam,' or 'Doraemon,'" Ebihara said, referring to vehicles of flight in a Hollywood film and in Japanese cartoons featuring robots. "Up to now, it was just a dream, but with innovations in motors and batteries, it's time for it to become real."

Google, drone company Ehang and car manufacturer Geely in China, and Volkswagen AG of Germany have invested in flying car technology.

Nissan Motor Co. and Honda Motor Co. said they had nothing to say about flying cars, but Toyota Motor Corp. recently invested USD500 million in working with Uber on self-driving technology for the ride-hailing service. Toyota group companies have also invested 42.5 million yen (\$375,000) in a Japanese startup, Cartivator, that is working on a flying car.

The hope is to fly up and light the torch at the 2020 Tokyo Olympics, but it's unclear it will meet that goal: at a demonstration last year the device crashed after it rose to slightly higher than eye level. A video of a more recent demonstration suggests it's now flying more stably,

though it's being tested indoors, unmanned and chained so it won't fly away.

There are plenty of skeptics.

Elon Musk, chief executive of electric car maker Tesla Inc., says even toy drones are noisy and blow a lot of air, which means anything that would be "1,000 times heavier" isn't practical.

"If you want a flying car, just put wheels on a helicopter," he said in a recent interview with podcast host and comedian Joe Rogan on YouTube. "Your neighbors are not going to be happy if you land a flying car in your backyard or on your rooftop."

Though the Japanese government has resisted Uber's efforts to offer ride-hailing services in Japan, limiting it to partnerships with taxi companies, it has eagerly embraced the U.S. company's work on EVTOL machines.

Uber says it is considering Tokyo as its first launch city for affordable flights via its UberAir service. It says Los Angeles and Dallas, Texas, and locations in Australia, Brazil, France and India are other possible locations.

Unlike regular airplanes, with their aerodynamic design and two wings, Uber's "Elevate" structures look like small jets with several propellers on top. The company says it plans flight demonstrations as soon as 2020 and a commercial service

by 2023.

Uber's vision calls for using heliports on rooftops, but new multi-floored construction similar to parking lots for cars will likely be needed to accommodate so many more EVTOL aircraft, if the service takes off.

Unmanned drones are legal in Japan, the U.S. and other countries, but there are restrictions on where they can be flown and requirements for getting approval in advance. In Japan, drone flyers can be licensed if they take classes. There is no requirement like drivers licenses for cars.

Flying passengers over populated areas would take a quantum leap in technology, overhauling aviation regulations and air traffic safety controls, along with major efforts both to ensure safety and convince people it's safe.

Uber said at a recent presentation in Tokyo that it envisions a route between the city's two international airports, among others.

"This is not a rich person's toy. This is a mass market solution," said Adam Warmoth, product manager at Uber Elevate.

Concepts for flying cars vary greatly. Some resemble vehicles with several propellers on top while others look more like a boat with a seat over the propellers.

Ebihara, the flying-car chief at the Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry, says Japan is on board for "Blade Runner" style travel — despite its plentiful, efficient and well developed public transportation.

Japan's auto and electronics industries have the technology and ability to produce super-light materials that could give the

nation an edge in the flying car business, he said.

Just as the automobile vanquished horse-drawn carriages, moving short-distance transport into the air could in theory bring a sea change in how people live, Ebihara said, pointing to the sky outside the ministry building to stress how empty it was compared to the streets below.

Flying also has the allure of a bird's eye view, the stuff of drone videos increasingly used in filmmaking, tourism promotion and journalism.

Atsushi Taguchi, a "droneographer," as specialists in drone video are called, expects test flights can be carried out even if flying cars won't become a reality for years since the basic technology for stable flying already exists with recent advances in sensors, robotics and digital cameras.

A growing labor shortage in deliveries in Japan is adding to the pressures to realize such technology, though there are risks, said Taguchi, who teaches at the Tokyo film school Digital Hollywood.

The propellers on commercially sold drones today are dangerous, and some of his students have lost fingers with improper flying. The bigger propellers needed for vertical flight would increase the hazards and might need to be covered.

The devices might need parachutes to soften crash landings, or might have to explode into small bits to ensure pieces hitting the ground would be smaller.

"I think one of the biggest hurdles is safety," said Taguchi. "And anything that flies will by definition crash." AP



The testing of a model of the flying car on a former school ground in Toyota, central Japan, last year

AP PHOTO



Eric Talmadge, Hyung-Jin Kim,
Pyongyang

KOREAS

Leaders meet in Pyongyang for potentially tough talks

SOUTH Korean President Moon Jae-in began his third summit with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un yesterday with possibly his hardest mission to date — brokering some kind of compromise to keep North Korea's talks with Washington from imploding and pushing ahead with his own plans to expand economic cooperation and bring a stable peace to the Korean Peninsula.

Kim gave the South Korean president an exceedingly warm welcome, meeting him and his wife at Pyongyang's airport — itself a very unusual gesture — then riding into town with Moon in an open limousine through streets lined with crowds of North Koreans, who cheered and waved the flag of their country and a blue-and-white flag that symbolizes Korean unity.

The made-for-television welcome is par for the course for Moon's summits with Kim.

Hours after his arrival, Moon began an official summit with Kim at the ruling Workers' Party headquarters. The two were joined by two of their top deputies — spy chief Suh Hoon and presidential security director Chung Eui-yong for Moon, and Kim Jong Un's powerful sister, Kim Yo Jong, and senior Workers' Party official Kim Yong Chol for the North Korean leader, according to Moon's office.

At the start of their meeting, Kim thanked Moon for brokering a June summit with U.S. President Donald Trump.

"It's not too much to say that it's Moon's efforts that arranged a historic North Korea-U.S. summit. Because of that, the regional political situation has been stabilized and more progress is expected," Kim said, according to South Korean media pool reports.

Moon responded by expressing his own thanks to Kim for making a "bold decision" in a New Year's speech to open a new era of detente and send a delegation to the South Korean Winter Olympics in February.

The results of the talks weren't immediately available. Seoul officials earlier said they would focus on how to achieve denuclearization of the Korean Peninsula, decrease military tensions along their border and improve overall ties. The North's media said the talks would reaffirm their commitment to Korean peace, unity and prosperity.

During a conversation at the Paekhwawon guest house where Moon was to stay, Kim said North Koreans hope diplomacy will yield positive results. "I think it was our people's wish that we come up with good results as fast as we can," Kim said, according to the media pool reports.

Moon responded that "Our hearts are fluttering, but at the same we have heavy hearts," and added, "We have built trust and friendship between us, so I think all will be well."

The two are to meet again today.

More than in their previous encounters, when the mere fact of meeting and resuming a dialogue was seen as a major step forward, Moon is under pressure to leave Thursday with some concrete accomplishments.

One of Moon's objectives — and one that also interests Kim — was clear from the people he took with him. Traveling

on Moon's government jet was Samsung scion Lee Jae-yong and other business leaders, underscoring Moon's hopes to expand cross-border business projects. Currently, however, all major joint projects between the Koreas are stalled because of U.S.-led sanctions.

But the nuclear issue was sure to cast a shadow over negotiations on joint projects.

Before leaving Seoul, Moon vowed to push for "irreversible, permanent peace" and for better dialogue between Pyongyang and Washington.

"This summit would be very meaningful if it yielded a resumption of North Korea-U.S. talks," Moon said just before his departure. "It's very important for South and North Korea to meet frequently, and we are turning to a phase where we can meet anytime we want."

But as Moon arrived, the North's main newspaper lobbed a rhetorical volley at Washington that could make Moon's job all the more delicate, blaming the United States alone for the lack of progress in denuclearization talks.

■ Kim gave Moon an exceedingly warm welcome, meeting him and his wife at Pyongyang's airport

"The U.S. is totally to blame for the deadlocked DPRK-U.S. negotiations," the Rodong Sinmun said in an editorial, using the initials of the North's formal name, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

It said Washington is "stubbornly insisting" that the North dismantle its nuclear weapons first, an approach "which was rejected in the past DPRK-U.S. dialogues," while failing to show its will for confidence-building "including the declaration of the end of war which it had already pledged."

While signaling his willingness to talk with Washington, Kim's strategy has been to try to elbow the U.S. away from Seoul so that the two Koreas can take the lead in deciding how to bring peace and stability to their peninsula. North Korea maintains that it has developed its nuclear weapons to the point that it can now defend itself against a potential U.S. attack, and can now shift its focus to economic development and improved ties with the South.

Rarely do the North Korean official media even mention the word denuclearization.

Talks between the United States and North Korea have stalled since Kim's meeting with Trump in Singapore in June.

North Korea has taken some steps, like dismantling its nuclear and rocket-engine testing sites, but U.S. officials have said it must take more serious disarmament steps before receiving outside concessions. Trump has indicated he may be open to holding another

summit to resuscitate the talks, however.

For Kim, the timing of this week's summit is good.

North Korea just completed an elaborate celebration replete with a military parade and huge rallies across the country to mark its 70th anniversary. China, signaling its support for Kim's recent diplomatic moves, sent its third-highest party official to those festivities. That's important because China is the North's biggest economic partner and is an important political counterbalance to the United States.

To keep expectations from getting too high, Moon's chief of staff, Im Jong-seok, said it's "difficult to have any optimistic outlook" for progress on denuclearization during the summit. But he said he still expects the summit to produce meaningful agreements.

Some progress along those lines is already underway.

South Korea last week opened a liaison office in the North's city of Kaesong, near the Demilitarized Zone. Another possible area of agreement could be on a formal statement on ending the Korean War, which was halted in 1953 by what was intended to be a temporary armistice. Military officials have discussed possibly disarming a jointly controlled area at the Koreas' shared border village, removing front-line guard posts and halting hostile acts along their sea boundary.

Moon is the third South Korean leader to visit North Korea's capital for summits, but the first since 2007. **AP**

AP PHOTO



Matthew Rhys accepts the award for outstanding lead actor in a drama series for "The Americans" at the 70th Primetime Emmy Awards

EMMYS

An epic proposal, but winners lacking in diversity

Jocelyn Noveck

THE Proposal." It was a 2009 movie starring Sandra Bullock, but now will forever be the informal title of the 2018 Emmys telecast, thanks to a memorable romantic gesture from Emmy-winning director Glenn Weiss — who summoned the courage to propose to his girlfriend on live TV.

She said yes — thank the Lord. The stars in the audience responded with gasps (we saw you, Leslie Jones) and even tears (we saw you too, Queen Elizabeth — er, Claire Foy.)

That feel-good moment — along with crowd-pleasing speeches by Henry Winkler and Betty White — lightened the mood of an evening that otherwise had a lackluster feel, and disappointed many with the lack of ethnic diversity among its winners.

Some moments we'll be talking about:

ISSUE: NOT SOLVED

Nope, they sure didn't solve it. The Emmys began with a happy announcement — this was the most ethnically diverse group of Emmy nominees yet — and a cheeky musical nod to the diversity issue in Hollywood, a song aptly called "We Solved

It!" Kenan Thompson, Kate McKinnon, Sterling K. Brown, Tituss Burgess and Ricky Martin, among others, sang — tongue firmly in cheek — about how far things had progressed, joined by a company of "One of Each" dancers.

But they couldn't have known how the evening itself would progress — award after award would go to a white winner. Presenter James Corden finally said what everyone was thinking. "Let's get it trending: #EmmysSoWhite," he quipped, a double reference to both Betty White, who preceded him, and the prevailing color of the evening.

The string was finally broken about halfway through when Regina King was awarded best actress in a limited series or movie for "Seven Seconds."

DA FONZ!

Sometimes it just takes a little patience to achieve your Emmy dreams — like, four decades and six nominations worth of patience.

But who's counting? Not Henry Winkler, who bounded to the stage with delight to claim his first Emmy, more than 40 years after he was first nominated for his role as The Fonz in "Happy

Days."

The crowd rose to cheer the 72-year-old Winkler as he accepted his trophy for best supporting actor in a comedy series for HBO's dark comedy "Barry," joking that he was giving a speech he wrote 43 years ago.

He quoted some Hollywood advice he'd been given, that "if you stay at the table long enough, the chips come to you."

"Tonight I got to clear the table," he said, and then jokingly told his [adult] children: "You can go to bed now. Daddy won!"

BETTY WHITE STEALS THE SHOW

If that was a feel-good moment, what do you call the sublime appearance of 96-year-old White, honored for 80 years in television?

The star of "Golden Girls" and "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" got such a huge ovation from the crowd that she quipped: "I'm just gonna quit while I'm ahead."

"It's incredible," White said, "that you can stay in a career this long and still have people put up with you. I wish they did that at home."

And she showed she wasn't above — or beyond — a racy

joke: "I want to thank Lorne Michaels for everything he's done with me. I mean, for me," she said of the "Saturday Night Live" creator and producer of the evening's telecast.

POLITICS TAKES A BREAK

There was surprisingly little politics in the Emmys telecast; the name "Trump" was barely if ever mentioned. But "Full Frontal" host Samantha Bee got a few digs in.

Presenting the award for best drama actor with Taraji P. Henson, Bee was asked what drama she was watching. She was off and running.

"I've been watching this shocking dystopian drama called 'the news,'" Bee said.

"I'm on approximately season 9,000. Gets darker and darker, but I can't stop watching. You know, they really need to recast the lead."

She suggested others might want to try, er, lighter fare.

"Just watch 'The Handmaid's Tale' instead," she said. "It's a lot more fun."

A #METOO MOMENT

The #MeToo movement, on the other hand, was addressed right away by hosts Michael Che and Colin Hanks.

"It's an honor being here, sharing this night with the many, many talented and creative people in Hollywood who haven't been caught yet," Che said, to laughs.

Jost noted that drinks were being served to the audience.

"The one thing Hollywood needs right now is people losing their inhibitions at a work function," he quipped.

Missing from the audience was former power player Leslie Moonves, the CBS Corp. chief who was ousted last weekend over sexual misconduct allegations. Che said one of the scariest things a Hollywood executive could hear right now is the message, "Sir, Ronan Farrow is on line one," a reference to The New Yorker writer who has specialized in #MeToo stories, including the ones that led to Moonves' downfall.

TALK ABOUT SEIZING THE MOMENT

Glenn Weiss knows how to spice up an awards show. In fact, that's why he won an Emmy yesterday — for directing the Oscars.

But he took his talent to new heights, using his acceptance speech to pop the question to girlfriend Jan Svendsen.

He first gave tribute to his mother, who died two weeks ago, and then addressed his girlfriend. "You wonder why I don't want to call you my girlfriend?" he asked Svendsen. "It's because I want to call you my wife."

A stunned Svendsen made her way to the stage, where Weiss sank to his knee and presented her with the same ring his father gave his mother 67 years ago. Then, he asked. The answer was yes. PHEW.

Jost cracked later that there were "so many guys with rings who didn't win tonight."

And Emmy winner John Oliver thanked Svendsen for saying yes. "This could've been a very different evening," he noted.

NO PROPOSAL FOR RUSSELL AND RHYS

There were two sweet victories for the FX spy drama "The Americans," which concluded its six-season run in May with an acclaimed finale. The writing award for drama went to Joel Fields and Joseph Weisberg, and the best actor trophy went to Matthew Rhys, who played KGB agent Philip Jennings.

In his speech, Rhys acknowledged his longtime co-star and partner in life, Keri Russell, who lost out in the acting category to Foy.

"I don't have the words, I don't have the time — neither of which would do you justice, Keri," he said. "So thank you. More to come."

He added that there would be no second onstage proposal that night.

"She said, 'If you propose to me, I'll punch you clean in the mouth.'" **AP**

MIDDLE EAST

Russia blames Israel for plane shot down by Syrian missile

Nataliya Vasilyeva, Moscow

A Russian reconnaissance aircraft was shot down by a Syrian missile over the Mediterranean Sea, killing all 15 people on board, the Russian Defense Ministry said yesterday. It blamed Israel for the crash, saying the plane was caught in the crossfire as four Israeli fighters attacked targets in northwestern Syria.

The Russian military said the Il-20 reconnaissance aircraft was hit 35 kilometers offshore late Monday as it was returning to its home base nearby.

"The Israeli pilots were using the Russian aircraft as a shield and pushed it into the line of fire of the Syrian defense," Defense Ministry spokesman Maj. Gen. Igor Konashenkov said.

Defense Minister Sergei Shoigu called his Israeli counterpart, Avigdor Lieberman, later Tuesday to say that Israel is "fully to blame" for the deaths, the ministry said.

The military said Israel did not warn it of its operation over La-



takia province until one minute before the strike, which did not give the Russian plane enough

time to escape.

The Israeli military said in a statement Tuesday that its jets were

already within Israeli airspace when the incident occurred. Israel offered condolences over the death of the Russian troops but said it holds the Syrian government "fully responsible." It also blamed Iran and Hezbollah for what it described as an "unfortunate incident."

The Russian Defense Ministry said a recovery operation has already located the plane's wreckage at sea and has retrieved some bodies and some fragments of the plane.

For several years, Israel and Russia have maintained a special hotline to prevent their air forces from clashing in the skies over Syria. Israeli military officials have previously praised its effectiveness.

Russia has been a key backer of Syrian President Bashar Assad and it has two military bases in the country, including one close to the Mediterranean coast.

Russia's dramatic entry into the Syrian civil war in 2015 in support of the Syrian government, after a year of airstrikes by the U.S. and its coalition partners against the Islamic State group, increased the

specter of dangerous confrontations in the skies over Syria.

Turkey's troops are also on the ground in northern Syria and are patrolling the skies over the region as Ankara seeks to ramp up its influence there and curb the expansion of Syrian Kurdish-controlled territory.

Israel has refrained from taking sides in the Syrian civil war. But it has acknowledged carrying out scores of airstrikes against arch-enemy Iran and its Shiite proxy Hezbollah.

Israel has also acknowledged attacking Iranian targets some 200 times. Israel has warned that it will not allow Iran to establish a permanent military presence in postwar Syria.

Throughout the fighting, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has maintained continuous contact with Russia. Netanyahu frequently travels to Russia for talks with President Vladimir Putin to discuss the Syria issue.

The Israeli military said the Russian plane fell victim to the "extensive and inaccurate" firing of Syrian surface-to-air missile systems and that the Israeli jets — which were carrying out a raid against a Syrian government facility in another place — had already left Syrian airspace by that point.

The Israeli military said that hotline with Russia was in operation and that it would share with Russia all the data at its disposal. AP

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Offbeat

MAN WHO WALKED NEAR BOILING-HOT OLD FAITHFUL GEYSER TICKETED



Yellowstone National Park officials have ticketed a man caught on video wandering close to Old Faithful geyser, where he risked burns from the boiling-hot water that erupts every hour or so.

The man's actions between eruptions startled a crowd of a couple hundred people at the park's most famous attraction. At one point, he lay on the ground near the gurgling hole.

"A bunch of the crowd thought he was going to jump. We didn't know what was going to happen," said Ashley Lemanski of Harbor Beach, Michigan, who shot the video Friday.

The man appeared to urinate on the geyser while a park ranger repeatedly yelled at him to get to safety. Rangers caught up with him after he eventually walked back onto nearby boardwalks, Lemanski said.

Rangers cited him with walking off the boardwalks in a thermal area, Yellowstone spokesman Neal Herbert said yesterday [Macau time]. Herbert didn't have the man's identity.

Just like Yellowstone's wildlife and majestic scenery, tourists behaving badly have become a target for cameras. A man captured on video harassing a bison in Yellowstone in August was sentenced to over four months in jail for the incident and other drunken behavior in nearby Grand Teton National Park.

If the man at Old Faithful relieved himself on the feature, he wasn't the first. Two seasonal park workers were fired after being caught on a webcam urinating on the geyser in 2009.

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19:00	TDM Interview (Repeated)
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21:15	Miscellaneous
21:50	Miscellaneous
22:20	Portuguese Serie - Liberty 21
23:15	TDM News
23:50	Champions League 2018/2019 Highlights
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THE PREDATOR

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

Director: Shane Black

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Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 107min



THE EQUALIZER 2

ROOM 2

2:30, 4:45, 7:15 9:30pm

Director: Antoine Fuqua

Starring: Denzel Washington, Pedro Pascal, Ashton Sanders

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 121min



WHEN I GET HOME, MY WIFE ALWAYS PRETENDS TO BE DEAD

ROOM 3

2:30, 4:45, 7:15 9:30pm

Director: Toshio Lee

Starring: Nana Eikura, Ken Yasuda, Sumika Nono

Language: Japanese (Chinese & English)

Duration: 115min

this day in history



1952 US IMMIGRATION SLAMS DOOR ON CHAPLIN

The United States is to prevent the film legend, Charlie Chaplin, from returning to his Hollywood home until he has been investigated by the Immigration Services.

The Attorney-General, Thomas McGranery, has ordered the Immigration Service to hold Mr Chaplin "for hearings" if he returns to the United States, despite issuing him with a re-entry permit only a few months ago.

He gave no reason for his instructions.

Mr Chaplin is currently sailing to England on board the Queen Elizabeth with his wife and four children.

His friend, the writer Harry Crocker, who is travelling with the family, said Mr Chaplin would probably talk to his lawyers before making any comment.

He added that Mr Chaplin intends to return to the US in about six months.

Mr Chaplin is still a British citizen, despite living in America for almost 40 years, and has no automatic right to re-enter the country.

Under US law, grounds for denying a foreigner admission include "moral turpitude" and "political affiliations".

Charlie Chaplin has been under severe pressure in the US over accusations from Senator Joseph McCarthy and the House Un-American Activities Committee that he is associated with left-wing causes.

Mr Chaplin has been on the FBI's Security Index since 1948, and he was one of over 300 people blacklisted by Hollywood film studios and unable to work after he refused to cooperate when he appeared before the Committee.

When questioned about his membership of the Communist Party, Mr Chaplin answered, "I do not want to create any revolution, all I want to do is create a few more films."

"I might amuse people. I hope so."

He has also been attacked over his colourful private life: he has married four times, twice to girls of 16, and in 1943 was the subject of a paternity suit which he fought and lost.

Mr Chaplin's lawyer in Hollywood, Lloyd Wright, said the re-entry permit was valid for a year.

"The immigration was so nice about issuing Chaplin his permit and even told him to hurry back," he said.

"Now the minute he gets on the high seas this comes up."

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

When Charlie Chaplin arrived in the UK, he quickly realised it would be impossible for him to return to the United States.

He turned against his erstwhile home, saying, "I would not go back there even if Jesus Christ was the president."

After the highly successful premiere of his film, "Limelight", in London, he settled in Vevey, in Switzerland, where he lived until his death in 1977.

He continued to make films, although public opinion in the US had turned so strongly against him that his first European film, "A King in New York", was not released in America for 16 years.

He did return to the United States one more time, in 1972, when his talent was finally recognised and he was awarded a Special Academy Award.

Three years later, he received a knighthood from the Queen. After his death, Charlie Chaplin's body was stolen from his grave and was missing for 11 weeks, until it was recovered in May 1978.

Two men were convicted of the theft and for trying to extort money from the Chaplin family.

YOUR STARS



Aries

Mar. 21-Apr. 19

Today you should devote your time to maintaining relationships and letting the people in your life know that without them, you're half the person you could be. Emails will get the job done, but if you have time...



Taurus

April 20-May 20

Well lucky you! Just as things are starting to heat up, you land yourself some front row seats! You are definitely in the thick of things, and you should prepare yourself for quite a show.



Gemini

May 21-Jun. 21

There is a fullness to this day that will bring you a great deal of satisfaction - and entertainment. Suddenly, you will fully comprehend something that has been vexing you for months.



Cancer

Jun. 22-Jul. 22

Lately, establishing communications with a certain someone has proven to be difficult - there's nothing like a never-ending game of phone tag to fray your nerves, is there?



Leo

Jul. 23-Aug. 22

You have crossed a threshold of sorts today - there is a place you were in that you are never going to return to again. This could have been a pleasant place or it could have been an unpleasant one.



Virgo

Aug. 23-Sept. 22

The results of your efforts are starting to get exciting today, so now that everything is well on its way toward going the way you want them to, why not turn your attention toward the process?



Libra

Sep.23-Oct. 22

You already know that life isn't perfect, but a recent wave of positive energy might be making you think differently. Be positive and take advantage of the good luck that's coming your way.



Scorpio

Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

You are the recipient of many truths today. People are in the mood to tell you how they feel, and while not all of the reviews will be glowing, you will end your day with closer.



Sagittarius

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Wait until you know for sure that your insights will be appreciated before speaking up. Just because you are correct doesn't mean that everyone else needs to know it. Someone's ego can be quite fragile.



Capricorn

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Brevity is key. If you just put things in a nutshell, you'll get right to the point and save everyone time. Your organizational skills are getting to be better than ever - so use them to help you figure out your game plan.



Aquarius

Jan. 20-Feb. 18

You will need to sort your obligations and joys into separate piles - keeping business and pleasure totally separate are vital if you want to stay on the right path and avoid big obstacles.



Pisces

Feb.19-Mar. 20

Now is a good time to reevaluate your public persona. A recent awkward moment left you feeling out of your element, and that could be because you aren't completely aware of how people see you.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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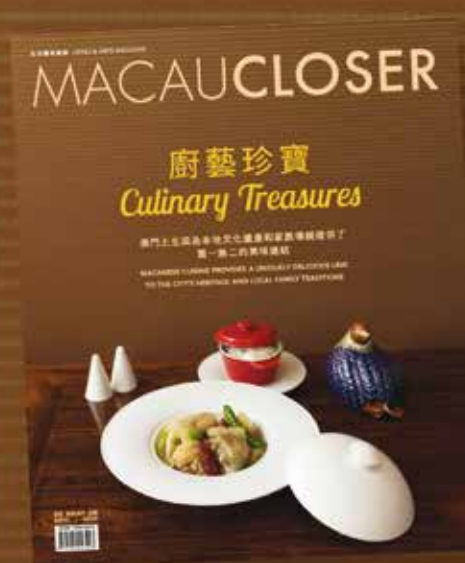
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FOOTBALL

Mourinho, Kovac and Lopetegui kick off Champions League quests

COACHES with something to prove will kick off their Champions League seasons tonight (Thursday, 3am).

Bayern Munich's Niko Kovac will be coaching in Europe's top competition for the first time, while Real Madrid's Julen Lopetegui makes his return three months after being fired as coach of Spain on the eve of the World Cup.

Pep Guardiola is aiming to lift Manchester City to a higher level in Europe, while across town Manchester United's Jose Mourinho will try yet again to become the first coach to win the European Cup/Champions League with three different clubs.

Massimiliano Allegri, meanwhile, is hoping to get a first title with serial winner Cristiano Ronaldo now in his Juventus team.

A look at the four Champions League groups which start today:

GROUP E

Kovac, who coached Croatia at the 2014 World Cup, will get his first taste of Champions League action when Bayern Munich plays at Benfica.

Kovac, who took over from the retiring Jupp Heynckes in the offseason, is off to a good start with the Bavarian powerhouse — a perfect record in the Bundesliga and German Cup. However, his tenure will be judged on his success in Europe's top club competition.

Bayern, a five-time European champion, is seeking its first title since 2013 after several near



misses in recent years under Guardiola and Carlo Ancelotti. The club rues what it calls an unlucky semifinal loss to eventual champion Real Madrid last season.

"We are the favorites but we have to make sure we don't underestimate this group," Bayern chairman Karl-Heinz Rummenigge said.

Benfica has two titles, though none since 1962. The last of Ajax's four titles was in 1995, but the Dutch club was in a Europa League final against Manchester United 16 months ago.

Ajax hosts Greek champion AEK Athens, the lowest-ranked of the 32 group-stage teams, in the early kickoff slot.

GROUP F

After confirming his coaching style can succeed in the Premier League, Guardiola is out to conquer Europe with Manchester City.

Twice a Champions League winner with Barcelona, Guardiola failed to add another in three years at Bayern Munich. In two attempts at City, Guardiola has yet to get past the quarterfinals.

With City the top-seeded team as English champion, there is now an easier path — starting Wednesday against Lyon.

Lyon's identity of play is unclear as it travels to Manchester full of doubts on the back of a poor draw with Caen in the French league.

Shakhtar will be bringing its usual mix of Ukrainian locals and technical Brazilian midfielders after winning a seventh domestic title in the last decade. It still cannot play in Donetsk, which is occupied by Russian-backed separatists.

Instead, Shakhtar will play Hoffenheim, coached by 31-year-old Julian Nagelsmann, in Kharkiv in another early kickoff.

GROUP G

Much has changed for Real Madrid since winning a third straight Champions League title four months ago. For the first time since 2009 there is no Cristiano Ronaldo, the competition's record scorer.

Europe's most successful club also lost Zinedine Zidane, who resigned as coach, and hired Lopetegui just before the World Cup started. The move led to Lopetegui being fired immediately from the national team job.

Madrid added Thibaut Courtois in goal, but made no major signings to replace Ronaldo. Karim Benzema and Gareth Bale have played well in the team's good start in the Spanish league.

Madrid starts at home against Roma, a semifinalist last season after eliminating Barcelona in the quarterfinals. Expectations are high for the Italian club.

CSKA Moscow is playing in the group stage for the sixth straight time but rarely reaches the knockout rounds. Czech champion Viktoria Plzen completes the group, returning to this stage for the first time since 2013.

GROUP H

With Juventus dominant in Italy, the acquisition of five-time Champions League winner Ronaldo is geared toward getting Allegri's side over the line in Europe after losing two finals in the past four seasons.

Juventus starts at Valencia, which returns to the group stage after a six-year gap.

Valencia added several players in the offseason, including forwards Michy Batshuayi, Kevin Gameiro and Goncalo Guedes, but they have yet to score in the club's winless first four games in Spain.

Mourinho can still become the first coach to win Europe's top club competition with three different clubs, nine seasons after his last title.

United begins at Young Boys, a group outsider making its debut at this stage. The Swiss champions will look for goals from a 34-year-old forward who played alongside Zlatan Ibrahimovic in his last Champions League game six years ago.

Then, in November 2012, Guillaume Hoarau scored for Paris Saint-Germain in a 4-0 win over Dinamo Zagreb. The former France international, now in his fifth season at Young Boys, helped the club end a 32-year wait for a league title. **AP**

GOLFER MURDER

Drifter charged in stabbing death of amateur champ in Iowa

A homeless man attacked and killed a top amateur golfer from Spain who was playing a round alone near her university campus in central Iowa, leaving her body in a pond on the course, police said.

Collin Daniel Richards, 22, has been charged with first-degree murder in the death of Celia Barquin Arozamena, a student at Iowa State University. He was ordered jailed yesterday on a USD5 million, cash-only bond.

Barquin was found Mon-

day at Coldwater Golf Links in Ames, about 50 kilometers north of Des Moines. Police were called to the course around 10:20 a.m. to investigate a possible missing female after golfers found a golf bag with no one around it.

Officers found Barquin's body some distance from the bag, with several stab wounds to her upper torso, head and neck, according to the criminal complaint filed yesterday.

"It's still very troubling for something like this to

happen in broad daylight in a community that is as safe as Ames is," Ames police Cmdr. Geoff Huff said at a news conference Tuesday.

It is the second fatal stabbing of a female student in Iowa in recent months. An immigrant from Mexico is charged in the July 18 kidnapping and stabbing of University of Iowa student Mollie Tibbetts, who vanished while out for a run in the small town of Brooklyn.

Barquin, the 2018 Big

12 champion and Iowa State Female Athlete of the year, had no known prior relationship with Richards, Huff said.

Richards, who faces a mandatory sentence of life in prison if convicted, reported in a financial affidavit that he has no job. Paul Rounds, a public defender assigned to represent him, filed paperwork asserting his right to not speak to investigators. Rounds declined comment.

A police dog tracked Bar-



Golfer Celia Barquin Arozamena, from Spain

quin's scent to a homeless encampment along a creek near the golf course, where Richards had been living in a tent, the complaint said. Officers fou-

nd Richards with several fresh scratches on his face consistent with fighting, and a deep laceration in his left hand that he tried to conceal, it said. **AP**

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World Views

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THE EUROPEAN UNION HAS A PROBLEM WITH DIRTY MONEY

After a string of scandals, the European Commission has unveiled new plans to crack down on money laundering. It's right to take this problem seriously — but its proposals are weak. Instead of setting up a new agency and equipping it to do the job, Europe plans to keep relying on national authorities, some of which aren't up to the task.

Banks in Denmark, the Netherlands, Latvia and Malta have all been linked to criminal inflows from countries including Russia and North Korea.

The EU has moved to centralize banking supervision, but money laundering has remained a national responsibility. It was the U.S. Treasury Department that found out that ABLV, a Latvian lender, was involved in "institutionalized money laundering," prompting EU authorities to withdraw its banking license. And a report by the European Banking Authority (EBA) concluded that the Maltese regulator had "failed to conduct an effective supervision" of Pilatus Bank, a lender with links to Iran.



The offices of ABLV Bank AS stand in Riga, Latvia

In principle, there's nothing wrong with national regulation of international financial crime.

The U.S. Treasury's Office of Terrorism and Financial Intelligence deals with money laundering. But some EU governments, concerned about the reputation of their respective banks, have taken an unduly lax approach.

A common EU agency would be less susceptible to local pressure. Also, EU banks can set up branches across the union on preferential terms thanks to its so-called passporting system — so EU banking is intrinsically cross-border, strengthening the case for more centralized supervision.

Brussels wants to give new powers to the EBA, so that the agency can tell national supervisors to investigate cases and consider possible sanctions. This is a step in the right direction. But the EBA isn't equipped for the job. The London-based agency is primarily responsible for designing stress tests and overseeing prudential rules. Some aspects of money laundering fall under its review, but it currently has just two officials assigned to the task. The EU wants to add 10 more. That isn't enough.

Most important, the EU wants domestic regulators to stay in charge. It would have been better to harmonize the rules, create a new agency, and give it lead responsibility for investigating offenders. The EU has missed an opportunity to move to a better system and improve its reputation for sound financial supervision.

THE BUZZ GREECE TO MOVE 2,000 OUT OF OVERCROWDED LESBOS MIGRANT CAMP

Some 2,000 asylum-seekers will be moved out of a severely overcrowded migrant camp on the Greek island of Lesbos this month, a Greek official said as charities slammed conditions at the camp, which has raw sewage running out of its main entrance.

Government spokesman Dimitris Tzanakopoulos said those being moved out of the Moria camp, which houses 9,000 people in a facility built for 3,100, will be sent to the

mainland so their asylum claims can be examined.

"The situation in Moria is indeed difficult, it is indeed at the limit," Tzanakopoulos said.

Doctors Without Borders has called for the emergency evacuation of vulnerable people at the camp to the mainland and other European Union countries, citing an increase in suicide attempts and self-harm among children in Moria and cases of sexual attack.

Israel to approve immigration for 1,000 Ethiopian Jews

THE Israeli government announced that it agreed to absorb 1,000 Ethiopian Jews — accepting just a fraction of the African country's 8,000 remaining Jews who want to move to Israel.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said that a special committee had agreed to allow community members who already have children in Israel to immigrate. It was not clear what will happen to the remaining 7,000 people.

Alisa Bodner, a spokeswoman for Struggle for Ethiopian Aliyah, a group petitioning the government to allow Ethiopian Jews to immigrate, called Netanyahu's decision an "incredible disappointment" and "another spit in the face" for Israel's Ethiopian community. Citing his previous vows, the group is calling on the prime minister to provide a path to citizenship for the remaining 7,000 members of the Jewish Ethiopian community.

Many of the 8,000 are practicing Jews and have relatives in Israel. But Israel doesn't consider them Jewish under strict religious law, meaning their immigration requires special approval. The 8,000 are descendants of Ethiopian Jews who were forcibly converted to Christianity around a century ago, and the Israeli



Members of Ethiopia's Jewish community hold pictures of their relatives in Israel, during a solidarity event at the synagogue in Addis Ababa

government views bringing them to Israel as family reunification rather than "aliya," or Jewish immigration.

Israel agreed in 2015 to bring the remaining Ethiopians to Israel, but has not authorized funding for their move. The families allege discrimination.

Avraham Neguise, an Ethiopian-Israeli lawmaker and member of the special committee, said that while he welcomes the government's decision, he was disappointed that this issue has yet to be resolved.

"We won't cease in our mission, our struggle until everyone is reunited with their family here in Israel," he said.

Neguise said the committee did not discuss plans for the remaining 7,000 Ethiopian Jews in yesterday's meeting.

Israel is home to approximately 144,000 Jews of Ethiopian descent, the majority of whom immigrated to Israel in the 1980s and 1990s. Last year Israel approved immigration for 1,300 Ethiopians with relatives who had already immigrated.

But their assimilation into Israeli society hasn't been smooth, with many arriving without a formal education and then falling into unemployment and poverty. Ethiopian Jews have also protested in recent years against perceived discrimination in Israeli society. **AP**

THE DECISIVE MOMENT

Chris Pizzello/Invision/AP



Creepy. A whiteface character from the FX hit series "Atlanta" showed up at the Emmy Awards. Teddy Perkins appeared at the Microsoft Theater in the same attire as worn on the comedy-drama on the show, sporting red velvet dinner jacket, heavy white makeup, prosthetics and a bob cut wig. (See p14)

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

SOURCE: D5M6G

WORLD BRIEFS

INDIA Four policemen were suspended after a video on social media showed them failing to provide the victim of a mob lynching with medical assistance.

SYRIA A Russian reconnaissance aircraft was shot down by a Syrian missile over the Mediterranean Sea, killing all 15 people on board, the Russian Defense Ministry said yesterday. It blamed Israel for the crash, saying the plane was caught in the crossfire as four Israeli fighters attacked targets in northwestern Syria.

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EGYPT Amnesty International says Egypt's crackdown on freedom of expression has reached "alarming" levels, calling for the unconditional release of Egyptians jailed for peacefully expressing their views.



GERMANY The head of Germany's domestic intelligence agency is being replaced after clashing with Chancellor Angela Merkel over anti-migrant violence in the country.

BRITAIN Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt said yesterday that the U.K. will flourish with or without an agreement on its relationship with the European Union after it leaves the grouping next year.



BRAZIL The presidential candidate who has taken the place of barred former President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva says he won't pardon the ex-leader if he wins election.

US One Sacramento County sheriff's deputy was killed and another wounded after exchanging gunfire with a suspect at an auto shop just outside of the capital city.