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TAIWAN Pro-independence ruling party DPP takes a major step toward nominating incumbent President Tsai Ing-wen - a thorn in the side of China - as its candidate for a second presidential term. More on p11

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IAM repainting to complete by year-end

The repainting of the Municipal Affairs Bureau's (IAM) external wall is expected to be completed by the end of this year, according to José Maria da Fonseca Tavares, president of the bureau. Earlier this year, the IAM building was graffitied by a tourist from Portugal, who wanted to demonstrate his love to his Portuguese girlfriend, who lives in Macau. The repainting has not been prompted simply by this incident. It serves also to celebrate the 20th anniversary of the Macau handover, according to the government. The bureau is outsourcing the project and will launch a bid soon.

Locals fall for GBA property propaganda

A group of around 100 Macau residents have complained about the failure of their investment in mainland commercial property, according to a report by Macao Daily News. The group bought shops in a real estate project in Zhongshan, investing a total of RMB10 million. Many of them paid between RMB200,000 and RMB300,000. The group claimed that they invested due to being inspired by the propaganda of the Greater Bay Area. They complained to several mainland government departments, however, no mainland department would handle their case. They hope that the Liaison Office and the Macau government can help them get refunds on the investment.

Consumer Council strikes agreement in Brazil

Representatives from Macau's Consumer Council visited Rio de Janeiro in Brazil for a meeting with PROTESTE, the consumer protection organization in the Portuguese-speaking country, to discuss the establishment of a long-term communication mechanism. Both parties reached a consensus to work together in the meeting in Rio, with cooperation covering personnel training, the exchange of information, conduct of joint activities, and sharing of research. A mutual dispute resolution mechanism was also discussed. PROTESTE is the largest consumer protection organization in Brazil and Latin America, and the second largest in the world. There are over 200,000 members under PROTESTE.



Two Pearl River Delta 'gastronomy cities' sign memorandum

MACAU has signed a memorandum of understanding with the Creative City of Gastronomy of Shunde, also in southern China's Pearl River Delta area, to cooperate in a purpose-built International Gastronomy and Culture Exchange Center in the mainland city.

According to a statement issued by the Macao Govern-

ment Tourism Office (MGTO), a total of 23 Creative Cities of Gastronomy agreed to sign the memorandum to take part in Shunde's initiative.

The center, which is part of the "Overseas Chinese Town," a major new cultural and tourism zone under development in Shunde, has been created to provide a physical platform for Creative Cities of Gastro-

nomy to interact and cooperate in joint activities.

Shunde is one of the cradles of Cantonese cuisine, situated at the core of the Pearl River Delta, with Guangzhou to the north and Hong Kong to the south.

Under the theme of "Creative Gastronomy - Food, Culture and Sustainable Innovation," the various Creative Cities of

Gastronomy will be invited to showcase and exchange traditional gastronomic culture during international culinary competitions, exhibitions, conferences and outdoor food festivals to be conducted at the center in Shunde.

Meanwhile, the director of MGTO, Maria Helena de Sena Fernandes, is in Italy to represent the city at the 13th UNESCO Creative Cities Network (UCCN) Annual Conference.

Held at the Creative City of Crafts and Folk Art of Fabriano in Italy, the annual conference brings together delegates from 125 member cities across the different creative fields of the network.

Yesterday, the tourism chief was among the guest speakers of a themed session involving representatives from Creative Cities in the field of Media Arts and Design from Senegal, Australia and Mexico to discuss "Stimulating Innovation."

During the session, Fernandes talked about the SAR's policies, measures and incentive schemes to mobilize stakeholders to foster the development of cultural and creative industries.

The official also reported to delegates from the Creative Cities of Gastronomy on the activities developed by Macau over the past year, including the main initiatives the city conducted as part of its four-year plan to develop as a City of Gastronomy.

Created in 2004, the network is comprised of a total of 180 member cities from 72 countries in seven creative fields. LV

MGTO pledges to further promote Greater Bay tourism

MACAU has pledged to encourage tourism development across the Greater Bay Area this year, with measures including expediting tourism integration with Hengqin and promoting multi-destination travel itineraries.

The announcement was made by the Macao Government Tou-

rism Office (MGTO) deputy director Cheng Wai Tong during the second annual meeting of the Tourism Federation of Cities in the Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macau Bay Area, held in Hong Kong on Wednesday.

The meeting was held to foster collaborative initiatives this year, according to a

statement the tourism bureau issued.

During the meeting, Tong said that other tasks that are planned this month include a visit from an online tourism influencer from Singapore who was invited to visit the Bay Area for coverage and promotion on social media.

Next month, a joint

tourism promotional event has been organized in Singapore, where the bureau will promote multi-destination travel to the bay area.

The MGTO will also hold a Greater Bay Area tourism promotion in Los Angeles, United States, with the Department of Culture and Tourism of Guang-

dong Province and the Tourism Commission of the Government of the Hong Kong in September.

Established in December 2017, the Tourism Federation of Cities in the Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macao Bay Area convened the first General Membership Meeting in Guangzhou in April 2018.

Various member cities are engaged in work concerned with driving tourism development of the Greater Bay Area forward. LV

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Waterfront casinos prepare for peak typhoon season

TWO waterfront casinos in Macau have fitted floodgates to their properties and introduced other protective measures to guard against typhoon-induced damage. The news, first reported by GGRAsia, comes just as the peak season for the weather phenomenon is due to begin next month.

Promoters of Legend Palace at Macau Fisherman's Wharf and Ponte 16, which are satellite properties under the gaming license of SJM Holdings said that they had taken measures this year to limit disruptions to their business.

Both properties were affected by the passage of Typhoon Hato in 2017.

Legend Palace was forced to close for nearly four weeks due to flooding, while Ponte 16, located in the Inner Harbor area, had its gaming area flooded.

According to GGRAsia, the measures taken by Ponte 16 include the building of mechanical anti-flood barriers of more than 1 meter in height, and the

relocation of electrical equipment to more elevated places. Sandbags have also been placed near the ground-floor entrance to the casino to counter possible flooding.

Meanwhile, Legend Palace's promoter is employing its own floodgates systems and water-pumping equipment.

The news follows a few days after the city's Gaming Inspection and Coordination Bureau (DICJ) met with casino operators to coordinate measures ahead of the peak typhoon season between July and September. The gaming regulator said in a statement after the meeting that the event served to discuss the contingency plans to be enforced.

During an evaluation of the events of the last two years, the DICJ took the opportunity to remind operators to conduct a regular assessment of their venues' emergency plans, especially in cases where the venue is located in an area more likely to be affected by wind, rainfall or flooding. **DB**



GAMING

Wynn receives key approvals for Boston casino opening

MASSACHUSETTS gambling regulators have given Wynn Resorts key approvals for opening its nearly USD3 billion Boston-area casino.

The state's Gaming Commission authorized Wynn to conduct three trial gambling days next week after commission staff inspected Encore Boston Harbor's 3,158 slot machines, 143 table games and 88 poker tables.

The commission also confirmed Wynn has met or exceeded most of its license requirements.

Company officials acknowledged they're still working to meet a goal to have women comprise 50% of the casino staff. They so far represent 44%.

The Everett resort officially opens June 23.

The company paid Massachusetts a record \$35.5 million in fines last month for failing to disclose the allegations of sexual misconduct against company founder Steve Wynn, who denies the allegations but resigned as CEO. **AP**

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Macau airport adopts new landing procedure

Staff reporter

MACAU'S Civil Aviation Authority has adopted a procedure approved by the International Civil Aviation Organization that allows aircraft to continue their approach to the airport's southward runway (runway 16) at a minimum visibility of 900 meters, while their pilots must have the sight of the runway at least 270 feet above the ground.

The new procedure will assist pilots in landing aircraft in bad weather or at times of poor visibility.

The previous requirements were 3,600 meters and 720 feet respectively.

The runway of the Macau International Airport runs north to south, with aircraft approaching from the north or south depending on the direction of wind. When flights need to land in Macau in poor weather conditions with southerly winds, it can be very challenging. Many flights have needed to be diverted to other airports.

The cause of the difficulty is that aircrafts are not permitted to fly over Zhuhai. Accordingly, the sharp turn that aircrafts need to maneuver so that they can align with the runway from the north is difficult during bad weather with low cloud.

Currently, the Civil Aviation Authority has issued interim permission for Air Macau to employ the new procedure. Full permission will be given if Air Macau shows proficiency operating it. An observation period will last for several months.

COURTS

TUI rules occasional technical support not illegal

THE Court of Final Instance (TUI) has ruled that it is not illegal for non-local residents to provide occasional technical support in Macau under agreements between local and foreign companies, according to a statement released by TUI regarding a case being heard.

The two parties involved in the case are a Hong Kong resident and the Secretary for Security.

In 2014, a Hong Kong resident visited Macau on a total of 61 nonconsecutive days to provide technical support to the Macau branch of a non-local company.

On April 8, 2015, the Public Security Police Force (PSP) revoked the man's permit to stay in Macau and banned him from entering the city for three years. Additionally, he was issued a penalty of MOP5,000 by the Labor Affairs Bureau (DSAL).

The Hong Kong man appealed to the PSP. However, the Secretary for Security



revoked the appeal, which prompted the man to file a lawsuit against the Secretary's decision.

The judgment by the Court of Second Instance (TSI) fell in the man's favor. The Secretary for Security, Wong Sio Chak, then appealed to the TUI, claiming that the TSI did

not explain the definition of "long-term and stable work."

According to the TUI's ruling, under the following conditions, a non-local person will not be considered to be providing illegal work: where local and non-local enterprises have an agreement; the assistance

aims at providing occasional, especially instructive, technical and quality assurance service; the non-local resident does not stay in Macau for a consecutive or nonconsecutive 45 days within a period of six months, with the six months starting from the day of their entry. JZ

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CIVIL SERVANTS ASSOCIATION

Secretary Alexis Tam urged to improve health, education

Julie Zhu

THE Macau Civil Servants Association had a meeting with Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture Alexis Tam to discuss several social affairs issues, including health, education and wages.

The primary focus of the meeting concerned medical professionals' heavy workload and salary increase, but it also covered improvements to higher education, additional sports facilities, and incentives to encourage the taking up of Chinese-Portuguese translation degrees.

José Pereira Coutinho, president of the association, told the media after the meeting that the association had urged Tam to quickly complete the construction of the island medical complex.

"Demand for medical services in Macau far exceeds the capacity of the only public hospital.



File photo. Civil Servants Association president José Pereira Coutinho

Having only one hospital undertake the load of two hospitals results in high work pressure on doctors, nurses and medical staff," said Coutinho.

The lawmaker said that more medical incidents will occur if the government does not solve the problems of the lack of hospital beds and long waiting times, among other issues.

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According to Coutinho, Tam expressed that the changes are indeed urgent and will be made soon.

In addition, the association claimed that the salary for doctors needs to be increased, as the current salary puts great pressure on doctors and does not encourage students of medicine to work as general practitioners.

Furthermore, the association hopes that Macau can improve the quality of higher education, particularly with respect to languages, mathematics and politics.

According to Coutinho, Macau has been hiring non-local residents to fill the demand for professional positions, and the government should provide more courses to local youth. "We hope it can happen faster," said Coutinho. He noted that Macau's universities are not providing political courses to encourage local students to learn more about Macau's politics. He also said

that Macau's education in politics is not comparable to that of Hong Kong and Taiwan.

Moreover, the association wants additional sports spaces, in particular, large-scale outdoor ball courts for residents to exercise and for children to further develop good exercise habits.

The association also hopes that more student places can be created in Chinese-Portuguese translation at the Macau Polytechnic Institute (IPM) and the University of Macau. The association wants more of these positions to be given to local Macau students instead of mainland students.

"The Secretary said that the government will improve upon the training of local translators," said Coutinho.

Each year, IPM trains approximately 30 Chinese-Portuguese translators, with a portion of the student places given to mainland students.

"In the future, the Forum Macau will become a bureau. I hope that the bureau, in terms of human resources, in particular translators, can explain to the society how it will attract these local graduates in Chinese-Portuguese translation," said Coutinho.

Forum Macau recently hired a total of five new Mandarin-Portuguese interpreters and translators.

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São João Festival: A growing 'street party'

Renato Marques

SCHEDULED for next weekend, the São João Festival promises to continue to bring the same traditional flavors, sounds, fun, and liveliness to the streets of the St. Lazarus neighborhood in central Macau that it has in previous editions.

"It will be, as always, a street party for all the communities," said one of the organizers, Miguel de Senna Fernandes, president of the Macanese Association, at a press conference held yesterday by the Festival's organizing committee.

Senna Fernandes noted that the event has been growing over the years and expressed hopes that this year would be no exception.

In the 13th edition of the Festival, which this year will give new life to St. Lazarus streets on June 22 and 23, the event is set to grow with the number of stalls increasing to 45 in addition to more local groups and added stage performances, Senna Fernandes advised.

For the president of the Macanese Association, the important thing is that "the Festival has been growing roots and has already started to appear in sev-

eral places and be included in the tourism-related events calendar," he noted, adding his appreciation for the extensive support from the Macao Government Tourism Office (MGTO).

In the president's words, the Festival has now become a "habit, which we aim to turn into a real tradition."

The president of the "Casa de Portugal em Macau" (Portuguese House) Association, Amélia António also highlighted the growth of the event in the number of participants and visitors, explaining that one of the key goals of the event is to promote 'Made in Macau' products, namely handicrafts.

"We will definitely continue to support handicrafts but genuine ones, made by people in Macau and not other products brought in or bought elsewhere to sell at the Festival."

António explained that the organizing committee has received many requests to participate in the Festival, and it has been able to accommodate all of those who want to join "in the spirit of the event," but have refused all the requests that, by the kind of activity or products intended for display, diverge from its core values.



"The same applies to performances. We are happy to have new acts but we need to acquaint them with what the Festival is about. It's a street party and the happiness and spirit of a street party must be the main focus also in terms of musical

style and general mood," she said, adding that the organizers had received several requests for product displays and promotions which, she said, "are more suitable for a product fair and not a street festival," explaining why they were rejected.

"This is not a fair, and product promotion is not in the spirit of the Festival which is made for people looking to try that snack and that special thing that we go especially to this event to buy [because it cannot be found elsewhere]."

ART MACAO

Artists pleased their work 'pushing people to think'

Staff reporter

THE two big heads on show at the Jorge Álvares Garden, as part of the Macao Art Festival, have provoked mixed reactions from the public. But the creators behind the piece say that's a good thing: art is meant to provoke.

Local Chinese-language media All About Macau reported that it had received comments from readers, expressing doubts whether the Municipal Affairs Bureau had made light decorations for the Chinese Ghost Festival.

Later, it was clarified that those heads are part of the Art Macao festival that is being held for the first time this year.

The two heads figurines, collectively known as "The Happy Heads", have toured with their creators to many places, such as Norway, France and Beijing.

Their creators, Brussels-based artist duo Benoit+Bo,



or their official Chinese name "Eastern Bo and Western Bo", embody 'East meets West' in terms of ethnicity. The "Eastern Bo" is originally from China, but moved to Europe; while the "Western Bo" is from Europe, but spent some time in China, where he met the Eastern partner.

In 2002, when Benoit was working as an artist in Tianjin, China, he came across his partner Bo, who was

working as an academic in the city. Then they paired up to form Benoit+Bo.

The Times raised the controversy concerning The Happy Heads in an interview with the duo yesterday.

The artists were initially surprised upon hearing that members of the public had been frightened, because they "saw many people taking pictures and selfies in front of the art piece."

"I think they're not scared," answered Bo. "It's [only] unusual to see such a large-scale contemporary art piece in a public space."

Benoit added that it is good to have feelings about an art piece, "it is not a décor [decoration]. They have a feeling, a reaction, which is very good. It's art, and art pushes people to react and to think."

Besides the two heads, the duo has another exhibition at the Old Court. There are two sections: one is a showcase of computerized alterations to Chinese New Year red banners, and the other of pictures taken in various cities.

The exhibition will open at the Old Court Building tomorrow, and remains until September 15. It is part of the collaboration between Macau and the Consulate General of Belgium in Hong Kong, and is sponsored in Macau by Melco Resorts and Entertainment.

ART MACAO

SJM's exhibition opens at Grand Lisboa

Staff reporter

THE Art Macao festival is now in full swing, with all casino-based exhibitions having been officially opened. Gaming operator SJM's contribution, "ART. Appreciation. Legacy", launched at its Grand Lisboa Hotel yesterday.

Viewers can visit the lobby of the hotel to see up close the "Coin du Jardin" by late-19th century French painter Paul Gauguin.

The painting was made at a decisive moment in Gauguin's life. Before the conclusion of this work, he was considered a businessman by trade and an amateur painter.

It was this painting that transformed Gauguin into a professional artist. The work was painted in Normandy, France, in the summer of 1885. It represents a rare mo-

ment of balance and peace in the complex and varied trajectory of Gauguin's life.

In the painting, while ensuring the completeness of the picture, Gauguin aims to construct a garden space with several layers, including a thick forest at a distance, lively flowers and trees in the mountain view and the scattered grass in the near view.

There are sightings of scattered branches, leaves, flowers, and exposed brick-red soil, apart from color dots and clear strokes in the paintings.

The painting is on show in Asia for the first time.

It is the first phase of SJM's Art Macao contribution. From July to October, the gaming operator will host one themed exhibition each month at various locations, including Regency Art Hotel, Ponte 16, and Oceanus at Jai Alai.

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GROWING COSTS DEMAND LARGER BUDGET

Questioned about the budget for this year's event, the presenters said the budget should be around MOP500,000.

Costs have been growing over the years, noted António, due

to the increase in the price for services provided by the companies that manage logistics and equipment for the festival.

From that budget, the bigger slice is covered by the MGTO with the remaining part shared among the several associations

that organize the event, and the money coming from each association's yearly budget.

NOISE IS AN ISSUE

Taking into account a recent report published by the MGTO, which noted several difficul-

ties in holding night tourism activities in Macau, the organizers were questioned about their experience with noise.

Senna Fernandes replied, "I can say that the "Noise law" [restriction] has been a problem on several occasions," noting that sometimes the law is enforced "blindly" and that this can have negative consequences. "We are going to continue to turn off the music at 10 p.m. as a standard procedure in order to meet legal provisions but it's a fact that there are other events and other dates on which exceptions were made," she said without enumerating the periods such as the Lunar New Year in which the burning of fireworks and other activities is allowed beyond the normal hours of quiet.

"We have already had problems before [due to a noise complaint] but we will try not to [have it again]," Senna Fernandes added.

BRINGING BACK PROCESSION UNLIKELY

Questioned by the media about the possibility of the festival reviving the former São João procession, historically held in Macau on this day, Senna Fernandes said that it "would be a good idea but it's not dependent on the organizing committee."

"For the time being, we are not working on this. It involves other institutions, such as the Dioceses, and resources. At this moment we want to firmly support the Festival [as it is now] and it's importance. If [in the future] we have the right circumstances to bring back the [more] religious part, we will definitely consider it."

BEST MOMENTS ON FILM

One of the institutions that forms part of the event's organizing committee, the International Institute of Macau (IIM), will again be hosting a video contest about the best moments of the Festival.

The contest, which will run during the two-day event, is open to all but primarily targets younger generations, with the purpose of putting their creativity to the task of portraying the best moments of the 2019 Festival in a video recording of less than two minutes in length.

The participants can use any form of video recording, including mobile phones and video equipment, and should upload the videos to a Facebook page created by the IIM for the purpose (MacauSaintJohnFestival).

The deadline to submit videos is 5 p.m. on June 23 and the winners will be announced at 7 p.m. the same day.

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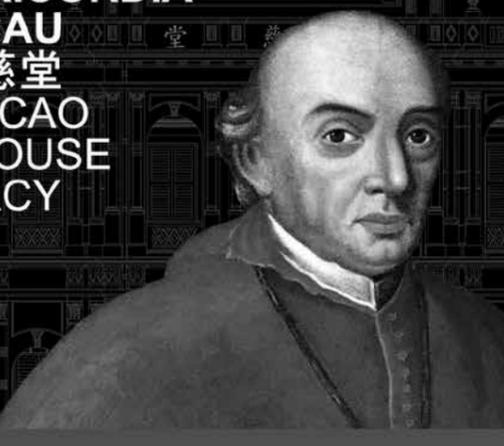
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Organizers to regroup for Sunday March

Protest organizer the Civil Human Rights Front has called for a march this Sunday starting from 2:30 p.m., saying it had applied for a permit. It would originate in Hong Kong's Victoria Park, as did a mass demonstration last Sunday that brought hundreds of thousands of people onto the streets. It also called for a Monday assembly in Admiralty, the center of Wednesday's clashes between demonstrators and police. In a statement, CHRF said it condemned the use of police violence and repeated previous demands for the bill's withdrawal and Lam's resignation.

Business worries

Hong Kong's General Chamber of Commerce, which says it represents businesses employing a third of the local workforce, said large-scale protests show the public has "serious apprehensions" about the bill. "We sincerely urge the government to continue to listen to stakeholders and engage in meaningful dialogue with the public," said Aron Harilela, the group's chairman, adding that it agrees with the underlying principle of the bill. "We call for restraint from all parties to ensure that this issue will not undermine business confidence in Hong Kong and our international reputation," Chamber CEO Shirley Yuen added, according to a statement.

Teachers speak out

The head of the city's largest teachers' union pushed back against criticism over the group's call for a school strike. Ip Kin-yuen clarified that the union's call was directed at teachers - not students. "We have never had such strong requests from teachers to clearly voice our stand. We want to reiterate that we are asking teachers to strike. We hope students are present in class. We urge high school students under 18 not to go to dangerous places," he said. Turnout at protests since Sunday has been largely driven by young people, including students, many of whom are on summer break.

International image

Western countries are unlikely to take punitive action against Hong Kong for the government's handling of the protests, Matthew Cheung, the city's No. 2 official, said in an interview with Now TV. The clashes would only have limited impact on Hong Kong's international image, the chief secretary added. Government officials weren't involved in the police decision to fire rubber bullets, which was the minimum level of force available at that time, Cheung said. He reiterated the administration will continue with the legislation.

Hong Kong in limbo as extradition

Christopher Bodeen, Hong Kong

HONG Kong's legislature suspended meetings yesterday as leaders considered their next steps following violent clashes between police and protesters who oppose a bill that would allow suspects to be tried in mainland Chinese courts.

Critics say the measure, now on hold, would undermine the city's cherished legal autonomy amid moves by Beijing to tighten its hold over the former British colony.

Police said they arrested 11 people on charges such as assaulting police officers and unlawful assembly. Police Commissioner Stephen Lo Wai-chung said 22 officers had been injured. Hospital officials said they were treating 79 people for protest-related injuries as of yesterday morning.

The violence is Hong Kong's most severe political crisis since the Communist Party-ruled mainland took control in 1997 with a promise not to interfere with the city's civil liberties and courts. It poses a profound challenge both to the local leadership and to Chinese President Xi Jinping, the country's strongest leader in decades who has demanded that Hong Kong follow Beijing's dictates.

Hong Kong Chief Executive Carrie Lam declared that Wednesday's violence was "rioting" that was "intolerable in any civilized society that respects the rule of law." That designation could substantially increase the legal penalties for those arrested for taking part.

"Intense confrontation is surely not the solution to ease disputes and resolve controversies," Lam said, according to an official news release.

A group of opposition

lawmakers attempted to visit Lam's residence to protest against the police use of force, including tear gas and rubber bullets, against the protesters on Wednesday. They were stopped by police and it was unclear if they would be able to present their complaint.

It's also unclear how Lam, as chief executive, might defuse the crisis, given Beijing's strong support for the extradition bill and its distaste for dissent.

Beijing has condemned the protests but so far has not indicated whether it is planning harsher measures. In past cases of unrest, the authorities have waited months or years before rounding up protest leaders.

Nearly two years ago, Xi issued a stern address in the city stating that Beijing would not tolerate Hong Kong becoming a base for what the Communist Party considers a foreign-inspired campaign to undermine its

rule over the vast nation of 1.4 billion people.

Not all in Hong Kong support the protesters. About a dozen older people staged a demonstration in a downtown garden in support of the extradition bill. But others expressed sympathy.

"I think that if the government continues doing this, there will be no hope for Hong Kong. If there's no hope for Hong Kong, this is the last chance for us to



Chinese cyberattack hits messaging app

Yanan Wang

AN encrypted messaging app said yesterday that it was hit by a powerful cyberattack from China as a major protest unfolded in Hong Kong.

The attack on the Telegram app, which slowed connectivity but did not compromise user data, came as thousands surrounded Hong Kong government headquarters on Wednesday to protest legislation that would allow people to be extradited to main-

land China to stand trial. They protesters were forcibly dispersed by police using tear gas, pepper spray and rubber bullets. They did not assemble again yesterday and debate over the legislation was delayed.

Telegram CEO Pavel Durov tweeted that most of the attackers had IP addresses from China.

"Historically, all state actor-sized [attacks] we experienced coincided in time with protests in Hong Kong," Durov

said. "This case was not an exception."

Activists in both Hong Kong and mainland China often use Telegram to organize protests in hopes the encryption will allow them to evade the government surveillance of Chinese social networking apps such as WeChat.

Whereas WeChat users reported this week that photos of the protests could not be viewed, apps like Telegram offer more privacy and independence. Telegram is blocked in

mainland China, but users can access it using software to circumvent the firewall, which also blocks apps and websites ranging from Facebook to The New York Times.

Encrypted messaging apps such as Telegram say that messages sent on their systems cannot be decoded by third parties during the delivery from sender to recipient. "We can ensure that no single government or block of like-minded countries can intrude on people's

privacy and freedom of expression," Telegram says on its website.

Telegram said that the latest attack was a distributed denial of service in which "your servers get GADZILLIONS of garbage requests which stop them from processing legitimate requests."

The messaging app said on Wednesday evening that the system had stabilized.

The protest in Hong Kong forced the legislature to cancel its sessions Wednesday and

protests crisis deepens



Labor Party Vice Chairman Fernando Cheung Chiu-hung told The Associated Press.

"We've seen [the police] use extreme forces which are not proportional to the demonstration," Cheung said yesterday.

The demonstrators appeared little deterred, though they were taking pains to cloak their identities by wearing masks, declining to give their full names to journalists and using cash rather than registered, stored value cards to buy subway tickets. Heavy rain over the city put a damper on new demonstrations, although protesters interviewed Wednesday said they had no plans of giving up until Lam's government dropped its plans for the amendments altogether.

Lo, the police commissioner, defended the police handling of the clashes outside the government headquarters, saying officers only acted when they were charged by protesters carrying pavement bricks, planks and iron pipes from a nearby construction site.

"We have absolutely no bad intention to cause trouble with anyone. We are just doing our duty," he said.

He said the protesters acted in a "violent and organized manner."

"We know the crowd is hostile and very unstable and we tried our best to avoid confrontation," he said.

The rancor over the extradition issue is capturing attention in Taiwan, a self-governed island that China claims as its own territory.

Yesterday, Taiwanese President Tsai Ing-wen said Hong Kong's situation shows the "one country, two systems" framework devised for Hong Kong when Britain handed the colony back to China — presented by Beijing as a formula for uniting Taiwan with the mainland — cannot work.

The Hong Kong government should listen to its people and not rush to pass the legislation that sparked the protests, she told reporters. **AP**

fight for [it]," said Daniel Lee, a doctor. "But I don't know if we can do anything meaningful. Seeing these kids going out, being hit like this and suffering tear gas, anyone with some sense of justice will come to help them."

Though never a bastion of democracy, Hong Kong enjoys freedoms of speech and protest denied to Chinese living in the mainland.

Opposition to the proposed

extradition legislation, championed by Lam with Beijing's support, brought what organizers said was 1 million people into the streets on Sunday. The clashes Wednesday drew tens of thousands of mostly young residents and forced the legislature to postpone debate on the bill.

On June 4, the city saw one of its biggest candlelight vigils in recent years to commemorate the 30th anniversary of China's bloody suppression of student-

led pro-democracy protests centered on Beijing's Tiananmen Square in 1989.

Those in Hong Kong who anger China's central government have come under greater pressure since Xi came to power in 2012.

The detention of several Hong Kong booksellers in late 2015 intensified worries about the erosion of the territory's rule of law. The booksellers vanished before resurfacing in police custody in mainland China. Among them,

Swedish citizen Gui Minhai is under investigation for allegedly leaking state secrets after he sold gossip books about Chinese leaders.

In April, nine leaders of a 2014 pro-democracy protest movement known as the "Umbrella Revolution" were convicted on public nuisance and other charges.

The relationship between citizens and the authorities "has been completely deteriorated,"

during HK protest

Thursday, putting off debate on the extradition legislation.

Opponents say the bill would severely compromise their freedoms and erode Hong Kong's legal independence. Hong Kong leader Carrie Lam maintains the legislation is necessary and would have safeguards to ensure human rights are protected.

Hong Kong, a semi-autonomous Chinese territory, enjoys greater freedoms than mainland China under

a "one country, two systems" framework put in place when the former British colony was returned to China in 1997. Hong Kong residents can freely surf the Internet and participate in public protests, unlike in the mainland.

The U.S. government has complained for years about data breaches by China to steal high-tech information and other trade secrets — a key factor in the current trade dispute between China

and the United States. Pentagon leaders told a congressional committee this month that cyberattacks from China are increasingly sophisticated.

When asked about the Telegram issue at a daily news briefing, Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Geng Shuang said he was not aware of the case but that "China always opposes any form of cyberattack."

"China is also a victim of cyberattacks," Geng said. **AP**

ONE SHOT NEWS



A protest of their own. Press photographers wear helmets and masks during a police press conference yesterday in Hong Kong as a protest against perceived police brutality in Wednesday's demonstration. Several video clips showing police violence, the use of "excessive force," and disrespect towards press freedoms are circulating online.

REAL ESTATE MATTERS

How many mortgage payments can I miss before foreclosure?

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Debt is often considered a 'double-edged sword' in real estate. Borrowing money from the bank allows you to acquire properties that you would not be able to buy in cash, but it also comes with the responsibility of making your mortgage payments each month.

With prices where they are in Macau, most transactions are made with a mortgage. Interest rates have been low for years and most people don't have trouble making their payments... but what if you do?

The number of payments you can miss before the bank forecloses on your property depends on a number of factors. The first factor is the portfolio position of the bank you borrowed from. If they are holding a pool of low-risk loans, they might be more lenient, while if their loans are higher-risk in nature they might be quicker to file foreclosure proceedings.

Other considerations might be the general economic climate, your personal credit history and the condition and demand for the property in question.

So, what can you do if you are faced with foreclosure? The last thing you want to do is try to sweep it under the rug and avoid communication with the bank. Under general circumstances, the bank does not want to go through a drawn-out and potentially complicated foreclosure process.

If you reach out to the bank and discuss your situation with the relevant manager, it might be possible to come up with an alternative payment structure that works for both parties.

If you are personally occupying the property, another option might be to move out to a much cheaper property and rent out the current property, using the rent to help make your payments.

The last option of course is to sell the property altogether. To achieve a speedy transaction, you will likely need to discount the price of the property. Even so, it can certainly be the preferred alternative to getting foreclosed on your property and you could still make a profit depending on how much your property has appreciated over the years.

It is of course better to avoid committing to a mortgage you can't handle in the first place. The best way to do this is by making sure that if you rent out your property, the rental income would be enough to cover the mortgage payments and any associated management expenses.

US

Gambling and pot will help repair broken Illinois, Pritzker says

BRINGING a massive casino to Chicago's struggling neighborhoods and legalizing marijuana across Illinois is the price to pay for stabilizing the fiscal basket case that the state has become, rookie Governor J.B. Pritzker said.

"We're putting our fiscal house in order," Pritzker said Tuesday in an interview with Bloomberg News. "Nothing's going to be fixed overnight, but we've made significant progress. And honestly, I really believe that we have turned this ship in the right direction. Illinois is back."

Pritzker rejected the suggestion that his agenda was opening the door to a new era of crime and corruption in Chicago, where just hours earlier a powerful City Council leader pleaded not guilty to charges he extorted favors from those doing business with the city.

The state's gaming board, not Chicago politicians, will regulate the city's new casino, which will be twice the size of existing gambling establishments in the state. Lawmakers also legalized sports betting, clearing the way for wagering at the state's iconic venues including the Chicago Cubs' Wrigley Field and the Bears' Soldier Field.

"This was all about our being able to pay our bills," create jobs and build new schools and other infrastructure, Pritzker said.

He also described how he used the leverage of his election victory - by 16 percentage points over Republican Bruce Rauner last November - and the negotiating skills he learned as an investor that helped him pass a sweeping agenda with state lawmakers.

"You need to be able to discern the difference between someone's posturing and what they really need," he said of his conversations with Republican legislators, who came to the governor's mansion in Springfield for cock-



tails. Some privately told him that "they had talked to me more in the first couple months of my tenure in office than they did for four years under Bruce Rauner."

The schmoozing paid off with bipartisan support for a \$45 billion capital plan. Not so much with the centerpiece of Pritzker's agenda: A party-line vote passed his proposed constitutional amendment to replace Illinois's flat income tax of 4.95% to make the wealthiest residents pay nearly twice as much. Voters must approve the amendment in 2020.

In the hour-long interview, Pritzker discussed a wide range of issues, from the cost of the Trump administration's trade war to his close relationship with the Clintons, including the advice that former senator and presidential candidate Hillary Clinton gave him for how best to govern.

TRADE WAR

Illinois is the largest U.S. soybean growing state and ranks second to Iowa in corn, and Pritzker said President Donald Trump's trade war with big soy importer China poses a long-term threat as buyers turn to Brazil and other sources.

"I can say that from my own experience - not in agriculture, but of having big customers - trying to win big customers and losing a big customer. They don't reverse course fast. So, I'm very concerned."

Pritzker said federal aid to farmers hurt by the trade war is "not enough," and he's been lobbying U.S. Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue for more. "That's where most of the dollars that these farmers need are," Pritzker said.

2020 ELECTION

When several Democrats running for president reached out to Pritzker for advice, he said he touted his success in swaying Republican strongholds, including some wealthy Chicago suburbs that hadn't voted for a Democrat since Franklin Roosevelt was elected.

"There were people that voted for me that voted for Donald Trump," he said. "I think people want to hear the truth."

LEGAL POT

Illinois last week became the 11th state to legalize recreational marijuana, which could eventually bring in USD300 million to \$700 million annually, Pritzker said. The change isn't going to encourage

more use, because "marijuana is readily available now," he said. More importantly, the bill allows some drug convictions to be expunged.

"Are we safer with it legalized? Are we safer with it illegal? [...] I believe we're making a more just society," he said. "This most importantly was about criminal justice reform, expunging records, and safety."

CENSUS COUNT

Pritzker said the state has set aside \$29 million - the largest per-capita investment in the country - to ensure a maximum census count. A move by U.S. Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross to include a citizenship question could hurt the accuracy of the population count, he said. "We have to get our numbers," Pritzker said.

TAXING ISSUES

While the centerpiece of Pritzker's agenda is the progressive income tax, his budget also levies another \$1 per pack on cigarettes and doubles the state gasoline tax.

"To fund infrastructure, it's important to have significant dollars available to do that, and so we had to look for it wherever we could." **MDT/AP**

TAIWAN

President Tsai gets party nod to run for reelection

AP PHOTO



Ralph Jennings, Taipei

TAIWAN President Tsai Ing-wen, a thorn in the side of China's government because of her pro-independence views, sewed up the ruling party's nomination yesterday to seek a second four-year term after a tense primary race.

She outperformed her opponent in three days of opinion polling, setting herself up to be named as the Democratic Progressive Party's candidate in the January 2020 election.

Tsai's tough stance against Chinese pressure to reunite with the mainland has driven up on-ice-sagging approval ratings. Her nomination is all but sure to be ratified by the party next week.

She has sought public favor by strengthening the military and cultivating ties with the United States, said Huang Kwei-bo, vice dean of the international affairs college at National Chengchi University.

"Tsai Ing-wen is continuously saying 'I'm going to protect Taiwan and stand up for autonomy and make the most of foreign relations,'" he said.

Her government has helped break ground on a submarine manufacturing site, accepted high-level visits from the United States and received American military support, including seven U.S. Navy ship passages over the past year through the strait dividing China from Taiwan.

China criticizes the high-level visits and the naval ship passages.

Chinese President Xi Jinping said in January that the two sides should be ruled like Hong Kong, which is grappling with mass street protests targeting

Chinese control. Hong Kong is part of China under a "one country, two systems" framework that gives the territory some local autonomy.

More than 80% of Taiwanese said in a government survey in January that they prefer self-rule over merging with China.

"What Taiwanese feel most deeply about this is that 'one-country, two systems' is not viable and not acceptable for a democratic Taiwan," Tsai told reporters Thursday afternoon after her secretary general met with Hong Kong students at the presidential office.

The Democratic Progressive Party, which embraces more autonomy for Taiwan instead of a tie-up with China, announced that Tsai had defeated her only challenger, former Premier William Lai, in three days of opinion polling.

Tsai received approval from 35.7% of the roughly 15,000 people polled against Lai's 27.5%, party Chairman Cho Jung-tai said.

In response to her victory, Tsai called later yesterday for "uniting all our power that can be united" to "defend Taiwan."

Tsai will go up against a candidate from the opposition Nationalist Party, which advocates closer relations with Beijing.

Possible Nationalist candidates include Terry Gou, chairman of the world's largest consumer electronics assembler, Foxconn Technology, and Han Kuo-yu, the populist mayor of southern port city Kaohsiung.

"Looking at the Taiwan election from China's point of view, another term for Tsai would be a disaster," said Denny Roy, senior fellow at the East-West Center in Honolulu. **AP**

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Defense in trial of China scholar's brutal death: He did it



Yingying Zhang at the University of Illinois campus

Michael Tarm, Peoria (Ill.)

A federal prosecutor yesterday [Macau time] told jurors in grisly detail that authorities believe a former University of Illinois doctoral student kidnapped a visiting scholar from China, and beat her to death with a baseball bat. Defense attorneys intent on sparing their client a possible death penalty then offered an exceptional response: He did it.

Opening statements began in the death-penalty trial of Brendt Christensen, a case which is being closely watched in China and by Chinese students across the U.S. Christensen is accused of posing as an undercover officer to lure 26-year-old Yingying Zhang into his car on June 9, 2017, as she headed to sign a lease off campus.

Christensen, who is over 6-foot, took Zhang to his apartment where he raped, choked and stabbed her in his bedroom, as the 5-foot-4 Zhang tried to fight him off, prosecutor Eugene Miller said in his opening statement to jurors. Christensen then dragged Zhang into his bathroom, and pummeled her in the head with the bat before decapitating her, Miller said.

With Zhang's father, a part-time trailer-truck driver from China, sitting just a few feet away on a courtroom bench, Miller also revealed for the first time that Christensen was captured on an FBI wiretap bragging that Zhang had been his 13th victim. But the prosecutor didn't offer additional details, nor did he say if authorities be-

lieved him. Miller appeared to broach the issue in order to demonstrate Christensen's quest to be known as a serial killer.

It was not immediately clear if authorities were investigating Christensen's alleged claim. Prosecutors have said they won't comment on the trial while it's ongoing.

Christensen became obsessed with serial killers in the months before he kidnapped Zhang, Miller said, adding that Christensen was engrossed by the novel "American Psycho" and was intent on slaying someone in order to fulfill a goal of infamy that he'd set for himself. Zhang, who had only been in Illinois for two months in what was her first experience living outside China, aspired to become a professor in her home country to help her working-class parents.

"While Yingying was on campus pursuing her dreams, he was on campus pursuing something dark — something evil," Miller said, standing at a podium in front of jurors.

A federal judge moved the trial to Peoria in central Illinois after Christensen's lawyers said pre-trial publicity would have made it impossible for the 29-year-old former physics student to get a fair trial in the Champaign area, where the 45,000-student university is located. The university has more than 5,000 Chinese students, among the largest such enrollments in the nation.

Zhang was unlucky to be in the wrong place at the wrong time, Miller told jurors, saying Christensen had determined on

June 9 to kill someone that day and had been cruising in his car looking for a victim. Earlier, he approached a different young woman, also saying he was an undercover police officer. When he asked her to get into his car to answer some questions, she refused.

Prosecutors allege Christensen took advantage of Zhang's small stature and lack of English fluency after seeing her by a bus stop, pulling up and successfully talking her into his car. She had just missed a bus — even running after it — while she was on her way to sign the lease off campus in Champaign's sister city Urbana, 140 miles (225 kilometers) southwest of Chicago.

Later, the tall and muscular Christensen bound Zhang and got her into his apartment, where, Miller said, he raped Zhang in his bedroom and began stabbing her, blood splattering around the room. Christensen began trying to choke Zhang, Miller told jurors, citing a statement Christensen allegedly made to others.

"He choked her for 10 minutes," Miller said. "But she fought for her life."

After pulling her into the bathroom, Christensen picked up the bat and struck Zhang in the head as hard as he could, "splitting her head open," Miller said. Christensen cut off her head and disposed of the body, which has never been found.

Christensen rolled a pen through his fingers at a defense table as the prosecutor spoke. Zhang's dad, sitting about 15 feet (4.57 meters) away from

Christensen, mostly looked straight ahead, unmoving, as the prosecutor offered details of his daughter's killing. Occasionally, he seemed to turn and look directly at Christensen.

Christensen, who is over 6-foot, took Zhang to his apartment where he raped, choked and stabbed her in his bedroom, as she tried to fight him off

The federal death-penalty case is the first in Illinois since the state struck capital punishment from its books on grounds death-penalty processes were too error-prone. Some Illinois anti-death penalty activists criticized what they said was the federal government's imposition of a death-penalty case on a non-death penalty state.

When he first stepped up to the podium Christensen's lawyer, George Tesseff, told jurors he would begin his remarks with what he realized was an unusual admission for an attorney about his client: "Brendt Christensen killed Yingying Zhang," he said.

Without explaining in detail, Tesseff said Christensen was responsible because he "is on trial for his life," alluding to the possibility of a death sentence.

While the lawyer's admission was extraordinary it didn't necessarily contradict what the defense has said previously. While Christensen pleaded not guilty, the defense never argued law enforcement had the wrong man. The admission in court yesterday was a signal that their sole objective was not to win a not-guilty verdict, but to persuade jurors not to vote to sentence Christensen to death.

Tesseff laid the groundwork in his opening statement, saying defense attorneys take issue with prosecutors' explanation of "how and why" Christensen did what he did. Tesseff portrayed Christensen's life as being in turmoil leading up to Zhang's disappearance, saying marital and drinking problems only made matters worse. Christensen was married at the time, but he had a girlfriend and his wife had a boyfriend in what the prosecutor earlier told jurors was their agreement to have "an open marriage" where they dated others. In his first few semesters as a doctoral student, Christensen was making straight As but by late 2016 was getting Fs in all his classes.

Christensen appeared to bow and shake his head slightly when his lawyer spoke of Christensen's life spinning out of control in 2016.

Tesseff told jurors they would see video of Christensen seeking help from U of I mental-health counselors for homicidal and suicidal thoughts.

He also mentioned a statement Christensen made about killing others, saying his client was clearly in a drunken stupor at the time and that there is no evidence he ever killed anyone else other than Zhang.

Christensen was arrested on June 30, 2017, his birthday, after his girlfriend wore a wire for the FBI in a bid to capture incriminating statements by Christensen. The girlfriend is expected to be the government's star witness.

Because Zhang's body was never found, the first government witnesses were called to help establish that she is, in fact, dead. Zhang's boyfriend, Xiaolin Hou, said he and Zhang planned to wed in October 2017. They talked almost every day even though he was in China, but the calls stopped after she went missing.

During his opening, Miller said Christensen's own words proved Zhang is dead. In a secret recording by the girlfriend, caught as Christensen attended a June 29 campus vigil for Zhang, he told his girlfriend the people were "there for me." Miller said.

Christensen added: "She's never going to be found. [...] She's gone forever." AP

PHILIPPINES

Protests sinking of boat in disputed waters

Jim Gomez, Manila

THE Philippines' top diplomat said yesterday he has filed a diplomatic protest after an anchored fishing boat was hit by a suspected Chinese vessel which then abandoned the 22 Filipino fishermen as the boat sank in the disputed South China Sea.

Foreign Secretary Teodoro Locsin Jr. said he filed the protest Wednesday. He disclosed the move in a tweet in response to a suggestion by opposition Sen. Antonio Trillanes IV that an independent investigation be conducted by the International Maritime Organization, a U.N. agency.

Another opposition senator, Risa Hontiveros, called on President Rodrigo Duterte to recall the Philippine ambassador and consuls in China to pressure Beijing to identify and punish the Chinese crewmen allegedly involved in the incident.

China condemned the incident but did not immediately confirm

or deny that a Chinese vessel was involved.

The sinking is a delicate development in the long-contested South China Sea, which is seen as a potential flashpoint in Asian relations. Tensions escalated after China converted seven disputed reefs into islands which can serve as forward military bases and intimidate rival claimant states in the strategic waterway, where U.S. forces undertake "freedom of navigation" patrols.

Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana disclosed on Wednesday that a boat, identified as F/B Gimver 1, was carrying 22 Filipino fishermen and sank Sunday night after being hit by the suspected Chinese vessel at the western Philippine province of Palawan.

Lorenzana strongly condemned the crew of the vessel, which he said was identified by the Filipinos as Chinese, for abandoning the fishermen while their boat sank. He thanked Vietnamese fishermen who rescued

the Filipinos and brought them to safety.

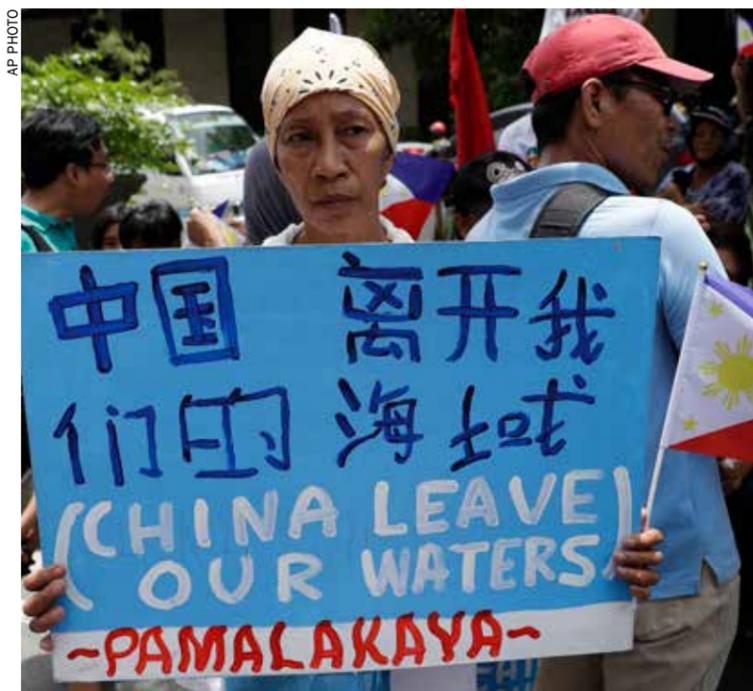
Asked if he would recommend any action against China, the defense chief told The Associated Press yesterday, "A strongly worded diplomatic protest is in order."

Duterte's spokesman, Salvador Panelo, said the abandonment of the fishermen was "uncivilized as it is outrageous."

Panelo called on Chinese authorities to investigate and impose sanctions to the Chinese crew.

In Beijing, Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Geng Shuang said the incident "should be condemned" wherever the vessel came from.

Citing information provided by the Philippines, Geng described the sinking as "an ordinary maritime traffic accident" and criticized assumptions made about it. "It is irresponsible to resort to the media to hype and politicize the incident without verification," he said, adding a Chinese investigation was underway



in coordination with Philippine authorities.

The Philippine coast guard said it was checking whether those involved were Chinese fishermen or from other neighboring countries such as Vietnam and if the collision was intentional.

As their boat sank, the Filipino fishermen scrambled to smaller boats and were eventually picked up by a Vietnamese fishing boat and then transferred to a Philippine navy ship, Lorenzana said.

The F/B Gimver 1 had been an-

chored "when it was hit by the Chinese fishing vessel," he said, indicating it may have been rammed.

Philippine officials say Reed Bank lies well within their country's exclusive economic zone, an internationally recognized stretch of water where coastal states have exclusive rights to fisheries, undersea oil and gas deposits and other resources. The Philippines has suspended oil and gas exploration in the area due to past Chinese protests. **AP**

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AUSTRALIA

Former army lawyer in court over leak to media

A former Australian army lawyer charged with leaking secret documents to journalists said his prosecution was not about protecting national security but concealing "a national shame."

David William McBride, 55, made his first appearance in the Australian Capital Territory Supreme Court yesterday on charges relating to the leaking of classified documents about Australian Special Air Service involvement in Afghanistan to Australian Broadcasting Corp. journalists.

The leak was the target of a police raid on ABC headquarters in Sydney last week. Police raided the Canberra home of a News Corp. reporter a day earlier in search for unrelated classified documents. The raids have been criticized as an attempt to intimidate media and have sparked complaints that the dozens of national security laws Australian governments have passed since the Sept. 11, 2001, terror attacks in the United States have undermined press freedom.

McBride represented himself during his brief court appearance and was released on bail to appear in court next on June 27.

Prosecution lawyers lodged an 11-page application for classified parts of the evidence to be heard in closed court.

McBride admits to leaking documents that formed part of the basis of an ABC investigation broadcast in 2017 about Australian special forces in Afghanistan. The ABC reported growing unease in the Australian Defense Force leadership about the culture of special forces and that Australian troops had killed unarmed men and children.

But McBride has pleaded not guilty to all charges. He told reporters outside court he had a duty as an army officer to expose wrongdoing by generals and government ministers over Australian operations in Afghanistan.

"A lot of what they say is national security is actually a national shame," McBride said outside court.

"I have no doubt, once I'm ac-

quitted, that the media and the world will hear about what went on because the reality is that none of it is truly national security," he added.

McBride said while he had been charged in September last year, the prosecution had yet to provide him with a brief of evidence because they did not have a case against him. If convicted, he said he faced a potential 60-year prison sentence.

The veteran of two tours of duty Afghanistan declined to elaborate on what had happened on Afghan mountain in 2013 that he wanted to expose.

"I'm not going to go into all the details, but what I saw appalled me," McBride said. "I've been to the killing fields of Rwanda, I've been to Afghanistan under the Taliban. What I saw in the Australian government in 2013 and the leadership of the ADF [Australian Defense Force] was worse than anything I'd ever seen in my life. It was disgusting and once every Australian hears about it and understands the implications, you would be [...]"



David William McBride speaks to the media after appearing in the Supreme Court in Canberra, yesterday

absolutely sickened. You would be ashamed to be an Australian." McBride described safeguards for whistleblowers in Australia as "a joke: There's no such thing."

Australian Federal Court Justice John Griffiths recently described federal laws protecting whistleblowers as "impenetrable, technical, obtuse and intractable."

Whistleblower lawyer Bernard Collaery has also accused the Australian government of using national security law to hide misbehavior.

Collaery and a former spy have both been charged after accusing Australia of illegally bugging the East Timorese Cabinet in 2004 while negotiating a deal to share oil and gas revenue.AP

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UK

Boris Johnson takes strong lead in race for 10 Downing Street



Above: Boris Johnson. Top row: Dominic Raab, Jeremy Hunt, Rory Stewart. Middle row: Mark Harper, Esther McVey, Matt Hancock. Bottom row: Andrea Leadsom, Michael Gove, and Sajid Javid

Jill Lawless, London

BORIS Johnson took a commanding lead yesterday in the contest to become Britain's next prime minister, winning by far the largest share of support in first-round voting by Conservative Party lawmakers.

Johnson, a former foreign secretary and leading Brexit campaigner, secured 114 of the 313 votes cast in the round, which reduced the field of candidates from 10 to seven. His successor as foreign secretary, Jeremy Hunt, trailed with 43 votes, followed by Environment Secretary Michael Gove with 37.

Johnson thanked supporters and tweeted: "I am delighted to win the first ballot, but we have a long way to go."

The result exceeded the expectations of Johnson's team and makes him almost certain to be among the final two candidates who will be put to a vote

of 160,000 party members nationwide. The winner will become Conservative leader and British prime minister.

Three candidates were eliminated. Lawmakers Esther McVey, Mark Harper and Andrea Leadsom all failed to reach the threshold of 17 votes needed to get to the next round.

The contest is dominated by the issue of Britain's stalled departure from the European Union, with all the contenders promising to succeed where departing Prime Minister Theresa May failed and lead the country out of the bloc.

May quit as party leader last week after failing to secure Parliament's backing for her Brexit divorce deal. Britain's EU departure was originally due to take place on March 29, but has been delayed to Oct. 31 because of the political deadlock in London.

Johnson vowed Wednesday that as prime minister he would "get Brexit done," either by renegotiating

May's rejected Brexit deal or by leaving the EU on Oct. 31 without an agreement.

"Delay means defeat" for the Conservatives, he said.

EU leaders are adamant that the agreement won't be altered, and economists warn that a no-deal departure would cause economic chaos for the U.K.

Johnson's tough line on the EU has won him the support of many Brexiters in the Conservative Party, who put leaving the bloc about all other issues.

He's also being backed by moderates on Europe who calculate that he's the most likely leader to win a future election in which the Conservatives will be squeezed by Nigel Farage's newly founded Brexit Party on the right, and the opposition Labour Party on the left.

But rivals argue that Johnson's verbal blunders and haphazard performance in high office make him unfit to lead the country. In 2017, when he was foreign secretary, he said incorrectly that a British-Iranian

woman imprisoned in Iran was a journalist, damaging attempts to secure her release.

Last year, Johnson faced criticism last year for comparing Muslim women who wear face-covering veils to "letter boxes."

After yesterday's result was announced, Hunt tweeted: "The stakes have rarely been higher for our country. This serious moment calls for a serious leader."

Conservative legislators will hold further elimination rounds of votes next week until two contenders remain. They will be put to a postal ballot of party members, with the winner due to be announced the week of July 22.

In addition to Johnson, Hunt and Gove, four other contenders remain in the race: ex-Brexit Secretary Dominic Raab, Home Secretary Sajid Javid, Health Secretary Matt Hancock and International Development Secretary Rory Stewart. AP

How the Tories choose a new leader – and prime minister



BITAIN'S Conservative Party is holding a contest to replace Prime Minister Theresa May, who stepped down from the party helm last week after failing to deliver Brexit.

Ten candidates wanted to follow May as party leader and into the prime minister's office. A series of knockout votes will reduce the field until only two are left for a head-to-head showdown.

Here's a look at the first round and how the contest will unfold:

THURSDAY, JUNE 13:

All 313 Conservative Party lawmakers in the House of Commons voted by secret ballot in the first elimination round. Former London mayor and British foreign secretary Boris Johnson emerged as the clear winner with 114 votes.

Six other elected Tories serving in May's Cabinet or Parliament also made the cut: Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt; Environment Secretary Michael Gove; ex-Brexit Secretary Dominic Raab; Home Secretary Sajid Javid; Health Secretary Matt Hancock; and International Development Secretary Rory Stewart.

Three were eliminated after failing to meet a threshold of 17 votes: Andrea Leadsom, Mark Harper and Esther McVey.

TUESDAY, JUNE 18:

Lawmakers hold a second round of votes. The candidate who comes in last drops out of contention, along with any others who receive less than 33 votes.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19 AND THURSDAY, JUNE 20:

Further rounds are held, if needed, cutting the last-placed candidate of every vote until only two finalists remain. The final two are put to a vote-by-mail of Conservative Party members across the country – about 160,000 people.

WEEK OF JULY 22:

The new party leader, who will become U.K. prime minister, is announced.

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13:30	Telejornal RTPi (Diferido)
15:00	Água de Mar
15:45	Zig Zag
16:05	Portugueses Sem Fronteiras
16:35	Quem Quer Ser Milionário
17:30	Tempos Modernos
18:00	Amor Maior (Repetição)
18:50	TDM Talk Show (Repetição)
19:25	Livros com João Guedes (Repetição)
19:35	Os Nossos Dias Sr.2
20:30	Telejornal
21:15	Semana Internacional
21:50	Viagens em Série - Estreia
22:15	Amor Maior
23:15	TDM News
23:50	Daqui P'rá Frente
01:20	Telejornal (Repetição)
02:05	RTPi Directo

Offbeat

HUGE SPHINX MAKES CRAWLING JOURNEY TO NEW SPOT IN MUSEUM



The largest ancient sphinx in the Western Hemisphere was on the prowl yesterday (Macau time) for the first time in nearly 100 years.

Philadelphia's Penn Museum relocated its 3,000-year-old sphinx of Pharaoh Ramses II from the Egypt gallery, where it had resided since 1926, to a featured location in the museum's new entrance hall.

Workers used air dollies to painstakingly maneuver the priceless artifact up a specially constructed ramp and through a series of doorways, windows, sharp turns and tight squeezes, a distance of about 76 meters.

The sphinx was as inscrutable as ever throughout. Museum officials, on the other hand, were a little more animated.

"It's been extremely exciting and nerve-wracking, too. I'll sleep a lot better tonight," said director Julian Siggers, adding the sphinx was insured for an "eye-wateringly high figure."

The monument, which was carved out of a single block of red granite and has the head of a man and the body of a lion, was unearthed in 1913 by famed British archaeologist Sir William Matthew Flinders Petrie, whose excavations the museum funded. It was relocated as part of the museum's extensive, multi-year makeover.

"We needed something very powerful right when you walked into this renovated space, and that is when we said, 'What a shame we can't have the sphinx here. It would be perfect,' Siggers said. "The received wisdom was it was impossible to move."

The museum's unofficial mascot underwent 3-D imaging to determine its weight (25,000 pounds, 11,340 kilograms) and density so that engineers could determine what would be required to move it.

As predicted, the journey took several hours. It'll be lifted onto its new base today.

"This move was so carefully orchestrated," said associate curator Jennifer Houser Wegner, who co-wrote a book on the sphinx. "I felt very confident, knock wood, that things would go according to plan."

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MEN IN BLACK: INTERNATIONAL
ROOM 1
2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30pm
Director: F. Gary Gray
Starring: Chris Hemsworth, Tessa Thompson, Liam Neeson
Language: English (Chinese)
Duration: 109min



X-MEN: DARK PHOENIX
ROOM 2
2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30pm
Director: Simon Kinberg
Starring: James McAvoy, Michael Fassbender, Jennifer Lawrence
Language: English (Chinese)
Duration: 113min



GODZILLA II: KING OF THE MONSTERS
ROOM 3
2:15, 9:30pm
Director: Michael Dougherty
Starring: Kyle Chandler, Vera Farmiga, Millie Bobby Brown
Language: English (Chinese)
Duration: 131min



ALADDIN
ROOM 3
2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30pm
Director: Guy Ritchie
Starring: Will Smith, Mena Massoud, Naomi Scott
Language: English (Chinese)
Duration: 109min

this day in history



1961 PANDA REPLACES ZEBRA AT ROAD CROSSING

A new type of road crossing with push button controls for pedestrians is to be introduced next year.

The announcement by the Ministry of Transport confirmed the new 'panda' crossings would be installed on a 12 month experimental basis because of the rising number of accidents on uncontrolled zebra crossings.

In the first half of last year, 533 people were killed or injured on zebra crossings - compared with 447 for the same period in 1959.

The new push button-controlled crossings will be introduced at between 40 and 50 sites in England and Wales.

Half the crossings will be installed where there are none in existence at all at the moment. The remainder will be placed in Guildford in Surrey where all 13 crossings will be converted to the new push button variety, and Lincoln, Lincolnshire, where 10 will be converted.

Transport Minister Ernest Marples - who announced the initiative - said he hoped by imposing an element of control over pedestrian crossings, "some of the dangerous uncertainties of the present system would be eliminated".

The new crossings will consist of triangular black and white stripes - instead of the current rectangular stripes at zebra crossings.

There will be a push button on either side of the road which will control a set of flashing lights. After pressing the button, a flashing light will tell the user to wait. Drivers will be warned to slow by an amber flashing light, which will then turn to red. At the same time, a 'walk' sign will be illuminated for pedestrians. After a specified time period the 'walk' sign will begin to flash, warning the user that the traffic lights are about to change back to green and it is unsafe to cross.

Zebra crossings were introduced in 1951 when there were two million cars registered on the roads of Britain. There are now ten million cars on Britain's roads and the figure is rising all the time.

The new crossing scheme will begin in April next year.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

The Tufty Club - initially aimed at pre-school children - was also launched in 1961. It was a road safety campaign, which used a series of puppets including Tufty the squirrel to get its message across.

Panda crossings were introduced in April 1962 - but initial confusion over the sequence of flashing lights led to some swift modifications. The scheme later had to be abandoned as pedestrians and motorists alike complained it was too confusing and the system was also beset with mechanical failures.

The pelican crossing - another system using a push button and flashing lights - was introduced in 1969 and proved more successful.

In the 1990s pelicans were succeeded by puffin crossings - which used sensors to detect the passage of people and cars and thus control the traffic.

By 1998 there were 21.6 million cars registered on the roads of Britain, with 70% of households owning at least one car.

YOUR STARS

Aries
Mar. 21-Apr. 19
You need to explore new territory today so see if you can get your people to back you up — you'll learn all that the world has to offer. Someone close needs reassurance, which is easy to give.

Taurus
April 20-May 20
Take your time and make sure that you're thinking through all of your options. You are almost certainly on the precipice of something big, but you need to be sure you're making the right call.

Gemini
May 21-Jun. 21
Someone you know, but not well, comes to your aid today. You may not even realize what's happening until it's all over. It's good to know that you've got people who are looking out for you.

Cancer
Jun. 22-Jul. 22
Your mental energy is still as strong as ever. In fact, you may come to some startling new realizations about your past that puts your current situation into an entirely new light.

Leo
Jul. 23-Aug. 22
You need to expand your wealth of knowledge — and it should be great fun. No matter how you choose to learn, you should find that your mind engages with greater ease than usual.

Virgo
Aug. 23-Sept. 22
Your energy is practically limitless today — so make sure that you're making the most of it! Your mood should be good, too, so it's a good time for you to confront difficult social situations.

Libra
Sep. 23-Oct. 22
Compromise is vital today — and you need to make the first offer. It's okay to haggle back and forth for quite a while, as long as both parties acknowledge that they each need to give something up.

Scorpio
Oct. 23 - Nov. 21
You're incredibly helpful today — as long as you choose to be, that is. You can score some points with the boss or a neighbor if you offer to lend a hand when the chips are down. Go for it!

Sagittarius
Nov. 22-Dec. 21
You need to have fun if you want to get anything done today — and fortunately, you have terrific energy and an even better mood! Make a game out of the boring stuff so you can get it done faster.

Capricorn
Dec. 22-Jan. 19
You've got a message waiting for you from your elders — and it may take the form of a dream or a sign from beyond. Pay attention, and you should know it when you see it. Remember, it's not a command.

Aquarius
Jan. 20-Feb. 18
Your altruistic side is making itself heard loud and clear today — you are definitely focused on the greater good! That may cause problems with someone close who feels too caught up in their own drama.

Pisces
Feb. 19-Mar. 20
You may find that your situation isn't black and white — it's either gray or rainbow-striped! The ambiguity is fine with you, but a close friend or family member could have some problems with it.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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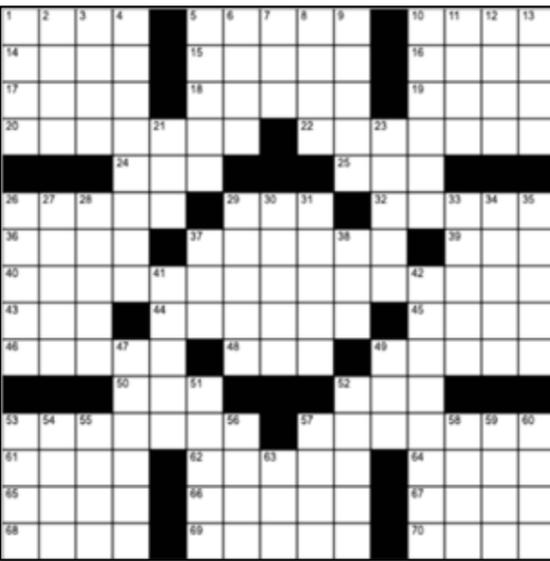
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Lhasa	7	22	clear
Chengdu	15	25	clear
Chongqing	17	27	cloudy
Kunming	15	28	cloudy
Nanjing	15	28	cloudy
Shanghai	16	27	clear
Wuhan	14	29	cloudy
Hangzhou	17	28	cloudy
Taipei	21	24	drizzle
Guangzhou	21	29	cloudy
Hong Kong	22	26	cloudy
WORLD			
Moscow	15	24	drizzle
Frankfurt	8	18	drizzle
Paris	12	17	drizzle
London	7	15	drizzle
New York	11	20	drizzle

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Pierce with a knife; 5- Compel; 10- Crimson Tide, for short; 14- Priest of the East; 15- Like granola; 16- Angers; 17- Neuron part; 18- Dynamite stuff; 19- Vanished; 20- Immoral act; 22- Tire rupture; 24- You ___ here; 25- Paris pal; 26- Range maker; 29- Dorm overseers, for short; 32- White heron; 36- Slay; 37- Sale indicator; 39- Black bird; 40- Kind principles; 43- Legendary Giant; 44- Merited; 45- Small purse; 46- Picked; 48- Alley ___; 49- Despised; 50- Keats work; 52- ... gloom of night...; 53- Peeved; 57- Servile; 61- Faculty head; 62- Misplaces; 64- Falco of "The Sopranos"; 65- Miami-___ County; 66- Incident; 67- Equinox mo.; 68- Practice punching; 69- Primed; 70- Slammin' Sammy;

DOWN: 1- Shut with force; 2- Curbside cry; 3- OT prophet; 4- Large handkerchief; 5- Recipient; 6- Surprise attack; 7- Addams Family cousin; 8- Action word; 9- Name on a bomber; 10- Important person; 11- Slangy suffix; 12- Waiter's handout; 13- I'd hate to break up ___; 21- Slice of history; 23- Last letter of the Greek alphabet; 26- For a specific purpose; 27- Maw; 28- We ___ please; 29- Fashionably old-fashioned; 30- Hershey's bell town; 31- Throat problem; 33- Singer Bonnie; 34- Come next; 35- Shy; 37- Estuary; 38- Assist; 41- Destitute; 42- Proximity; 47- Oklahoma athlete; 49- In what way; 51- Certain fisherman; 52- Foul; 53- Contributes; 54- Certain tide; 55- Nothing, in Nogales; 56- Peace symbol; 57- Ward (off); 58- Prefix with logical; 59- Bites; 60- "___ grip!"; 63- Large body of water;



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CYCLING

Froome remains hospitalized in France with multiple injuries

CHRIS Froome underwent successful surgery after the high-speed crash that left him with multiple fractures and shattered his hopes of going for a fifth Tour de France title next month, his team said yesterday.

Froome will remain hospitalized for observation at the Saint-Etienne hospital where he underwent a six-hour operation after hitting a wall at high speed during a training ride before a time trial at the Criterium du Dauphine in the town of Roanne on Wednesday. The Dauphine is a traditional warmup race for the Tour de France, the three-week showpiece race Froome and his teammates have dominated in recent years.

First things first, the surgery was a success. The operation, which lasted for six hours, went very well.

MD RICHARD USHER

AP PHOTO



Briton Chris Froome (right)

Team Ineos said in a statement that medical staff at the hospital in central France is "very happy" with Froome's progress to date.

"First things first, the surgery was a success. The operation, which lasted for six hours, went very well," Team Ineos doctor Richard Usher said. "Chris will remain in hospital for the next few days for observation, but he is already actively engaging in discussing his rehabilitation options, which is very encouraging."

The 34-year-old Froome

broke his right femur, elbow and several ribs in the crash that likely ended his season. He received emergency care on the road, was transported to Roanne hospital then airlifted to Saint-Etienne for surgery.

Team principal Dave Brailsford told the BBC that Froome was on a descent with teammate Wout Poels when he went to blow his nose and a gust of wind took out his front wheel, he lost control, and he hit the wall of a house.

Froome, who won the Tour de France in 2013, 2015, 2016 and 2017, has often crashed in his career but had never been so seriously injured.

Last year on the Tour, he crashed in the opening stage and hit the ground again on a cobbled stage in northern France. He was also forced out of the 2014 Tour after injuring his left wrist in crashes, and abandoned the 2015 Spanish Vuelta with a foot injury following yet another accident.

After his third-place finish in last year's Tour, Froome had only one goal this season: matching the record of five wins shared by Jacques Anquetil, Eddy Merckx, Bernard Hinault and Miguel Indurain.

He had skipped the Giro to focus solely on cycling's marquee event and was hoping to put the final touches to his preparations at the Dauphine. "Chris had worked incredibly hard to get in fantastic shape and was on track for the Tour, which unfortunately he will

now miss," Brailsford said.

Froome's absence will settle the leadership question within Ineos, with Geraint Thomas looking to defend his title in July without a rival in his squad.

"Such crap news!! It's always horrible hearing about any bad crash, but even worse when it's a good mate!!" Thomas wrote on Twitter after finding out about Froome's accident.

The Tour de France starts on July 6 from Brussels, Belgium. AP

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WHY PLASTIC-FREE JULY IS COMING AGAIN

From modest beginnings in Perth in 2011, Plastic-Free July is back with #ChooseToRefuse and #PlasticFreeJuly challenges. Last year over 2 million people from 177 countries participated (14,000 people in 69 countries in 2016) to raise awareness of the plastic waste problem and nudge behaviour change.

The challenge is to give up single-use plastic for July, or at least pledge to cut out the main polluters – plastic straws, plastic bags, coffee cups, take-away utensils. This can dramatically change your understanding of how much waste is built into our lives. And, recycling – far from being the answer – is a moral hazard.

Since China's refusal to take the first world's "recycling" refuse last year, Malaysia's environment minister Yeo Bee Yin is sending back to Australia, the US, the UK and Canada 3,000 tonnes of non-recyclable waste diverted there. President Duterte has also threatened to forcibly ship 69 containers back to Canada if Canada does not arrange to take back the poor-quality plastic.

By not building into the production and consumption process the systems needed to deal with the waste that are a necessary part of extractive and growth economies, developed countries have been caught with their pants down pooping on developing nations that gladly charge meagre amounts to allow developed nations to export their inability to plan for a wasteful existence.

Developed countries' approach has been one of take-make-use-dispose; companies extract raw materials, transform these into products using inputs like labour and energy, transport them to customers who use them and throw them away, creating increasing volumes of near-permanent waste of little ongoing value or utility. Waste in this non-circular system is a built-in design fault that continues to grow alongside Gross Domestic Product (GDP).

This is a linear system in a finite world. Although over the last 200 years the global population has increased six times with dire rhetoric that the earth cannot sustain such growth, in fact, productivity increased 700 times over that period. Many will argue that we can continue to increase productivity and provide for an ever-increasing economy and population while decreasing the waste and destruction of the environment that sustains us.

However, our current approaches to growth, together with the mathematics of compounding interest, are clearly resulting in natural limits being reached that even the least observant of us cannot fail to notice: climate change, discernible marine garbage, declining fish stocks, loss of habitats and bio-diversity, and the air pollutants that stop us exercising outdoors and put our frail citizens on respirators.

The inability of developed nations to manage the recycling crisis, among other failures, cannot be overcome quickly enough even with our existing technological brilliance and wealth. These are signs that we have reached limits – not just limits in the earth's capacity to transform our waste into resources, but limits of reductionist scientific thinking, limits of vision imposed by never daring to criticize the ideology of growth and profitability believed to be the ultimate good under all conditions.

The foundations of our consumptive (double entendre intended) way of being requires rethinking. Plenty of clever people are reimagining what the future might hold for citizens, communities and the land we live on to deliver both human and ecological abundance: New Zealand presented its 2019 Wellbeing Budget last month which looks beyond GDP to quality of life and the environment, and together with Scotland and Iceland, is a founding member of the Wellbeing Economy Governments initiative; Costa Rica hit the top of the Happy Planet index in 2009 and 2012 by investing in communities, the environment and preventative medicine.

Social movements and a democratic groundswell are visible – large and small: The Food Movement, Veganism, Macau's own No-Plastic-Please, along with Plastic-Free July.... Participate in any of them, see life differently, and become part of a vision for something better.

THE EUROPEAN UNION CALLS FOR RESTRAINT IN HONG KONG

The European Union has issued a statement about the ongoing protests in Hong Kong, calling for restraint to be exercised by both the government and those opposed to its controversial extradition bill.

The statement, issued by the Spokesperson for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, and relayed to media via the European Union Office to Hong Kong and Macao, recommended that the HKSAR government conduct "an in-depth, inclusive public consultation [to] help to find a constructive way forward."

"Over the past days, the people of Hong Kong have exercised their fundamental right

to assemble and express themselves freely and peacefully. These rights need to be respected. Restraint should be exercised by all sides; violence and escalatory responses must be avoided," the statement read.

"The European Union shares many of the concerns raised by citizens of Hong Kong regarding the Government's proposed extradition reforms, and has conveyed these to the Government."

China, Hong Kong and Macau usually answer recommendations or comments from external parties by calling for the country's sovereignty over its internal affairs to be respected.

WOMEN IN FILM GALA

Amy Poehler, Issa Rae recognized for their entrepreneurship



Amy Poehler accepts the entrepreneur in entertainment award

Lindsey Bahr, Beverly Hills

IN a night of commanding words from some of the most accomplished women in entertainment at the annual Women in Film Gala yesterday in Beverly Hills, from the likes of Issa Rae, Viola Davis and producer Cathy Schulman, Amy Poehler put her own unconventional spin on the "empowerment speech."

Poehler, who was accepting the final honor of the evening, the Entrepreneur in Entertainment Award, simply read off a list of names: "A League of Their Own," Patti Smith, "Fleabag," "The Virgin Suicides," Judge Judy, U.S. Women's Soccer, "American Psycho," "Russian Doll," Dolly Parton. She continued listing off female creators and female-created shows and films for two and a half minutes.

"Thank you, thank you," Poehler said. "More, more, more."

It was simple, brief, and got the point across to the ballroom full of women working in the industry. She followed a riotously funny speech from "Insecure" creator Rae, who decided to take inspiration from her hip-hop idols and buck the social convention of women being humble. She said she was just going

to say the opposite of, "What I would normally say."

"You future hoes need to bow down," Rae said as the inaugural recipient of the Emerging Entrepreneur Award. "Entrepreneur means I did that s--- by myself."

Producer Cathy Schulman, and former Women in Film board president, who was being recognized for her advocacy in entertainment, took a vastly different approach with a vulnerable and open story about the personal and financial trials she's had to endure while trying to "make it."

Although she won an Oscar for producing the film "Crash," she said she never made a dollar from the film, which earned almost USD100 million at the box office, and even went into credit card debt trying to make sure the production had what was needed. She's produced 30-something films and raised a daughter too, but she said she has from pre-school through graduation only picked her up from school four times.

"I've paid a deep price for my advocacy," Schulman said.

She said there's still, "A long way to go" and she hopes, for one, that the words "diversity" and "in-

clusion" are decoupled.

"Diversity is a counting mechanism," she said. "Inclusion is not something you can count, advertise or market. Inclusion is what happens when diverse people are actually present in equal numbers in decision making positions."

Davis, who is working with Schulman on a project called "The Woman King," which she described as "Braveheart" only with all black women and no Scottish brogues, said that, "In a world that has a bad habit of erasing us girls...we need champions like Cathy."

Women in Film, the advocacy organization putting on the event with the help of sponsor Max Mara, announced a new initiative at the event called Entrepreneurial Pathways which is intended to help knock down the roadblocks to capital for female filmmakers and creators.

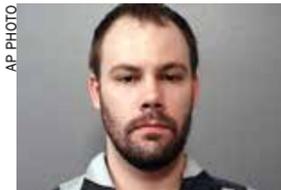
Kirsten Schaffer, the executive director of Women in Film, said that women currently get only 16% of the overhead deals and 23% of the overall deals in television. Their goal is to, "Strategize ways to advance parity."

The organization raised over \$50,000 for program over the course of the event. AP

Station	Air quality
Roadside	30-50 Good
High Density Residential Area	30-50 Good
Ambient	35-55 Good

SOURCE: D5IMG

WORLD BRIEFS



CHINA-US A federal prosecutor tells jurors in grisly detail that authorities believe a former University of Illinois doctoral student Brendt Christensen (pictured) kidnapped a visiting scholar from China, and beat her to death with a baseball bat. More on p12



INDIA Authorities evacuate nearly 300,000 people from India's western coastline ahead of a very severe cyclone that's expected to make landfall as the year's second major storm.



AFGHANISTAN The Islamic State group in Afghanistan is a "very worrisome" threat to the United States, and U.S. counterterrorism efforts have yet to shrink its extremist ambitions, Gen. Kenneth "Frank" McKenzie said.



SCIENCE Giving monkeys a break: More research monkeys are being retired to sanctuaries when their work is done, but funding and quality of care are the biggest roadblocks.



BRITNEY SPEARS A Los Angeles judge is set to consider whether to extend a temporary restraining order taken out in the name of Britney Spears against her former manager.