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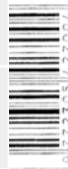


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**INDIA**'s recent national election delivered a historic victory to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's Hindu nationalist party, but also exposed the influence of money, power and questionable morality on the world's largest democracy.



**ISRAEL** A Jerusalem magistrate court yesterday sentenced Sara Netanyahu, the wife of Israel's Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, to pay a fine of more than USD15,000 for misusing state funds.

**PAKISTAN** A rights group has urged the Pakistani government not to execute a prisoner with "clear symptoms of mental illness" scheduled to be hanged in two days

**TURKEY** Passengers on a Turkish Airlines jetliner flying to Sudan had to subdue a man who started screaming a few minutes after takeoff and began smashing an oxygen mask box and then a cabin window before pushing flight attendants aside and rushing toward the cockpit.

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## HEALTH

# Local youth call for stricter anti-smoking regulations

**L**ocal youngsters are calling on the government to consider banning smoking in some streets and to have designated smoking places, particularly in tourist areas.

Recently, the Health Bureau (SSM) met with some 50 youngsters to hold a talk on tobacco control as part of the bureau's preventive activities to deter adolescents from taking up smoking.

According to a statement issued by the SSM, most of the participants expressed concern that people are still smoking in the waiting lines at bus stops and on the streets, calling on the government to consider prohibiting smoking in some streets and to just have designated smoking places.

Some participants gave examples of areas where smoking should be prohibited, such as the tourist areas including Ruins of St. Paul and Avenida de Almeida Ribeiro, amongst others.

Regarding education in



the maltreatment of tobacco for adolescents, some said the promotion of the harmful effects of tobacco for young people is not as effective because they are not worried about the harm that tobacco does to their health.

The participants believed that raising tobacco taxes, increasing fines and strengthening law enforcement for young smokers serve as more effective deterrents.

However, the participants also said that it is necessary

to solve the problem of illegal entry of cigarettes before tax increases.

Some participants also suggested that the bureau's Tobacco Prevention and Control Office conducts a statistical analysis of the "black spots" most frequented by young people, where they smoke the most, and where there are more inspections.

The general tobacco consumption among young people in Macau and between the ages of 13 and

15 was 6.1% in 2015, while the rate of use of electronic cigarettes was 2.6%, almost similar to the cigarette consumption rate of 2.7%.

At the meeting, the director of the bureau, Dr Lei Chin Ion reported that most smokers experienced their first cigarette when they were underage.

According to the SSM, it is necessary for the bureau to strengthen prevention education against the harmful effects of tobacco among young people.

Lei hopes that young people can continue to support tobacco control work and provide further feedback, pledging that the bureau will work on revising the Tobacco Control Act in the future, based on their opinions.

The participants, aged between 16 and 35, were from the Macau Medical Staff Volunteers Association, Macau New Chinese Youth Association, Smoke-free & Healthy Life Association of Macau and Macau Youth Anti-Smoking Association. LV

## ARTS

## IFFAM signs Peter Chan and Carina Lau for fourth edition

Renato Marques

**T**he International Film Festival and Awards – Macao (IFFAM) organizers have signed two well-known movie personalities to join the fourth edition of the festival in Macau.

Hong Kong's movie director Peter Chan and actress Carina Lau have agreed to be part of the festival as the International Competition Jury President and Talent Ambassador respectively, the organizers informed in a statement.

During the press conference held in Shanghai, the artistic director of IFFAM, Mike Goodridge spoke about Chan saying, "he is one of the most accomplished and successful Hong Kong filmmakers in recent history. The high quality of his Pan-Asian films has stimulated the development of the Asian Film Industry in general. I believe that he will bring his great experience and wisdom to the jury and the filmmakers this December." Goodridge also took the opportunity to announce that this year the festival is launching its first ever "Shorts Competition," a section that will include a curated selection of 10 Chinese-language short narrative films from young directors around the region.

The director of the festival explained that in this new section, "we will work specifically with film schools and institutions in Mainland China, Hong Kong, and Macau."

The 4th IFFAM will be held in Macau from December 5 to 10.

### ASK THE VET



by Dr Ruan Du Toit Bester

## BREEDS PRONE TO CANINE HYPOTHYROIDISM

**T**HERE are two main types of canine hypothyroidism, primary and secondary. There are also some rarer forms of this condition. The neoplastic and congenital forms of hypothyroidism are frequently breed-specific. Primary hypothyroidism accounts for over 95 percent of all cases and usually occurs between the ages of four and six.

Located on either side of the windpipe in the dog's throat area, the thyroid gland produces hormones responsible for metabolic function. When this gland is not functioning properly, hormone production is disrupted.

#### Symptoms of hypothyroidism

- Skin abnormalities, such as dark patches or dry skin
- Hair loss or poor hair coat
- Lethargy, excess sleep
- Weight gain
- Chills, poor cold tolerance
- Slow heart rate
- Constipation
- Infertility

#### Canine breeds most prone to hypothyroidism

Any dog-including mixed breeds-can suf-

fer from primary hypothyroidism, but the 10 breeds most susceptible include:

- Golden Retrievers
- Labrador Retrievers
- Dachshunds
- Boxers
- Cocker Spaniels
- Greyhounds
- English Bulldogs
- Great Danes
- Doberman Pinschers

Other breeds notably at risk of hypothyroidism include:

- Mastiff
- American Staffordshire Terrier
- Rottweiler
- Siberian Husky
- Border Collie
- Maltese
- Weimaraner
- Chinese Shar-Pei
- Dalmatian
- Bernese Mountain Dog

#### Types of hypothyroidism

- Secondary hypothyroidism is caused by a tumor encroaching upon the thyroid gland. Fortunately, this form of dog can-

cer is a somewhat rare condition, but Beagles, Golden Retrievers and Boxers are more likely to develop tumors of this type.

- Neoplastic hypothyroidism causes an abnormal growth or destruction of thyroid tissue and is caused by iodine deficiency. This condition is seen in giant schnauzers and boxers.
- Congenital or juvenile onset hypothyroidism is an inherited condition that is seen in Giant Schnauzers and German Shepherd Dogs. Toy Fox Terriers also carry a gene for congenital hypothyroidism.

#### Canine hypothyroid diagnosis and treatment

Most forms of hypothyroidism are diagnosed with a blood test. Samples are taken and tested for thyroid hormone concentrations in the blood. There are several tests available and the test results can be somewhat inconclusive. Your veterinarian may want to perform more than one test to obtain an accurate diagnosis. Primary hypothyroidism is successfully treated with daily medications. Ongoing blood tests will be done to monitor hormone levels. As treatment progresses, the hormone dosages may change.



Treatment of secondary hypothyroidism is also treated with daily medications, combined with treatment of the underlying illness.

The most common form of thyroid hormone replacement is L-thyroxine. Depending upon the manufacturer, it is available in liquid, tablet or chewable form. Most dogs will show improvement within weeks of beginning hormone replacement therapy.

Hope this info helps  
Till next week  
Dr Ruan Bester

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## CHIEF EXECUTIVE ELECTION

# 5,000 voters eliminate just six contenders from Electoral Committee

Staff reporters

**F**IVE thousand and one voters cast their ballot in the election to determine the Electoral Committee for the Chief Executive Election, reported the Electoral Affairs Commission President, Song Man Lei, at a post-election press conference yesterday, representing about 87% of the 5,735 eligible to vote.

The 5,000 or so voters decided only that six possible representatives would not join the 344 others on the Electoral Committee, the body tasked with supporting the nominations of potential Chief Executive contenders, as well as voting to decide who will take the Macau SAR's top post.

The voting process yesterday was held to allow the 569 designated associations to cast their votes, so that the Electoral Af-

fairs Commission, which oversees the election, can filter 344 electors from the 350 possible representatives.

With the exception of the education and labor sectors, all other sectors fielded the same number of candidates as the seats they control and so there was no competition.

The six candidates to not win a seat on the Commission were Lei Kit U and Leong Cheng Ha from the education sector, and Lam Cheong U, Wong Hon Fai, Rita Botelho dos Santos, and Tang Sio Fong from the labor sector. No other candidates lost their seats.

The audited results are to be released today at 10 a.m.

Yesterday's vote was beset by several problems and unexpected interruptions, reported Song during the press conference.

One voter was spotted yester-

day taking photos with a mobile phone in the voting booth. The polling station concerned is the Macau Polytechnic Institute Sport Complex, which was designated for the business and finance sectors. The Commission reported the case to the police, but neither it nor the police have provided further details to date.

As in the Legislative Assembly election, voters are forbidden by law to use any kind of communication device once inside poll stations. Videography and photography are prohibited and can incur criminal prosecution.

Moreover, President Song noted at the press conference that it is illegal for any election-related promotion to take place within 100 meters of any polling stations.

Meanwhile, journalists were also legally prohibited from questioning voters within 100

meters of a polling station about the election.

Song said that there was a complaint received by the polling station at the Escola Luso-Chinesa Técnico-Profissional about the noise from a nearby political assembly organized by lawmaker Sulu Sou and the New Macau Association.

Another hiccup at the same polling station yesterday was a power outage, which obstructed the voting process temporarily before the Commission managed to fix it.

TDM's Radio Macau claimed yesterday on its Portuguese channel that the Chief Executive Election date had been set to August 25. At yesterday's press conference, a reporter from the broadcaster asked President Song to validate that report.

In response, Song dismissed the claim, adding that the Commission had not yet received

any specific date, which is to be deemed by the incumbent Chief Executive, Chui Sai On.

According to the Basic Law, the Chief Executive is to be elected by a "widely representative Election Committee," which in this election consists 400 electors from the business sector, the cultural, education, and professional sectors, the labor, social service, and religion sectors, as well as the law-making bodies and consultative bodies in both Macau and Beijing.

As the Election Committee is made up of people from various sectors, organizations meeting certain requirements set forth in the law can nominate their respective representatives for the Election Committee.

The legal requirement for an elector is an individual – or "natural person" – who can only represent one entity, or "legal person."

## New Macau Association protests 'small circle' show

**L**ED by lawmaker Sulu Sou, democrat group New Macau Association held a protest yesterday against what it termed the "small circle" election for Chief Executive.

A small crowd had gathered by about 10 a.m. outside of the Escola Luso-Chinesa Técnico-Profissional, one of the polling stations in yester-

day's Electoral Committee election. The protesters held signs that read in English and Chinese messages such as, "The 400 electors do not represent me" and "No more small circle election".

The protesters take issue with the few hundred nominated representatives who are able to de-

termine the city's next leader. They demand universal suffrage for all Macau citizens, describing it as "a fundamental right which is, not only given by the Basic Law, but also every Macau citizen is born with."

The few thousand eligible voters do not represent the views of thousands of other associa-

tions in the special administrative region and tens of thousands of ordinary people, they said.

Some 300,000 voters have been excluded from the process to decide Macau's next Chief Executive.

New Macau wrote in a statement that the process was "no more than a show orchestrated by

the political elites in the small circle."

"Pathetically, those in the small circle are enjoying their puppet role in the play while the majority of the citizens are not aware of how they are purportedly 'represented' by these puppets today."

New Macau is calling for an overhaul of the

entire system and said it would accept nothing less than universal suffrage.

"No reform of indirect elections, except for their abolishment, can address the problem of the exclusion of the majority of the population from the political process," it wrote in its statement to the media. **DB**



Prue Venables



Ljubica Jovic-Knezevic



Michael Flynn



Antonella Cimatti

## Global ceramic artists share techniques

**S**ANDS China Ltd. has invited ceramicists to share technical skills and inspire nearly 100 Macau university students, graduates, ceramic class participants and teachers with their creativity.

Two-day sessions were part of Sands China's All That's Gold Does Glitter – An Exhibition of Glamorous Ceramics, in line with the aim of Art Macao 2019 to boost art and creativity among local residents and tourists.

The sessions were held at the ceramics' studios of the Macao Polytechnic Institute and the Macau University of Science and Technology.

Last Monday, over 50 attendees at the Macao Polytechnic Institute had the opportunity

to learn from the exhibition's curator, Caroline Cheng of Hong Kong, as well as three of her fellow ceramic artists, Antonella Cimatti of Italy, Prue Venables of Australia and Tetsuya Ishiyama of Japan.

The four world-class artists shared their experience and their creative concepts and styles with the attendees and gave a demonstration of their skills.

Participants enthusiastically asked questions while Venables demonstrated the technique of throwing, the process of shaping clay on a potter's wheel.

Venables applauded the whole amazing journey of the exhibition here in the SAR, adding that bringing together artists from around the globe to take

part in the one platform to showcase quality artwork has been a wonderful experience.

Commenting on the master classes, the Australian artist remarked, "It's very good to have the opportunity to talk to people and maybe answer questions for students and explain things to them."

"It's always important to see other people's work to realize that it takes time to develop

techniques and also to think about how to develop your own ideas. That's often a struggle for a while, but it's always really valuable to watch other people's work," she added.

According to one participant, grateful to Sands China for ushering in a platform to exchange experiences with the ceramics experts, the opportunity was a one-of-a-kind session as the speakers invited by

**Both universities are thankful and pleased to have this precious opportunity for the students to enhance their skills and learn from the ceramic masters from all over the world**

Sands China are globally well-known.

"I can't believe that these ceramic masters from different countries are here to share their experiences with us. They have their own techniques and it's interesting to learn from them," said Kitty Chan.

"It has inspired me knowing that there are a lot of possibilities to work with clay. I think masterclasses like this can help us improve a lot in terms of developing different techniques. We need knowledge, and this is one of the ways to be inspired," she added.

Meanwhile, another participant said that some of the artists invited to the exhibition are the ones she has looked up to, given the awards they have received and the artwork they



Caroline Cheng



Tetsuya Ishiyama



## with art students

have exhibited in several galleries around the world.

"I am so excited, I loved their presentations," said one.

Many were amazed with the way the artist Cimatti works as her objective has been to create a lightness in ceramics, not only in weight but also visually. Ishiyama's work at the exhibition was also applauded during his presentation as he generously shared a series of techniques he uses.

The cultural and learning exchange did not stop there as another session was held at the Macau University of Science and Technology, attracting some 40 participants.

Led by Cheng with Michael Flynn of Ireland, Ljubica Knezevic of Serbia demonstrated the press mould technique,

which involves forcing clay into a mould to make it take on a desired shape.

The session was also an opportunity for students to share their artwork with the artists, drawing positive feedback and advice from the ceramic masters.

Both universities are thankful and pleased to have this precious opportunity for the students to enhance their skills and learn from the ceramic masters from all over the world.

Overall, the participants were keen to be part of the masterclasses as it provided a valuable opportunity for them to learn from some outstanding ceramicists whose work is on display until Oct. 9 at the All That's Gold Does Glitter exhibition.

Since Sands China invited 21 global artists to come to the region to exhibit at Macau's mega-art project, the gaming operator seized upon the chance for local students to learn about technical skills and creativity in a bid to create a difference in the city's art scene.

Serbian artist, Knezevic, encouraged students by telling them that there is no boundary to learning ceramics, and that students should take every opportunity to learn from skilled ceramic artists.

"It's very important for students to listen to professors from the universities but if there is a chance to meet ceramic experts from abroad, then it's great," the artist remarked.

"I really hope that the master-

classes would influence them to somehow have their own creativity and not just to have an idea to follow other people's work. Combining tradition and modern art could be the new contemporary art," Knezevic added.

All That's Gold Does Glitter features over 90 ceramic masterpieces from 13 different countries and regions. It is the largest and highest-level ceramic art exhibition in the Greater Bay Area in 2019.

The ceramic pieces are available for public viewing at The Venetian Macao, The Parisian Macao, the Four Seasons Hotel Macao, Cotai Strip, and Sands Macao. In addition, the exhibition has lent four of its feature artworks to the Macao Museum of Art until Oct. 8 for display at Art Macao's main exhibition.

Sands China's exhibition was curated over the course of 10 months by Cheng, who is an internationally renowned ce-

ramic artist. She convened a meeting of 27 artists from all over the world, including herself, to create ceramic artworks under the theme of All That's Gold Does Glitter.

The museum-quality All That's Gold Does Glitter – An Exhibition of Glamorous Ceramics is presented under the patronage of the Secretariat for Social Affairs and Culture, and is supported by the Cultural Affairs Bureau and the Macao Government Tourism Office.

The exhibition is part of Art Macao 2019, a six-month mega international arts and cultural event organised by the Macao government, with the participation of hotels, integrated resorts, and foreign consulates. The event line-up features the International Art Exhibition and a variety of other events, including diverse musical, dance and theatrical performances, and art installations in outdoor public spaces.

# Casino chiefs boosted Trump, but new generation favors democrats

Jeffrey Taylor & Bill Allison

**L**AS Vegas is America's gambling playground, and one of the casino industry's highest-stakes games is partisan politics.

Some of the biggest names on the Strip - Las Vegas Sands, Wynn Resorts and Red Rock Resorts - have ties to Republicans through donations or high-profile political involvement by executives such as Las Vegas Sands Corp. Chairman Sheldon Adelson.

But a deluge of California transplants and a growing population of Latinos and Asians, many of whom work in the industry, are transforming Nevada politics - and with it the casinos, some of which are putting more of their chips on Democrats.

"On the issues we care deeply about at a corporate level - diversity and inclusion, sustainability, community engagement - we have found more of an alignment with the current Democratic officials," MGM Resorts International Chief Executive Officer Jim Murren said in an interview, while pointing out that the company also supports Republicans in tune with its interests.

Murren, a registered Republican, said he's supporting former Vice President Joe Biden for president. He endorsed Democrat Hillary Clinton over Donald Trump in 2016.

Democrats are trying to shift Nevada from a swing state to one solidly in their column. Former President Barack Obama won the state twice, and in 2016 Nevada went for Clinton over Trump.

The party scored major gains there in the 2018 midterm elections, winning the governor's office and a U.S. Senate seat, among other posts. Both Senate seats are now in the hands of Democrats as well as three of the state's four congressional districts, and both houses of the Legislature.

The state may play a pivotal role in the Democratic nomination race. It will hold its presidential caucus next Feb. 22, the third in line after the Iowa caucuses and the New Hampshire primary.

Nevada's two largest employers are Murren's MGM and Caesars Entertainment Corp., and both have given more to Democrats than Republicans in recent elections. MGM's political action committee has donated USD404,690 to Democratic candidates since 2009, twice as much as it gave to Republicans. Caesars favored Democrats in five of the past six election



Jim Murren, chairman and chief executive officer of MGM Resorts International, a registered Republican who endorsed Democrat Hillary Clinton over Donald Trump in 2016

cycles, giving them \$700,799 compared with \$449,821 for GOP candidates.

The margin favoring Democrats narrows when including contributions to leadership PACs and party committees, with MGM's PAC favoring Democrats \$781,190 to \$578,200 and Caesars by \$1 million to \$825,921.

Overall, the political action committees of the six biggest Las Vegas-based casino companies by market capitalization favored Democratic candidates slightly over the GOP in 2018, \$307,500 to \$295,500, even though the party held no levers of power in Washington.

Even Wynn Resorts, whose founder and former chairman, Steve Wynn, was chosen to lead the Republican National Com-

mittee's finance committee in 2017, tilted modestly to Democrats last year after Wynn's departure from the company amid sexual misconduct allegations.

Wynn Resorts' PAC, which went seven years without making a contribution to a Democrat, gave \$10,000 to Democrats in 2018 against \$8,500 for Republicans. Through a spokeswoman, Wynn Resorts declined to comment, and an attorney for Wynn, who has denied the allegations against him, didn't respond to requests for comment.

Casinos are responding to the overwhelming electoral success of the Democratic Party in recent Nevada elections and the fact that Democrats are increasingly aligned with their interests, Representative Dina

Titus said in an interview.

"You start talking about building walls and Muslim bans and that starts to cut into their growing market, which is based on international tourism," said Titus, a Democrat whose district includes the Las Vegas Strip. At the same time, the industry's workforce, like the state's population, is changing rapidly, she said, adding that Las Vegas' potent unions are also playing an important role.

In terms of sheer dollar value, the casino industry's giving patterns at the federal level are skewed by the contributions of a single individual donor - Adelson, who with his wife, Miriam Adelson, has given \$205.8 million, most of it to super-PACs that support Trump and Republican House and Senate candidates, in the past two election cycles, according to the Center for Responsive Politics.

Adelson's Las Vegas Sands matches the boss's preferences: Its political action committee has distributed \$344,132 to federal politicians since 2009, with just \$8,500 going to Democrats. The company didn't respond to an email seeking

comment on its and Adelson's political giving.

Richard Broome, executive vice president for communications and government relations at Caesars Entertainment, said the company regards Nevada as a purple state and backs both Democratic and Republican politicians who are in tune with its interests. He cited the support of Caesars and other companies of Republicans, including Brian Sandoval, the former governor, and Dean Heller, who was the only GOP senator to lose his seat in the 2018 elections.

"We believe there's strong recognition among all elected officials in Nevada of the importance of tourism, gaming and hospitality to the state's economy and jobs," Broome said. "We're able to work effectively across both sides, and we've found that politicians on both sides are supportive of our issues."

Representative Susie Lee, a Democrat whose district is just south of Las Vegas, said she thinks Nevada is still potentially a swing state.

"I don't view what happened in 2018 as a sign that we are a completely blue state yet," Lee said in an interview. "Nevada voters are not shy about switching votes if they believe there's a candidate who's going to deliver for them."

Lee said she hasn't decided yet which Democrat to support in next year's presidential election.

"I'm focused on who calls me and asks about the needs of my district," she said. "When they call, they go up in my estimation." So far, Lee said, she has heard from candidates including Biden, Kamala Harris, Beto O'Rourke and Elizabeth Warren.

Murren says his company maintains a commitment to bipartisanship despite the tilt toward Democrats in its campaign contributions. MGM funds a public policy institute at the University of Nevada Las Vegas of which former Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid, a Nevada Democrat, and former House Speaker John Boehner, a Republican, are co-chairs. And MGM recently hired former governor Sandoval as its president of global gaming development.

Casinos are responsive to demographic and other factors that are making Nevada bluer, according to Sig Rogich, a Las Vegas-based Republican political consultant who served as an aide to President George H.W. Bush. Yet like the state's voters, he said, they're most closely attuned to politicians who share their interests.

"I don't think the casinos are choosing sides, per se, but I do think they know who has their interests at heart," Rogich added. "It's mostly defined by how well their special interests have been met." **Bloomberg**

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ANALYSIS

# Environmental Bureau awards 19 hotels for 'going green'

Julie Zhu

A total of 19 hotels were awarded at the Macao Green Hotel Awards, held by the Environmental Protection Bureau (DSPA) on Friday, for their environmentally friendly operations in 2018. Together with the previous two editions of the awards, a total of 55 hotels have thus far been awarded for their green operations.

The 19 hotels were presented their awards during the ceremony and commended for their waste reduction efforts. Hotel Okura Macau, Morpheus and MGM Cotai received gold awards, while Sands Macao, The Countdown Hotel, NÜWA, Broadway Hotel and Crowne Plaza Macau were awarded silver. MGM Macau, Riviera Hotel Macau, Inn Hotel and Harbourview Hotel received bronze awards.

Talking at the sidelines of Friday's award ceremony, DSPA



Director Tam Wai Man told the media that in 2018, compared to 2012, the awarded hotels registered great improvements in terms of environmental protection.

"The average consumption of electricity in each of the awarded hotels' guest rooms decreased more than 28,000 kWh," said Tam.

According to the DSPA, the

average waste reduction of each awarded hotel was 1.7 tonnes, representing a 45% decrease. The bureau's calculation method simply divided the amount of waste by the number of rooms of the awarded hotels.

However, looking at the statistics of Macau's hotel rooms and number of visitors, results suggest that the waste decrease may not necessarily be related entirely to recycling measures. It could also be related to the reduced number of guests each hotel room hosted.

According to statistics by the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC), in December 2018, Macau's hotels had a total of 39,000 guest rooms, and hosted a total of 14.1 million tourists during the year. These statistics indicate that, in 2018, each of Macau's hotel rooms hosted approximately 362 tourists on average.

In December 2012, Macau was recorded as having 26,069

hotel guest rooms, and 9.54 million tourists staying in those hotels. Applying the same calculation as before, each of Macau's hotel rooms hosted an average 366 people for 2012, four more tourists per room during the year compared to the 2018 figure.

However, the result of having 45% decrease in waste from each awarded hotel's rooms was due to the hotels' recycling measures, Tam said. "The total recycling exceeded 210,000 tonnes, which is equivalent to 120 days of Macau's refuse incineration plant," he said.

"Nearly 64% of the awarded hotels are doing kitchen waste recycling, with a total of 4,500 tonnes recycled so far," added the DSPA director.

Despite the fact that, according to Tam, the hotels have been awarded due to waste and energy consumption reduction, two of the Golden Awards winners, Morpheus and MGM Cotai, only started their operations in 2018.

Presently in its 12th edition, each year hotel applicants are encouraged to nominate themselves for the award. According to statistics provided by DSPA, none of the hotel applicants awarded in 2016, 2017 and 2018 managed to repeat the feat in these three years.

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## US appoints new consul to Macau, HK

Hanscom Smith has been appointed the United States Consulate General in Hong Kong and Macau by the country's Secretary of State Michael Pompeo. Incumbent Consul Kurt Tong, who took office in August 2016, is set to leave next month. The consulate disclosed in the press release that Tong is going to join the private sector. Smith previously served as Consul General in Shanghai, and is currently the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State responsible for China affairs. He has also worked at the American Institute in Taiwan. He has also been Director of the Office of Chinese and Mongolian Affairs at the Department of State, as well as in the Office of Japanese Affairs at the Department of State. He also served at the United States embassy in Beijing. Smith holds a bachelor's degree from Georgetown University, master's degrees from the London School of Economics and Princeton University, and a certificate in political studies from Sciences Po in Paris. He speaks a total of five languages, among which is Mandarin.

## Foreign exchange reserves edge up 0.2%

The Monetary Authority of Macao announced today that the preliminary estimate of the SAR's foreign exchange reserves amounted to 164.3 billion patacas (USD20.36 billion) as of the end of May 2019. The reserves decreased by 0.2% from the revised value of MOP164.7 billion (USD20.39 billion) for the previous month. The foreign exchange reserves at end-May 2019 represented about 10 times the currency in circulation. Meanwhile, the trade-weighted effective exchange rate index for the pataca rose 0.94 points month-to-month and 4.45 points year-on-year to 106.8 in May 2019, implying that overall, the exchange rate of pataca grew against the currencies of Macau's major trading partners.

## UM prof collaborates on English literacy book

Barry Lee Reynolds, an assistant professor of English education at the University of Macau (UM), recently published an English-language literacy book, co-edited by Teng Feng from Hong Kong Baptist University. The book serves as a teaching material for Chinese learners who want to develop English literacy. According to the UM, the book is the result of more than two years of collaborative editorial work. With an emphasis on instruction, policy, practice, and assessment, it focuses on English literacy at the pre-primary/primary, secondary, and university levels, and discusses literacy policies in the region. The book notably features classroom applications that are contextualized for mainland China, Hong Kong, Macau, and Taiwan.

RENATO MARQUES



# Taxi association: police officers don't understand new rules

**T**HE Macau Taxi Association expressed its concerns regarding the enforcement of the new taxi regulations that came into effect on June 3, noting that some law enforcement officers have yet to clearly understand the taxi regulations.

The new taxi law, which imposes higher fines for infractions and the mandatory installation of sound and video devices in the vehicles, has received negative feedback from taxi drivers, according to the deputy president of the association, Tai Kam Leong.

"So far, there are more nega-

tive than positive opinions in our industry since the implementation [of the new regulations]," Tai said.

Some drivers complained that some regulations are unreasonable, while others worry that police officers misunderstand the articles.

For example, the drivers criticized the heavier penalty for failing to remember to put down the meter sign compared to refusing to take a passenger, with a few of them already being fined MOP15,000.

"Three or four taxi drivers were fined MOP15,000 just because they forgot to start

the taxi meter while driving, [...] but for refusing to take passengers they are only fined MOP3,000," said Tai.

"How come? It doesn't make sense, I don't think this is the purpose of the regulations," the association's deputy president added.

The city's taxi drivers have 18 months to install voice and video recording devices in their taxi vehicles. However, they have yet to wait for the government to award a public contract to the company that will provide such devices.

Tai is also disappointed that taxi drivers may have to pay

the maintenance fee of the devices, from which they do not benefit.

"The government hopes for us to pay a maintenance fee [of about MOP10 per day], but we think it is unfair for taxi drivers to pay. It's the government that will use that recorded data, not us," Tai remarked.

Until June 9, the Public Security Police Force had imposed fines for 15 taxi infractions since the enforcement of new regulations.

Transport Advisory Committee Member Cheang Ka Hou believes that the new law is effective in regulating drivers.

### SMART CITY

## Multifunctional lampposts planned for central Macau

**C**EM will be installing more multifunctional smart lampposts in San Ma Lou, according to Yue Zongbin, Chief Consultant of the Executive Committee of CEM.

As of today, CEM has already installed smart lampposts, which are being tested at the University of Macau (UM) as well as Avenida da Amizade.

"Different Macau government departments are our potential customers," said Yue, adding "we have been keeping close communication with them."

According to Yue,

smart lampposts are a new thing to Macau. They combine traditional street lights with modern telecommunication and intelligent technologies.

Currently, the Office for the Development of the Energy Sector (GDSE) is cooperating with CEM and the local government with specific functions surrounding the installation of smart lampposts in Macau.

The street lampposts in UM and Avenida da Amizade are currently in the experimental stages, added Yue. The tests have gone accor-

ding to CEM's expectations.

The new generation of street lights can be used to enhance the collection of real-time city data, including number and movement of pedestrians and vehicles on streets, and to help car owners find a parking space.

In regard to installing more smart lampposts across town, especially in the busier tourist areas, data is the most concerned issue for CEM.

"Some of the biggest issues concern how we are going to handle the data, who will use the

data, and how can we use the data to bring new values to tourism," said Yue.

Each year, Macau suffers from extreme weather in summer. CEM modifies the designs of the lights in view of Macau's specific weather. Two of the major considerations when modifying the designs are humidity and typhoons.

Currently, the major manufacturers for street lights for the Macau market are from mainland China.

In terms of electrical cars, which corresponds to another pro-

ject within the scope of smart cities, CEM believes that the city currently has an adequate number of charging stations.

At present, there are over 500 electrical cars in town, and approximately 170 charging stations.

"According to our statistics, actually charging stations' usage rate is not particularly high," informed Yue, indicating that the current number is satisfactory. "We are still evaluating places that need more charging stations. We don't want to install charging stations that will not be used."

Yue claimed that CEM, together with the local government, will study on ways to improve the current charging stations. **JZ**



HONG KONG

# Massive protests draw apology from Carrie Lam



Christopher Bodeen & Elaine Kurtenbach

**H**ONG Kong citizens marched for hours yesterday in a massive protest that drew a late-in-the-day apology from the city's top leader for her handling of legislation that has stoked fears of expanding control from Beijing in this former British colony.

Nearly 2 million of the city's 7 million people turned out, according to estimates by protest organizers. Police said 338,000 were counted on the designated protest route in the "peak period" of the march. A week earlier as many as 1 million people demonstrated to voice their concern over Hong Kong's relations with mainland China in one of the toughest tests of the territory's special status since Beijing took control in a 1997 handover.

Well after dark, crowds gathered outside the police headquarters and Chief Executive Carrie Lam's office. On Saturday Lam suspended her effort to force passage of the bill, which would allow some suspects to be sent for trial in mainland China.

The move did not appease Hong Kong residents angered over the plan who see it as one of many steps chipping away at Hong Kong's freedoms and legal autonomy. Opponents worry the law could be used to send criminal suspects to China to potentially face vague political charges, possible torture and unfair trials.

Protesters are also angered over forceful tactics by police in quelling unrest at a June 12 de-

monstration.

Periodically, the shouts of the protesters standing shoulder-to-shoulder in front of the police headquarters would crescendo in a roar that reverberated through the narrow concrete canyons of the red-light district of Wanchai.

Smaller crowds stood chanting outside Lam's office building.

The statement issued late yesterday mentioned the demonstrations and said the government "understands that these views have been made out of love and care for Hong Kong."

"The chief executive apologized to the people of Hong Kong for this and pledged to adopt a most sincere and humble attitude to accept criticisms and make improvements in serving the public," it said.

The marchers want Lam to scrap the extradition bill, which is supported by the communist leadership in Beijing, and to resign.

The crowds filled a wide thoroughfare and side streets paralleling the waterfront of Victoria Harbor as tourists and shoppers who drive much of the Asian financial hub's economy looked on.

At the march's end, hundreds sat wearily around the city government headquarters. Some were singing. Some listening to speeches. Some just resting.

"Our demands are simple. Carrie Lam must leave office, the extradition law must be withdrawn and the police must apologize for using extreme violence against their own people," bank worker John Chow said as he marched with a group of his friends. "And

we will continue."

Protesters have mainly focused their anger on Lam, who had little choice but to carry through dictates issued by Beijing, where President Xi Jinping has enforced increasingly authoritarian rule.

Many here believe Hong Kong's legal autonomy has been significantly diminished despite Beijing's insistence that it is still honoring its promise, dubbed "one country, two systems," that the territory can retain its own social, legal and political system for 50 years after the handover.

The rally drew marchers both young and old, some pushing strollers or carrying slumbering infants. Few wore face masks or seemed to be trying to hide their identities, in contrast with demonstrations Wednesday, when participants expressed worries over possible retribution from the authorities.

Protesters also are angry over the way police used tear gas, rubber bullets and other forceful measures as demonstrators broke through barricades outside the city government's headquarters in that smaller but more aggressive protest.

The police presence yesterday was considerably more relaxed, with officers deployed mainly to direct traffic as the protesters wound their way through Hong Kong's commercial center from a sprawling downtown park to government headquarters.

Farther down the parade route, mourners lined up to lay flowers and pay respects at a makeshift memorial for a man who fell to his death Saturday after hanging

a protest banner that read in part, "Make Love, No Shoot" and "No Extradition to China."

The man slipped from the grasp of rescuers after clinging for a time to scaffolding outside a shopping mall. He missed a large cushion set up to capture him, and was declared dead at a nearby hospital.

Many protesters wore ribbons on their shirts and carried placards showing protesters who had been beaten bloody last week.

Pro-democracy activists were calling for a general strike today despite Lam's decision to suspend work on the legislation. Some labor unions, teachers associations and other groups were planning boycotts of work and classes, demanding the Lam administration retire the proposed amendments and not bring them up again for passage at a later stage.

"We encourage all the public to carry on the campaign," said Bonnie Leung, a leader of the pro-democracy group Civil Human Rights Front. "If any new violence takes place, it will be the responsibility of the police."

After Lam announced she was suspending the legislation to avoid more violence and allow additional debate, Chinese government officials issued multiple statements backing that decision. Lam, however, made clear she was not withdrawing it.

She has sidestepped questions over whether she should quit and also defended how the police dealt with last week's clashes with demonstrators. **MDT/AP**

## High-risk of Dengue predicted for Zhuhai

The Health Commission of Guangdong Province has evaluated Zhuhai to be a high-risk area for dengue fever transmission. The commission reported last week that, as of June 12, Guangdong recorded 240 dengue cases, 44 more than last year. The majority of these cases concern patients who were infected with dengue outside of China. Due to recent abnormal rains, which have created a very suitable environment for mosquito breeding, Guangdong has entered dengue fever season early. Experts predicted that several other cities will become high-risk areas for dengue fever, including Guangzhou, Jiangmen, and Shenzhen.

## Macau urban planners visit Greater Bay cities

Macau's Urban Planning Council recently visited the Greater Bay Area cities of Zhongshan, Foshan, Zhaoqing and Jiangmen to exchange views with the Natural Resources Administration of these cities. The topics discussed with the municipal authorities ranged from the general state of urban planning and renewal to the collaboration efforts between cities in the development of the Greater Bay Area. The delegates also discussed the preservation of historical and cultural resources, environmental protection and the interconnectivity of the transit network for the region. An earlier trip to the cities of Guangzhou, Dongguan, Huizhou and Shenzhen yielded similar outcomes, according to a statement from the Urban Planning Council.

## Zhuhai launches tender for HKZMB tourism project

Mainland China has officially launched a development plan for the tourism market on the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge's (HKZMB) east artificial island. The public tender for design and planning of the island's tourism and affiliated facilities was conducted in April. The tender's final result is scheduled to be announced soon. According to the immigration authority of the HKZMB's mainland side, the HKZMB records 44,000 users on a daily basis. The party secretary of the immigration authority said that the increase in number of tourists speeds up the bridge's tourism exploration. The authority also said that the east artificial island's original design consisted of an integrated center for transportation, management, service, rescue and tourism.



Guests swim in an infinity pool as the sun sets at Astir Palace hotel in Vouliagmeni

## TOURISM

# Butlers wanted to help lure wealthier visitors to Greece

Eleni Chrepa & Paul Tugwell

**T**HE Athens Riviera, just 20 minutes from the Acropolis and the Greek capital's bustling city center, should have been a playground for the world's wealthy. It's not.

The 70-kilometer coastline, with its clear-blue waters, romantic sunsets and sweeping views of the Saronic Gulf, has only a handful of luxury hotels and even those have trouble finding the trained staff needed to cater to the whims of high-end visitors. Not surprisingly, tourists with deep pockets skirt the site, making it a missed opportunity for a country that draws as much as 20% of its gross domestic product from the hospitality industry.

"There's a lack in Greece of educational programs to train people to work as butlers in luxury villas, to provide thalassotherapy services or to work aboard yachts, all in demand from wealthy tourists," said Xara Kouvoissi, the director of the state's Tourism Education School in Anavissos, south of Athens.

It doesn't help that Greeks look down on such jobs even though travel and tourism directly and indirectly provide livelihoods to about 3.8 million people, or more than a third of the Mediterranean country's population.

Even with a jobless rate of 18% — the highest in the euro area — finding skilled hospitality employees remains a challenge.

"Greek society still regards the tourism profession as Category B for employment," said Kouvoissi, adding that there are only about 450 students at her school. The institute, known by its Greek initials as Stean and shaped like a cruise ship that can be turned into a hotel for training, prepares students for all kinds of jobs, including as chefs, housekeepers, bar tenders, receptionists and waiters.

Staffing constraints and a lack of adequate investment are preventing the tourism sector from fully harnessing the natural advantages of sun and sand in a country with about 6,000 islands scattered across the Aegean and Ionian seas. Addressing those issues will be critical as Greece tries to claw out of a decade-long financial crisis that shrank its economy by a quarter and at the lowest point saw 27% of its working-age population without jobs. With the summer tourist season underway, the country is falling short.

Greece ranks 18th among countries with the biggest gains in spending by international visitors in the past seven years, trailing behind Spain in fifth place, Turkey in ninth, Portugal 11th and Italy 12th, according to

World Travel & Tourism Council data. Greece received 30 million visitors last year, an 11% jump from the previous year, while tourism revenue rose 12% to 16 billion euros (\$18.1 billion), according to the Greek Tourism Confederation. Greece's investment in the industry has grown slower than its global rivals, rising 3.6% in 2018, which placed it 120th in a ranking of 185 countries, WTTC data shows.

Greece's tourism industry will need about 5 billion euros to 6 billion euros in investments in the next four to five years, according to Stelios Koutsivitis, chief executive officer of Astir Palace Vouliagmeni SA, which operates the Four Seasons Astir Palace Hotel in Athens. Big projects could bring significant inflows of foreign investment, he said, adding that boosting the number of high-end tourists — currently at just 2% of visitors — to 5% could double the country's revenue from the sector.

Astir Palace Vouliagmeni has a 50-year history catering to luxury visitors to Greece, including former U.S. President Jimmy Carter, Frank Sinatra and shipping magnate Aristotle Onassis. In 2016, it was acquired by Jermyn Street Real Estate Fund IV LP, owned by the state investment arms of Kuwait and Abu Dhabi, Turkey's Dogus Group and others.

"Quality, not quantity, is what matters," said Miltos Kambourides, founder and CEO of Dolphin Capital Partners, a developer of luxury resorts mainly in the Mediterranean. Greece should lure international luxury brands "as the direct and indirect promotion they do for a country is second to none," he said.

**■ Even with a jobless rate of 18% — the highest in the euro area — finding skilled hospitality employees remains a challenge**

Dolphin has completed two luxury resorts in Greece, the Amanzoe and Nikki Beach Resort & Spa in the Peloponnese, and this year is building two more, the One&Only Kea Island and the Kifada Hills Golf Resort with an 18-hole Jack Nicklaus signature course — all for a total investment of about 750 million euros.

Upmarket brands "have a very loyal following with the wealthiest tourists of all: the Americans," said Dimitri J. Chandris, who sits on the advisory board of Chandris Group of Hotels, which in 2018 launched the Athens Marriott Hotel on the Athens Riviera. "We've seen a big difference in the type of client we are attracting."

The development of big projects on the Athens Riviera, like the former Athens airport, or Hellinikon, is expected to reshape the coastline and attract international hotel brands. The Hellinikon project has been stalled since the site — more than two times the size of Central Park in New York — was sold to Greek infrastructure company Lamda Development in 2014. Construction is finally slated to start once the government selects a preferred bidder to operate a casino in the area.

All that new investment will boost demand for qualified staff. High-end travelers are exacting and often have last-minute requests, including for bodyguards, drivers, maids, butlers, limos, luxury cars, helicopter services and yachts to explore the Greek islands, said Apostolos Geladaris, a manager at Royal Myconian Hotel & Thalasso Spa Center, one of 10 Myconian Collection luxury hotels on the island of Mykonos.

"While the customer's image of the hotel is determined by the doorman, the maid or the barman, the butler is the direct interface for knowing what the customer wants and making it happen immediately through a hands-on approach," he said. **Bloomberg**

# Beijing denies its vessel intentionally sank Filipino boat

Jim Gomez, Manila

**C**HINA has acknowledged its fishing vessel hit a Filipino boat in the disputed South China Sea in an incident that prompted an outcry in the Philippines but denies the collision was intentional.

The Philippines has filed a diplomatic protest after Filipino fishermen said a Chinese vessel rammed their anchored boat on Sunday night then abandoned them as the boat sank in the Reed Bank. Philippine officials strongly condemned the reported Chinese action.

The Chinese Embassy in Manila said late Friday that the Chinese vessel accidentally hit the Filipino boat as it tried to maneuver while being "besieged" by several Filipino boats. It said the Chinese captain tried to rescue the Filipinos but was afraid of being besieged by other boats.

"There is no such thing as 'hit-and-run,'" the Chinese Embassy said in a statement, citing the result of a preliminary investigation.

It's the most serious incident so far in the disputed waters involving fishermen from the two Asian neighbors whose ties have flourished under Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte, who took office in 2016.



The territorial conflicts, which also involve Vietnam, Malaysia, Taiwan and Brunei, have long been feared as a potential flashpoint in Asia. Tensions escalated in recent years after China transformed seven disputed reefs into man-made islands, which can serve as forward military outposts and intimidate rival

claimants in the strategic waterway. The U.S. has accused China of militarizing the region and has carried out "freedom of navigation" patrols to challenge Beijing's sweeping claims.

Duterte has come under criticism for his silence on the incident although his spokesman, Salvador Panelo, descri-

bed the abandonment of the 22 Filipino fishermen after their boat sank as "uncivilized as it is outrageous."

Opposition Sen. Risa Hontiveros said the Chinese government's explanation was "a flimsy attempt at a cover-up to shield the involved Chinese crew from any accountability and shift the blame and res-

ponsibility to our distressed fisherfolk."

If there were seven to eight Filipino fishing boats besieging the Chinese fishing vessel, Hontiveros asked why it was a Vietnamese fishing boat that rescued all the 22 Filipinos, as the Philippine military reported.

Hontiveros renewed her call for Duterte to downgrade diplomatic relations with China by recalling the Philippine ambassador in Beijing to strengthen Manila's effort to seek justice and defend its sovereignty.

Philippine Supreme Court Justice Antonio Carpio, who has done extensive studies on the South China Sea conflicts, said it was the first time that a Chinese vessel has rammed a Philippine fishing boat in the disputed waters in a "quantum escalation of China's aggressive acts." He said it could be the start of a more aggressive campaign to discourage the Philippine presence in an offshore region believed to be rich in undersea gas and oil deposits.

Chinese vessels have rammed Vietnamese fishing boats in another South China Sea region, the Paracel Islands, for years, Carpio said.

The Filipino fishermen, who were brought back home by the Philippine navy, told reporters the Chinese vessel turned around after hitting them and turned lights on, apparently to check on their sinking boat, then left.

"If the Vietnamese were not there, we would have all died," Filipino boat skipper Junel Insigne told ABS-CBN TV network. **AP**

# UN anti-terror official makes controversial trip to Xinjiang

**T**HE U.N. counterterrorism chief visited Xinjiang last week despite protests from the U.S. and a rights group that the trip would be inappropriate in light of the human rights conditions in China's far west region.

Vladimir Ivanovich Voronkov traveled to Beijing and Xinjiang from Thursday to Saturday last week, said a statement yesterday from the Chinese foreign ministry. Voronkov and Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Le Yucheng exchanged views on international counterterrorism efforts and reached "broad consensus," the statement said.

The U.S., researchers and rights groups estimate that as many as 1 million ethnic Muslims may be arbitrarily detained in Xinjiang, home to the



Uighur and Kazakh minority groups.

Former detainees have told The Associated Press that they were held without charge in "reeducation centers" where they were forced to denounce their faith and pledge loyalty to the ruling Communist Party.

The Chinese government denies there is widespread abuse in these centers, which it says are vocational training schools aimed at combatting extremism and helping Xinjiang residents gain employable skills.

In a conversation with U.N. Secretary-General Antonio

Guterres on Friday, U.S. Deputy Secretary of State John Sullivan conveyed "deep concerns" about Voronkov's visit.

"Beijing continues to paint its repressive campaign against Uighurs and other Muslims as legitimate counterterrorism efforts when it is not," Sullivan said, adding that Voronkov was putting the U.N.'s reputation and credibility at risk "by lending credence to these false claims."

Human Rights Watch said Friday the U.N. should have sent a human rights expert instead of a counterterrorism official.

China's foreign ministry did not provide details of Voronkov's trip to Xinjiang.

"Counterterrorism cannot be linked to specific countries, ethnic groups and religions," the ministry said in its Sunday statement. "It cannot adopt 'double standards.' China supports the U.N. in playing a central coordination role in international counterterrorism affairs." **AP**

# Bridge in China collapses, sending vehicles into river

**A**N entire section of a roadway bridge has plunged into a wide river in southern China, sending two vehicles into the water and leaving two people missing.

Heyuan city police said the 120-meter section collapsed early Friday morning.

China's Xinhua News Agency reported that two nearby security guards rescued a 44-year-old man, and two other people remained missing.

Dramatic footage on state broadcaster CCTV showed two arches of the six-arch bridge falling apart within seconds and without any apparent warning.

The bridge spans the Dongjiang river in Guangdong province.

The cause of the collapse is under investigation. Southern China has been hit with heavy rains and flooding that has caused 61 deaths, but it wasn't clear if swelling waters were a factor. **AP**



# Huawei has 56,492 patents and it's not afraid to use them

Susan Decker

AS Huawei Technologies Co. comes under unrelenting pressure from the Trump administration, the Chinese telecom giant has one advantage that the U.S. can't undermine: a vast, global portfolio of patents on critical technology.

Huawei holds 56,492 active patents on telecommunications, networking and other high-tech inventions worldwide, according to Anaqua's AcclaimIP. And it's stepping up pursuit of royalties and licensing fees as its access to American markets and suppliers is being restricted.

The company is in protracted licensing talks with phone-services provider Verizon Communications Inc. and is in a dispute with chipmaker Qualcomm Inc. over the value of patents. Huawei also lodged claims against Harris Corp. after the defense contractor sued it last year alleging infringement of patents for networking and cloud security.

"Patents are, at their basic level, weapons of economic warfa-

re," said Brad Hulbert, a patent lawyer with McDonnell Boehnen Hulbert & Berghoff in Chicago. "They're being hurt by the sanctions that the Trump Administration imposed and saying 'You have hurt us and our ability to sell, and we can hurt back.' It's saber-rattling."

Broader national security concerns also hang over this technology battle. In some circles Huawei's outsized role as a supplier to next generation, or 5G networks makes it a potential threat either as an espionage agent or network disruption tool. Huawei has not only become a flashpoint in the middle of a 5G arms race, it's also one of several companies targeted in President Donald Trump's ongoing trade dispute with China.

Trump signed an order in May that's expected to restrict Huawei from selling equipment in the U.S. Shortly after, the Department of Commerce said it had put Huawei on a blacklist that could forbid it from doing business with American companies.

For its part, the Asian nation

sees Huawei as a potent symbol of its evolution from the world's factory to a technology powerhouse, while the U.S. claims the tech company steals inventions from American firms.

"Huawei has invested a lot of money and they want to be recognized," said Jim McGregor, a Mesa, Arizona-based technology analyst with Tirias Research. "Huawei is just playing out standard business practices for the wireless industry."

Patent disputes are common in the tech industry, and the coming revolution predicted by advances in "5G" wireless technology promises to bring even more. Traditional players like Ericsson AB and Nokia Oyj are ramping up efforts to get more money from their patents. Qualcomm is appealing a ruling in a lawsuit by the U.S. Federal Trade Commission that threatens the licensing program that accounts for the bulk of its profits. Huawei and Samsung Electronics Co. ended a two-year royalty fight in February.

Qualcomm and Huawei are

seen as two of the biggest players developing 5G that could bring not only faster speeds but bring new capabilities including remote surgery via robots and self-driving cars that talk to each other. The global ban on Huawei equipment promoted by Trump has roiled telecom companies worldwide. It's a reminder, McGregor said, that 5G relies on both the U.S. and China.

"Huawei, over the past couple of years, has really ramped up its efforts in not only patents but in the standard bodies, particularly in wireless technology," McGregor said. "They can say 'whether you're using our equipment or Ericsson's equipment, you're using our inventions. You still have to take a license.'"

The Chinese government and companies have been investing billions in high-tech research, and have the patents to show for it. Last year alone, Huawei received 1,680 U.S. patents, making it the 16th biggest recipient, figures by Fairview Research's IFI Patent Claims Services show. Huawei's total portfolio of active patents and published appli-

cations is 102,911, according to Anaqua, an intellectual property-management software firm.

Royalty demands against cell-phone carrier Verizon by Huawei, reported Wednesday by the Wall Street Journal, could become part of the political battle, said Peter Toren, a Washington-based patent lawyer who consults with other firms and companies on licensing and litigation.

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WASHINGTON-BASED PATENT LAWYER

"Given Huawei's position and the pressure they are feeling, they have nothing to lose at this point than to go after American companies in the patent arena," Toren said. "They get poked in one area and they're going to stick back in another to show there are consequences for this continued pressure."

"I don't see how the government can stop them," he said. "They have ownership in the patents."

Verizon, while declining to comment on specific talks, sees the negotiations as more than just a typical patent-licensing discussion.

"These issues are larger than just Verizon," the company said in a statement. "Given the broader geopolitical context, any issue involving Huawei has implications for our entire industry and also raise national and international concerns."

Officials with Huawei had no immediate comment.

McGregor said it makes sense for Huawei to demand royalties from Verizon because it's the largest cell-phone carrier in the U.S. Verizon claims it's the first to offer speedy new 5G services for mobile phones, though it's only available in a limited area.

"If they don't go to them within a reasonable amount of time and at least try to enforce those patents, those patents become unenforceable," McGregor said. "You have to pick a starting point. It's better to pick one of the major players and it makes sense to pick one of those who's rolling out that technology." **Bloomberg**

NEW ZEALAND

# Man accused in mosque killings pleads not guilty

Nick Perry, Christchurch

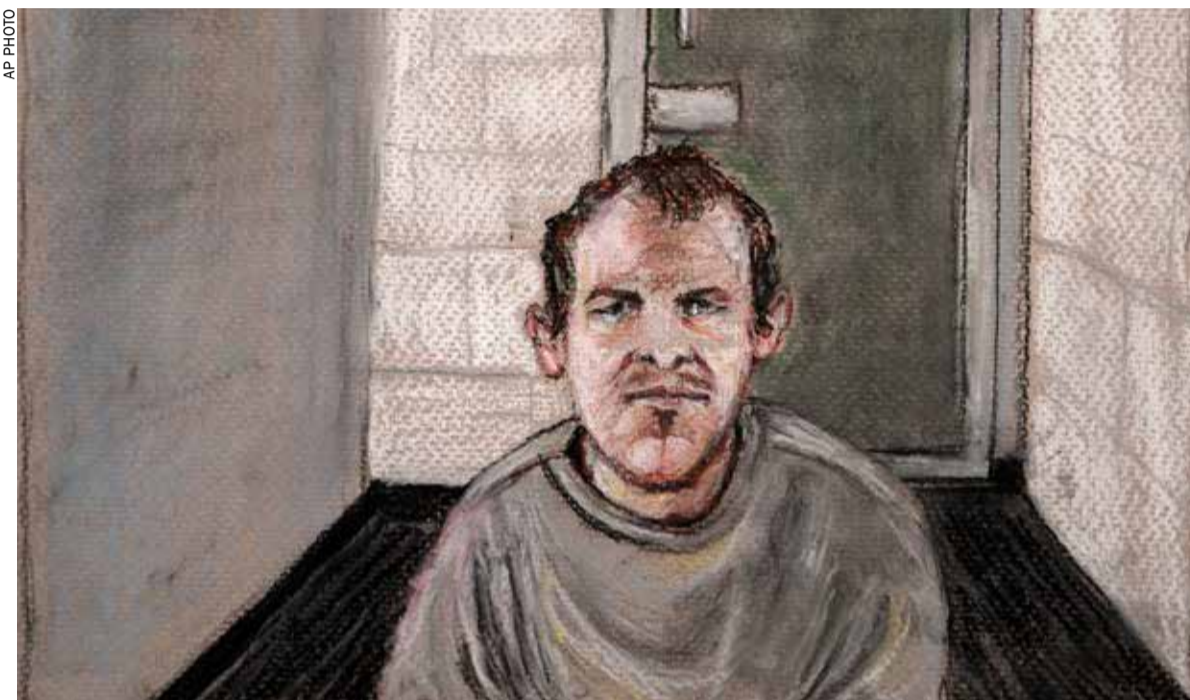
**T**HE man accused of the New Zealand mosque attacks smirked as his lawyer entered not guilty pleas to terrorism, murder and attempted murder charges Friday before a judge who set his trial for next May.

The courtroom was filled with 80 survivors and family members of the 51 who were slain, while about another 60 watched the hearing on video in an overflow room at the Christchurch High Court. Four cultural advisers and other staff were assigned to help the victims and family members understand the proceedings and the next steps in the case.

A man who addressed the survivors said they had been praying during the holy month of Ramadan and that the Muslim community would help and support each other during the coming weeks and months.

Brenton Tarrant, the 28-year-old Australian accused of the attacks, appeared at the hearing via video link from a small room at the maximum security prison in Auckland where he's being held. The link was muted and he didn't attempt to speak.

Other than smirking a couple of times, Tarrant showed little emotion during the hearing. When Judge Cameron Mander asked if he could hear and see



what was going on in the courtroom, Tarrant nodded. At times he looked around the room and stretched his neck.

The judge did not allow cameras or video in the courtroom although did approve a sketch artist commissioned by The Associated Press.

Tarrant has been charged with 51 counts of murder, 40 counts of attempted murder and one terrorism charge in relation to the March 15 shootings.

Mander said the findings of two mental-health assessments showed Tarrant had no issues related to his ability to enter

pleas and stand trial. The assessments are standard in murder cases.

The judge scheduled a six-week trial to begin May 4. Tarrant will remain in custody ahead of his next hearing in mid-August.

Outside the court, police and court security staff escorted a man away after he got into an argument with survivors and family members, who later said the man was saying things supportive of white supremacist ideology.

Police said they arrested a 33-year-old man and charged him with disorderly behavior.

Janna Ezat wore a shirt that she'd designed which featured an image of her son Hussein Al-Umari, who was killed in the attacks. She said the court hearing had made her angry.

"Before I was OK and calm and believe in this life my son died and he is in a good place," she said. "But when I saw the terrorist, he was just, he's nothing. Just sitting like that. Pretending that he's innocent and nothing is wrong."

She said she thought the shooter deserved to be given the death penalty, even though New Zealand no longer institutes the

punishment.

"It's not easy to lose your child. Not only my child, but 50 people," Ezat said. "It's unfair. It's unfair. And he was laughing."

Abdul Aziz, who is considered a hero for confronting the gunman at the Linwood mosque, said he wouldn't say the suspect's name.

"He's a coward. And behind the cell he's laughing," Aziz said. "He should have laughed when I faced him. Then I would see how he laugh. He run like a dog. He run like a chicken."

## Tarrant will remain in custody ahead of his next hearing in mid-August

In the March 15 attacks during Friday prayers, 42 worshippers were killed at the Al Noor mosque and seven were killed at the Linwood mosque. Two more people died later at the Christchurch Hospital.

The shooter livestreamed much of the attack on Facebook.

Tarrant had earlier published a 74-page manifesto espousing a white supremacist philosophy and detailing his plans to attack the mosques.

New Zealand's Prime Minister Jacinda Ardern has vowed never to say the accused man's name. Last month she helped lead a global pledge named the "Christchurch Call," aimed at boosting efforts to keep internet platforms from being used to spread hate, organize extremist groups and broadcast attacks. **AP**

Subhadip Sircar & Shruti Srivastava

TRADE

# India increases tariffs on US goods as trade war heats up

**I**NDIA has imposed higher customs duties on a raft of U.S. goods effective yesterday in response to similar measures taken by Washington, according to a government notice.

The increased charges have been imposed on 28 products including chickpeas, phosphoric acid, apples, almonds and walnuts, according to the notice released late Saturday. The country would get about USD217 million in additional revenue from the higher tariffs, the Press Trust of India reported.

The move follows President Donald Trump's decision on June 1 to end trade concessions on \$5.7 billion of goods India shipped to the U.S. as of 2017. These include imitation jewelry, leather products, pharmaceuticals, chemi-

cal and plastics and some farm items.

The Indian government said that "it is necessary in the public interest" to impose the higher tariffs, the statement said.

The move comes just days ahead of a visit by U.S. Secretary of State Michael Pompeo aimed at deepening defense and energy ties between the two nations. Trade tensions have been building with the U.S. decision to withdraw India's preferential trade status.

The Office of the United States Trade Representative told The Hindu newspaper that it had no comment when asked to respond to

media reports last week that the U.S. was considering launching an investigation into India trade practices. The office said that it, however, continued to raise market-access concerns, the report said.

India last year announced higher tariffs on a clutch of items in retaliation for the U.S. imposing higher levies on some products shipped from the South Asian nation, mirroring steps taken by China and the European Union. New Delhi, however, repeatedly deferred imposition of the new tariffs as it kept the door open for talks to avert a trade war. **Bloomberg**



Shipping containers sit at a freight depot near Nhava Sheva Port in Navi Mumbai, India



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**Nice Court, Taipa**  
**\$8,980,000**  
 1,600 ft<sup>2</sup>  
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More Listings

For Sale

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[Taipa] Pearl on the Lough	5  3	4,266 ft <sup>2</sup>	\$39,000,000	(ref: 19055006ST)
[Taipa] Nova City	4  3	2,503 ft <sup>2</sup>	\$17,800,000	(ref: 19015574)
[Taipa] Kinglight Garden Loft	1  1	800 ft <sup>2</sup>	\$7,380,000	(ref: 19055005ST)
[Coloane] Hellene Garden	3  2	1,663 ft <sup>2</sup>	\$7,950,000	(ref: 19055006SC)

For Rent

[Taipa] Pacifica Gardens	3  2	1,317 ft <sup>2</sup>	\$15,000/mth	(ref: 17050649)
[Taipa] Cheoc Van House	3  2	2,000 ft <sup>2</sup>	\$28,000/mth	(ref: 19055009)
[Taipa] Nova Grand	2  1	986 ft <sup>2</sup>	\$16,000/mth	(ref: 19055007RT)
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# Alabama orders 'chemical castration' of some child molesters

Kim Chandler, Montgomery

**S**OME Alabama sex offenders who abuse young children will have to undergo "chemical castration" while on parole, under a new law, but the requirement has prompted legal concerns and it appears to be rarely used in some states that allow it.

The procedure uses medications that block testosterone production in order to decrease sex drive. The Alabama law says sex offenders whose crimes involved children between ages 7 and 13 must receive the medication before being released from prison on parole. Alabama doesn't allow parole for sex crimes involving children 6 and under.

After Gov. Kay Ivey's office announced Monday she had signed the bill, some legal groups raised questions.

Randall Marshall, executive director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Alabama, said there are constitutional concerns with forced medication.

Dillon Nettles, a policy analyst with the ACLU of Alabama, said the law harkens back to a "dark time" in history.

"It presents serious issues, involving involuntary medical treatment, informed consent, privacy and cruel and unusual punishment," Nettles said.

The bill's sponsor, Republican Rep. Steve Hurst of Munford, scoffs at that kind of talk.

"How in the world can it be any more cruel and inhumane than to molest a child? I want someone to answer that one for me, but they can't," Hurst said.

Hurst said he hopes the medication will protect children by stopping abusers from reoffending.

At least seven states have laws authorizing chemical castration in some form.

But its effectiveness can vary.

The hormonal treatment can be useful for a subgroup of offenders whose crimes are driven by sexual attraction to children and want to reduce those urges, said Dr. Frederick Berlin, who treats patients with sexual disorders at Johns Hopkins Hospital and at an independent clinic. However, he has concerns about a blanket criminal justice approach without evaluating the appropriateness in each case.

"Speaking now as a physician, I think it's absolutely inappropriate to use a medical treatment as a criminal sanction," Berlin said.

He said it's not effective for people whose crimes were driven by drugs, mental illness or other issues.

AP PHOTO



"These laws tend to go on the books because people understandably are frightened. They want to protect children which I hope every reasonable person wants to do," Berlin said.

"At its worst, I think the motivation, if we are just going to say it crudely: 'We are just going to castrate the bastard.' Or at its best it's a misunderstanding, and lack of understanding when it would and when it wouldn't be medically appropriate."

The stereotypical child molester is male, but a fraction of sex offenders are women. Berlin said the situation is more complicated for women because of hormonal balance involved in the menstrual cycle and maintaining pregnancy, but treatment with a drug like Depo-Provera has been used to help some women gain better sexual self-control.

California was the first state to pass such a law in 1996. Ike Dodson, a spokesman with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, said it's rarely used there. Two parolees are currently receiving

treatment. Dodson said one of them is mandated to receive it under law, and the other requested it voluntarily.

Prison officials in Montana and Louisiana told The Associated Press last year that they're aware of only one case in each state in the last decade in which a judge ordered the treatment. Texas even allows repeat sex offenders to opt for surgical castration. Texas and Florida did not have numbers immediately available on use.

Georgia had a chemical castration statute but repealed it. Oregon also had a pilot program chemical castration but it was repealed.

The Alabama law says a judge shall order the treatment as a condition of release and will require parolees to receive an initial dose of medication before leaving prison, and to receive additional doses after leaving. A judge would decide when they could stop. They would be billed for the medication, although fees could be waived for those who couldn't afford it. The law also says an Alabama Health

**■ A judge shall order the treatment as a condition of release and will require parolees to receive an initial dose of medication before leaving prison**

Department employee must administer the medication after an inmate's release from prison.

Lawmakers say it's constitutional because it only applies when an inmate seeks release on parole. Inmates who opt to serve their entire sentence would not have to take the medication.

"I think it's constitutional because it's not mandatory," Ala-

bama Senate Judiciary Committee Chairman Cam Ward said. He also said it would apply to a small group of sex offenders.

Hurst began pushing the legislation more than a decade ago after hearing the story of an infant who was sexually abused. He originally proposed permanent surgical castration, but he was told by the state's then-attorney general that would be found unconstitutional.

The proposal went nowhere in the Statehouse for more than a decade before it won final passage this year on a quick vote in the Senate. Hurst said it may have prevailed because people didn't notice it.

Hurst said he's open to improvements in the law, and would like to see a university involved in a future study on effectiveness. But for him, it comes down to simple justice.

"If they are going to mark those children for life, they need to be marked for life. [...] My real feelings are that they need to die," Hurst said.

The law takes effect later this year. **AP**

## what's ON



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## Offbeat

## MAN SAYS HE WAS DECEIVED WHEN HE BOUGHT TINY STRIP OF LAND

A South Florida man thought he snagged a deal when he paid USD9,100 in an online auction for what he thought was a villa. What he got was a 1-foot-by-100-foot (0.3-meter-by-30-meter) strip of land.

The land, valued at only \$50, starts on a curb and goes under a wall separating two villas in the Spring Lake community and then out to the back of the lot.

An official tells the South Florida Sun Sentinel there's not a lot Kerville Holness can do about his purchase.

Holness says he was deceived. He says property appraiser photos linked to the auction site shows a villa being on the parcel he made a bid on.

But the newspaper says the appraiser's site and information on the county's tax site show no building value.

## TV canal macau



13:00	TDM News (Repetição)
13:30	Telejornal RTPi (Diferido)
15:00	Agua de Mar
15:45	Zig Zag
16:20	Santos de Portugal
16:50	Quem Quer Ser Milionario
17:45	Moda Portugal Sr.4
18:20	Amor Maior (Repetição)
19:05	Volta ao Mundo
19:35	Os Nossos Dias Sr.2
20:30	Telejornal
21:15	TDM Talk Show
21:50	Livros com João Guedes
22:00	Todas as Palavras
22:25	Amor Maior
23:15	TDM News
23:50	O Ocidente no Oriente - A Alma Lusa de Hong Kong
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## cinema



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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

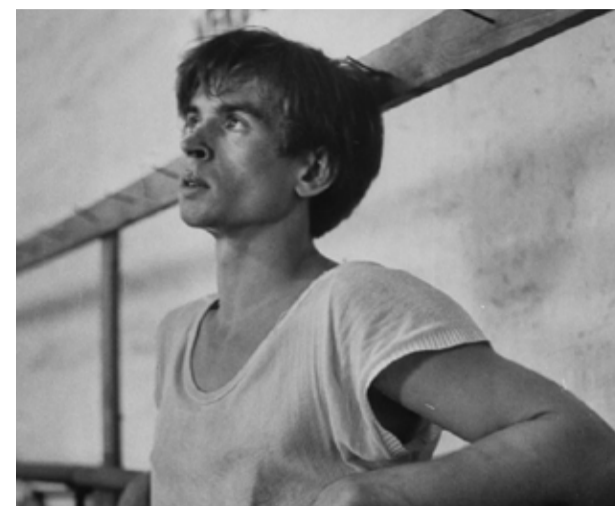
Director: Guy Ritchie

Starring: Will Smith, Mena Massoud, Naomi Scott

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 109min

## this day in history



## 1961 RUSSIAN DANCER IN FREEDOM DASH

Principal dancer of the Kirov Ballet, Rudolf Nureyev, has broken free from Russian embassy guards at a Paris airport and requested asylum in France.

The 23-year-old Russian dancer dashed through a security barrier at Le Bourget airport shouting in English: "I want to be free."

It is understood Nureyev was approached by two Russian guards as he was waiting, with the rest of his troupe, to board a BEA Vanguard plane to London.

The guards informed him that he was required to return to Moscow instead of going to London, but, as he was being escorted to a waiting Russian aircraft, he made his dash for freedom.

He was taken into the airport police station by two French police officers, followed by the two furious Russian guards, and a heated argument ensued.

He was immediately granted temporary asylum in France and his case was referred to the Office for the Protection of Refugees and Stateless Persons.

The Leningrad Kirov Ballet troupe continued their journey to London without their principal dancer. They are due to begin a four-week season at Covent Garden next week, having just finished a three-week season in Paris.

There has been widespread speculation that during his time in Paris, Rudolf Nureyev has fallen in love with 21-year-old Clara Saint, daughter of a wealthy Chilean painter based in Paris.

His association with Miss Saint and other members of Paris society had caused concern to the Russian authorities and was apparently a major reason behind his summons back to Moscow.

But Miss Saint said she was simply a friend of Mr Nureyev's and that there had been "nothing serious" between them.

She said: "I have no idea why he asked for political asylum here. At a party last night he seemed perfectly normal and happy."

"I believe it was only after two Soviet Embassy officials told him he had to go back to Moscow instead of to London that he decided to ask for French protection."

Mr Nureyev is also known to have become friendly with Serge Lifar, former director of the Paris Opera and star of Russian impresario Diaghilev's Ballets Russes in the 1920s.

And it is thought the prospect of a future career under Mr Lifar's guidance may have influenced Mr Nureyev's decision to stay in France.

Courtesy BBC News

## IN CONTEXT

Within a week of his defection, Rudolf Nureyev was signed up by the Grand Ballet du Marquis de Cuevas in Paris.

He never returned to Russia, settled in the West and soon became an international star.

He is regarded by many as the greatest male dancer of the 20th century. Not long after he settled in the West he met leading British dancer Margot Fonteyn who brought him to the Royal Ballet in London, which formed his base for the rest of his dancing career.

During the 1970s Nureyev appeared in several films and in 1983 he was appointed director of the Paris Opera Ballet.

In the early years of his career Nureyev struggled to come to terms with his homosexuality.

However after he settled in the West he had relationships with several well-known men, including Eric Bruhn, director of the Royal Swedish Ballet, and film star Anthony Perkins.

He died on 6 January 1993 from an AIDS related illness. According to his last wishes, Rudolf Nureyev was buried in the Russian cemetery at Sainte-Geneviève-des-Bois, near Paris.



YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 Try to pitch in when you see something that's not working out at the office or at home...

Taurus April 20-May 20 You need to get out there and enjoy the nightlife - or daytime - of your city, town or village.

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 Don't let anything accumulate in your inbox for long today - you need to answer messages as soon as you get them...

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 Your ability to communicate is heightened today, so reach out to an old family member or make a new friend...

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 How does your budget look? If you don't have one to check on, now is a great time for you to draw one up...

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 You find yourself on the receiving end of some serious praise - or maybe an award of some kind.

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 You're facing far too many details today - you need to make sure that you can cover them all...

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 Your secrets are starting to come out - but only the ones that you want to make public!

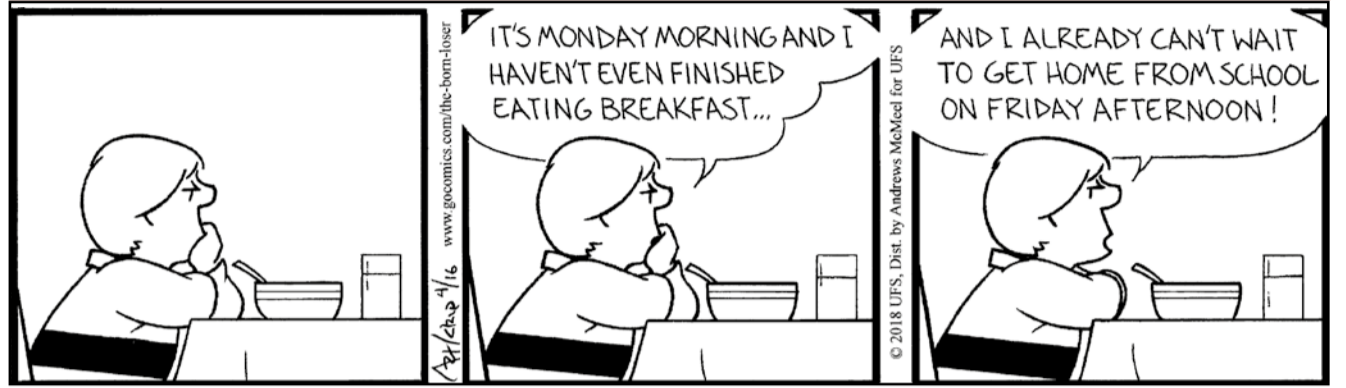
Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 This is not the time to rush ahead - you have to cover all the details of your new work or home situation first.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 You need to spend some time online or in a good, old-fashioned library today - the information you need isn't going to come to you!

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 You feel a little closer to normal today, and better able to see things through a prism of responsibility rather than freaked-out worry or wild fantasy.

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 You need to get to work on a new project - and today is perfect for picking out new things to do.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



SUDOKU

Sudoku puzzles categorized by difficulty: Easy, Easy+, Medium, and Hard. Each category contains a 9x9 grid with some numbers pre-filled.

WEATHER

Weather forecast table with columns for MIN, MAX, and CONDITION. Lists cities in CHINA and WORLD.

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1-Oozes; 6- Tel \_\_\_; 10- Talk, talk, talk; 13- Artist Matisse; 14- Tempo; 15- Basic monetary unit of Ghana; 16- Communion table; 17- \_\_\_ about (approximately); 18- 007's alma mater; 19- Back part of the foot; 20- Thin; 22- Nonsense; 24- Puts up; 28- Actress Kidman; 31- Less common or less cooked; 32- Navy, e.g.; 34- QB's mistake; 36- Singer Horne; 37- Pub potable; 38- Physical exercise; 41- Ave. crossings; 42- Pair; 44- Feel bad about; 45- They're for the birds; 47- Baffled; 49- Polish seaport; 51- Capture again; 53- At the rear of; 56- Cautious; 59- Zhivago's love; 61- Nobel Peace Prize city; 64- Puts to work; 65- Arm bones; 66- Midday; 67- Lacking color; 68- Religious offshoots; 69- Golfer Ernie; 70- Sounds of reproof; 71- Bikini blast; DOWN: 1- Ayatollah's predecessor; 2- Caught congers; 3- Script direction; 4- Sugarcoated almond; 5- Title for Elton; 6- Ancient Greek god; 7- Windmill blade; 8- Computer image; 9- Mesa \_\_\_ National Park; 10- Are we there \_\_\_?; 11- Brouhaha; 12- Family; 15- Breakfast food; 20- Zone; 21- Do the wrong thing; 23- Panorama; 25- Summit; 26- Circus sights; 27- Ladies of Sp.; 29- Enjoyed; 30- Music producer Brian; 32- Wind instrument; 33- Fewest; 35- Underground passage; 37- Purim month; 39- Toupee, slangily; 40- New Age musician John; 43- Member of the clerical order; 46- Frying pan; 48- Wanted poster letters; 50- Mistreats; 52- Burst forth; 54- John \_\_\_ Garner; 55- Mild oaths; 57- Birthright seller; 58- Thick fabric; 60- Mgr.'s helper; 61- The loneliest number; 62- Costa del \_\_\_; 63- \_\_\_ Alamos, NM; 65- Country bordered by Canada and Mexico;


Friday's solution crossword grid with filled-in words.

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Electricity - Report 28 339 922
PSP 28 573 333
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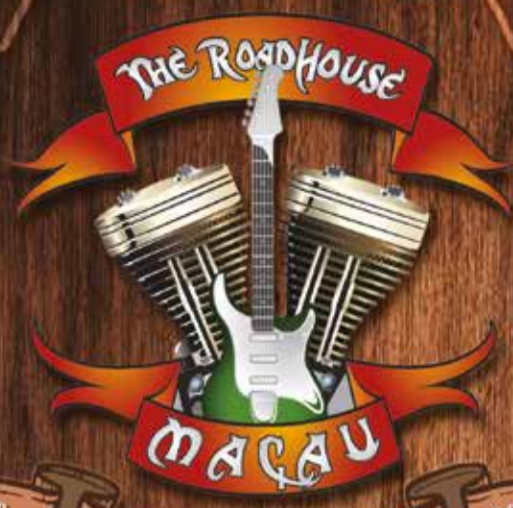
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# Olympic rowing venue open in heart of Tokyo Bay

**O**RGANIZERS opened the rowing venue for next year's Tokyo Olympics yesterday, highlighted by a race between alumni crews from Oxford and Cambridge — the two English universities that famously square off each year on the Thames in London.

The new venue is located in Tokyo Bay and is ready to go with the Olympics still 13 months away. The rowing venue, which will also be used for canoe sprint, joins several other new venues that have been completed for Tokyo.

The rowing site offers a panoramic view of the city — and Mount Fuji on a clear day — and was built behind dams and water gates to protect from waves and tides.

Built by the Tokyo Metropolitan Government, the venue will have seating for 2,000 that can be increased to 16,000 for the Olympics and Paralympics.

The rowing site has been free of water-quality issues, which plagued rowing and sailing in the 2016 Rio de Janeiro Olympics.

Like many venues built for niche Olympic sports, it could be pressed to find frequent use once the

AP PHOTO



Olympics and Paralympics have come and gone.

The first regatta will be the World Rowing Junior Championships in August, which will serve as a test event for the Olympics.

The Olympics open on July 24, 2020.

The Tokyo Olympics and Paralympics will use eight new facilities, the most famous of which will be the new USD1.25 billion

national stadium, and the new venue for swimming, with both still under construction.

Tokyo is also using 25 existing venues, and 10 additional venues it classes as temporary.

Although exact costs are difficult to track, Tokyo is believed to be spending at least \$20 billion to prepare for the Olympics. About 70 percent is public money. **MDT/AP**

## MOTORSPORTS

# Márquez wins Catalonia GP after crash takes out challengers

**M**ARC Márquez won the Catalonia Grand Prix to strengthen his lead of the MotoGP points race after his top challengers crashed out yesterday.

Márquez sped away on his Honda to claim his home race after teammate Jorge Lorenzo went down on lap 2 and took Andrea Dovizioso, Valentino Rossi and Maverick Viñales with him.

Márquez increased his lead over Dovizioso to 37 points after four wins in seven races. It was also his 48th career win in the top category.

The five-time champion started from second on the grid behind polesitter Fabio Quartararo, who crossed the line second to secure his first podium finish. Danilo Petrucci was third.

Lorenzo, an ex-champion who is struggling in his first season with Honda, took full blame for the accident.

"You don't have any options if you brake a little bit too late, like happened with me. It was my fault, my mistake and I apologize," Lorenzo said. "It was really unfortunate to take out Dovi, Maverick and Valentino. It wasn't their fault, it was mine."

Álex Márquez, the younger brother of Marc Márquez, won the Moto2 race to take the lead of the points race after a third consecutive victory. Thomas Luthi was second and trails Márquez by seven points in the standings.

In Moto3, Marcos Ramírez won ahead of points leader Aron Canet. Celestino Vietti was third. The race featured several crashes, including one that took out six riders on lap 5.

Canet leads the standings by three points over Lorenzo Dalla Porta, who couldn't finish the race due to a mechanical problem. **AP**

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**World Views**

Cass R. Sunstein, Bloomberg

**WE ARE LIVING IN HISTORIC TIMES. OR ARE WE?**

If we are living through historic events, would we know?

In 1965, Arthur Danto, a philosopher at Columbia University, argued that it is impossible to tell, when you're in the midst of things, whether an event is going to be deemed "historic" by future historians. If something happens — Russia successfully reclaims Crimea, for example, or Pete Buttigieg declares that he's running for president — its ultimate significance will be determined by causal chains that cannot possibly be anticipated, and by an assortment of events that have yet to take place.

Danto pointed to the limitations of the "ideal chronicler," whose judgment about the importance of a current event would have to depend on knowledge that no one can possibly have. Russia's annexation of Crimea or Buttigieg's announcement could turn out to be relative blips or they could be momentous (or something in between). You can find out in hindsight, but never in advance.

Danto suggests that history's arc is essentially unpredictable. Even the wisest people will have no idea whether a current event is a world-changer. Is that claim correct?

A research team, led by Joseph Risi at Microsoft Research, recently tried to test that question. The answer is: Not quite, but pretty close.

Risi and his colleagues begin with a collection of nearly two million U.S. State Department cables from 1973 to 1979. In those cables, diplomats tried to summarize essential information about ongoing events.

The researchers created a "score" for how important events were perceived at the time. Human annotators helped construct those scores based on an assortment of factors — for example, by examining whether the cable's author designated it for high-level attention.

To see whether the contemporaneous judgments were accurate, the researchers looked at a document collection called the Foreign Relations of the United States, known as FRUS. Professional historians compile those documents decades after the events. Their explicit goal is to include information that is historically important.

Of the nearly two million cables studied by Risi and his colleagues, just 1,723 ended up in FRUS (less than 1%).

In strong support of Danto's claim: The highest-scoring cables among the nearly two million were only slightly more likely than the lowest-scoring cables to end up in the FRUS file.

In other words, the authors of the cables did better than they would if their judgments of what was important were random — but not a lot better.

It's true that the data can be analyzed in several different ways, and on some issues, the authors in the 1970s got it right. They rightly recognized the importance, at the time, of the Iranian Revolution, the second Strategic Arms Limitation Talks, the Vietnamese invasion of Cambodia and the civil war in El Salvador. But many cables with high scores never ended up in FRUS. Many cables with low scores did end up there.

That is good evidence for Danto's suggestion that contemporary observers have a tough time in predicting historical significance. To be sure, such observers will inevitably make some successful predictions; for example, the attacks of 9/11 were rightly seen as historic on that very day. But numerous events that do not seem especially important at the time will be seen to qualify as such by posterity, "in part because of events that have not yet taken place."

To take a recent example: The Republicans' successful effort to block the appointment of Judge Merrick Garland to the Supreme Court would not have been such a big deal if Hillary Clinton had been elected president. But because she lost, because President Donald Trump made the choices he did, and because Democrats failed to block them, the Republicans' effort was profoundly important. It is likely to transform the interpretation of the U.S. Constitution, in fundamental ways, for at least a generation.

[Abridged]

**THE FOOTBALL TEAMS PROTEST 'SRI LANKA DECISION' WITH 21-18 SCORE**

Two football teams playing in a Macau Cup tournament match yesterday deliberately conceded goals to one another in what appeared to be a protest against the decision of the Macau Football Association last week not to send the SAR team to Sri Lanka.

The official result confirmed by the Macau FA was a 21-18 victory for Ka I football team over Hang Sai.

Citing security concerns in the Indian Ocean island-nation, the Macau FA decided last week to withdraw the Macau SAR team from its scheduled

second-leg match as part of the joint qualifier for the 2022 World Cup and 2023 Asian Cup tournaments. In a rare victory, the Macau team beat Sri Lanka 1-0 at home in the first leg.

Upon learning of the Macau FA's decision, several footballers from the Macau team threatened to never again play in the squad. They co-signed a waiver to say they would take full, personal responsibility for the risks that might incur from the trip.

However, the Macau FA held firm on its decision and the match date last Tuesday was missed.

**Aging grand hotel highlights the ethnic division in Cyprus**



**W**ITH Italian chandeliers still hanging in the lobby, the Ledra Palace Hotel in Cyprus still manages to hold onto a flicker of its old majesty despite the shell craters and bullet holes that scar its sandstone facade.

It's been 45 years since the pitter-patter of glitterati high-heels on the hotel's floors was replaced by the thud of soldiers' combat boots.

During the war in the summer of 1974 that cleaved Cyprus along ethnic lines, United Nations peacekeepers took over the hotel, instantly turning it into an emblem of the east Mediterranean island nation's division.

After countless rotations of soldiers used the hotel as a barracks, the United Nations says the aging building's rooms are no longer suitable for military housing. Renovations to bring the Ledra Palace up to modern safety standards are too costly, so the upper two floors of the venerable building now sit empty.

But U.N. spokesman Aleem Siddique says the Ledra Palace will continue to play a key role in the peacekeeping efforts in the buffer zone that cuts across Nicosia, the capital, and which divides the breakaway Turkish Cypriot north from Greek Cypriots in the internationally re-

cognized south.

Although the 160 personnel posted to the sector have been relocated to prefabricated units behind the Ledra Palace, Siddique says the hotel will remain a base for the soldiers whose task it is to patrol the buffer zone and prevent a flare-up between opposing soldiers — who in some areas are only meters apart.

"We still have an important job here every day," says Siddique.

When it was finished in 1949, the 240-room Ledra Palace hotel was the best Cyprus had to offer. Located near the center of Nicosia's medieval heart and its surrounding Venetian-built, 16th-century walls, the hotel's luxurious ballroom, restaurants and bars were the place to go, even for Hollywood's visiting elite.

The hotel was also the venue for many important meetings that helped shape the divided island's history, including the drafting of the constitution of Cyprus after it gained independence from British colonial rule in 1960. The hotel also became a nexus for journalists chronicling early Mideast troubles such as the 1956 Suez crisis.

Conflict, however, changed the hotel's destiny.

Briefly, at the outbreak of strife between the two communities in Decem-

ber 1963, about 15 British troops moved in to keep the peace between the warring sides. But 11 years later, the Ledra Palace was caught up in the middle of fierce combat between Greek Cypriot national guardsmen and Turkish forces that invaded in the wake of a coup by supporters of uniting Cyprus with Greece.

As fighting subsided, Canadian peacekeepers moved into the hotel, which now straddled the buffer zone. Greek Cypriot and Turkish army guard posts still flank the hotel's outer perimeter, as do derelict homes abandoned amid the fighting.

In 1993, British soldiers moved in when Canada pulled out of the U.N. peacekeeping force. Ensnared within the island's buffer zone behind barbed wire, the Ledra Palace was beyond the gaze of most Cypriots. That changed in April 2003, when a political thaw between the two sides enabled the opening of a crossing point.

And so, many years later, the 150-meter walk between the Greek and Turkish Cypriot control points in Nicosia remains a virtual time-warp to those scorching July days of 1974, when bullets and mortar shells left their marks on the Ledra Palace Hotel. **MDT/AP**

Station	Air quality	
Roadside	70-100 Moderate	
High Density Residential Area	40-60 Moderate	
Ambient	70-100 Moderate	

SOURCE: DSI/MG

**WORLD BRIEFS**



**UAE** Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman said in remarks published yesterday that the kingdom will not hesitate to confront threats to its security and joined the U.S. in accusing its bitter rival Iran of being behind the attacks on two vessels traveling near the Strait of Hormuz, a vital trade route for Arabian energy exports in Asia.



**SOMALIA** A pair of explosions rocked Somalia's capital and left 11 people dead, the country's police chief said Saturday, as the al-Qaida-linked extremist group al-Shabab claimed responsibility.



**ITALY** Pope Francis donned a white firefighter's safety helmet yesterday to enter a damaged cathedral during a visit to central Italy, where he gave encouragement to people still struggling three years after devastating earthquakes struck.



**UK** Candidates seeking to beat favorite Boris Johnson and become Britain's next prime minister warned yesterday that the Conservative Party needs a real leadership contest, not just a coronation for the flamboyant front-runner.

**US** Some Alabama sex offenders who abuse young children will have to undergo "chemical castration" while on parole, under a new law, but the requirement has prompted legal concerns and it appears to be rarely used in some states that allow it.