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CRIME

Casino scams involving large sums reported by the police

Renato Marques

THE Judiciary Police (PJ) has reported a series of scams which mostly involved mainland residents who were in Macau as tourists. Two of these scams took place at local casinos and involved the exchange of cash for gaming chips, or currency exchange from HKD to RMB, the PJ spokesperson informed yesterday at the joint press conference held at a Public Security Police Force (PSP) facility.

A third case involved a local woman who had allegedly been scammed out of a large amount of money by a man she met via social media.

The first two cases reported by the PJ were scams in which the victims were swindled out of large amounts of money. The first case involved two men from the mainland who allegedly exchanged cash for gambling chips, with the victim reporting a loss of HKD1.3 million to the authorities.

According to the report from December 31 last year, the victim initially met the suspect through a third person. Then the suspect told the victim that

he had contacts at a casino who would allow him to double the cash amount handed over when exchanging it for gambling chips.

The victim accepted the deal and handed HKD1.3 million to the suspect, who asked him to wait in a casino lobby area.

Eventually, the suspect failed to return and the victim did not receive the HKD2.6 million in chips he was expecting, leading him to file a report against the suspect. Last Sunday, the PJ finally managed to detain the suspect while he was reentering Macau through the Border Gate checkpoint.

The suspect was handed to the Public Prosecutions Office (MP) yesterday morning.

A separate case involving two mainland residents occurred on the afternoon of March 29. The victim reported to the PJ that he wanted to exchange HKD300,000 to RMB and that the next day he found a woman who told him she could do the task and transfer the money directly into his mainland bank account.

He accepted and handed the cash to the woman, who

then used her mobile phone to supposedly perform a bank transfer.

After a few minutes, she showed the victim that the transfer had been made successfully on her phone, which he believed. After finishing the transaction and losing contact with the woman, the victim then realized that he had in fact not received any money in his account and filed a complaint against the woman for the scam.

Last Sunday, the police detained the woman for investigation while she reentered Macau through Border Gate

checkpoint. According to the PJ report, she refused to cooperate and did not admit to the crime. Even so, the PJ believes that there is enough evidence to prosecute her and handed her to the MP.

Meanwhile, in another case, a local woman in her fifties has allegedly been scammed by a man from Singapore who was working as an engineer in Turkey.

The woman claimed she had met the man on social media and they had been chatting frequently for a long period of time.

In March this year, the man

said he had found a profitable business opportunity through his job in Turkey but he had no money to invest. He asked the woman to lend him EUR30,000 (about MOP270,000), promising to return it as soon as he finished his business.

The woman believed the story and transferred the amount to a bank account in Italy upon his request. Earlier this month the man contacted her again, saying he had suffered a work accident and needed urgent money for treatment. He asked her for another EUR20,000 (MOP180,000).

She accepted the story again and transferred the money. However, after losing contact with the man and speaking to her family members she realized she had been involved in a scam and decided to report the case to the PJ, claiming a total loss of MOP454,420.

Non-resident worker accused of illegally hosting her son

A 35-year-old Filipino woman has been accused by the Public Security Police Force (PSP) of helping her underage son illegally stay in Macau for a period of about four years, the PSP spokesperson reported.

According to the report, the woman was caught during a document check performed by the PSP on June 14 at the Travessa do Cais in the Inner Harbor area.

The woman, a non-resident worker working in the territory as a security guard, was in the company of a minor who was found to be her son.

The police found that the child had been illegally brought into Macau as a tourist back in 2015.

The mother is now accused of helping the son remain in Macau illegally and is being charged with lodging an illegal immigrant.

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Another political outsider joins Chief Executive race

Julie Zhu

CHOI Teng Teng, a local 'grassroots' woman who says she supports democracy and dreams of becoming Chief Executive, visited the administration building yesterday to express her interest in running in the fifth Chief Executive Election.

With Choi joining the race, there are now four people in total who have revealed their intention to run for the position.

Choi, who claims to be an ordinary citizen of Macau, submitted her application form yesterday to formally apply for the election.

While being interviewed by the media, Choi repeated several times that Song Man Lei, chairman of the Electoral Affairs Commission, said all Macau residents can run for this year's Chief Executive election.

According to Choi, she considered whether she should run for Chief Executive for over a month before deciding that she "must run for it."

Choi's platform is "fighting for democracy, freedom, cracking down [on] corruption, and pursuing fairness and equity."

In addition to self-described grassroots candidate Choi, local businessman Leong Kuok Chao, veteran protester Hoi Weng Chong and Legislative Assembly president Ho Iat Seng are also interested in the top job.

Ho is widely viewed as the most likely to win the election.

Not much is known about the second declared candidate, Leong Kuok Chao, who has been out of the public eye for more



than a decade, and has a light digital footprint.

In 2005, Leong ran for the legislative elections in a list named Macau Association for Democracy and Social Welfare (ADBMSM) led by Wong Cheong Nam – a former lawmaker and ally of late Alexandre Ho – which earned 4,358 popular votes, but failed election.

Leong, aged 45, is currently the director of an investment consultancy company.

The third candidate, Hoi Weng Chong, is a well-known protester best known for his outrageous street presence. He was formerly a newspaper publisher, but is also known for working for an insurance company.

It is not clear whether any of Ho Iat Seng's three rivals, who are all outsiders to Macau's so-called 'small-circle' politics, can muster the 66 minimum nominations needed to be confirmed

as a candidate. The last time a Chief Executive election had more than a single candidate was Macau's first, in May 1999,

in which Edmund Ho emerged victorious.

When asked whether she is confident she will gain the ne-

cessary support from 66 members of the Electoral Committee, Choi said that she is confident she can muster their votes.

"I must defeat the corrupted officials," said Choi, who claimed that many people from the commercial and labor sectors support her. However, she did not indicate any specific names, only saying that "they know me, but I don't know them."

Choi previously worked for the clothing and construction sectors but she has not worked since becoming sick. Currently, she is a volunteer and has four children at home.

According to a report by Exmoo, Choi served four years in prison for fraud. Choi did not provide any further information on her past and only stated that she was running for CE to seek justice and fight against corruption.

Gov't sets CE election for August 25

Staff reporter

THE government announced in the official gazette published yesterday that the date for the Chief Executive Election will be August 25, as previously reported by Radio Macau but dismissed by the Electoral Affairs Commission on Sunday.

Candidates are not allowed to spend more than MOP6.44 million on their election campaign, according to the information published yesterday.

On Sunday, 370 of the 400 voters entitled to choose the next head of government were chosen. The Electoral Affairs Commission held a dedicated election to pick 344 people representing the business and financial sector, the cultural sector, the education sector, the professional sector, the

sports sector, the labor sector and the social services sector.

Also on Sunday, a reporter asked President Song Man Lei of the Electoral Affairs Commission to validate reports of the August 25 election date. In response, Song said that the Commission had not yet received any date, which is to be deemed only by the incumbent Chief Executive, Chui Sai On.

Macau members of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference held their own election to determine which 14 voters would represent their sector.

The other 12 voters are the Macau representatives of the National People's Congress.

The remaining undetermined voters represent the religious sector, the municipal body and the legislature.



Fong Soi Kun

Criminal investigation against former SMG head closed

Staff reporter

AN investigation into the supposed link between the negligence of Fong Soi Kun, former head of the Meteorological and Geophysical Service Bureau (SMG), and the deaths recorded during the passage of Typhoon Hato in 2017 has been closed without charges being pressed against Fong.

Lawyer Hong Weng Kuan, a former unsuccessful candidate to the Legislative Assembly, had filed a lawsuit with the Public Prosecution Office (MP) against Fong. Hong

claimed that Fong committed homicide by negligence on August 23, 2017, when Typhoon Hato hit Macau. The typhoon killed 10 people and injured hundreds, also causing millions of patacas in damage.

According to media reports, the MP could not draw a connection between Fong's action – or inaction – during the time of the typhoon and the 10 casualties that resulted from it. The Office has therefore decided to close the case.

Even though the investigation was filed end of

May this year, Hong has the right to file an appeal against the decision. If he chooses to do so, the case will go to the Criminal Prosecution Court. In that case, Fong may be summoned by the judge to testify.

The general public was not satisfied with Fong's performance during the typhoon. Fong submitted his resignation the day after the typhoon, which was accepted by the Chief Executive on the same day.

A subsequent investigation conducted by the government revealed

that Fong was making decisions and giving orders from home, prior to Typhoon Hato as well as during it. In light of this revelation, the Chief Executive suspended Fong from pension rights for four years, worth an approximate of MOP4 million.

Fong appealed the Chief Executive's decision in the courts, which ruled in favor of him. A subsequent appeal was filed to the Court of Second Instance by the CE, who lost this second appeal before an ultimate appeal, which is still in judicial review.

One death in industrial accident

One local worker has died in an industrial accident while working at the Grand Emperor Hotel, according to a statement released by the Labour Affairs Bureau (DSAL). The accident was reported on Sunday afternoon. The deceased fell from 11-meter-high scaffolding. He was taken to hospital, where his death was announced midnight yesterday. The DSAL has already ordered the suspension of works at the construction site, instructing the contractor to implement occupational safety improvement measures and submit an accident investigation report. Only after this occurs will the bureau approve the resumption of work.

Lawmaker asks about gov't spend on large-scale events

Lawmaker Lam Lon Wai has asked the government to accept further supervision over the government's use of the public coffers. In his written inquiry to the local government, Lam asked whether the government had set up an annual plan for organizing large-scale events. He wants the local government to review and evaluate some of its new events to improve them. Furthermore, Lam wants the government to explain to the public how it assesses the effectiveness of its large-scale events and how it monitors the implementation of its own budget.

Mainland to ensure stable food supply to Macau

The local government has signed a cooperation agreement with the mainland government to ensure a stable food supply to Macau market, according to a statement released by the Office for the Secretary for Administration and Justice. According to this agreement, both regions will enhance information exchange and communications to secure the supply. Both governments will continue to promote interoperability between them and food safety information, effectively responding to the problems of food safety, inspection and quarantine, and jointly releasing the correct agricultural product safety information to the public.



New association hopes to promote youth integration across borders

Julie Zhu

A new association hopes to promote cultural exchange among students in the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Greater Bay Area.

The purpose behind the newly-created Association for Cultural Integration Among Youth in the GBA is to "let kids in Macau and Hong Kong have a better understanding of China and the Greater Bay Area," according to association chairman Calvin Iao, who was interviewed yesterday by the Times.

In order to achieve its goal, the association will set up cultural exchange bases in Macau and other Greater Bay cities.

As of today, the organization has already opened one base in Macau in cooperation with role-play adventure park Planet J.

Planet J and the association are jointly curating a cultural exchange base that covers an area of about 10,000 square meters. The base consists of nine different theme parks and has more than 200 pieces of equipment.

Many of the association's activities are planned to be

organized inside Planet J.

In the long-term, 100 cultural exchange bases are planned. These will be set up over the next five years in various mainland cities, including Zhuhai, Jiangmen and Shenzhen.

These bases will play a role in connecting children from 11 cities, helping to send mainland children to Macau and Hong Kong, and Macau and Hong Kong children to mainland China.

The program will be largely run in cooperation with schools and enterprises in mainland Greater Bay cities. The cultural exchanges will mainly focus on education, science, art and technology.

"So far, we have three or four groups interested in the program," said Iao, adding "they are already pretty active in mainland China. More of these are associated with the arts. We expect towards the end of the year and next year hopefully there are a lot of functions and competitions."

With respect to short-term plans, the association wants to hold two contests this year prior to the anniversary of the Macau handover, a cooking competition and a speech contest with the par-

ticipating children introducing the city they represent. "The cooking competition is about sharing the 5,000 years of history of Chinese culture," said Iao. "Through the cooking contest, we can spread the message of keeping our history alive and keeping our culture alive."

The association will set up cultural exchange bases in Macau and other Greater Bay cities

The cooking contest is planned to be organized annually and it is hoped that it will become an international contest in the future.

Meanwhile, "for the speech contest, the kids will talk about their city, their culture and everything combined."

As of today, Macau has approximately 9,000 associations. Some of these associations also promote communication between main-

land and Macau youth.

Comparing his association with other similar associations in Macau, Iao said that his is "not trying to be the best or better than any other group."

"We just try to do one thing at a time in the best possible way. If we are doing a cooking contest, we want to do the best one," said Iao.

Besides organizing the two contests, the association is already working with several other organizations in mainland China, such as Tencent. The association hopes that more exchange activities and internship opportunities can be provided to the children through its cooperation with Tencent.

The target age group for the association is 7 to 15 years old. The association hopes to create some platforms, such as a cultural platform, an educational platform, a sports platform and other platforms to engage GBA youth, so that young people from Macau and other Greater Bay cities can understand each other's culture better.

In the long term, the organization will likely implement a series of development plans, such as a corporate membership development plan.



MGM Leads the Trend in Green Gastronomy

Positioning Macau as a Sustainable City with its Culinary Creativity

Environmental protection is emerging as a top priority in Macau's development. In MGM, sustainability is never just a slogan! Being one of the key players of the city's hospitality industry, MGM has an exceptional track record in promoting environmental sustainability, championing the food scene as well as the wellness of its guests and team members with sustainable culinary strategies. From sourcing of ingredients to food waste, MGM has been carefully managing every single step to minimize its effect on the environment and to tackle global food insecurity through green and sustainable living.



SOURCING SUSTAINABLE INGREDIENTS

MGM sources organic seafood, meat and vegetables locally through SMEs and globally with third-party certification on a regular basis, as the Company believes it is important to source ingredients in ethical and sustainable ways. In the month of June, MGM is again having its annual Sustainability Month, featuring a wide range of sustainable ingredients,

including seafood, vegetables, meat and herbs in more than half of its restaurant outlets of both MGM MACAU and MGM COTAI. In particular, Rossio, Coast and Hao Guo are serving Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) certified Boston lobster, which meets the most stringent international environmental standard for seafood sustainability, and are at the same time delicious and healthy. What is even more incredible that many of the dishes are seasoned with herbs freshly picked from the herbs garden on its rooftop!

RECYCLABLE AND PLASTIC-FREE TAKEAWAY PACKAGING

Being the first integrated resort operator to step up its drive to eliminate single-use plastic in its takeaway packaging in 2018, MGM successfully removed all single-use plastics and replaced them with environmentally-friendly alternatives at all of its restaurants on April 1, 2019. The milestone marked a significant step towards the reduction of food and beverage plastic packaging waste in Macau which saves 4.5 million pieces of single-use plastic per year from being disposed of into the environment.

Since last year, MGM has been launching efforts to reduce its own plastic footprint by phasing out straws, cutlery and takeout containers, as part of its ongoing commitment to implementing sustainable best practices across all development areas. Significant changes that have been implemented include swapping plastic takeout bags to paper bags; using compostable and biodegradable takeout containers and cutlery; offering

customers with biodegradable straws upon request. Furthermore, MGM has instigated phasing out plastic bottled water in the gaming areas. To remove the necessity for bottled water, beverages and water are now being served to the guests in reusable glasses.

FOOD WASTE REDUCTION ROADMAP

Being careful with resources is a core value for MGM. The Company always aims to inspire team members to think differently about food waste and incorporate sustainability into their everyday life. "Show off Your Clean Plate" Campaign was hosted in its Employee Dining Rooms, in which the team members were encouraged to plan their food consumption well in advance and raise their awareness of reducing food waste. MGM is also going to deploy artificial intelligence solutions to tackle the problem of food waste. In order to maximize operational efficiency and data accuracy, food waste will be monitored and analyzed at its restaurant kitchens and employee din-

ing rooms that serve 10,000 meals per day. As a result, chefs can better plan their menus to save wasting food.

FOOD WASTE COMPOSTING

All given materials from our Earth are precious, even the used ones. MGM has launched a food waste composting program to turn kitchen scraps into a nutrient-rich landscaping compost, preventing approximately 900kg of unfinished food a day from being sent to the incinerators.

Turning food waste into organic soil fertilizer creates economic and environmental benefits. More than 100 tons of its food waste have been converted into biodegradable compost and applied to over 100,000 plants at both MGM MACAU and MGM COTAI, while at the same time reducing fungicide use and pollution. The Company also send the rest of its biodegradable compost to the local SMEs who offer horticulture supplies to us, helping them to reduce up to 25% of their fertilizing cost and encourage them to use less chemical fertilizer.



Staff reporter

FOOTBALL

Macau FA to investigate 21-18 sham match

FOOTBALLERS on the two teams that protested a recent decision by the Macau Football Association say that their dramatic 21-18 final score on Sunday had nothing to do with their clubs.

Nevertheless, the Macau FA told international media that it was investigating the case, which may constitute improper conduct. Both clubs have launched their own internal investigations, pledging that if violations are proven the concerned players will be punished.

The 21-goal victory of Ka I over Hang Sai on Sunday was put to an end early by the referee after noticing that the two teams were deliberately conceding goals to one another. The match was filled with walking attackers, unspotted defenders, and missing goalkeepers.

The footballers involved in the apparent protest say that it was held solely by their own initiative, and did not reflect the position of their clubs.

They were protesting the decision made by the Macau FA not to send the Macau SAR team to Sri Lanka.

Citing security concerns in

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Sri Lanka, the Macau Football Association 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.

Footballers on both teams seemed to have made an agreement prior to kickoff not

to stage a competitive match, reported local Chinese newspaper Exmoo.

Four minutes into the match, Lam Ka Chong of Hang Sai scored the first goal. In the first half, both teams scored 11

goals, with Ka I leading by six goals to five.

The Chinese newspaper reported that the referee had ended the match early, seeing the footballers not playing a competitive game.

According to football rules and regulations, football governing bodies such as the Macau FA and the Asian Football Federation can open an investigation into suspected match fixing and pre-full time match termination.

Both clubs have launched their own internal investigations

Hang Sai player Lam Ka Po clarified to the press after the match that it wasn't the club's decision to stage the uncooperative action. He said, "we hope the [Macau] FA can listen to the players."

Lam added that discussion regarding actions in the next stage is in progress, but no decision has yet been made. He emphasized that the FA had not contacted any of the players.

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Carrie Lam fighting for political life after bill fiasco

HONG Kong Chief Executive Carrie Lam steadily climbed her way up bureaucratic ranks to capture the top position in the former British colony, relying on sheer intelligence, ambition, canny networking and an astute deference to authority.

Yet the ground has shifted considerably since she began her civil service career in the 1980s. On Saturday, she appeared to be fighting for her political life as she sought to explain her decision to push through unpopular legislation that would make it easier to extradite suspects to communist-ruled mainland China, which took control of the territory in a 1997 handover.

A key reason for Lam's vulnerability is that she was not directly elected by the territory's people, but rather ushered into office in 2017 by the vote of a 1,194-member committee dominated by pro-Beijing elites — despite being far less popular than her main rival.

She now finds herself caught between a public that never truly backed her, and leaders in Beijing who want her to push through unpopular measures seen to be eroding Western-style economic, social and cultural freedoms that Beijing promised to respect for at least 50 years after it took back control from Britain.

Demonstrators in Hong Kong gathered yesterday outside the office of the city's leader, demanding that she step down for the crisis over a highly unpopular extradition bill that has tested the durability of China's promises to respect the former British colony's quasi-autonomy.

The mostly young protesters blocked a street near the city's waterfront as they stood outside the office of Chief Executive Carrie Lam chanting calls for her to cancel the proposed legislation.

As night fell, protest leaders debated their next steps. Some wanted to set a deadline for a meeting with Lam. Others decided to head home.

Nearly 2 million Hong Kong residents, young and old, joined a march on Sunday that lasted late into the night to express their frustrations with Lam and the extradition bill, backed by Beijing. Many stayed on afterward.

Protesters blocked some downtown roads well into Monday morning, but gradually yielded to police requests to reopen roads, moving to areas near the city's government headquarters.

The activists have rejected apologies from Lam for her handling of the legislation, which would allow suspects to be sent to mainland China for trial. She announced that work on the bill would be suspended after large

protests last week, but the legislation has touched a nerve not easily soothed in a city anxious over the increasingly authoritarian Communist rule of Chinese President Xi Jinping.

"We are very angry that Carrie Lam has not responded to the demands of all the protesters, but now is the time to talk about strategy, and talk about strategy is about how to make the whole struggle into a long-term struggle and not a day struggle, so if Carrie Lam does not respond to the demands by the protesters, people will come back and the struggle will continue," Lee Cheuk-yan, a former legislator and activist, said yesterday.

Few anticipated that Lam would become embroiled in such friction when she took over from her predecessor Leung Chun-ying, a highly polarizing former policeman who stepped down as chief executive in 2017, citing family reasons.

Lam may eventually, after a face-saving interval, also end up stepping aside, analysts said. That would allow time for Beijing to decide upon a successor that the leadership considers both competent and politically reliable.

"They may not fire her immediately, but her chances for a second term are totally gone now and they may find a reason to

let her go without losing much face because now she is hated by everybody in Hong Kong and her administration has become quite ungovernable," said Willy Lam, a veteran political observer.

Much of the unhappiness with Lam and her administration predates her appointment as chief executive, but the recent uproar over the extradition bill highlights worries that the former British colony is losing the special autonomous status China promised it when it took control in 1997.

One concern over the extradition bill is that it might be used to send critics of Communist Party rule to the mainland to face vague political charges, possible torture and unfair trials.

It's seen as one of many steps chipping away at Hong Kong's freedoms and legal autonomy.

Lam insists the legislation is needed for Hong Kong to uphold justice, meet its international obligations and not become a magnet for fugitives. It would expand the scope of criminal suspect transfers to include Taiwan, Macau and mainland China.

So far, China has been excluded from Hong Kong's extradition agreements because of concerns over the judicial independence of its courts and its human rights record.

The vast majority of Hong Kong residents fled persecution, political chaos or famine in the Chinese mainland. They value stability and but also cherish freedoms of dissent and legal protections not allowed Chinese living across the border.

Many Hong Kong residents also were angered over the police use of tear gas, rubber bullets and other forceful measures as demonstrators broke through barricades outside the city government's headquarters during demonstrations last week, and over Lam's decision to call the clashes a riot. That worsens the potential legal consequences for those involved.

The protesters have mainly focused their ire toward Lam, who has little choice but to carry through dictates issued by Beijing. She has sidestepped questions over whether she should quit and also defended how the police dealt with last week's clashes.

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 from Britain in 1997.

Prosecutions of activists, detentions without trial of five Hong Kong book publishers and the illegal seizure in Hong Kong by mainland agents of at least one mainland businessman are among moves in recent years that have unnerved many in the city of 7 million. **MDT/AP**

Joshua Wong joins masses after release from prison

Annie Lee & Lulu Yilun Chen

HONG Kong activist Joshua Wong joined calls for Chief Executive Carrie Lam's resignation after being released from a two-month jail sentence that sidelined him from some of the largest mass protests since the former British colony's return two decades ago.

Just after his walking out of Lai Chi Kok Correctional Institute in the city's Kowloon district, Wong - the face of the Occupy movement in 2014 - said he would soon join protesters seeking for Lam to quit. Wong, 22, said the "chaos" surrounding the protests, including clashes between demonstrators and police, showed how China and the Beijing-backed local government were losing hearts and minds.

"After this rally and protest, it showed that Beijing turned the whole generation of students into dissidents," told Bloomberg News outside the city's Legislative Council yesterday. He was greeted with cheers upon his return to the scene of some

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of his most dramatic protests after missing the recent excitement.

Wong said he watched footage of Sunday's protest, in which marchers called for Lam to step down, from his jail cell. "Instead of asking who will be the best

person to rule Hong Kong, I will ask what's the best system, the suitable election system, to let people decide who leads Hong Kong," he said.

Members of Demosisto, the pro-democracy party Wong co-founded, were on hand at the

prison for his release. "Add oil, Chi-fung, I want true universal suffrage!" an elderly female supporter shouted, calling Wong by his Chinese name and using a popular phrase similar to "lean in." Universal suffrage - which in Hong Kong is shorthand for

direct elections of the city's chief executive - was the main goal of the Occupy protests.

Thousands of people also took to the streets in 2017 when Wong received a six-month sentence for charges against him relating to the pro-democracy Occupy movement. Wong got a subsequent three-month sentence for contempt of court, which was reduced to two in May upon returning from bail. It was reduced due to sentencing guidelines.

Wong, a former student leader, started his activist career during protests that forced the withdrawal of a national education curriculum in 2012 and later co-founded Demosisto. Now free, he could further rally demonstrators - including the small number who remained in the financial district yesterday morning.

Hong Kong rose up in defiance the day after Lam suspended the bill. People demanding its full withdrawal flooded the streets, bringing the city center to a standstill for a second straight weekend and drawing a formal apology from the embattled leader.

"I have never imagined more than a million Hong Kong people would join the demonstration," Wong said. "Five years ago we claimed that we would be back. Finally, we did it." **Bloomberg**

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Will it work? Glitzy casino opening on industrial waterfront

Philip Marcelo

A 28-million-dollar statue of Popeye by the artist Jeff Koons. Luxury, “European-style” water shuttles. Five-star hotel rooms starting at about USD650 a night.

After months of turmoil and uncertainty, Wynn Resorts’ flamboyant Encore Boston Harbor casino opens June 23 just over the city line in Everett, Massachusetts.

The \$2.6 billion gambling, hotel and entertainment complex brings Las Vegas opulence to the unlikely of places: a largely industrial waterfront home to a subway train repair yard, a water and sewer agency facility and a power plant.

Massachusetts leaders hope the resort and its curved, bronze-toned hotel tower — echoing the company’s distinctive properties in Vegas and Macau — transforms the city’s reputation as an industrial afterthought.

“We were ready for something like this,” Mayor Carlo DeMaria said last week, putting forth a vision of a thriving waterfront district of hotels, restaurants and shops. “Everett will no longer be that place where the scrap yards and the used car lots and the power plant are.”

Key to that revival, DeMaria and casino officials say, is the company’s nearly \$70 million environmental cleanup of the 33-acre former chemical plant land and its shoreline. A new 6-acre (2-hectare) park featuring a harbor walk and gardens will give the public access to the city’s waterfront for the first time in more than a century.

Wynn Resorts has also purchased a number of homes and businesses leading up to the casino’s grand entry and begun razing them, with promises of



AP PHOTO

future redevelopment.

Casino officials have declined media requests to tour the property in recent months, opting instead to showcase it on a single special preview on June 21.

Speaking at his offsite administrative office last week, Encore Boston Harbor President Robert DeSalvio highlighted the attractions the company hopes will make the casino stand out in an increasingly crowded Northeast market.

Much like the company’s other properties, Encore Boston Harbor will feature millions of dollars in original artwork.

A fanciful carousel sculpture made up of 83,000 flowers and 11,000 jewels will greet visitors at the casino entry. Murano glass chandeliers will dangle from the gambling floor ceiling. And Koons’ Popeye will stand sentry by the casino’s meeting rooms.

“At the end of the day, people want to come for an experience,” DeSalvio said. “Our team has spanned the globe to find very special touches. All of it creates a bespoke entertainment experience. It’s a place for people to come back to time and time again.”

With more than 8 million patrons expected to visit annually, DeSalvio also stressed the casino’s efforts to ease traffic snarls, a major concern for long-suffering Boston residents and commuters.

Everett isn’t on a subway line, but there will be free shuttles from nearby stations, a free local circulator bus through city neighborhoods, and coach buses departing from locations in New Hampshire and Massachusetts. The casino has also invested in shuttles to ferry patrons from downtown Boston’s harbor front.

But residents — even those eagerly anticipating the casino’s opening — remain skeptical.

“It’s a nightmare now. I can’t see how it gets any better,” said Jake Mitchell, a lifelong Everett resident as he watched traffic crawl past the casino on a recent workday afternoon. “But I still can’t wait to check it out. I’ll just live there. I won’t come home anymore.”

Nearly all casinos that have opened in the Northeast in recent years — including Massachusetts’ MGM Springfield and Plainridge Park — have struggled to meet revenue projections, and Encore will likely be no different, said Paul DeBolle, a professor at Lasell College in Newton, Massachusetts, who has been tracking regional casino revenues.

He and other experts predict the property will pull in around \$600 million in revenues from gambling, short of the more

than \$800 million the casino predicted in its first year. State lawmakers have taken a similarly conservative view, projecting it will generate about \$540 million from gambling. The state will collect 25% of the casino’s gambling revenues.

“Wynn is clearly banking on their ability to attract Asian ‘whales’ and other wealthy gamblers from around the world,” said Clyde Barrow, a political science professor at the University of Texas-Rio Grande Valley who has long studied Northeast casinos. “But it doesn’t make sense to me why anyone would fly right over Las Vegas to visit Everett, Massachusetts.”

But Encore Boston Harbor might be better placed than others to meet its lofty revenue goals because it holds a “virtual monopoly” on the Boston-area as owner of the lone gambling license for the affluent and populous region, said Alex Bumazhny, an analyst with the ratings agency Fitch.

Rival MGM Springfield is an hour and a half away, Connecticut’s Indian casinos are nearly a two hours’ drive, and other casinos closer to Boston offer fewer amenities, he said.

The controversies that have recently marred the company also shouldn’t dim the casino’s prospects, Bumazhny said.

Casino regulators in Massachusetts and Nevada hit Wynn Resorts with \$55 million in fines and other penalties after determining officials failed to investigate allegations of sexual misconduct against Steve Wynn, the company’s founder.

Wynn has denied the misconduct allegations but resigned as CEO last year. And the company, weeks before opening, negotiated to sell the Everett casino to MGM, but those talks ended amid public criticism.

DeSalvio said the company remains bullish on Everett.

“For us, we’ve never moved off our original projections,” he said. “People are going love the interior of the building, and when they walk out on that harbor walk and see what was done out there, I think they’ll agree this is a unique and special place.” AP

corporate bits

GRAND LAPA TO HOLD SUMMER ACTIVITIES



This summer, Grand Lapa will hold a series of activities from July 6 to September 1, featuring workshops, dancing and art amongst other things.

According to a statement issued by the resort, the activities which are targeted at children from 4 to 12 years old, will run every day at

Kids Co., Grand Lapa.

The Summer Fun Getaway program will include sessions and creative workshops such as puppet craft making, a mini puppet show, music jams, fitness fun with yoga or Bollywood dance, theatre art games and cooking classes.

Registration runs from June 24 until July 15.

In addition, this summer the public can purchase a Resort Day Pass to access Grand Lapa’s pool, steam room, sauna, relaxation room, fitness center, tennis court, multi-function court, sports pitch and Kids Co.

MGM BRINGS WAGYUMAFIA POP-UP TO COTAI



MGM presents the Wagyumafia pop-up at MGM Cotai’s Grill 58 until August 4, where it will run in Macau for the first time and serve the Wagyu-

mafia Progressive Kaiseki Dinner outside Japan for the first time.

With the aim of bringing knowledge and awareness of

true wagyu to the world, Wagyumafia strives to promote authentic Japanese wagyu, according to a statement issued by the gaming operator.

Founder and chef Hisato Hamada leads the brand. To maintain their premium quality, the brand sources prestigious breeds of wagyu from the top 20 wagyu farmers in Japan.

The classic Wagyumafia Omakase Dinner will be served until July 13, followed by the Wagyumafia Progressive Kaiseki Dinner running July 14 to August 4. On August 1, Hisato Hamada himself will be present to serve the select number of guests.



FORCED MARRIAGE

Pakistan police seek to unravel networks trafficking women

Kathy Gannon, Faisalabad

WITH waves of arrests, Pakistani investigators are trying to unravel trafficking networks that convince impoverished Pakistanis to marry off their daughters to Chinese men for cash, and they say evidence is growing that many of the women and girls are sold into prostitution once in China.

At least two dozen Chinese nationals and dozens of their Pakistani partners have been arrested in recent weeks in raids by Pakistan's Federal Investigation Agency. Pakistani government officials, however, have ordered police to remain quiet about the extent of the networks, fearing it could hurt increasingly close economic ties with Beijing, two law enforcement officials told The Associated Press.

"We are interested only in stopping the trafficking. Make no mistake, this is trafficking," said one of the officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the government order. "We think the majority are sold as prostitutes," he said of the women married in the trafficking schemes.

The AP spoke to seven girls who had been forced to marry Chinese men, four of them still in China. Each described how their new husbands handed them over to paying clients to be raped.

"I was living in hell-like conditions, silently weeping, silently praying for help," said 20-year-old Natasha Masih. She told of how her husband locked her in a hotel in the remote northwest Chinese city of Urumqi and forced her into

prostitution. The AP does not name rape victims, but Masih agreed to her name being used and now after her escape works to help other victims speak out.

Pakistan became a focus of Chinese marriage brokers last year, and activists say that since then as many as 1,000 women and girls have been married off to Chinese men. Most of the women are from Pakistan's small Christian community, who are among the country's most desperately poor. Brokers offer families cash to give their daughters as brides, promising them well-off Chinese husbands who would give them a good life. The business is fueled by demand in China, where men outnumber women.

In Pakistan, some Christian pastors are paid to help brokers lure members of their

flock into marriages, and the girls — married against their will — become isolated in China, vulnerable to abusive husbands, previous AP reporting found.

China is denying it is happening, but we are showing the proof.

SALEEM IQBAL
CHRISTIAN ACTIVIST

China's ambassador to Pakistan, speaking on local television, denied girls are trafficked to China and sold into

prostitution. Trafficking was not discussed during a visit to Pakistan this month by China's vice president, Wang Qishan. In comments carried in the Pakistani press, Wang denied trafficking was taking place.

"China is denying it is happening, but we are showing the proof," said Saleem Iqbal, a Christian activist who has helped bring girls back from China.

The two law enforcement officials said one of the trafficking networks raided by police, based in the city of Lahore, had been operating for at least a year. It was protected by corrupt policemen, and the son of a former senior police official served as the lynchpin between the Chinese and Pakistani operatives, the officials said.

One woman, Sumaira, told the AP how her brothers were paid by brokers and forced her into such a marriage in July last year. The 30-year-old said her husband took her first to a house in the Pakistani capital Islamabad, and there she was raped each night by Chinese men for a week.

Before they were to leave for China, she convinced her husband to allow her to go home to say farewell to her sisters. There, she refused to return to the husband and screamed at her brothers, "Why did you sell me? How much money did you get for me?" she said. The brothers beat her, but she managed to escape to the home of an uncle.

Before her marriage, Sumaira had run a beauty salon in a poor, mostly Christian neighborhood of the Punjab town of Gujranwala. "I was a very different person than what you see now," she said. "Then I had hope. I believed in my future. Now I don't know."

Masih told the AP she was married off in November and soon after left her home in Faisalabad, flying to China with her husband. He took her to the northwest of the country, to a small house in a forested area. Three male and two female friends of her husband shared the house.

Her husband forced her to have sex with the men. Then he took her to the Urumqi hotel, where he confined her to a room and sold her into prostitution. **AP**

Google appoints new chief to oversee tumultuous China region

Shelly Banjo

ALPHABET Inc.'s Google has appointed a new Greater China head, as the company tries to reset a checkered relationship with Bei-

jing while tensions with Washington flare.

Stanley Chen will become managing director of Greater China sales, the company said yesterday, taking up a post Scott Beaumont vacated

after he was appointed Google's Asia-Pacific president in March. The incoming executive, who will be based in Shanghai, had been general manager of its Taiwan business for eight years.

Google takes in about 15% of its annual revenue from the Asia Pacific even though it pulled its search engine from the world's No. 2 economy around 2010, citing censorship. Ad-

vertising from Chinese companies however remains an important business for the internet giant.

The company came under fire last year for an unsuccessful attempt to bring a censored version of its search engine back to China. Google has also figured prominently in the trade war as it contends with a ban on Huawei, one of

its biggest advertisers and Android customers, and comes under scrutiny, for its work on artificial intelligence in the country. Google is also said to be reordering its supply chain to move some hardware production, out of China as tariffs on these goods increase.

The company declined to make Chen available for comment. **Bloomberg**

Huawei founder says revenue will be billions below forecast

Dake Kang & Yanan Wang, Shenzhen

HUAWEI'S founder said yesterday that the Chinese telecom giant's revenue will be USD30 billion less than forecast over the next two years, as he compared the company to a "badly damaged plane" in the face of U.S. government actions against it.

"We never thought that the U.S.'s determination to attack Huawei would be so strong, so firm," Ren Zhengfei, who is also the CEO, said during a panel discussion at company headquarters in Shenzhen.

Ren said Huawei will reduce capacity and expects revenues of about \$100 billion annually for the next two years, compared to \$105 billion in 2018. In February, he said the company was targeting \$125 billion in 2019.

Huawei's overseas cellphone sales will drop by 40%, Ren said, confirming a Bloomberg report published Sunday. But the Chinese market is growing rapidly, and Huawei will not allow restrictive measures to curb its research and development, he added.

Huawei is embroiled in an ongoing trade dispute between China and the U.S., which has accused Chinese companies such as Huawei of committing forced technology transfers and stealing trade secrets. Last month, the U.S. placed Huawei on its "Entity List," which effectively bars American companies from selling components to Huawei without government approval.

In December, Huawei chief financial officer Meng Wanzhou — Ren's daughter — was arrested in Vancouver at the request of U.S. authorities. The U.S. alleges that Meng misled American banks about the company's business dealings with Iran, and that Huawei used a Hong Kong

shell company to sell equipment in Iran in violation of U.S. sanctions.

The U.S. also claims Huawei, a leader in next-generation 5G cellphone networks, is a threat to global cybersecurity because it must obey China's ruling Communist Party. While Ren denies that Huawei would share user data with the Chinese government if ordered to do so, Washington has been trying to convince its allies to exclude Huawei from their upcoming 5G rollout.

In response, Huawei brought a lawsuit in the U.S. this March challenging the constitutionality of a national security law which prevents the U.S. government and its contractors from using Huawei equipment. The complaint, filed in Plano, Texas, where Huawei's American operations are headquartered, alleges that the law singles out Huawei for punishment while denying the company due process.

Ren said yesterday that there are no backdoors in its equipment that anyone could access, and that Huawei is willing to enter into a no backdoor agreement with any nation that wants one.

The Wall Street Journal reported last week that Huawei is asking Verizon to pay licensing fees for more than 200 of its patents. Ren said during the panel discussion that Huawei will not use its many patents as a "weapon," but did not rule out seeking royalties for usage.

He emphasized that Huawei will not stop collaborating with other countries and businesses.

The company's current situation "is not caused by American businesses, but rather by certain politicians' different perspectives," Ren said. "I think both sides will suffer. No one will win." **AP**



China censors the blame for Hong Kong protest to the US

WHILE the world has focused on Hong Kong over the past week, most of the 1.4 billion people right across the border in China have not.

As hundreds of thousands of protesters march in Hong Kong's streets against unpopular China-backed extradition legislation, another battle is unfolding across Beijing's Great Firewall. Photos and information about the biggest protests since the handover of the former British colony are being systematically wiped from China's internet. Meanwhile, Chinese state media is pushing a narrative blaming the protest movement on U.S. interference.

On Weibo, China's Twitter-like social media platform, posts voicing support for Hong Kong protesters have been removed since the demonstrations kicked off last weekend - leaving mostly Chinese media editorials on hostile foreign players trying to meddle in Chinese affairs. While WeChat users outside the mainland could share photos and comments about the protests on the popular messaging app, their contacts within the Firewall of China generally failed to see the posts.

Typing "Hong Kong" into China's largest search engine, Baidu, fails to produce news on protests that brought hundreds of thousands of people onto the streets. Censors have even taken note of the songs sung by demonstrators: "Do you Hear The People Sing," a protest anthem from the musical "Les Miserables," has been wiped from Tencent's QQ Music streaming service.

The terms "Hong Kong," "in extradition" and "protests" are among the most-searched terms on Freeweibo.com, a site monitoring posts that have been deleted from the site.

Baidu declined to comment in an emailed statement. Representatives for Tencent and Weibo didn't immediately respond to emailed requests for comment.

MEDIA NARRATIVE

The English-language China Daily reported yesterday that Hong Kong parents took to the streets on Sunday in order to urge U.S. politicians against interference in the city's extradition amendments - raising the eyebrows of China watchers after posting the story to its official Twitter account.

The nationalistic Global Times has run commentaries accusing the U.S. of interference. Yesterday, it went further, connecting

a week of protest in the city with ongoing trade negotiations between America and China - a step China's government had avoided through the week.

If Washington thinks "playing the 'Hong Kong card' can force China to make compromises in trade negotiations with the U.S., it had better think twice," the paper warned. "The riots in Hong Kong will only consolidate Beijing's tough stance against Washington."

China's Communist Party tightly controls the flow of information into its public sphere. As its media diverts attention to the trade war and warnings of sabotage by outside forces, mainland readers are largely oblivious to the aims of the mass protests -- the withdrawal of contentious legislation that would, for the first time, allow extradition to China.

"The reports are mostly intended for domestic readers," said Cheung Siu Wai, a senior lecturer at Hong Kong Baptist University. "It's impossible to completely censor all information, so they still need an official interpretation of the events for Chinese readers."

Chinese authorities haven't shied away from protesting recent U.S. action in support of Hong Kong's autonomy. In response to American lawmakers' push to reintroduce the The Hong Kong Human Rights and Democracy Act, Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Le Yucheng summoned Robert W. Ford, Deputy Chief of Mission at the U.S. Embassy in Beijing, to lodge a complaint over the U.S.'s "irresponsible" comments regarding the extradition bill. **Bloomberg**



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INDIA

Dozens of new parliamentarians face criminal charges

Ashok Sharma, New Delhi

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.

Nearly 43% of the new members of the lower house of Parliament that convenes yesterday for the first time since the election won despite facing criminal charges. More than a quarter of those relate to rape, murder or attempted murder, according to a report by the civic group Association of Democratic Reforms.

The loophole that allows them to take office is that they have not been convicted — in part because the Indian legal system has a huge backlog of an estimated 30 million cases and trials often last decades. When asked about the charges against them, they invariably accuse a political rival of framing them.

Since such rivalries often lead

to false accusations, the main political parties say it would be unfair to bar people from contesting elections unless they have been convicted by court.

Under existing laws, only those who have been sentenced to prison for two years or more can be barred from elections.

Members of Parliament with criminal backgrounds is not a new phenomenon in India, but despite Modi's campaign vow in 2014 to clean up corruption and the influence of money in politics, the problem appears to be only worsening.

In the 2004 national election, the percentage of candidates with pending criminal cases was 24%, which rose to 33% in 2009, 34% in 2014 and 43% this year, said Shahabuddin Y. Quraishi, a former chief election commissioner.

The Association of Democratic Reforms found that 116 of the 303 lawmakers from Modi's Bharatiya Janata Party elected last month face criminal charges, including one for alleged terrorism.

Pragya Singh Thakur, who won a seat from Bhopal in central India, is awaiting trial in connection with a 2008 explosion in Malegaon in western India that killed seven people.

Twenty-nine of the opposition Congress party's 52 lawmakers face serious charges.

"This trend has been growing in India, leaving no political party untouched. We need to educate voters not to elect these people," said Jagdeep S. Chhokar, ADR's founder.

"What the Indian state has been unable to provide, strongmen promise to deliver to people in their area of influence, using gun and money power," said Lennin Rasghuvanshi, a coordinator with the People's Union for Civil Liberties.

Starting in the 1960s and '70s, some Indian politicians began turning to the criminal underworld for cash to win votes.

"In due course, the criminals started thinking that these politicians were winning because of their money or crimes so why shouldn't they become

lawmakers themselves? If they are people running from the police, they know that when they became lawmakers, the same police will protect them," Quraishi said.

■ The Indian legal system has a huge backlog of an estimated 30 million cases and trials often last decades

In Uttar Pradesh state in northern India, former mafia don Mukhtar Ansari has been elected to the state assembly five times despite more than 40 criminal cases pending against him, including murder.

Another don-turned-politician, Hari Shankar Tiwari,

also of Uttar Pradesh, has been a member of the legislative assembly for 23 years, even winning an election while being detained on murder charges.

During the campaign, Election Commission officials and government agencies seized mountains of cash, alcohol, gold and silver, saris and expensive watches in the offices of political parties that were intended as gifts in exchange for votes.

The total value of the seized goods was USD500 million, including \$120 million in cash — nearly three times what was found in the 2014 general election, according to the Election Commission.

Analysts say that political parties seem to prize electability over ethics.

"They think that people with criminal backgrounds have more chances to win because of their money and muscle power," Qureshi said.

In the days of paper ballots before electronic voting machines were introduced, gangs would use brute force to take over polling stations to rig the vote.

One reason for the increasing number of criminal suspects going into politics is the sheer cost of elections. In the general election that concluded in May, political parties and candidates are estimated to have spent about \$8.65 billion. That's double the amount in the 2014 election, according to a report by the Center for Media Studies in New Delhi.

The report said the Bharatiya Janata Party was the biggest spender, accounting for about 45% of the total. The Congress party accounted for between 15% and 20%.

Analysts say a key cause of corruption is the way political parties are funded in India. Parties are permitted to receive foreign funds, any company can donate any amount of money to any political party, and any individual, group or company can donate money anonymously through electoral bonds.

Donors do not need to disclose the party they have donated to, nor does the party have to reveal the source of its money.

Quraishi is calling for more transparency in campaign funding as well as a cap on election spending.

"The people want transparency, the donor wants secrecy. Whose wish should prevail?" he said. **AP**

Pakistani activist known for criticism killed in Islamabad

PAKISTANI police say an activist known for his online criticism of the country's military and politicians has been killed by unknown assailants in a

wooded area of the capital, Islamabad.

Local police official Ayaz Khan says Mohammad Bilal Khan was killed Sunday night, drawing condem-

nation from his friends on social media.

Police said yesterday that an unknown person called the activist to come to the Karachi Company

neighborhood, where he and his cousin were attacked with daggers.

The cousin was in critical condition.

In addition to his acti-

vism, Khan was a freelance journalist.

The attack took place hours after Khan bluntly criticized the newly appointed spy chief Lt.

Gen. Faiz Hameed, who had previously worked as the head of internal security at Pakistan's intelligence agency Inter-Services Intelligence. **AP**

Yanan Wang, Beijing

DIPLOMACY

State media say Chinese President Xi to visit North Korea

AP PHOTO

CHINESE President Xi Jinping will make a state visit to North Korea this week, state media announced yesterday, as U.S. talks with North Korea on its nuclear program are at an apparent standstill.

Xi will meet with North Korean leader Kim Jong Un during the visit on Thursday and Friday, Chinese state broadcaster CCTV said. It said the trip will be the first by a Chinese leader in 14 years.

North Korea's official Korean Central News Agency also announced the visit, but provided no further details.

The visit coincides with the 70th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and North Korea, CCTV said. The broadcaster added the leaders will exchange views on the situation on the Korean Peninsula.

The visit comes as negotiations between the U.S. and North Korea appear to have reached an impasse.

A summit in Vietnam in February between Kim and President Donald Trump failed after the U.S. rejected North Korea's request for extensive relief from U.N. sanctions in exchange for dismantling its main nuclear complex, a partial disarmament

step. Since the summit's breakdown, no major contacts between the U.S. and North Korea have been announced.

Kim traveled to the Russian Far East in April for a meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin. The move was viewed as aimed at strengthening his leverage over Washington and persuading Moscow to loosen its implementation of the international sanctions against North Korea.

Last month, North Korea fired short-range missiles and other weapons into the sea in an apparent effort to apply pressure on the U.S.

KCNA reported in April that Kim said he will give the U.S. "till the end of the year" to reach out with further proposals.

Since taking office in 2012, Xi has met with Kim four times in China. The meetings were timed in proximity to Kim's meetings with Trump and South Korean President Moon Jae-in, highlighting Beijing's role as a player in the nuclear standoff. **AP**



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AVIATION

Boeing says 'sorry' for Max crashes, seeks renewed trust

Angela Charlton, Le Bourget

BOEING executives apologized yesterday to airlines and families of victims of 737 Max crashes in Indonesia and Ethiopia, as the U.S. plane maker struggles to regain the trust of regulators, pilots and the global traveling public.

While Boeing was in a visibly contrite mood at the opening of the Paris Air Show, rival Airbus launched a new long-range single-aisle jet, beating Boeing to a market that both aviation giants predict will grow.

Safety was on many minds at the show.

"We are very sorry for

the loss of lives" in the Lion Air crash in October and Ethiopian Airlines crash in March, Kevin McAllister, CEO of Boeing's commercial aircraft, told reporters. A total of 346 people were killed in the disasters.

McAllister also said "I'm sorry for the disruption" to airlines from the subsequent grounding of all Max planes worldwide, and to their passengers facing summer travel disruptions.

Boeing executives defended improvements to Max software that has been implicated in the crashes, but couldn't predict when the plane could fly again.

Investigations are un-

derway into what happened, though it's known that angle-measuring sensors in both planes malfunctioned, alerting anti-stall software to push the noses of the planes down. The pilots were unable to take back control of the planes.

In addition to safety concerns, the global economic slowdown and trade tensions are weighing on the mood at the air show, where industry powerhouses gathered yesterday to showcase their technology and peddle costly jets.

In the biggest new plane announcement expected at the show, Airbus formally launched its long-

range A321XLR. The plane should will be ready for customers in 2023 and be able to fly up to 4,700 nautical miles.

Chief salesman Christian Scherer would not say how much the plane would cost to develop, but said it would be significantly less than building a whole new plane because it is an upgraded version of the existing A321.

Right after the launch, the Los Angeles-based Air Lease Corporation signed a letter of intent to buy 27 of the new Airbus planes.

That's a new challenge for Boeing, which said yesterday it is still working on plans for a possible jet in the same category — dubbed New Midsize Airplane, or NMA. It would fill a gap in the Boeing lineup between the smaller 737 and the larger 777 and 787.

The air show also hosted top military officials reviewing fighter jets and other aviation developments, and is seeing a growing focus on electric planes and other planet-friendly technology. **AP**

ELECTIONS

Ex-rival backs Boris Johnson's bid to be Britain's next PM



BORIS Johnson's bid to become Britain's next prime minister was bolstered by fresh support from one of his former rivals yesterday.

Health Secretary Matt Hancock threw his support behind Johnson, arguing that the former mayor of London's "unique personality" would help rally support around a deal to leave the European Union.

"Having considered all the options, I'm backing Boris Johnson as the best candidate to unite the Conservative Party, so we can deliver Brexit and then unite the country behind an open, ambitious, forward-looking agenda, delivered with the energy that gets stuff done," Hancock wrote in op-ed in The Times of London.

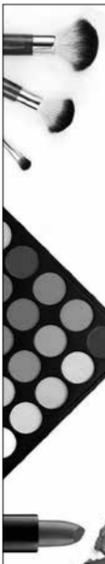
Hancock's endorsement came even though Johnson refused to take part in a televised debate Sunday night alongside his five rivals.

Broadcaster Channel 4 left an empty lectern for Johnson, who has a commanding lead after last week's first round of voting by Tory lawmakers in the contest to replace Theresa May.

May stepped down as party leader earlier this month after failing to secure Parliament's approval for her European Union divorce deal.

The House of Commons' 313 Conservative Party lawmakers will winnow the field of contenders in a series of leadership votes this week, with the final two names put to a postal vote of about 160,000 Conservative members nationwide. The winner, set to be announced in July, will become Conservative party leader and Britain's next prime minister. **AP**

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2020 CAMPAIGN

Trump warns of epic stock market crash if he's not re-elected

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PRESIDENT Donald Trump, gearing up for the official start of his 2020 campaign, warned that the U.S. would face an epic stock market crash if he's not re-elected.

"If anyone but me takes over," Trump told his 61 million Twitter followers on Saturday, "there will be a Market Crash the likes of which has not been seen before!"

Trump officially starts his 2020 campaign tomorrow [local time] with a rally in Orlando, Florida, and appears to be road-testing some of the themes he'll be touching on in the next 18 months, including stoking fear of a market meltdown. "Tuesday will be a Big Crowd and Big Day," he said in another tweet.

The president has claimed several times this year and as recently as Friday in a "Fox & Friends" interview that the U.S. stock market would be 5,000 to

10,000 points higher if the Federal Reserve hadn't raised interest rates four times in 2018.

He also tweeted in February that "had the opposition party won in 2016, 'the Stock Market would be down at least 10,000 points by now' - an unprovable assertion. And in January

Trump suggested that if "you want to see a Stock Market Crash, Impeach Trump."

"We have never had a president so aware of where the stock market is and how much it is up or down on the year," Chris Rupkey, chief financial economist at MUFG Union Bank NA,

said in an email. "Better buckle up, equity investors."

Research by Macrotrends shows the Dow Jones Industrial Average's performance so far in Trump's term has been middling compared with his predecessors, and trails the gains made under Democrats

Barack Obama and Bill Clinton. It's a touch above the gains logged under Republicans Ronald Reagan and George H. W. Bush; George W. Bush had presided over a losing market at this point in his first term.

The benchmark S&P 500 index made a record high in early May before slipping in the face of Trump's stepped-up trade war with China. The more narrow DJIA, whose performance Trump likes to reference, last peaked more than eight months ago, on Oct. 3.

The Dow posted 71 record high closes in 2017, starting within a week of Trump's inauguration, and another 15 in 2018, helped by the passage of a Republican tax bill. The index made 122 record high closes during Obama's second term, after recovering from losses suffered during the recession of 2007-2009.

As Trump kicks off his re-election campaign, the chances of a recession starting in the U.S. within the next year have risen to 30% from 25% a month ago, according to a June 7-12 survey of economists conducted by Bloomberg News. Recent figures have shown slowing job gains, and Trump's tariff threats are weighing on business sentiment. The rising U.S. budget deficit and national debt have also raised alarm bells. **Bloomberg**

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Offbeat

A UTAH VETERAN TURNING 101 GETS OVER 5,000 BIRTHDAY CARDS



When John Frey's family requested 101 birthday cards to celebrate the World War II veteran's 101st birthday in Utah, they were expecting to get 500 at most.

At a celebration on June 8, a day after his birthday, Frey ended up with well over 5,000 cards, the Daily Herald reports.

According to the report, Frey's request spread quickly after The Associated Press picked up the story from the Daily Herald in May and it appeared in news outlets across the country.

The cards came from all 50 states and at least 12 countries. Entire classrooms of children, military veterans and Utah's elected officials wanted to wish the former mechanic/machinist for the U.S. Army a happy birthday.

Frey said he had not expected to ever get so many cards. Jeanne Waters, the front desk receptionist at the Mervyn Sharp Bennion Central Utah Veterans Home where Frey lives, said she had to ask the Postal Service for an extra tub just to sort his cards every day.

"These have been overfilled with letters and packages and everything for him," Waters said. "It's been fun. It really has."

Frey celebrated with family and friends last week at home. His daughter Janice Carlson helped him use a letter opener to open one envelope including a sea shell and a note. "Holy mackerel!" Frey exclaimed after opening another card that played music.

Carlson said they are going to load up his room with as many cards as they can, but it will take a few days to open them all.

The excitement has been a bit tiring, Frey added. "I just want to get in my car and take off for a while," said Frey, who lived in his own home until he was 100 and enjoys going for drives in his car.

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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



1999 ANTI-CAPITALISM DEMO TURNS VIOLENT

Police and protesters have clashed at a demonstration against capitalism in the centre of London's financial district.

The rally was timed to coincide with the start of a summit of the world's richest countries in Germany.

More than 4,000 people took to the streets of London in protest at the burden of debt owed by the world's poorest countries to the Group of Eight nations.

They were joined by about 300 cyclists, who disrupted traffic by riding slowly into the city centre, carrying banners.

But what began as a peaceful gathering became violent after a small crowd of demonstrators began attacking buildings and smashing windows.

Some protesters vented their anger on the Liffe Building, which forms part of the London Stock Exchange.

One group managed to break into the building but a safety shield was activated, preventing them from reaching the trading floor.

Police said they were attacked with stones and bottles. One woman was taken to hospital with suspected concussion and a broken leg after she was hit by a police van.

At least 42 protesters and four police officers have been injured. A number of arrests have been made and the violence is now said to be largely under control.

A massive clear-up operation will shortly be underway, as well as an investigation into the violence.

The London rally had been timed to coincide with other protests around the world.

German police were expecting up to 100,000 demonstrators to protest in Cologne, where the summit was being held, and call for the debt of the world's poorest countries to be cancelled.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

On the day 16 people were arrested for offences including criminal damage and assault.

One website sympathetic to the activists' aims described the event as a protest against "an economy that puts money, growth and the 'free market' above everything else, leading to poverty, the Third World Debt and environmental destruction."

In the House of Commons Home Secretary Jack Straw condemned the "deplorable outbreak of public disorder and violence".

Billed as a Carnival Against Capitalism, the City of London protest marked the first in a series of major anti-capitalist demonstrations in central London.

YOUR STARS

Aries
Mar. 21-Apr. 19
You have to direct your attention outward today — otherwise, things may get weird or difficult. Your energy is best spent helping others instead of focusing on your own personal needs.

Taurus
April 20-May 20
Take in a show of some kind — music, art, performance or whatever floats your boat. Your great personal energy is perfect for absorbing culture, and it's past time to get started!

Gemini
May 21-Jun. 21
You need to deal with the little errands and tasks that have piled up lately. Things are pretty good overall, but you may find it easier in the future if you handle all that stuff today.

Cancer
Jun. 22-Jul. 22
You get a bit of good news today — and it may bring a friend! It seems that good things come in pairs as far as you're concerned, and that could mean that you're at the center of attention.

Leo
Jul. 23-Aug. 22
It's budget time again! You may not relish it, but the effects are hard to deny. You should be able to come up with something really great that saves you a lot in the long run if you dive into it.

Virgo
Aug. 23-Sept. 22
Your organizational skills are unparalleled, and today brings an opportunity for you to step up and really make a difference! It could be at work or at home, but wherever it is, take over!

Libra
Sep.23-Oct. 22
Life is a little overwhelming today, but not so bad that you need to stay in bed. You may get some difficult news or you may even be bombarded with too much good news. You can bop along with whatever it is, though.

Scorpio
Oct. 23 - Nov. 21
Your friends are worth their weight in gold today — so let them know! At least one of them needs a lift, and they are surely able to give you what you need once you think to ask them.

Sagittarius
Nov. 22-Dec. 21
Try not to get too far ahead of yourself — things are changing too quickly for even you to catch up! As long as you can find a way to muddle through the day, things should start to look up soon.

Capricorn
Dec. 22-Jan. 19
You need to learn a few new tricks today — otherwise, you're likely to fall behind. Your brain is still quite energized, so it's easy for you to tackle even the weirdest stuff with ease.

Aquarius
Jan. 20-Feb. 18
You're feeling more down to earth today, which may come as a relief. It's a good time for you to check in with friends or family members who may need you to discuss something delicate.

Pisces
Feb.19-Mar. 20
It's all too easy to project your feelings onto other people today, so try your best not to assume too much about why people do whatever they do. If anything, you may want to ask them directly.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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WEATHER

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CHINA

Beijing	12	27	clear
Harbin	7	16	cloudy
Tianjin	13	26	clear
Urumqi	12	22	moderate rain
Xi'an	13	26	overcast
Lhasa	8	20	cloudy
Chengdu	16	24	drizzle
Chongqing	18	29	cloudy
Kunming	14	22	shower
Nanjing	15	23	clear
Shanghai	14	23	cloudy
Wuhan	15	26	cloudy
Hangzhou	15	25	cloudy
Taipei	19	25	heavy rain
Guangzhou	21	28	cloudy
Hong Kong	24	27	shower

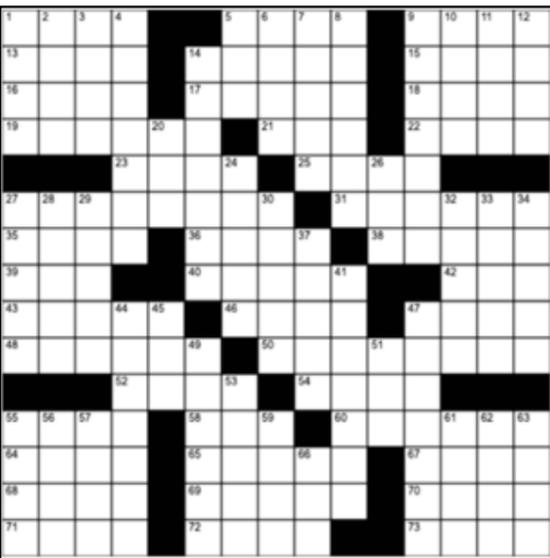
WORLD

Moscow	2	12	cloudy
Frankfurt	9	20	drizzle
Paris	7	18	drizzle
London	5	16	overcast
New York	8	17	drizzle

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Actress Petty; 5- Etna output; 9- Italian treats; 13- Billy ___ had a hit song with "White Wedding"; 14- More peeved; 15- Pinta's sister ship; 16- Repast; 17- Boîte ___; 18- Flunk; 19- Treelike grass; 21- Brouhaha; 22- Veinlike deposit; 23- Pi followers; 25- Zeno's home; 27- Tries; 31- Spanish fleet; 35- Act; 36- 2000 role for Julia; 38- Darken; 39- Mont Blanc, for one; 40- Less common or less cooked; 42- Test area; 43- Entreaties; 46- Persian fairy; 47- Trigonometric function; 48- Fly over the equator?; 50- 11th month of the year; 52- Hardware fastener; 54- Fleetwood Mac hit; 55- Practice punching; 58- Estuary; 60- Pantry; 64- Priest of the East; 65- Command; 67- Skater Lipinski; 68- Actor Guinness; 69- Indiana's state flower; 70- K-6; 71- Hey!; 72- Brink; 73- Loch ___ monster;

DOWN: 1- Leg or arm; 2- Concert halls; 3- Wander; 4- Rude; 5- Elton's john; 6- Type of song, to be sung solo; 7- Mesa ___ National Park; 8- Ring of color; 9- Incite; 10- Later!; 11- Author Bagnold; 12- Garage event; 14- Meddling person; 20- Resistance unit; 24- Backpack part; 26- Tarzan creator's monogram; 27- Go with the flow; 28- Inform; 29- Conical native American tent; 30- Temptress; 32- Go off-script; 33- "Cheers" waitress; 34- "Waves of grain" color; 37- Peter and a Wolfe; 41- Competition; 44- Allure; 45- Nine-digit ID; 47- Improve in appearance; 49- The continent; 51- Significant period; 53- Sleepy; 55- Smack; 56- Friends; 57- Iowa city; 59- Work like ___; 61- Broad valley; 62- "___ Tu": 1974 hit; 63- Butts; 66- Ethyl ending;



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GOLF

Playing favorites: Woodland's 3 shots get him a US Open win

VERY soon, Gary Woodland will be a father of three, and odds are he'll answer the same way about the kids as he will about the three shots that cemented him in as a U.S. Open champion.

Which is his favorite? They're all perfect in their own, special way.

Woodland's Father's Day at Pebble Beach included a flushed 3-wood that set up birdie to give him a two-shot cushion, a wedge clipped off the 17th green that helped him preserve it, then a 30-foot birdie putt on No. 18 that ended the tournament with a flourish — and put him in the record book, to boot.

"My whole life, I've been able to compete and win at everything I've done," he said. "It's taken a while, but it's trending in the right direction."

Straight past Tiger Woods in the record book, in fact.

Woodland, whose wife, Gabby, is expecting twins in a couple of months to join their soon-to-be-2-year-old son, Jaxson, got to 13-under-par 271 with that closing birdie, beating by one the record Woods set for a U.S. Open at Pebble Beach during his 15-shot romp to victory in 2000.

Pebble Beach played tougher that year.

But to say Woodland took the easy way to his first major title would be missing the point.

He spent the entire day holding off Brooks Koepka, who himself was shooting for history — trying to become the first player since 1905 to complete a U.S. Open three-peat.

Koepka made clear early that he was up for the challenge. He opened with four birdies over the first five holes to pull within a shot of Woodland, who was playing one hole behind.

"I thought, 'Yeah, we've got a ballgame now,'" Koepka said.

They did, except it wasn't a back-and-forth ballgame. Woodland never surrendered the lead.

It was at one shot when Woodland drove to the middle of the fairway on the par-5 14th, faced with the choice between laying up, the way most players have all week, or going for it and hoping the shot would hold on the severely sloping putting surface.

"We sat there and thought about it for a while and said 'Let's

go, we're out here to win,'" Woodland said.

The ball just cleared the bunker fronting the green, took two hops and rolled toward the collar left of the pin. A chip and a putt later, Woodland had a birdie and a two-shot lead.

"The 3-wood on 14 was what gave me the confidence to even execute the shot on 17," he said.

That shot, made while still clinging to the two-shot lead, added to Tom Watson's chip-in from the sand in 1982 and Jack Nicklaus' 1-iron off the flag 10 years before that on the growing list of history-making moments on that storied 17th green.

With his ball on the front right edge of the putting surface, but with a small hill blocking his path to the hole, Woodland took out his wedge and made pure contact, sending the ball over the hump then back onto the green, where it checked up and ran out to tap-in range for par.

"When I started to transition into golf, the short game was what was really bad, to be honest," Woodland said. "And so my whole deal was, I had to hit chips off putting greens all the time, and there were some times where superintendents weren't a huge fan of me."

He's not bad with the putter on those greens, either.

After Koepka's birdie putt on No. 18 slid just past to close his tournament at 10 under, Woodland carried a two-shot lead onto the 18th green and only needed to get down in three from 30 feet to secure the trophy.

He got down in one instead, raised his hands to the heavens then finished with a huge fist pump.

Not bad for a guy who thought basketball would be his best sport, but gave it up after a year of playing in college so he could get serious about golf.

"The question about if I ever dreamed of making the putt on the last hole of a U.S. Open when I was a kid, no, I didn't," Woodland said. "But I hit a lot of game-winning shots on the basketball court when I was a kid."



Gary Woodland

Koepka said he wasn't upset about this weekend.

He became the fourth player — joining Lee Trevino, Lee Janzen and Rory McIlroy — to break 70 in all four rounds of the U.S. Open, but the first to not walk away with the trophy. The main reason: Minutes after Koepka finished, Woo-

dland became the fifth player to break 70 in all four rounds.

When it was over, Woodland shared a long hug with his father, Dan, who coached him hard in every sport he played except for golf when he was growing up — made him work for his wins, made him earn

everything he got.

Father's Day. A U.S. Open title. What's not to love?

"I wouldn't be where I am today without my dad and the way he treated me and the way he was hard on me," Woodland said. "And that's something that I look forward to doing with my son." AP

RUGBY

Christian Leali'ifano to leave ACT Brumbies for Japan

WALLABIES utility back Christian Leali'ifano will end his 12-year career with the ACT Brumbies at the end of the Super Rugby season to play in Japan from next season.

The 31-year-old has played 148 matches for the Brumbies and, as captain, has led them to this season's playoffs.

But yesterday he announced his retirement from

Super Rugby, indicating he will end his career in Japan.

Leali'ifano first joined the Canberra-based Brumbies in 2007. In 2016 he was diagnosed with leukemia

but recovered after treatment to rejoin the Brumbies a year later.

"I never thought that it was time to move on after coming back from illness. I thought it was a massive

achievement," he said. "I'll never regret coming back to Super Rugby and putting on the Brumbies jersey."

"It's something that I'm extremely proud of and I'll

hold the Brumbies close to my heart for a long time. It's probably the biggest decision I've made in my rugby career, to be able to farewell my beloved Brumbies."

opinion

Our Desk
 Renato Marques



THE NON-(EXISTING)-GAMING INDUSTRY

The term “non-gaming” has been included in the local vocabulary for a while, especially in regards to government officials.

The term, imported all the way from Beijing, seemed to be the central government’s response to the “need” to transform Macau into a World Centre of Tourism and Leisure. By tourism and leisure they meant “family friendly” tourism and leisure.

Well, the fact is it does not matter how many times we open and close the same book, it will always say the same thing. The same thing happens with “Macau tourists.” It does not matter how many times we say “we want more international tourists,” “we want more culture-related tourism” and other jargon, the fact is:

Our tourists are mostly from mainland China and almost exclusively from Guangdong province.

They come to gamble, buy cosmetics and personal hygiene products and gamble. Did I mention gamble?

Eventually, they have to eat and we have been telling them we are a very good place to get food.

Looking at this landscape, most of the gaming concessionaires (not to say all) have done the obvious—built casinos, shops and restaurants. Problems solved! In my opinion, treating retail shops or restaurants as non-gaming elements is as efficient as using chewing gum to repair a punctured tire - it might hold for a while but it is certainly not the right thing to do in the long run.

But in reality, what is the obligation of the gaming industry to offer anything other than gaming? The answer is simple – none!

Apparently, this “obligation” is about to change with the new gaming laws that the government keeps saying it is preparing, though very little has surfaced about what, in fact, will be included.

Still (let me be a bit optimistic), I do think this would be a great opportunity for the Macau SAR government to clearly establish rules on the so-called “non-gaming” industry and beyond that, clarify exactly to what extent the gaming concessionaires are liable for the (famous) Corporate Social Responsibility.

From my perspective, I see non-gaming in a very simplistic way - tourists come to gamble, we cannot change that and we do not want to change that! There is nothing wrong with assuming this, the same way there is nothing wrong with saying: “Let’s target non-gaming (mostly) to locals.” Why not?

I know what you are thinking right now. How can the non-gaming industry survive just on the business of “very few locals?” My answer to that is to “extend” the concept of “locals.” You see, if we also include the “pushed-back” neighbors from Hong Kong instead of aiming at “just” 600,000 Macau habitants we can easily come up with potential (and easily) targetable audience of some 8 million people for non-gaming activities.

Having solved the problem of “who” without “messing up” with our region’s most precious income source, we are left with only two more issues to solve. What? And how much - 幾錢?

I think I am not exaggerating when I say that in recent years it has been a common practice in Macau to “offer too little at a high cost,” but in order to have a sustainable non-gaming industry we cannot continue treating people (locals or visitors) as idiots and we need to start paying serious attention to match “what we give to what we get.”

The fact is, these “extended locals” mostly make a living from their work and they can only enjoy “the extravaganza” and attend a show or some other kind of event once or twice a month.

In this sense, I think we need to stop aiming for rich tourists and start aiming for the “average (GBA) citizen.”

Do not get tricked, the “non-crazy rich” are demanding. To attract them we must stop copying what they already have and creatively and critically search for novelties. That should be the task!

THE EGYPT TV SAYS OUSTED PRESIDENT MORSI DIES IN COURT

Egypt’s state TV says the country’s ousted President Mohammed Morsi has collapsed during a court session and died.

The state TV says the 67-year-old Morsi was attending a session Monday in his trial on espionage charges when he blacked out and then died. His body was taken to a hospital, it said.

Morsi, who hailed from Egypt’s largest Is-

lamist group, the now outlawed Muslim Brotherhood, was elected president in 2012 in the country’s first free elections following the ouster the year before of longtime leader Hosni Mubarak.

The military ousted Morsi in 2013 after massive protests and crushed the Brotherhood in a major crackdown, arresting Morsi and many others of the group’s leaders.

Climate talks held as Arctic ice melts



Sled dogs make their way in northwest Greenland with their paws in melted ice water

Frank Jordans, Berlin

DIPLOMATS and climate experts gathered yesterday in Germany for U.N.-hosted talks on climate change amid growing public pressure for governments to act faster against global warming.

Officials meeting in the western city of Bonn for the June 17 to 27 talks are focusing on resolving issues that couldn’t be agreed upon at last December’s climate summit in Poland. This includes the rules governing the international trade in carbon certificates, which allow rich countries to offset emissions by paying for projects in poor nations.

The talks are taking place against a backdrop of mounting concerns about global warming that have been heightened by extreme weather events and other signs that man-made climate change may already be leaving its mark on the planet.

Over the weekend, a picture taken by Danish climate researchers showing sled dogs on the ice in northwest Greenland with their paws in melted ice water was widely shared on social media. Greenland’s ice melting season normally runs from June to August but

the Danish Meteorological Institute said this year’s melting started on April 30, the second-earliest time on record going back to 1980.

Students in Europe and beyond have staged regular street protests demanding leaders do more to meet the 2015 Paris accord’s goal of keeping average temperature increases below 2 degrees Celsius — ideally 1.5 degrees C — by the end of the century, compared to pre-industrial times.

Mounting concerns about global warming have been heightened by recent extreme weather events

While experts discuss technical issues in Bonn, European Union leaders will be debating the 28-nation’s long-term strategy on climate change Thursday in Brussels.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel has indicated that she backs proposals

to stop adding further greenhouse gas emissions to the atmosphere by 2050 — a move that will require ending almost all fossil fuel use by then. Britain, Germany and France are expected to pass national legislation this year enshrining this “net zero” target in law.

U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres has invited world leaders to outline their countries’ efforts to cut greenhouse gas emissions on the sidelines of the U.N. General Assembly in September.

They’ll likely face no leeway in pressure there.

Greta Thunberg, a 16-year-old Swedish activist who has inspired the student protests and harangued the global elite in Davos and elsewhere, has announced she will take a year off from high school to attend the New York summit and the U.N.’s annual climate meeting, being held this year in Chile.

“The tricky thing is that it’s on the other side of the Atlantic Ocean. And there are no trains going there,” she said yesterday on Instagram. “And since I don’t fly, because of the enormous climate impact of aviation, it’s going to be a challenge. I haven’t quite figured that out yet.” **AP**

Station	Air quality	Icon
Roadside	40-60 Moderate	Yellow sad face
High Density Residential Area	30-50 Good	Green happy face
Ambient	50-70 Moderate	Yellow sad face

SOURCE: DSI/MG

WORLD BRIEFS



PAKISTAN With waves of arrests, Pakistani investigators are trying to unravel trafficking networks that convince impoverished Pakistanis to marry off their daughters to Chinese men for cash, and they say evidence is growing that many of the women and girls are sold into prostitution once in China. **More on p12**



IRAN will break the uranium stockpile limit set by Tehran’s nuclear deal with world powers in the next 10 days, the spokesman for the country’s atomic agency said yesterday while also warning that Iran could enrich uranium up to 20% — just a step away from weapons-grade levels.

NIGERIA Authorities in northeastern Nigeria say at least 30 people have been killed by a suicide bomber. The victims had been watching a soccer match on television Sunday night in the town of Konduga in Nigeria’s Borno state.



VATICAN CITY The Vatican formally opened debate yesterday on letting married men be ordained as priests in remote parts of the Amazon where priests are so few that Catholics can go weeks or months without attending a Mass.

US-MEXICO Undaunted by a dangerous journey over thousands of miles, people fleeing economic hardship and human rights abuses in African countries are coming to the U.S.-Mexico border in unprecedented numbers, surprising Border Patrol agents more accustomed to Spanish-speaking migrants.