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Japan Prime Minister Shinzo Abe said yesterday that Japan cannot give South Korean exports preferential treatment because the country is not abiding by an agreement regarding wartime issues that Japan insists have been resolved.

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India Rahul Gandhi has resigned as president of India's opposition Congress party to take responsibility for its crushing defeat in recent elections. Gandhi announced his resignation on Twitter yesterday saying he was stepping down because accountability is "critical for the future growth of our party."

Mount Everest Seven bodies believed to be from a missing team of international climbers were evacuated in helicopters from a notoriously dangerous Himalayan mountain in northern India yesterday, officials said.

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MACAU FA SAYS IT IS STILL INVESTIGATING 21-18 MATCH

The Macau Football Association has informed the Times that an investigation into the controversial 21-18 score between Ka I and Hang Sai football teams is still ongoing. On June 16, the two local teams, playing in a Macau Cup tournament match, deliberately conceded goals to one another in what appeared to be a protest against the decision of the Macau Football Association not to send the SAR team to compete in Sri Lanka. The local football authority said it held a meeting with representatives of the two teams on June 18, beginning its investigation into the unusual match, and that more information would be released in the next few days. With regards to the missed Sri Lanka match, FIFA recently fined the Macau FA 10,000 Swiss francs (MOP82,000) for failing to play the away game. The team was also removed from qualifying for the 2022 World Cup.

HEALTH

HPV VACCINE SUPPLY PRIORITIZED FOR MACAU RESIDENTS

Kiang Wu Hospital claims that the HPV vaccine in Macau will be extensively supplied to local residents, according to a report from local Chinese media. Earlier this week, deputy director of the hospital, Chan Tai Ip, said that the city's vaccine supply is sufficient to meet local residents' demand, and that, despite the fact that many mainland residents visit Macau to obtain an HPV vaccine, the hospital gives priority to local residents. In addition to the HPV vaccine, between November 3 and yesterday, Kiang Wu hospital received 84 requests for assisted reproductive technology services, with all of the requests coming from Macau residents.

TRANSPORTATION

BUS REPORTING SYSTEM TO SUSPEND SERVICE BRIEFLY

The Bus Traveling System of the Transport Bureau (DSAT) will be temporarily suspended on Saturday, according to an announcement made yesterday by the DSAT. The suspension will last between midnight and 5 a.m. on Saturday. During this period, the DSAT will conduct maintenance on the application and upgrade its public bus management system. The Bus Traveling System includes electronic stop signs at bus stops, a bus reporting app, and a bus assistance app for the visually impaired. All of these services will be suspended.



HEALTH

GOV'T CAUTIONS PUBLIC AGAINST SPREAD OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

STAFF REPORTER

FOLLOWING its discovery of three separate mass infection cases of influenza and enterovirus, the Health Bureau (SSM) has issued a caution to the public on the need for preventive measures.

The bureau was alerted of all cases on Tuesday. The influenza cases happened at Our Lady of Fatima Girls' School and St Paul School, involving a total of 15 students. The three boys and 12 girls are aged between six and eight.

Their symptoms started on June 29, including fever, cough and sore throat. All of them have undergone medical consultation.

Meanwhile, the case of enterovirus infection involved seven small children. The six boys and one girl attend the Women's Federation Kindergarten on Rua do Campo. They are aged between two and three.

Symptoms started to occur on June 29. One child was hospitalized due to other reasons, according to the SSM, while samples of secretion were collected for further medical tests.

Sanitization has been conducted on all concerned premises under the instruction and supervision of the SSM.

The SSM said that infections of enterovirus can be caused by several types of viruses, such as co-

xsackievirus, echovirus and EV71 enterovirus. Normally, infection is prevalent in the summer. It can cause less severe complications like hand, foot and mouth disease and herpangina, as well as more severe ones, such as myocarditis and aseptic meningitis.

Hand, foot and mouth disease mainly affects children under the age of five. The incubation period varies from three to seven days, and is transmitted by direct contact with infected feces, saliva or contact with contaminated materials.

Due to the close contact of children in kindergartens, especially when they are playing, an outbreak of hand, foot and mouth

disease becomes a possible occurrence.

In the initial period, symptoms such as fever, sore throat, small vesicles or red pustules appear on the hands, feet and buttocks, with no pain or itching, and herpes in the mouth, causing ulcers. In the period of seven to 10 days, the vesicles and pustules gradually disappear, and the patient is cured.

According to the information disseminated by the Health Bureau, preventive measures include sanitization and washing hands regularly, maintaining good air-flow and ventilation, as well as using facemasks and seeking medical assistance when suspicious symptoms occur.

Kiang Wu Hospital development plan approved

STAFF REPORTER

KIANG Wu Hospital's plan to rebuild its current outpatient building has been approved by the government.

The plan includes the demolition, reconstruction and expansion of the hospital's existing facilities. The current

outpatient building will be rebuilt into a new outpatient facility, which will eventually be expanded with the additional space provided by the current nursing school. Meanwhile, the school will be relocated to the Island Hospital, which is now under construction.

Director of the hospital

Ma Hok Cheung explained to the media that the new nursing school building is expected to be completed at the end of the year. The hospital will need half a year to customize the interior and install the required equipment.

The hospital has just upgraded its electronic

services. Last year, the medical service provider issued a service registration platform incorporated into the Bank of China (Macau) mobile app. A total of 95,000 people have registered to use the platform to date.

The upgraded channel, which takes the form of a new mobile app, is ca-

pable of providing nine types of services, including consultation registration, queuing condition, medical report viewing and user comment collection. Each medical report is available for a limited time. A new application is required to view an expired report.

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Second dolphin washed ashore in five days, cause unknown

JULIE ZHU

YESTERDAY morning, another body of a dolphin, this time a Chinese white dolphin, was found in Macau waters, according to a statement released by the Marine and Water Bureau, following another of the species found washed ashore on Saturday. The cause for their deaths remains unknown.

The dolphin corpse was spotted in the water in front of the Ocean Garden residential complex. The marine authority informed the Municipal Affairs Bureau and a cleaning company came to attend the scene and handle the dolphin's corpse.

The case was also reported to the Environmental Protection Bureau (DSPB).

Earlier, on June 29, a dolphin corpse was discovered by the marine authority on Hac Sa Beach.



Since the construction of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge began in 2009, the appearance of dead dolphins in Macau waters has reportedly become more frequent.

In September and November 2015, two Chinese white dolphin corpses were washed up on Cheoc Van Beach. In September 2014, one Chinese white dolphin body was found on Hac Sa Beach.

In September 2012, two Chinese white dolphin corpses were spotted in Macau

waters in front of Residencia Macau.

Regarding all the aforementioned cases, the Macau government has never explained whether the deaths were caused because of environmental pollution associated with the HKZMB.

The situation is more serious in Hong Kong. In 2011, Hong Kong section of the HKZMB construction began. In the years since, the population of Chinese white dolphins in Hong Kong's waters more

than halved, from 100 to 47 in 2017.

From 2009 to October 2018, at least 84 white dolphin corpses were found stranded in Hong Kong. Among them, 15 had died during the peak of the HKZMB construction in 2015.

According to statistics by the Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department of Hong Kong, the number of Chinese white dolphins stranded between 2000 and 2009 was 102.

FOOTBALL

INTER MILAN VS PSG MATCH FINALLY CONFIRMED

RENATO MARQUES

THE strange case of the football match between top European teams, Inter Milan and Paris Saint-Germain (PSG), which it was announced in early May would take place in Macau on July 27, has finally been confirmed by local authorities.

Earlier, the Sports Bureau (ID) said they had not authorized the match, as they were unaware of any request for the rental of the Macau Taipa Olympic Sports Center.

Now, according to an ID spokesperson, the bureau has finally allocated the stadium for the date.

"We have leased the stadium to the organizers [of the event] but all the operations such as ticketing, marketing

[and others] are the full responsibility of the organizer," the ID said in a statement to the Times.

Such an acknowledgment puts an end to the doubts about the match that had been announced in early May by the two teams as part of the teams' annual pre-season tours.

According to a statement from PSG at the time of the announcement, the match will also be part of the celebrations of the 20th Anniversary of the Macau Special Administrative Region, as well as the 55th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and France.

According to media sources, tickets for the match will go on sale on Monday, July 8.

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EIGHT DAYS TO LEAVE MACAU

NEW LEGISLATION RISKS MAKING IT HARDER TO ESCAPE PROBLEMATIC EMPLOYERS



Non-resident workers celebrating International Migrants Day

LYNZY VALLES

THE eight days given to non-resident workers to find new employment once their work contracts are terminated is considered by many to be too short a period. But new legislation that seeks to prevent people from re-entering Macau as tourists in their search for work will create another hurdle for them.

The Times is aware of several cases in which non-resident workers, irrespective of how long they have been working in the SAR, were forced to travel back to their home country, as the eight-day visa was not a sufficient length of time to find another employer.

Many return home while waiting for a new employer's quota to be approved or released by the Labour Affairs Bureau.

Some Filipino nationals prefer to go to either Thailand or Malaysia while waiting for a call regarding their job applications, because exiting the Philippines again is often difficult due to restrictions in the immigration processes.

Others make what is known as the 'Zhuhai U-turn', crossing the border into mainland China just before their work contract ends, which allows the issuance of a longer, tourist permit with which to re-enter Macau.

New legislation expected to be discussed at the Legislative Assem-

bly tomorrow seeks to put an end to many of these work-arounds.

The price? According to representatives of non-resident worker communities, the legislation will leave some of the most vulnerable in Macau society even more exposed to abusive labor practices.

SIX-MONTH BAN

The six-month ban, under the existing Law for the Employment of Non-Resident Workers, also remains a significant issue for these non-resident workers. The ban can be applied to migrant workers who quit their jobs without finishing their contracts.

Yosa Wariyanti, the leader of the Indonesian Migrant Workers Union, said that many of her compatriots were issued a ban after finishing their contracts, denying them the chance to find a new employer for six months.

Jenelyn Blaza, a non-resident worker in Macau, was given a six-month ban when she decided to resign from working for her employer after encountering a series of misunderstandings.

The non-resident worker told the Times that she was given eight days to leave Macau and was not aware that she was facing the six-month ban. Blaza alleged that the ban had been requested by her employer.

"I only realized that I was issued a six-month ban when I was about to

have my new working visa, as I had found a new employer," said Blaza.

"It was my former employer who requested [for] immigration to issue me the ban. She wrote a statement and I brought it to immigration. Apparently, since my new employer backed off after finding out I was issued a ban, the ban was pushed through," she said.

Although Blaza is now back in the region, she said it is a struggle for domestic workers to try to look for other jobs given the current laws for non-resident workers. She said they have no option other than to stay with their current employers if they wish to remain in the city.

Blaza said she believes that the proposed bill to ban migrants on tourist visas from searching for employment will further hinder non-residents from leaving abusive jobs.

"If that law was already passed when I was contemplating leaving my former employer, I would not even think of leaving despite our arguments as it would cost more to change jobs. I'd rather stay," said Blaza.

"With such a measure, we'll just wait for our contracts to end, just so we won't experience the six-month ban," she added.

For non-residents residing in the region for fewer than six months, only a two-day visa is issued once they decide to leave their jobs without finishing their contracts.

THE 'ZHUHAI U-TURN'

Jassy Santos, president of the Progressive Labor Union of Domestic Workers (PLU), advises the group's members to only surrender their blue cards to immigration once they 'make a U-turn' to Zhuhai, meaning they would enter Zhuhai and come back on the same night.

Usually, such workers surrender their blue cards on the day when their contract ends, affording them just eight days to exit Macau.

However, many migrant workers cross the border into Zhuhai on the final night of their visa, where they are then granted a 30-day tourist visa upon their re-entry to Macau. They surrender their blue cards the following day, and use the extended tourist visa to search for new employment.

A domestic worker who ended her contract last month carried out the 'Zhuhai U-turn' procedure.

According to the employee, who asked to remain anonymous, she opted to leave her employer to work for a cleaning company instead.

However, due to the MOP25,000 referral fee being asked from her, she decided to use her remaining one-month visa to seek a different employer.

For some domestic workers in the territory, MOP25,000 is equivalent to nearly half a year's worth in salary.

"I was waiting for this cleaning company to hire me, but the fees were extremely high. I was told by people I know that I had to pay referral fees twice, so the amount would go from MOP15,000 to MOP19,000."

"However, I was also told that if I paid MOP25,000, there was an assurance I would get the job immediately without going through difficult processes," she added.

Questioned by the Times as to whether she would have still considered leaving her former employer if the proposed bill was in effect, the non-resident worker said, "I don't think so. Going back home and going through a series of processes and agency fees would take so much time and money."

"I really hope the bill won't be pushed through, because it would be difficult for many migrant workers," said Santos. "We have discussed the eight-day visa with DSAL already but they said it's not under their control, so we cannot do anything about that."

The PLU, along with other migrant associations in Macau, met with DSAL in February to review labor practices including the extension of the eight-day visa.

For now, migrant associations are awaiting the details of the bill, which is scheduled to be discussed tomorrow at the Legislative Assembly.

RENATO MARQUES



President of the Third Standing Committee of the Legislative Assembly, Vong Hin Fai

RENATO MARQUES

PASSED on its first reading at the Legislative Assembly (AL) almost 18 months ago, the Law of Employment Agency Activity seems to have reached a deadlock since.

This was admitted by the president of the Third Standing Committee, lawmaker and lawyer Vong Hin Fai, at a press conference held after yesterday's meeting, at which the law continued to be discussed.

To the media, Vong, without mentioning the word "deadlock," admitted that the committee has been addressing successive versions of the law submitted by the government for over one year.

None of the previous versions have managed to convince the committee, which has been criticizing several loopholes, mistakes, inaccuracies, and inconsistencies with this law and its relation to others in force in the region.

According to the president of the committee, at the meeting yesterday, the changes introduced to the text arising from the second version were discussed. Such changes were presented to the committee in February and have been incorporated into the current third version.

Vong noted that the government had this time presented a version that aims to address the incompatibilities of duties between employment agency staff and company ownership with the regime of the civil servants

Employment agencies law in apparent deadlock at AL

or public officials, noting that "the government proposed to introduce some limitations for civil servants and public officials so they could not be partners or administrators of these companies."

"The committee warned the government that there is [already] a legal regime that establishes the duties to be exercised in exclusivity," said Vong. "Also, there are other laws in the region that do not limit the access of civil servants and public officials to be part of other companies such as gaming-related companies."

The committee recommended, once again, that the government

amend the proposed law to take into account "the other existing laws and incompatibility of regimes." Vong said the suggestion had been accepted by the government side and should result in the elimination of such restrictions.

The lawmaker said he expected the government will present a fourth version of the law at the next meeting of this standing committee.

COMMITTEE THINKS IT BEST TO WAIT

Although the discussion regarding the fundamentals of this law seems to have halted after the first reading approval, and

while many of the backbone topics of the law are still subject to discussion by the standing committee, Vong noted that before the meeting had even started yesterday, the members had questioned the government regarding the need to postpone or delay the relevant discussion.

As the president of the committee explained, this has to do with the four bills that are to be discussed and voted on during a plenary session adjourned for tomorrow afternoon, including the amendments to the Labor Law, the law for hiring non-resident workers, the minimum wage bill, and the law of employment policy and labor ri-

ghts, which according to Vong, "have some relation with this law."

He and the Committee believe it better to wait for the outcomes of tomorrow's Legislative Assembly discussion.

IN PRINCIPLE, EMPLOYER TO PAY JOB FEES

Questioned by the Times as to whether, in the discussion of the law, the committee and the government had come to a final decision on the topic of the payment of fees to employment agencies, Vong said, "we have not discussed that topic today. But we have approached the topic in previous meetings and [the law] includes a fees regime."

Asked who should be responsible for paying the fees – employer or employee – Vong said, "in principle, it should be the employer [that] settles those expenses, but the law also says that the [agents] can receive fees from the employees."

COMMITTEE WILL HEAR FROM NON-RESIDENT ASSOCIATIONS

RENATO MARQUES

THE President of the Third Standing Committee of the Legislative Assembly, Vong Hin Fai, has said that yesterday's discussion did not cover the joint petition submitted by six non-resident associations during an earlier meeting of the Standing Committee.

The petition, which was submitted in the first week of June, expressed a number of

concerns about the law proposal under discussion. Vong had pledged then to meet with the six associations and hear their concerns in detail.

However, Vong said yesterday that they have not been able to track down the association representatives since the petition was submitted last month.

"We have received the petitions and we will treat them accordingly," he said. "[It is the] understanding of the committee members

that we should hear what these people have to say on the topic, but first, we need to verify if these people are really interested and if they are representing [legally-registered] organizations in Macau and if they are really doing some work here."

According to Vong, the committee has not yet heard such representatives due to the fact that "the Public Relations Office of the AL is still trying to identify the people and to ascertain the legal status of the organizations."

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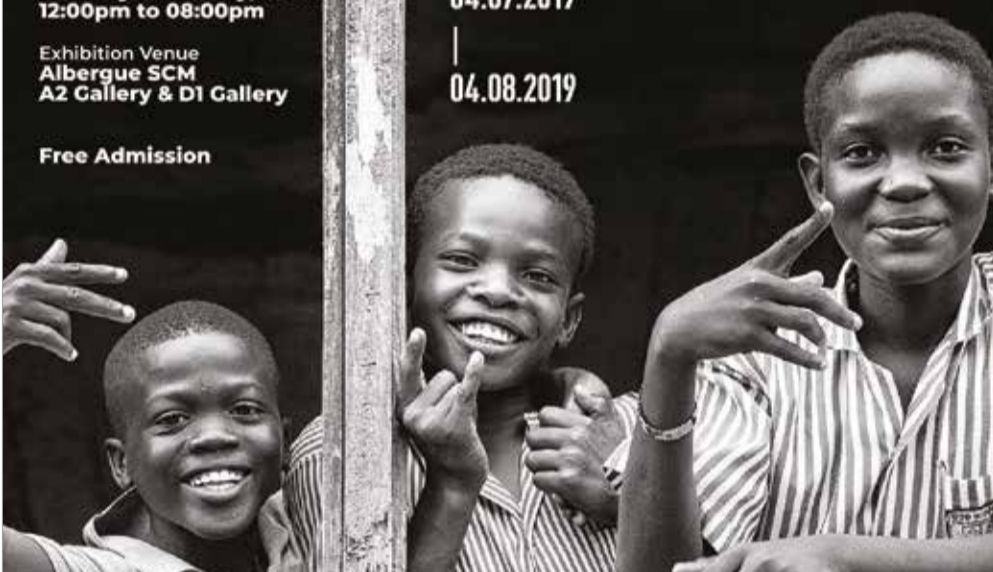
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CRIME

Taxi driver to pay 70,000 patacas for assaulting passenger

STAFF REPORTERS

THE Court of Second Instance (TSI) has ordered a taxi driver who physically assaulted his female passenger to pay MOP70,000 in compensation to the victim.

On February 2, 2016, the victim entered a taxi at the Lotus Bridge Checkpoint. The driver argued with the victim about the short distance and low fare. The incident escalated and the taxi driver moved to the back seat and punched her in

the face three times.

The Court of First Instance had previously sentenced the driver with a fine of MOP12,000, in addition to requiring him to pay MOP25,000 in compensation to the victim.

The victim then filed an appeal to the TSI, requesting compensation of MOP100,000, considering the physical and psychological damage from the incident.

The TSI ruled in favor of the victim, taking these facts into account.

She sustained bruises and wounds for nearly 10 days, while the pain

in her left ear lasted for about three weeks. The Court has also considered that, since the victim worked in a public-facing role as a salesperson, her wounds have caused her inconvenience at work, as well as making her anxious and fearful.

TWO CREDIT CARD THIEVES DETAINED

Police authorities say they have detained two foreign men on suspicion of having installed hidden equipment within various ATM machines in Macau, with the aim

of stealing data from the bank cards or credit cards of users.

The investigation began after the police received several complaints from banks who were suspicious that someone had installed equipment within ATM machines with the purpose of stealing data from bank cards or credit cards.

The police were able to identify two foreign suspects, and, following a search of the place where they were temporarily staying, found sets of filming devices, reading and writing cards, several fake credit cards

in the finishing phase and white cards, which are suspected of being used for criminal activity.

The Public Prosecutions Office is investigating the two defendants because there are indications of the crime of counterfeiting cards. In a statement, the Office said that these offences "seriously affect Macau's financial order."

The crime is punishable by imprisonment of between 2 and 12 years, if proven.

The two defendants have had the preventive measure of pre-trial detention applied in order to mitigate flight risk out of Macau.

5-SECOND SEX VIDEO USED AS BLACKMAIL

The case of a man who allegedly blackmailed his ex-girlfriend with a 5-second sex video has been presented to the Public Prosecutions Office for further investigation, announced the Public Security Police Force.

The police explained that the 28-year-old local insurance agent was trying to reinstate a romantic relationship with the victim, who is in her 20s. They spent nine months living together in a Taipa apartment. After they broke up, the suspect contacted the victim through Chinese messaging app WeChat, asking the victim to return to the apartment.

Without receiving a reply, on the following day, the suspect texted the victim on social media with a 5-second video enclosed.

Worrying that the video would be publicized, the victim returned to the Taipa apartment the night she received the video to resolve the situation. After she refused to restore the relationship, she was assaulted by the suspect.

After the victim reported the case to the police, the man was arrested. He has admitted to the filming and claimed it was done with mutual consent. Police have seized the suspect's computer for investigation.

LAS VEGAS

Family of Mandalay Bay mass shooting victim sues gun makers

THE family of a woman killed by a gunman raining down gunfire from a Las Vegas high-rise hotel suite has filed a wrongful death lawsuit against eight gun makers and three dealers arguing their weapons are designed in a way that could be easily modified to fire like automatic weapons.

The lawsuit, which targets Colt and seven other gun manufacturers, along with gun shops in Nevada and Utah, is the latest case to challenge a federal law shielding gun manufacturers from liability. It charges that gun makers marketed the

ability of the AR-15-style weapons to be easily modified to mimic machine guns and fire continuously, violating both a state and federal ban on automatic weapons.

The lawsuit is among more than a dozen filed since the Oct. 1, 2017, shooting, though it's the first to target a gun maker.

Victims from the shooting have sued MGM Resorts International, which operated the concert venue and owns the Mandalay Bay hotel, along with the concert promoter and others.

MGM Resorts then sued hundreds of victims of the shooting in a bid to avoid

liability. The company has been in settlement talks with the victims and their families.

The family of 31-year-old Carrie Parsons, of Seattle, argue in the lawsuit that the firearms are "thinly disguised" machine guns that the manufacturers knew could be easily modified, even without the use of a "bump stock," an attachment used by the Las Vegas gunman that allowed him to fire in rapid succession, killing 58 people and injuring more than 800 others in the deadliest mass shooting in modern U.S. history.

The Trump administra-

tion banned bump stocks this year, making it illegal to possess them under the same federal laws that prohibit machine guns.

The lawsuit charges the manufacturers showed a "reckless lack of regard for public safety" by advertising the firearms "as military weapons and signaling the weapon's ability to be simply modified." The lawsuit alleges there are dozens of videos online showing people how to install bump stocks on their AR-15 style rifles.

"It was only a question of when - not if - a gunman would take advantage of the

ease of modifying AR-15s to fire automatically in order to substantially increase the body count during a mass shooting," the lawsuit states. "Having created the conditions that made a mass shooting with a modified AR-15 inevitable, Defendant Manufacturers continued conducting business as usual."

Courts have typically rejected lawsuits against gun manufacturers and dealers in other high-profile shooting attacks, citing a 2005 federal law that shields gun makers from liability in most cases when their products are used in crimes.

Neither Colt nor any of

the other manufacturers immediately responded to requests for comment from The Associated Press.

The Las Vegas shooter, 64-year-old Stephen Paddock, opened fire on the crowd of 22,000 from his suite in a tower of the Mandalay Bay casino-resort in Las Vegas. Police and the FBI say Paddock acted alone and killed himself before officers reached his hotel room.

The FBI's Behavioral Analysis unit later found that Paddock sought notoriety in the attack on the open-air concert but cited no "single or clear motivating factor."

MDT/AP

HONG Kong police have arrested eight people for posting personal data about police officers on the internet as massive protests against the government and police were held in recent weeks.

Officers and their family members have been threatened since their addresses and official ID card numbers were published, Superintendent Mohammed Swalikh of the Cyber Security bureau said in announcing the arrests yesterday.

He did not say whether police believe the disclosures were related to the protests. Six men and two women were arrested.

Protests against a legislative proposal expanded to target the police as well after officers used tear gas and rubber bullets to disperse crowds blocking major city streets on June 12. Dozens were injured in the clashes, both protesters and police.

Protesters are demanding an independent investigation into the crackdown, which was harsher than usual for Hong Kong. Police have said it was justified after some protesters turned violent.

The legislative proposal would have allowed criminal suspects to be extradited to mainland China to face trial. Opponents saw it as an erosion of the rights guaranteed to Hong Kong for 50 years after the return of the former British colony to China in 1997,

HONG KONG

Eight arrested for posting personal data on police



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and part of a broader attempt by China to clamp down on dissent in the semi-autonomous territory.

Hundreds of thousands marched in the largest protests in

recent memory. Smaller protests blocked the legislature and major streets. The government eventually gave in, suspending debate on the bill, but protesters

still want the legislation formally withdrawn and the resignation of Hong Kong leader Carrie Lam.

In Beijing, the Chinese government lashed back at remarks by

British Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt on the causes of the anti-government protests in Hong Kong.

Foreign ministry spokesman Geng Shuang said Hunt appeared to be "basking in the faded glory of British colonialism and obsessed with lecturing others."

Hunt had said that Hong Kong authorities should not use an outbreak of vandalism in the legislative chambers by protesters Monday night as a "pretext for repression." He said the authorities need to "understand the root causes of what happened, which is a deep-seated concern by people in Hong Kong that their basic freedoms are under attack."

Protesters broke into the legislature's building, spray-painting slogans on the walls, knocking over filing cabinets and strewing papers and smashing portraits of legislative leaders.

Under a 1984 agreement between Britain and China, Hong Kong is to retain its Western-style economic, legal and political system for 50 years. But Geng said Britain has no authority to discuss matters in the territory.

"The U.K. considers itself as a guardian which is nothing but a delusion," Geng said. "It is just shameful to say that Hong Kong's freedoms are negotiated for them by the British side."

China's central government has voiced strong support for Lam and the city's police in dealing with the recent protests. MDT/AP

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OLD HK AIRPORT TURNED INTO BILLIONS WORTH OF LUXURY CONDOS

HONG Kong's old Kai Tak airport was famed for its hair-raising landings, as planes skimmed apartment rooftops before touching down just minutes from bustling Kowloon.

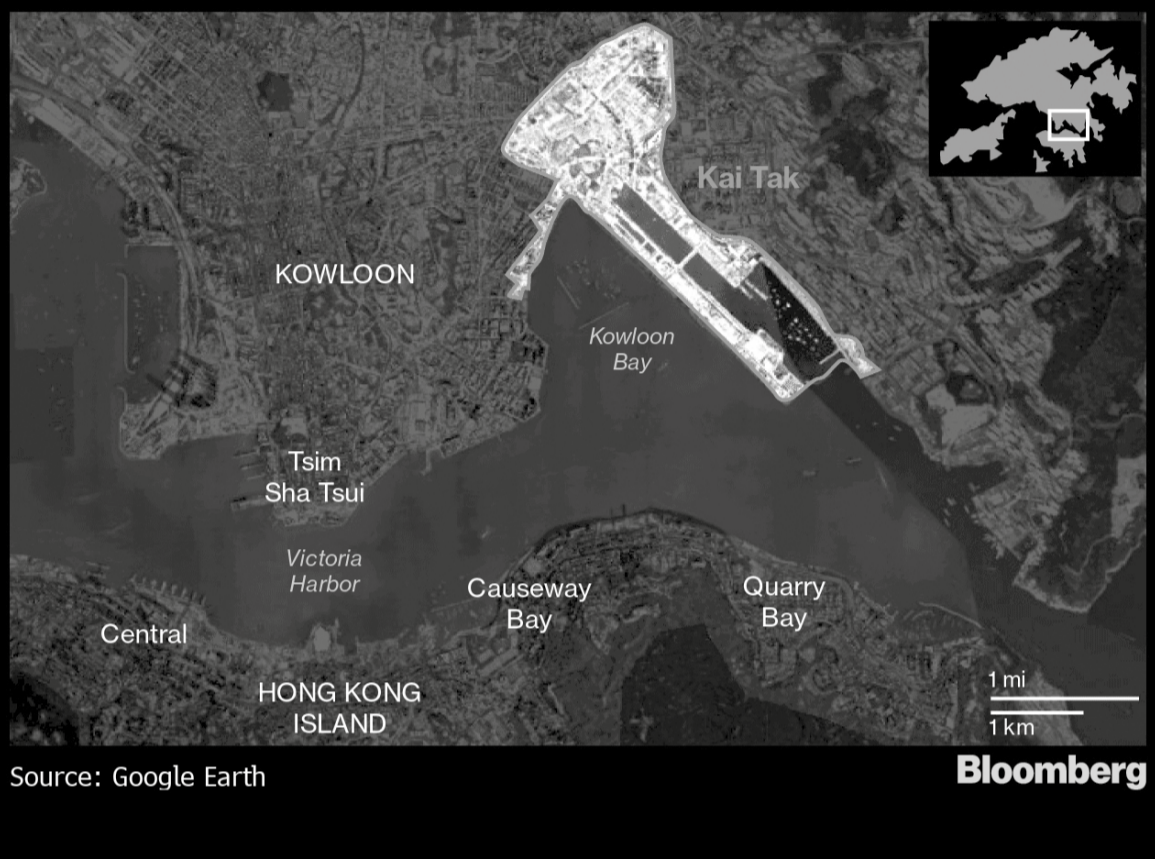
Now, the site is morphing into one of the city's biggest real estate developments with multi-million-dollar apartments slowly filling up even as new parcels of land go for record prices. China Resources Land Ltd. and Poly Property Group Co. last week paid HKD12.9 billion (\$1.7 billion) for a plot, an unprecedented amount from mainland developers, who snapped up almost 60% of residential land sold by the government in the first half.

Roughly the size of New York's Central Park, and jutting into Victoria Harbour just across from Hong Kong island, Kai Tak offers a rare opportunity to develop prime real estate in the center of one of the most densely populated cities on Earth. It's also another reminder of the city's rising inequality.

Hong Kong-based developer Sun Hung Kai Properties Ltd. paid HKD25.2 billion for a single plot last year. That worked out at \$2,265 per square foot of floor spa-

Location, Location

Hong Kong's old airport is now the city's largest urban property project



ce, meaning a two-bedroom unit will probably be priced at about \$2.5 million, according to Thomas Lam, an executive director at Knight Frank LLP. A three-bedroom apartment

in New York's Upper East Side costs roughly the same.

"With this sort of valuation, it doesn't sound like the area is going to emerge as a particularly affordable housing

location," said Simon Smith, head of research and consultancy at Savills Plc. "This looks like middle and upper-end housing is probably more likely."

So far, Kai Tak has contributed HKD173 billion to government coffers since land sales started in 2013, figures from Savills show. The remaining land will fetch about a further HKD110 billion, according to Knight Frank estimates.

Once the entire project is complete - sometime in the mid-2020s - the government expects the area to house 90,000 people, along with hotels, office towers, a state-of-the-art sports stadium and parks.

Kai Tak was the city's only commercial airport from 1925 until Chek Lap Kok opened on Lantau Island in 1998. It was one of the most challenging airports in the world for pilots to land at, with planes flying so close to apartment buildings that passengers could see residents going about their daily lives, while plane-spotters lined rooftops to watch incoming aircraft.

Now, the transformation is just one of the many ways Hong Kong is freeing up land in order to boost housing supply and tackle runaway property prices. The government is also considering converting farmland to residential use, burrowing underground, and even taking over part of the city's biggest golf course for homes.

The most ambitious, and controversial plan is the 'Lantau Tomorrow Vision' - a proposal to reclaim 1,000 hectares of land from the sea off Lantau Island. **MDT/BLOOMBERG**

MARKETS

Chinese tobacco giant's 'ridiculous' rally hits nearly 500%

CHINA Tobacco International (HK) Co. is having another wild day in Hong Kong. A morning surge yesterday took its three-week rally to nearly 500%, and then it fluctuated between gains and losses in the afternoon.

The international unit of state monopoly China National Tobacco - the biggest maker of cigarettes in the world - jumped as much as 44% yesterday, putting it up 484% from a June 12 initial public offering price of HKD4.88.

Even with the pullback, the company is easily the best-performing IPO in Hong Kong this year, data

compiled by Bloomberg show.

"The price surge is ridiculous and it just indicates the crazy and irrational investment behavior," said Dickie Wong, executive director of research at Kingston Securities Ltd. in Hong Kong. "The current valuation is far higher than what it deserves. It's understandable that investors bet on Chinese consumers' love of tobacco and liquor, but we should still keep a clear mind."

China Tobacco's run since its debut in Hong Kong has included a surge of 41% on June 13 and

a 52% rally this Tuesday. Investors have been drawn in because of the scarcity of listed assets in China's cigarette market, which remains enormous despite a gradual decline in the number of smokers.

"In that sense, it is very similar to Moutai," said Lv Changshun, a fund manager at Beijing Dajun Zhimeng Investment Management Co., referring to liquor maker Kweichow Moutai Co. and the strong market position it holds in China, where it is one of the most widely held stocks. Moutai has climbed 73% in Shanghai this year.

BLOOMBERG

HKD JUMPS INTO STRONG HALF OF BAND, HURTING SHORTS

HONG Kong's dollar punched into the strong half of its trading band for the first time since September, riding on momentum provided by elevated borrowing costs in the city.

The currency climbed as much as 0.19% to 7.7987 a dollar on Tuesday, crossing the 7.8 threshold. Local interbank rates remain near a decade high, outstripping the income a trader can expect on U.S. dollars. That's undermining a carry trade - sell Hong Kong dollars, buy greenbacks - that had been profitable for years.

The tight liquidity is coinciding with dra-

matic street protests, just like last month, when the surge in borrowing costs suddenly accelerated. But market watchers see other reasons for the trend: companies are hoarding cash to pay quarterly dividends and at least two large share sales may lock up funds.

"These tightening events will keep market players cautious and prompt them to continue hoarding cash," said Carie Li, an economist at OCBC Wing Hang Bank Ltd.

Rates are likely to remain elevated in July, Li said. By contrast, U.S. interest rates are dropping as the Fed-

eral Reserve prepares to ease monetary policy.

The Hong Kong dollar carry trade was a steady winner for years as investors borrowed the currency cheaply to invest in higher-yielding American assets. It became less of a sure thing after the Hong Kong Monetary Authority started buying the local dollar to defend the peg from April 2018.

The HKMA said in June that a higher Hiber and a stronger local dollar are "consistent" with the currency peg system, though uncertainty over the Fed's policy was increasing. **MDT/BLOOMBERG**

AIRPORTS OPEN UP TO TERMINAL TOURISTS WHO JUST WANT TO HANG OUT

MARY SCHLANGENSTEIN

CHUCK Hughey braves security lines at Pittsburgh International Airport at least once a week. Not to catch a flight, but to get an ice cream cone or cruise a few of the concourses.

Is he nuts? Not at all, he will tell you, just a doting grandfather. He and 3-year-old Cleo spend quality time there, riding the trams between terminals and gliding along the moving walkways.

"It's so convenient, so safe and so secure," Hughey, a 72-year-old retired school superintendent, said after a recent visit on what's called a non-traveler pass. "She loves to look out the big picture window and have a bottle of milk she got from Dunkin' Donuts and sit there and watch airplanes coming and going and the baggage carriers loading up the planes. We have a great time."

Hughey's at the vanguard of a new phenomenon: terminal tourism. Programs adopted or being considered by a number of airports allow people beyond security checkpoints so they can meet arriving relatives or just hang out. It's a bit of a return to the days before the 9-11 terrorist attacks, when airport security was more relaxed and you didn't need a ticket for a flight to get inside. The programs are taking root as airports expand options to fill passenger dwell time, as it's called - those often mind-numbing hours between when people make it through security and when their flights take off. Now many airports feature live music and art exhibits. There are spas, micro-breweries, playgrounds, gourmet restaurants and wine bars.

Pittsburgh was the first airport to open up to non-travelers, in 2017, and Tampa started doing so last



People ride the escalators past a Tyrannosaurus rex on display at the Pittsburgh International Airport

month. Seattle-Tacoma is evaluating a pilot it tested earlier this year and Hartsfield-Jackson Atlanta International, the nation's busiest, may seek approval for a trial run. The idea is under consideration in Detroit and Austin.

The seed was planted in 2006, when the Transportation Security Administration allowed access to restaurants and shops for overnight guests at hotels connected to terminals in Pittsburgh, Detroit and Dallas-Fort Worth. Today, broadening post-security access is an option for any U.S. airport, said Jenny Burke, a TSA spokeswoman.

Some view it as a potential money-maker; officials with the facilities in Atlanta and Detroit figure they might see additional revenue

from parking and concessions. A survey of visitors during Seattle-Tacoma's trial showed people stayed an average 2.5 hours - though they spent only an average USD10.29.

At Pittsburgh International, the impetus was popular demand, said Chief Executive Officer Christina Cassotis. She was peppered whenever she appeared at public forums. "In the top five questions was always, 'Why can't we go back to the airport and see what's going on out there?'"

Terminal tourists must have background checks ahead of time and go through the usual TSA security screenings. Each airport will need to continually evaluate security concerns at their location,

and weigh those against the benefits of non-traveler access, said Richard Bloom, who teaches aviation security and global intelligence at Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. After weighing intelligence information and specific vulnerabilities, the program "might be fine for certain locations and not for others," he said.

Pittsburgh doesn't limit the number of passes, and between 50 and 150 people use them daily. In Tampa, 100 non-travelers are allowed in on Saturdays. The available slots are fully booked through July and August is filling up, said Danny Valentine, an airport spokesman.

The draw? According to Valentine, it's the 69 new shops and restaurants that recently opened,

including RumFish Grill, with locally caught seafood on the menu, and Cigar City Brewing. The program was "in response to the desire from the public to try some of these."

During Seattle-Tacoma's six-week experiment, the daily cap was 50 and about 1,100 people took advantage, most of them to surprise incoming passengers as they disembarked, said Perry Cooper, a spokesman. "People were super excited right off the bat."

Airports work with TSA to determine the best days of the week and times of day to offer access, and how many visitors to allow. It doesn't appear to have created any bottlenecks so far, said Christopher Bidwell, senior vice president of security for Airports Council International-North America. "A lot of that is attributable to the fact it is coordinated well at the local level between the airport operator and the TSA."

There's concern, though, that some facilities just can't handle any more foot traffic.

A non-traveler program "is certainly an appealing prospect" as a revenue generator, said Paul Brown, assistant general manager of commercial development at Atlanta's airport. But the facility's screening checkpoints are straining to handle passengers, with 4% growth expected this year. Brown said a decision won't be made until there's an expansion of screening stations, a proposal awaiting city approval.

In Tampa, "It's been tremendously popular," said Valentine. "Not only with people who want to come out to our shops and restaurants, but people who come out to do planespotting, to accompany a loved one or friend to see them off." **BLOOMBERG**

CORPORATE BITS

CEM holds seminar on energy saving and safety



CEM has held the "Macau Energy Saving Activity" in collaboration with the Office for the Development of the Energy Sector, en-

couraging the public and different industries in Macau to save energy and use electrical appliances safely.

The seminar also tackled the importance of maintenance and management of communal electrical installations in buildings.

According to the firm, the activity was supported by the General Residents Association of Macau, the Property Management Business Association of Macau and the Macau Hoteliers and Innkeepers Association.

Over the past ten years, participating entities saved a total of 194 million kWh of electricity.

CEM will hold the seminar again with the Women's General Association of Macau in August.

Sands Resorts Macao offers activities this summer



Sands Resorts Macao is offering families and leisure travellers a range of entertainment, dining, shopping and sightseeing activities this summer.

Children will love Aqua World water park at The Parisian Macao, outdoor pools at seven

hotels, the outdoor carousel, along with the huge Qube Kingdom, Qube 1, the open concept space Qube 2 play areas and Planet J.

Those seeking a pampering experience can visit The Parisian Macao's Le SPA'tique or the newly-opened V Re-

treat at The Venetian Macao.

Offering 18 well-equipped treatment rooms, V Retreat specialises in massage and facials by renowned aestheticians.

Meanwhile, upcoming concerts include Taiwanese singer Lo Ta You and international stars Westlife, as well as the adult cabaret Crazy Horse Paris "Forever Crazy in Macao".

To celebrate the 70th anniversary of Macao Coca-Cola, a series of colourful pop-up booths featuring giant sleek Coca-Cola cans will be on display at Shoppes at Venetian's St. Mark's Square and Lion Street from tomorrow until July 31.

As a proud member of the Chinese business community and one of Macau's leading tourism and leisure companies, Galaxy Entertainment Group (GEG) is continually contributing to the betterment of the city and the nation.

The company believes that bringing the community and the country closer paves the way for a promising future, which will benefit generations to come. This belief drives the meaningful educational and outreach initiatives organized by GEG for local youth and its staff over the years, which saw participants embrace a closer relationship between Macau and the country.

Marking the 70th anniversary of the founding of the People's Republic of China and the 20th anniversary of the establishment of the Macau Special Administrative Region, GEG has ramped up its well-received national education endeavors in 2019 to reinforce its commitment to preparing young people for a future filled with opportunities and hope.



GEG Instills Patriotism and Civic Pride for a Prosperous Future

HELPING STUDENTS FIND THEIR PATHS IN A RAPIDLY DEVELOPING REGION

Since 2008, the GEG Macau Cup – Youth National Education Competition has been supporting students from local secondary schools and universities in developing a well-rounded understanding of social and economic conditions on the Mainland. This year, the competition focused on the Greater Bay Area, with a view to helping young people explore career opportunities presented as Macau integrates with the region. As in previous years, winners of the competition will embark on a GEG-sponsored trip to the Mainland. They will gain a glimpse into the Greater Bay Area through visits to government departments and various industries, and conduct face-to-face sharing sessions where tomorrow's leaders can learn from today's leaders.

SUPPORTING TEAM MEMBERS' PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IN A CHANGING CHINA

In a bid to broaden team members' strategic perspectives and enrich their professional knowledge, GEG hosted several seminars this spring exploring topics ranging from Macau's role as a World Center of Tourism and Leisure and a gateway to the Greater Bay Area, emerging Bay Area opportunities and Sino-US trade relations. Speakers included former Protocol, Public Relations and External Affairs Office Director, scholars and experts from the Asia-Pacific Academy of Economics and Management, the Macao Political Economy Research Association and the Institute for the Study of Commercial Gaming. They offered practical and forward-looking insights into the social and economic development of Macau and the rest of China. Participants welcomed the

interactive and immersive format of the seminars designed to equip them with what it takes to succeed in a changing environment.

PROMOTING SOCIAL INCLUSION THROUGH VOLUNTEERING ACTIVITIES IN THE GUIZHOU

In May, members of the GEG Volunteer Team and other local volunteers embarked on a trip to Congjiang County in Guizhou Province to care for families affected by mental disability. The group visited local organizations as part of a trip organized by a Macau association that specialized in this area. In addition to meeting with local welfare officials to learn about issues particular to the district, the volunteers paid a visit to local families with children with special needs. The development partnership between Congjiang and Macau, announced last year, is part of the Chinese Central Government's plan to eradicate



poverty in the nation's rural areas. Volunteers described the experience as enlightening, saying it had brought together different sectors of society to support poverty alleviation.

guided tour of the multimedia exhibition, which offered a window into a number of major events in Chinese history, as well as some of China's major accomplishments since the establishment of the PRC. The exhibit also provided an overview of the five principal elements of China's national security philosophy. Through a variety of initiatives, GEG seeks to highlight the importance of shared community values and national pride, operating in line with its philosophy of "What is taken from the community is to be used for the good of the community."

CULTIVATING PRIDE IN NATIONAL IDENTITY

This spring, the government of Macau joined forces with the Liaison Office of the Central People's Government to hold an educational exhibition on national security. Over 20 GEG staff embarked together on a



Mr. Fung Sio Weng



Mr. Jacky So



Mr. Davis Fong



Mr. Samuel Tong





BEIJING RAISES SECURITY WARNING ON SHIPS PLYING MALACCA STRAIT

CHINA raised the security level for its vessels heading through the Strait of Malacca, a key Asian trade route and major oil choke point.

The transport ministry advised Chinese-flagged ships to take heig-

htened security steps and increased its security warning to level three, according to a copy of a July 2 notice posted on a website affiliated with the ministry.

Three is the highest security level in Chinese shipping regulations,

and one above a warning issued after recent attacks on tankers in the Strait of Hormuz, according to people familiar with the situation, who asked not to be identified discussing government notifications. The ministry wasn't immediately

able to comment.

There was no reason given for the raised alert in the Strait of Malacca, a stretch of water passing Malaysia, Singapore and Indonesia that connects the Indian and Pacific oceans.

Second only to the Strait of Hor-

muz as a key oil and gas conduit, the Malacca Strait connects Middle Eastern and African energy supplies to Asian economies. China has emerged as the world's biggest importer of crude and natural gas, making it increasingly reliant on supplies vulnerable to bottlenecks or disruption.

The warning from China comes after the string of attacks last month on tankers near Hormuz, which the U.S. blamed on Iran and heightened vigilance across the shipping industry.

"If the Strait of Malacca were blocked, nearly half of the world's fleet would be required to reroute around the Indonesian archipelago," the U.S. Energy Information Administration said in a 2017 report on oil transit choke points. "Rerouting would tie up global shipping capacity, add to shipping costs, and potentially affect energy prices."

About 16 million barrels a day of oil and fuels in 2016 passed through the strait, which is about 1.7 miles (2.7 kilometers) wide at its narrowest point near Singapore, according to the EIA. The strait is also a popular site for traders to store millions of barrels of petroleum aboard tankers.

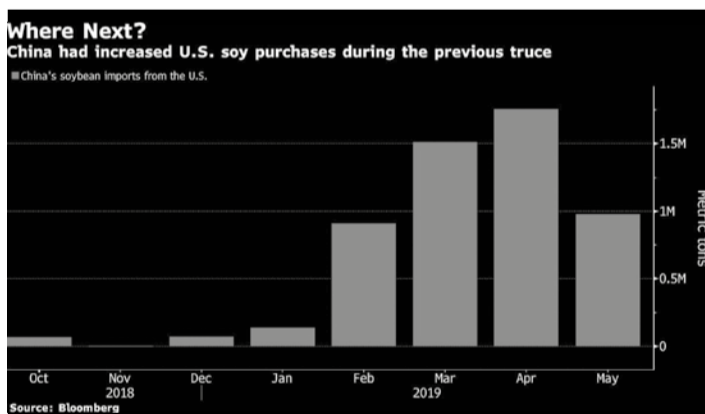
There were eight reported piracy and armed robbery incidents last year in the Strait of Malacca and near Singapore, according to RECAAP Information Sharing Centre, which tracks attacks against ships in Asia. **BLOOMBERG**

Gov't considers buying some US farm products to show goodwill

CHINA is considering buying some U.S. agricultural products as a gesture of goodwill amid the resumption of trade talks between Beijing and Washington, though the volume is likely to be smaller than before, according to people familiar with the situation.

Purchases could include soybeans, corn and pork, according to the people, who asked not to be identified as they're not authorized to speak to the media. Total volume will depend on the progress of trade talks, though it will probably be smaller than the amount China committed to buy during the previous truce, they said.

Presidents Donald Trump and Xi Jinping struck a truce at the weekend on the sidelines of the Group of 20 summit in Osaka, Japan. While the potential purchases may provide some comfort to America's farmers, the overall cautious tone suggests China is unwilling to promise too much without a deal. The plan hasn't been discussed with their American counterparts,



and isn't a part of the current truce agreement, the people said.

During the last detente in December, China committed to buying over 20 million tons of U.S. soy, pork and corn. After talks fell apart in May, China said it would continue with the purchases, though it did ask for some shipments to be delayed.

An influential Chinese agricultural researcher this week said Beijing is unlikely to start purchasing large amounts of U.S. products anytime soon. Barriers include tit-for-tat tariffs that remain in place, as well as tension

over Huawei Technologies Co., said Li Qiang, chairman and chief analyst at ShanghaiJC Intelligence Co.

Trump said after the G-20 meeting that he would hold off indefinitely on tariffs planned for an additional \$300 billion in Chinese imports while allowing U.S. companies to continue to do some business with Huawei, one of the country's most prominent firms. Still, the White House has yet to reveal details of Trump's arrangement with Xi, leaving uncertainty about how the two countries will proceed. **BLOOMBERG**

PENTAGON CALLS CHINA'S SOUTH SEA MISSILE TEST 'TRULY DISTURBING'

BRENDAN SCOTT

THE U.S. denounced Chinese anti-ship missile tests in the disputed South China Sea, underscoring continued strategic tensions between the two Pacific powers even as they restart trade talks.

China fired at least one missile into the sea over the weekend and was expected to continue testing through a launch window that continued until yesterday, NBC News reported Tuesday, citing anonymous U.S. officials familiar with the matter. Pentagon spokesman Lieutenant Colonel Dave Eastburn said the tests near the Spratly Islands represented a "truly disturbing" violation of President Xi Jinping's 2015 statement that China "does not intend to pursue militarization" in the water body.

"The PRC's behavior is contrary to its claim to want to bring peace to the region and obviously actions like this are coercive acts meant to intimidate other SCS claimants," Eastburn said in a statement yesterday.

Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Geng Shuang referred questions about the incident to the military. The Ministry of National Defense didn't immediately respond to a faxed request for comment.

Navigation Rights

The missiles could be used to target U.S. warships that occasionally assert free-navigation rights by sailing close to occupied Spratly features, including a May 6 patrol by two destroyers. The U.S. rescinded China's invitation to multinational military exercises last year after revealing the country had deployed missile batteries on reclaimed reefs.

The launch occurred while U.S. President Donald Trump was in the region for a series of summits including a meeting with Xi, in which the two leaders decided to resume trade talks. The economic dispute has helped surface a host of strategic differences between the two sides, including American complaints that China's military moves pose a threat to navigation in the vital shipping lane.

China asserts control more than 80 percent of the South China Sea, overlapping with the claims of Brunei, Malaysia, the Philippines, Taiwan and Vietnam.

"We have no first hand knowledge about it," Philippine Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana said in a text message yesterday. "We will conduct our own inquiry and will decide later what to do if proven correct." **BLOOMBERG**

Japan's biggest warship offers clue to military ambitions



EMILY WANG,
ABOARD THE JS IZUMO

ONE of Japan's largest warships, the helicopter carrier Izumo, offers a glimpse of where its military is headed: For the first time, troops from a newly formed amphibious brigade of Japan's army participated in an extended naval deployment.

The Izumo left Subic, a former U.S. naval base in the Philippines, at the end of a two-month deployment in the Indo-Pacific region at a time of prolonged tensions involving China's sweeping territorial claims in and around the South China Sea. The carrier, along with the des-

troysers Murasame and Akebono, just finished a series of drills with the United States and other countries.

Island nation Japan's ability to project military power beyond its borders is severely constrained by the commitment to pacifism and rejection of use of military force in conflict enshrined in its post-World War II constitution, though in 2015 it was reinterpreted to allow the use of force in defending itself and its allies.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe has made amending the constitution to allow the military greater leeway one of his lifetime goals. President Donald Trump has sought to help that cause, calling repeatedly for Japan to do more to defend itself un-

der its alliance with the U.S.

In May, Japan conducted its first quadrilateral exercise with France, the U.S. and Australia in the Bay of Bengal. France deployed its flagship nuclear-powered aircraft carrier, the FS Charles de Gaulle, while the United States sent a missile destroyer, the William P Lawrence. Other drills have included Canada, India, Malaysia, Vietnam, Brunei and the Philippines.

Japan is preparing to reconfigure the Izumo to accommodate U.S. stealth fighters, including F-35Bs, after announcing it would purchase 42 of its own. The aircraft are designed to operate with short takeoffs and vertical landings, such as on carriers.

The purchase underscores Japan's growing role in its post-war alliance with the U.S.

"In order to incorporate what was not originally in the design, or something new that had not even been thought of, I think this would require research into many areas, otherwise it wouldn't go well," said Capt. Katsuyoshi Motoyama, the Izumo's commanding officer.

Yasukazu Tanaka of the Amphibious Rapid Deployment Brigade, similar to the U.S. Marines, said the recent exercises were meant to deepen coordination between them and ground troops to facilitate use of the carrier for transporting troops to front lines in the future.

Since the Izumo can accommo-

date both air and sea transport, "there are great possibilities for us to conduct amphibious operations," he said, though he and all others involved emphasized that the ground and marine troops conducted no joint exercises.

Ground troops are still exploring how best to operate on longer missions, where regulations limit use of live-fire weapons on board. Troops practiced emergency first aid response and trained on the flight deck and in the aircraft carrier hangar deck, at times using guns made of rubber in battle scenarios.

China has been expanding its military presence to press home its determination to defend its claim to virtually the entire South China Sea in the face of challenges by the U.S. and its allies, unnerving many in the region.

The Defense Ministry says Japan's air force scrambled fighter jets 999 times in 2018, the second highest number since it began defending its airspace in 1958. Of that number, 64% were responses to Chinese aircraft.

The U.S. Navy and others have angered Beijing by repeatedly sailing their ships close to Chinese-occupied islands to assert what they say is the right to freedom of navigation. Beijing also has installed advanced weapons systems at several disputed locations, including seven islands it built by piling sand and concrete on top of coral atolls.

Some of those sites are now equipped with airstrips, radar and missile stations, expanding China's ability to monitor and potentially control activity by other militaries in the region.

So far, encounters have been peaceful, but all sides are concerned about the potential for miscalculations that could spark conflict.

During its five-day voyage from Brunei to the Philippines, Izumo skirted near the so-called "nine-dash line" marking China's territorial claims while conducting its last few exercises with navies from Brunei and the Philippines. AP

Thai authorities urged to investigate attacks on activists

RIGHTS groups urged Thai authorities yesterday to investigate attacks against pro-democracy activists after one was beaten and left unconscious on a sidewalk in the latest case of growing violence.

Amnesty International submitted open letters to Thailand's defense minister and its police commissioner asking them to bring to justice attackers against three vocal pro-democracy activists who have faced physical abuse on multiple occasions since the military seized power in a coup in 2014.

Authorities have so far failed to investigate the violence.



The ruling junta has actively cracked down on dissent and political discussions while it enacted new election laws that favored its leader, Prime Minister Prayuth

Chan-ocha, in elections in March.

Amnesty said the attacks against the activists "appear to fit a pattern of systemic violence timed to coincide

with their efforts to draw attention to perceived election irregularities and problems relating to the formation of a new government."

The appeal follows an attack last Friday on Sirawith Seritiwat, who opposes the military's role in politics. He was beaten until he was unconscious on a sidewalk near his home in Bangkok in broad daylight.

Photos of a bloodied Sirawith and security camera footage of the attack that were circulated online have sparked public outrage.

Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha said Tuesday he had instructed police to

investigate the attack on Sirawith.

"I am not his enemy," Prayuth said.

Police said they're investigating.

The most recent attack on Sirawith left him with a fractured eye socket and head injuries. He was previously attacked on June 3 by at least five men after he had been working on a campaign to petition members of the junta-appointed Senate not to vote for Prayuth to become prime minister.

Other anti-military activists such as Anurak Jeantawani and Ekachai Hongkangwan have faced physical

abuse on multiple occasions by unknown assailants.

Anurak said he was most recently attacked in May by six-to-eight men, some wearing motorcycle helmets and using metal bars to hit his head, after he announced a plan to protest the election of the pro-army speaker of the lower house of Parliament.

Ekachai faced physical abuse on several occasions in addition to having his parked car set on fire twice this year. He was also subjected to at least four violent attacks in 2018 as he engaged in peaceful protests about official misconduct, according to Amnesty International.



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Italian socialist Sassoli to be president of EU Parliament

ITALIAN socialist David-Maria Sassoli was elected yesterday to head the European parliament, completing the bloc's drawn-out and at times acrimonious appointment process for its top jobs.

In the second round of voting at the Strasbourg-based legislature, Sassoli received 345 votes, well over the absolute majority required of the 667 available.

Conservative Jan Zahradil from the Czech Republic got 160 votes, while the German Greens leader Ska Keller received 119 and the Spanish left-wing candidate Sira Rego trailed with 43.

The European Parliament has an array of powers within the EU including given its ascent to the others that EU leaders



picked for its top jobs. None are more important, perhaps, than deciding whether to back German defense minister Ursula von der Leyen as the next president of the EU's executive Commission president, replacing

Jean-Claude Juncker. On Tuesday, EU leaders also nominated Belgium's Prime Minister Charles Michel to lead the European Council, which brings together the leaders of the member states. And Frenchwoman Christine

Lagarde was tapped to be president of the European Central Bank and Spain's Josep Borrell the bloc's foreign policy chief.

All were linked in one big compromise arrangement and voting down Sassoli would have upset the political balance of the drawn-out and complicated process.

Sassoli succeeds fellow Italian Antonio Tajani, an Italian EPP Christian Democrat who stepped down yesterday.

"You have a strong European Parliament standing by your side," said EPP parliamentary leader Manfred Weber, who is slated to take over in 2-1/2 years based on the leaders' top job agreement.

Sassoli, 63, is a journalist turned politician who has been in the European Parliament since 2009. **AP**

LIBYA AIRSTRIKE HITS DETENTION CENTER, KILLING 44 MIGRANTS

**RAMI MUSA & SAMY
MAGDY, BENGHAZI**

AN airstrike hit a detention center for migrants near the Libyan capital early yesterday, killing at least 44 people and wounding more than 130, the U.N. mission to the war-torn country said.

The airstrike raises further concerns about the European Union's policy of partnering with Libyan militias to prevent migrants from crossing the Mediterranean, which often leaves them at the mercy of brutal traffickers or stranded in squalid detention centers near the front lines.

It could also lead to greater Western pressure on Khalifa Hifter, a Libyan general whose forces launched an offensive on Tripoli in April. The Tripoli-based government blamed his self-styled Libyan National Army for the airstrike and called for the U.N. to investigate.

A spokesman for Hifter's

forces did not immediately answer phone calls and messages seeking comment. Local media reported the LNA had launched airstrikes against a militia camp near the detention center in Tripoli's Tajoura neighborhood.

Footage circulating online and said to be from inside the migrant detention center showed blood and body parts mixed with rubble and migrants' belongings.

The airstrike hit a workshop housing weapons and vehicles and an adjacent hangar where around 150 migrants were being held, mostly Sudanese and Moroccans, according to two migrants who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity for fear of reprisal.

The migrants said three or four survived unharmed and about 20 were wounded. They said the rest were killed, indicating the final death toll could be much higher. **AP**

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Offbeat

SWEET SPOT: OFFICER CRAVING ICE CREAM NABS GUN SUSPECT

AP PHOTO



A police officer's craving for cake batter ice cream put him and his colleagues in the right place to take action when a loaded gun fell out of a man's shorts at a Baskin-Robbins shop in New York City.

Police say three officers were at the shop in Coney Island, Brooklyn while on-duty Saturday when Emmanuel Lovett walked in, tugged his denim shorts and dropped a pistol to the floor.

The officers swarmed and arrested the 33-year-old man. Police say his robbery record prohibited him from having a gun. He's charged with criminal possession of a firearm.

Lovett is jailed on USD7,500 bail. He's due in court Friday. A message seeking comment was left with his lawyer.

The NYPD acknowledged the oddity of the ice cream-induced arrest, tweeting: "Seriously, this actually happened."

TV canal macau



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Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 129min

UGLYDOLLS

ROOM 2

2:30pm

Director: Kelly Asbury

Starring: Kelly Clarkson, Nick Jonas, Janelle Monáe

Language: Cantonese (Chinese & English)

Duration: 87min

ALADDIN

ROOM 2

4:30, 9:15pm

Director: Guy Ritchie

Starring: Will Smith, Mena Massoud, Naomi Scott

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 109min

MEN IN BLACK: INTERNATIONAL

ROOM 2

9:30pm

Director: F. Gary Gray

Starring: Chris Hemsworth, Tessa Thompson, Liam Neeson

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 109min

THE SECRET LIFE OF PETS 2

ROOM 3

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

Director: Chris Renaud, Jonathan del Val

Starring: Patton Oswalt, Kevin Hart, Harrison Ford

Language: Cantonese (Chinese & English)

Duration: 86min

A LONG GOODBYE

ROOM 3

9:30pm

Director: Ryōta Nakano

Starring: Yū Aoi, Yūto Kamata, Chieko Matsubara

Language: Japanese (Chinese & English)

Duration: 127min

this day in history



1976: ISRAELIS RESCUE ENTEBBE HOSTAGES

Israeli commandos have rescued 100 hostages, mostly Israelis or Jews, held by pro-Palestinian hijackers at Entebbe airport in Uganda.

At about 0100 local time (2200GMT), Ugandan soldiers and the hijackers were taken completely by surprise when three Hercules transport planes landed after a 2,500-mile trip from Israel.

About 200 elite troops ran out and stormed the airport building.

During a 35-minute battle, 20 Ugandan soldiers and all seven hijackers died along with three hostages.

The leader of the assault force, Lieutenant Colonel Yonatan Netanyahu, was also shot dead by a Ugandan sentry.

The Israelis destroyed 11 Russian-built MiG fighters, which amounted to a quarter of Uganda's air force.

The surviving hostages were then flown to Israel with a stopover in Nairobi, Kenya, where some of the injured were treated by Israeli doctors and at least two transferred to hospital there.

Speaking at the Israeli Knesset (parliament) this afternoon, Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin who ordered the raid said: "This operation will certainly be inscribed in the annals of military history, in legend and in national tradition."

The crisis began on 27 June, when four militants seized an Air France flight, flying from Israel to Paris via Athens, with 250 people on board.

The hijackers - two from the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and two from Germany's Baader-Meinhof gang - diverted the plane to Entebbe, where it arrived on 28 June.

The hijackers - who were joined by three more colleagues - demanded the release of 53 militants held in jails in Israel and four other countries.

Uganda's President and dictator Idi Amin arrived at the airport to give a speech in support of the PFLP and supplied the hijackers with extra troops and weapons.

On 1 July, the hijackers released a large number of hostages but continued to hold captive the remaining 100 passengers who were Israelis or Jews.

Those who were freed were flown to Paris and London.

Among them were British citizens George Good, a retired accountant and Tony Russell, a senior GLC official, who arrived in London on Friday.

The crew were offered the chance to go but chose to stay with the plane. The remaining hostages were transferred to the airport building.

The hijackers then set a deadline for 1100GMT for their demands to be met or they would blow up the airliner and its passengers. But their plan was foiled by the dramatic Israeli raid.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

The mission, originally dubbed Operation Thunderbolt by the Israeli military, was renamed Operation Yonatan in honour of Netanyahu - elder brother of Binyamin Netanyahu, who was Israel's Prime Minister from 1996 to 1999.

The raid continues to be source of pride for the Israeli public, and many of the participants went on to high office in Israel's military and political establishment.

Among them was Dan Shomron, who was in overall command of the rescue operation. He became Chief of Staff of the Israel Defence Force.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Rabin was assassinated during his second term in office in 1995.

Idi Amin was humiliated by the surprise raid. He believed Kenya had colluded with Israel in planning the raid and hundreds of Kenyans living in Uganda were massacred soon afterwards. But from this time, Amin's regime began to break down.

Two years later Idi Amin was forced into exile in Saudi Arabia. He died in Jeddah in August 2003.

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YOUR STARS



ARIES

Mar. 21-Apr. 19

You have shown amazing patience with someone who seems to be making the same mistakes over and over again - despite their promises that they would stop.



TAURUS

Apr. 20-May. 20

It's in your best interest to get creative with how you get stuff done today - because you need to get your new plans launched as soon as possible! Swallow your pride and ask for the help you need.



GEMINI

May. 21-Jun. 21

If you want to overcome the obstacles that are in your paths, you need to get moving already! Time won't wait for you to figure out the perfect, foolproof plan.



CANCER

Jun. 22-Jul. 22

Don't be afraid to initiate conversations that are about more than fashion, music, pop culture or gossip. Have faith that these people are as deep as you are and eager to grow your relationship.



LEO

Jul. 23-Aug. 22

Authority figures are acting oddly today, and the reason is likely to be that they are more concerned with their own issues than with helping you or even with challenging you to do your best.



VIRGO

Aug. 23-Sep. 22

Everyone has two sides to their personality (at least), so today if someone is getting on your nerves, focus on the part of their personality that is most compatible with yours.



LIBRA

Sep. 23-Oct. 22

Think about what it's like on the other end of things and subtly dig for some clues about how interested these two parties may be. Follow your gut, and if you're ready to connect these hot dots, do it!



SCORPIO

Oct. 23-Nov. 21

There is some unpredictable energy flying around your environment today, so beware. Nothing is for certain, and nothing is going to be written in stone.



SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Things will be on the quiet side today, and you are in the right mind frame to enjoy it. Put your feet up and relax for a while. It won't be as mundane as you think.



CAPRICORN

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

One of your long lost friends is going to reappear on the scene very soon, and they will offer you a missing link that will connect you to several opportunities - including greater wealth and a hotter romance.



AQUARIUS

Jan. 20-Feb. 18

The best kind of wisdom comes from people who know you well, so if you are feeling the urge to start a new relationship with one of your old relatives, then you shouldn't wait to get started.



PISCES

Feb. 19-Mar. 20

Before you start any artistic projects today, put together a plan - you'll get nowhere without it. Just because something is a creative expression does not mean that it doesn't have any details that you need to clarify.

The Born Loser by Chip Sansom



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Kunming	18	27	shower
Nanjing	23	30	cloudy
Shanghai	22	28	overcast
Wuhan	25	30	drizzle
Hangzhou	24	28	drizzle
Taipei	26	30	drizzle
Guangzhou	25	32	moderate rain
Hong Kong	26	30	rainstorm
WORLD			
Moscow	11	18	drizzle
Frankfurt	12	27	clear
Paris	15	28	clear
London	12	24	clear
New York	22	30	cloudy

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Recedes; 5- Amazed; 10- GalFri.; 14- Corker; 15- Measured (out); 16- Anklebones; 17- Afrikaner; 18- Remaining out of sight; 19- Mine car; 20- Ancient Hindu art of medicine; 22- Depart; 23- Greasy; 24- New Mexico art colony; 26- Disputed matter; 29- Answer to a problem; 33- Rise to one's feet; 34- Leading; 35- ___ de Janeiro; 36- Give temporarily; 37- Caterpillar rival; 38- Former French colony of north-western Africa; 39- Be in a different form?; 40- Exterior; 41- Doles (out); 42- Retailer; 44- Board for nails; 45- Actress Kedrova; 46- Casino game; 48- I agree!; 51- Safety; 55- Regrettably; 56- Alloy of iron and carbon; 58- Gossip bit; 59- Father; 60- Florida city; 61- Bluish-white metal; 62- Qualifying race; 63- Be; 64- This, in Tijuana;

DOWN: 1- Isle of exile; 2- Channel marker; 3- Cordon ___; 4- Encompass; 5- Spur; 6- Poor; 7- Gillette product; 8- Marry; 9- URL ending; 10- Give proof of; 11- Fleetwood Mac hit; 12- Eastern European; 13- Proctor's call; 21- Joined the competition; 22- Noisy; 24- ___ is human; 25- Winglike parts; 26- Religion of the Muslims; 27- Cubic meter; 28- More rational; 29- Article of bedding; 30- Teed off; 31- Former Houston footballer; 32- Boisterous; 34- Big name in insurance; 37- Double; 38- Learn by heart; 40- Presidential battleground state; 41- List of options; 43- Broom room; 46- Retains; 47- Dazzling effect; 48- Potato preparation; 49- "Night" author Wiesel; 50- Skater Lipinski; 51- Big rig; 52- You know how ___; 53- Canvas shelter used on camping trips; 54- Village People hit; 56-

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GRAND HYATT MACAU PRESENTS 'LUA DE LÓTUS' MOONCAKE GIFT BOX

FOR this year's Mid-Autumn Festival, Grand Hyatt Macau is presenting a repertoire of Mid-Autumn delights.

An important symbol in many religions throughout the world, the lotus flower has come to symbolize many things — most commonly purity and divine beauty, as cited in a statement issued by the resort.

This year's mooncake gift box features a classically designed chest

adorned with whimsical lotus illustrations.

The history of Chinese ceramics can be traced back to over ten thousand years ago. During the 16-17th centuries, Macau was the major gateway for the international ceramics trade. To this end, the hotel has especially created an exquisite ceramic-shaped mooncake gift box highlighted by a curved bottle that doubles as a tea container or a vase.

SUCCESS HAS MALAYSIAN RAPPER BUNGA DREAMING OF MUSIC

AP PHOTO



ONE of the few Malaysian female rappers, Bunga says she at first didn't consider a career in music.

"My initial dream was to be a politician or a lawyer," the 19-year old rapper told The Associated Press before her first performance in Singapore for the Malay arts festival "Pesta Raya" last weekend.

Her success has her changing her tune.

Bunga, whose real name is Noor Ayu Fa-

tini Mohd Bakhari, is one of the only known rappers who wears a hijab and baju kurung, a traditional Malay dress, at her performances. Selfies on her Instagram account show her wearing various shades of hijab, but she didn't start that way.

From Perak, she became popular after a video of her performing in baju kurung in a local rap competition went viral in November.

HIP-HOP STAR NICKI MINAJ TO PERFORM IN SAUDI ARABIA

SAUDI Arabia said yesterday that hip-hop star Nicki Minaj will perform in the ultraconservative kingdom as it sheds decades of restrictions on entertainment.

The female rapper is known for her outlandish, provocative style and hits like "Anaconda," where she raps about her "big fat" backside. Her lyrics are often laced with profanities and her skin-bearing

music videos often include twerking. Christian groups criticized her 2012 Grammy Awards performance, which included dancing priests and an exorcism.

Saudi organizers announced she would be the headline act at the Jeddah World Fest on July 18.

Reactions on social media ranged from shock and joy to criticism and disappointment.

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Santino Ferrucci drives during an open practice session for the IndyCar Classic auto race in Austin, Texas

Ferrucci showing skill, rebuilding reputation in IndyCar

CHRIS JENKINS,
ELKHART LAKE (WIS.)

SANTINO Ferrucci knows better than most drivers that one bad moment behind the wheel can lead to a long-lasting trail of Google results.

After a recent string of strong finishes in IndyCar, Ferrucci is showing off the driving skill that was never really in doubt — and, perhaps, beginning to repair a reputation that very much was in doubt after a run-in with a teammate in Europe last year that threatened to define his career.

“When you mentally crack under pressure as a driver, and you hit a breaking point, you can only get stronger from that,” Ferrucci said. “You get stronger. You learn to hold your composure.”

Coming into last week's IndyCar race at Road America, Ferrucci had finished in the top 10 in four of the previous five races. That includes a seventh-place finish at the Indianapolis 500 and a fourth at Texas — not bad, considering that he had never driven on an oval track before a test at Texas last fall. He struggled to a 19th-place finish after tire pressure issues at Road America, but all signs are pointing upward.

And that certainly wasn't the case about a year ago.

Driving in Formula 2, a developmental series that feeds the elite Formula One series, he had an on-track run-in with teammate Arjun Maini last July. On the cool-down lap after the checkered flag, he tapped wheels with Maini in an apparent display of frustration, then got in further trouble with race officials because he used his mobile phone while driving back to the pits.

“The pressure of that year was getting to me,” Ferrucci said. “I made a mistake. I had a breaking moment. And I take full blame for

everything that happened.”

He was fired and subsequently ordered to pay the team more than \$500,000 for failing to meet contract obligations. Today, Ferrucci said he understands he can't lash out at a teammate — even if, as he says, he only meant to pull alongside Maini and make a gesture to vent his frustration over an incident they had during the race, not to bump him. He does take issue with the way the incident was covered by European media.

“If you never saw what happened and you just read what happened, you would think that I tried to kill somebody,” Ferrucci said.

Everything changed for Ferrucci in that moment. Perhaps for the better, in the long run.

The 21-year-old Connecticut native was a child prodigy in kart racing. He grew up as a fan of Michael Schumacher and always wanted to end up in F1. To do that, an American driver typically has to go to Europe and race in lower-level series as a teenager.

“It's tough,” Ferrucci said. “You give up basically your whole childhood, a lot of your friends and your family and stuff like that to go live over there. Growing up there, you try to tell yourself it's not mentally difficult and you don't feel the pressure. Then after spending almost a year here back home, you're like, ‘Wow, there was a lot of pressure and it was not easy.’”

Ferrucci still has an affiliation with the American-owned Haas F1 team, but he now sees his future in IndyCar.

“I'm really happy being at home, really happy racing in IndyCar,” Ferrucci said. “I feel like I'm given a fair shot here. That's what, to me, matters more. I was never really happy over there. Over here, you can be yourself.”

His IndyCar team owner, Dale Coyne, first put Ferrucci in the car for a few races last season and didn't hesitate to give him a full-time ride this season.

“I think he came here knowing that this was an important opportunity for him,” Coyne said. “He matured greatly from that.”

Now he is building his reputation back, one race at a time. Helio Castroneves, who no longer races full-time in IndyCar but did compete at Indianapolis during the month of May, ended up battling Ferrucci for position in the Indy Grand Prix road-course race and came away impressed. It was only later that Castroneves heard about the F2 incident.

“I'm like, ‘OK, well, you learn from mistakes,’” Castroneves said. “I did that, even in IndyCar. I feel like that shouldn't be a judging of your character just because of one incident.”

The IndyCar Series races next in Toronto on July 14. **AP**

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OPINION

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FALL IN LOVE TO
LOSE WEIGHT

Nowadays, we hear the phrases “I have to lose weight” or “I am trying to lose weight” almost every day from people around us. From 200 pound six-foot-tall big guys, to 100 pound five-foot-tall small girls, everyone either believes they are overweight or is given a misconception of what is considered fit. Equally, there are those who consider weight loss or keeping fit a daily necessity.

Anyway, being someone who is also constantly trying to lose weight – emphasis on ‘trying’ – I am not criticizing any fellow weight loss fighters. In fact, I found it quite fascinating learning about the development of ways and diets adopted amongst people in Macau to lose weight. I might say that from ‘diet’ choices we can see the globalization of our little city. Why do I say that?

A long time ago, the most common diet I heard of was eating less meat, which is more popular amongst the Chinese community. I do not know how we got the idea that eating meat makes us fat, but I used to believe that too when I was an overweight teenager. At the time, my young friends and I would try to keep fit by not eating meat. Instead, we bought yogurt and biscuits for lunch, and ate plain white rice for dinner. Of course, we know better now that it is the rice and biscuits, the high carbohydrate food, that made us fat.

When I was in college, globalization kicked in, and dieters started what we termed ‘shake shake’ meals. They were some kind of protein drink brought in from Hong Kong, which originated from the US. But the result did not seem too good. I saw people losing weight quickly, but gaining the weight back quickly as well. So, the ‘shake shake’ diet did not last long.

Then, some years ago, people started talking about a high protein diet, such as the Duken diet, in which only proteinaceous food was eaten. So, meat got back onto the plates of Chinese dieters, thanks to western diet plans. And now the trend seems to be towards the Keto diet, which I am attempting. While I thought it was something new, I was surprised to hear quite a few people around me already knew of this. Guess I am not a trendy fitness queen after all.

But what struck me was that while everyone is talking about different kinds of diets, one important element has been missing in these conversations – exercise. In my over thirty years of weight loss experience, the only success I had was the year I became obsessed with running, swimming and working out. Although I know the theory, finding time to exercise seems like a luxury nowadays for most busy people.

Luckily, I discovered a neurobiological way to lose weight. In a conversation with the renowned neurobiologist, author of the book Splendors and Miseries of the Brain, Professor Semir Zeki, I discovered a secret with no diet or exercise needed. That is, to fall obsessively in love.

According to Prof. Zeki’s book, there is one thing common to anyone falling in love, and that is the reduction of serotonin in our brains, which is linked to appetite, and is in line with a Chinese saying “In love, one can survive merely on water”. I jokingly commented in response to Prof. Zeki’s findings that it means one can lose weight when falling in love. He confirmed that it is a possibility, as falling in love can curb our appetite. So, aside from diet and exercise, we just need to keep getting attracted to people, and obsessively fall in love from time to time.

A key local official says hosting the Woodstock 50 anniversary festival on short notice “could pose a significant challenge.”

A mass gathering permit application for the Vernon Downs harness track and casino in central New York was recently filed after operators of the original festival site pulled out last month.

Oneida County Executive Anthony Picente released a state-

ment yesterday [Macau time] noting the challenge of preparing for the health and safety of residents and concert goers with the event just over a month away.

The Woodstock festival has faced a series of setbacks, including the losses of a financial partner, a production company and original site, Watkins Glen International.

Vernon Downs has said they can host up to 65,000 people, far fewer than the 150,000 planned for Watkins Glen.

2020 CENSUS TO BE
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CITIZENSHIP QUESTION

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DAYS after the U.S. Supreme Court halted the addition of a citizenship question to the 2020 Census, the U.S. Census Bureau has started the process of printing the questionnaire without the controversial query.

Trump administration attorneys notified parties in lawsuits challenging the question that the printing of the hundreds of millions of documents for the 2020 counts would be starting, said Kristen Clarke, executive director of the National Lawyers’ Committee for Civil Rights Under Law.

Justice Department spokeswoman Kelly Laco confirmed yesterday [Macau time] there would be “no citizenship question on 2020 census.”

Commerce Secretary Wilbur Ross said that while he respected the Supreme Court’s decision, he strongly disagreed with it.

“The Census Bureau has started the process of printing the decennial questionnaires without the question,” Ross said in a statement. “My focus, and that of the Bureau and the entire Department is to conduct a complete and accurate census.”

President Donald Trump had said after the high court’s decision last week that he would ask his attorneys about possibly delaying next spring’s decennial census until the Supreme Court could revisit

the matter, raising questions about whether printing of the census materials would start as planned this month.

For months, the Trump administration had argued that the courts needed to decide quickly whether the citizenship question could be added because of the deadline to starting printing materials this week.

On Twitter, Trump wrote that the Supreme Court

question said it would discourage participation by immigrants and residents who are in the country illegally, resulting in inaccurate figures for a count that determines the distribution of some \$675 billion in federal spending and how many congressional districts each state gets.

The Trump administration had said the question was being added to aid in enforcement of the Voting Rights Act, which protects minority voters’ access to the ballot box. But in the Supreme Court’s decision, Chief Justice John Roberts joined the court’s four more liberal members in saying the administration’s current justification for the question “seems to have been contrived.”

Democratic mayors and governors opposed to the question argued that they’d get less federal money and fewer representatives in Congress if the question was asked because it would discourage the participation of minorities, primarily Hispanics, who tend to support Democrats.

Attorneys general for two of the largest states controlled by Democrats praised the decision to abandon the citizenship question.

“While the Trump Administration may have attempted to politicize the census and punish cities and states across the nation, justice prevailed, and the census will continue to remain a tool for obtaining an accurate count of our population,” said New York Attorney General Letitia James. AP

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for America.

TRUMP TWEET

ling marked a “very sad time for America.” He also said he had asked the Commerce and Justice departments “to do whatever is necessary to bring this most vital of questions, and this very important case, to a successful conclusion.” He did not elaborate.

Even though the Census Bureau is relying on most respondents to answer the questionnaire by Internet next year, hundreds of millions of printed postcards and letters will be sent out next March reminding residents about the census, and those who don’t respond digitally will be mailed paper questionnaires.

“The Supreme Court’s ruling left little opportunity for the administration to cure the defects with its decision to add a citizenship question and, most importantly, they were simply out of time given the deadline for printing forms,” Clarke said in an email.

Opponents of the citi-

Libya An airstrike hit a detention center for migrants near the Libyan capital early yesterday, killing at least 44 people and wounding more than 130, the U.N. mission to the war-torn country said.

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Iran’s president warned European partners in its faltering nuclear deal yesterday that Tehran will increase its enrichment of uranium to “any amount that we want” beginning on Sunday, putting pressure on them to offer a way around intense U.S. sanctions targeting the country.

Pakistan police say an overloaded passenger boat has capsized in the Indus River, killing at least eight people and leaving several others missing.

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USA Decorated Navy SEAL Chief Edward Gallagher, who was acquitted of murder in the killing of a wounded Islamic State captive in Iraq thanked Fox News, President Trump and two congressmen for their support during his trial.

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EU Italian socialist David-Maria Sassoli was elected yesterday to head the European parliament, completing the bloc’s drawn-out and at times acrimonious appointment process for its top jobs.

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UK Britain’s economy showed alarming signs of a sharp slowdown, possibly even into recession, as uncertainty over Brexit combines with a less benign global backdrop, according to a closely watched survey of business activity in the U.K. released yesterday.