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Thailand A pro-democracy activist, Sirawith Seritiwat, widely known as Ja New, who was attacked and left unconscious on a Bangkok sidewalk said yesterday he will refuse an offer of police protection that would require him to stop political activities.

Sri Lanka Prosecutors have asked police to locate three key witnesses in the 2006 killings of five ethnic Tamil students, days after a judge dismissed charges against 13 policemen suspected in the case because of a lack of evidence.

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Nepal A Canadian aid worker has been sentenced to nine years in prison in Nepal for sexually abusing two boys who were found at his home.

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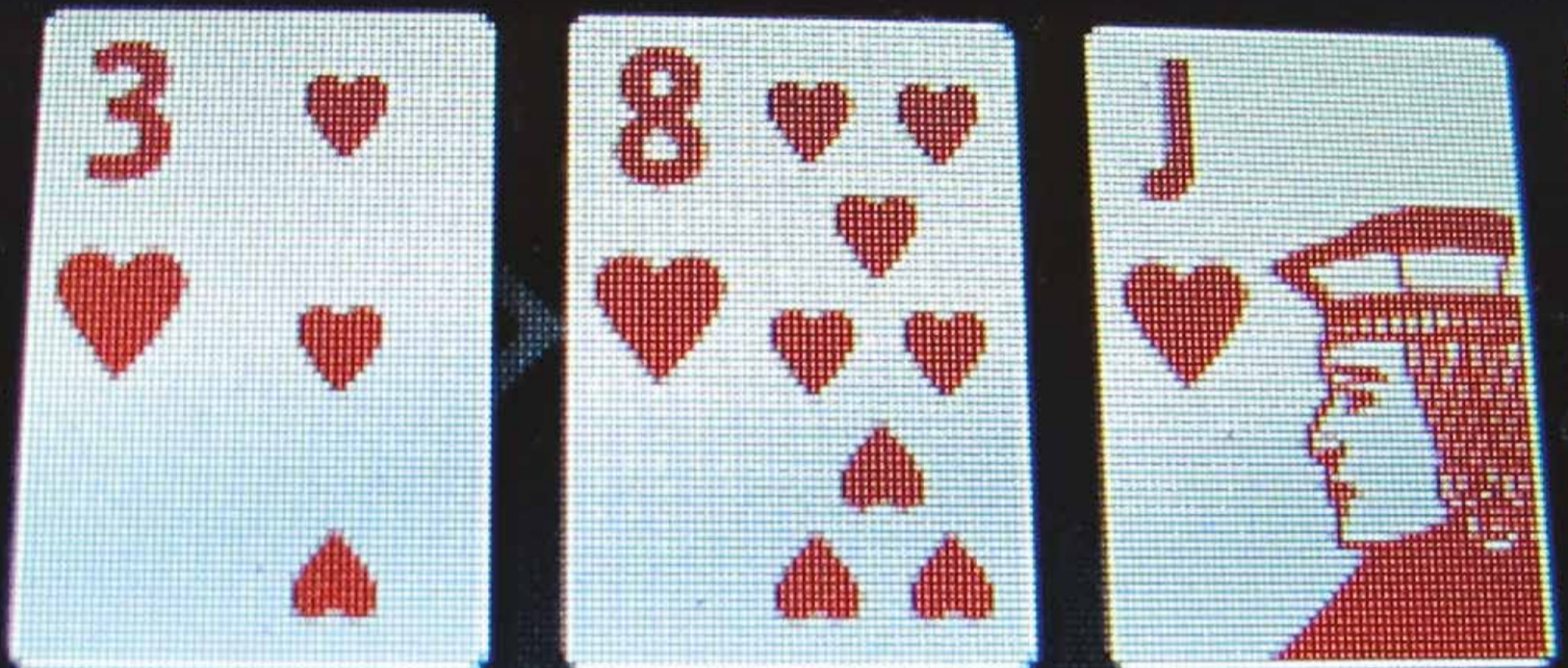


Japan The prime minister Shinzo Abe said yesterday that the government will abide by a court ruling ordering it to compensate former leprosy patients' families over a lengthy segregation policy that severed family ties and caused long-lasting prejudice.

Libya The U.N. says more than 1,000 people have been killed since April in fighting between rival militias over the Libyan capital, a grim milestone in the stalemated conflict.

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GOV'T TARGETS PLASTIC BAG BILL THIS YEAR

IT is anticipated that the bill restricting single-use plastic bags will be completed this year, according to Secretary for Transport and Public Works, Raimundo Arrais do Rosário.

Earlier this week, Rosário met with the Third Standing Committee of the Legislative Assembly to discuss the bill in detail.

Rosário reported that the discussion regarding the details of the bill has already been completed. He hopes he can submit the amended text to the committee within the next two weeks and that the bill will be approved within his term.

The government has reduced the number of exceptional situations in which single-use plastic bags can be offered for free.

Originally, the government proposed that consumers purchasing food or medicine without packaging or without airtight packaging should not be charged for the use of plastic bags. It was also proposed that plastic bags used to carry frozen or chilled foodstuffs would not be charged for.

According to the latest proposal, the government will only allow the distribution of free plastic bags for foodstuffs without packaging and for goods sold in restricted areas



of the airport.

The government suggested that if merchants provide customers with free of charge plastic bags in other situations, they are liable to be fined MOP1,000 for each plastic bag offered. The measure is intended to serve as both a deterrent and an educational measure.

Considering that there are many challenges in the enforcement of such a law, it is said the Environmental Protection Bureau (DSPA) will follow-up on a case-by-case basis. If the fined parties are dissatisfied with the DSPA, they can appeal through the courts.

The charge for plastic bags will be determined by the Chief Executive.

Meanwhile, the DSPA has decided to extend its plastic reduction campaign, "Reducing Plastic is Very Easy," to May 31, 2020.

The campaign encourages local residents to give up using plastic materials while dining out. Approximately 200 restaurants and drink shops, and one food take-away platform have joined the campaign, and it has already recorded a reduction of 250,000 sets of single-use plastic tableware.

In addition, the DSPA has set up 11 water dispensers in some of Macau's public places, such as at the border gate. In the past seven months, 70,000 single-use plastic drinking bottles were saved due to the availability of water dispensers. **JZ**

Football clubs banned from FA Cup over 21-18 score

THE Macau Football Association (MFA) has finally issued a decision regarding the controversial FA Cup match between the teams of Ka I and Hang Sai, which was terminated by the referee when the score was 21-18 in favor of Ka I.

The MFA decided to void the result of the match and disqualify both teams from the next stage of the competition.

The decision was taken after the June 16 match, was deemed to be a

non-competitive sports event.

The 21-goal victory was put to an end early by the referee after he noticed that the two teams were deliberately conceding goals to one another. The match was filled with walking attackers, unspotted defenders, and missing goalkeepers.

Players from both sides were apparently protesting the decision of the MFA to withdraw the SAR team from the second leg of the 2022 FIFA World Cup qua-

lied, which was set to take place in capital city of Sri Lanka, Colombo.

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

The MFA justified the decision to withdraw from the Sri Lanka match on security concerns. The decision did not sit well with the SAR team players, who had triumphed with a 1-0 victory over Sri Lanka in the first leg. **RM**

POLICY RESEARCH BUREAU 'FUNCTIONING NORMALLY'

THE deputy director of the Policy Research and Regional Development Bureau said that the department continues to operate normally and with a positive environment, notwithstanding a letter released last week accusing its chief of unlawful practices.

With regards to the complaint filed with the Commission Against Cor-

ruption (CCAC), deputy director Ung Hoi Ian said that the bureau has not been impacted by the complaint.

To the media, Ung also noted that the Bureau has not received any information or notice from the CCAC regarding a possible investigation, adding that if this occurs, the department would fully cooperate with the authorities.

Questioned about the absence of the director of the Bureau, Mi Jian, at a symposium held yesterday, the deputy director denied that his absence had anything to do with the case. Ung said that Mi could not attend the symposium due to the need to receive a delegation from the Greater Bay Area, which is visiting Macau at the same time. **RM**

MEMORY LANE

MDT/Renato Marques



The Cathedral of the Nativity of Our Lady, better known in Portuguese as Catedral Sé, was originally built in 1576 as a small wooden chapel. In 1623, it was redesigned as a Cathedral. The Church underwent several modifications in the centuries that followed, being rebuilt between 1844-1850 according to the design of architect Tomás D'Aquino. The present-day configuration is the result of reconstruction works carried out in 1937. The Cathedral once provided the backdrop for the inauguration of the Portuguese governors of Macau. Nowadays, the Church is still in popular use for many religious ceremonies including weddings and initiation rites.



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Suncity Group denies Chinese media claims it operates online casinos

STAFF REPORTER

ONE of the most prominent junket operators in Macau, Suncity Group, has been accused of running online gambling operations by mainland state media.

The firm has strongly denied the allegation, saying it is legally authorized to operate a junket business in Macau, but that it neither owns any gambling tables, nor operates any online gambling activities.

Additionally, Suncity noted that its businesses operating in Macau and elsewhere are all licensed and conducted under the supervision of the concerned governments.

The original article was published by the Economic Information Daily in mainland China. The newspaper is run by employees of the Xinhua News Agency.

The article refers to the alleged gambling operation on the Internet as “the largest poppy flower.”

The article was the result of the writer’s personal visit, led by a man surnamed Chen, to a VIP casino managed by Suncity, according to the article.

The writer stated that a customer service manager at the VIP casino initiated the conversation with Chen, marketing the group’s online business derived from its offline casino operation.

The so-called online gaming operation was, according to the article, remote real-time gambling. A video camera is set to transmit real-time images of gambling tables, where players can watch and place bets using mobile apps.

The writer claimed that a promoter at the VIP casino said the main clientele of the online gambling operation were from mainland China, with several hundreds of thousands of members, currently.

BLOOMBERG



Suncity Group Chairman Alvin Chau

According to the refuted article, the operation also employs the concept of multi-level marketing, which encourages existing members to recruit new members in exchange for rewards.

An online gambler interviewed by the mainland media expressed his suspicion that the operator was collecting and analyzing metadata from all games, thus manipulating results in a real-time manner.

Professor Tan Qiugui of the China University of Political Science and Law told the Economic Infor-

mation Daily that it is the outward flow of funds from mainland China that one should be worried about.

Brokerage Sanford C. Bernstein said it considered the article a warning for online gambling operators to “tone down” their operation.

“From our recollection, this is the first time official Chinese press has linked a junket with online gaming activity,” said Bernstein analysts, as cited by GGRAsia.

“The article itself could be a warning message for Suncity and

maybe other online gaming/proxy betting operations to tone down excessive offshore play.”

Apart from its junket business, Suncity also operates in the fields of hotels, entertainment, food-and-beverage and retail services.

It emerged last week that Chinese online tycoons were establishing companies in the Philippines to operate online gaming facilities appealing to players from the mainland. By operating in such a fashion, these companies seek to escape the

reach of Chinese authorities. The Los Angeles Times, which uncovered the extent of the phenomenon, noted that among the most popular games accessed via these platforms is “Tencent Every-Minute-Lottery,” which generates winning numbers based on the total number of users logged into a Chinese messaging app.

The report noted that the Philippines has been transformed into a large base for online gambling companies – and it is continuing to grow bigger.

Chinese gov't bonds vastly oversubscribed on day one

INSTITUTIONAL investors snapped up the Chinese government bonds sold in Macau for the first time last week.

The Chinese central government issued government bonds worth two billion yuan (USD291 million) in Macau on July 4. The bonds were reportedly oversubscribed for 5.4 billion yuan by the afternoon of the same day.

According to analysts, the oversubscription suggests

that demand for the bonds will continue to remain high.

Meanwhile, on July 5, the Ministry of Finance of China announced the issuance of RMB sovereign bonds with an aggregate principal amount of RMB300 million (retail portion), due 2021, offered to Macau citizens.

The bonds bear interest at 3.3% per annum for the retail portion, and the admission amount is set at 10,000 yuan.

According to the sole global coordinator and joint lead manager and joint bookrunner of the bond, Bank of China, Macau Branch, the main institutional investors include the Monetary Authority of Macao, sovereign pension funds, well-known charitable organizations, social groups, commercial banks and insurance companies, and institutional investors from Macau, Hong Kong and Portuguese-speaking countries.

Regarding sales in the retail segment, the bonds will be available for subscription until July 19. The denomination of the bonds is RMB10,000, and any Macau resident aged 18 or above can apply for the bonds through any one of eight local placing banks.

As of today, no updates on the subscriptions of the retail segment have been provided by the placing banks.

The Ministry of Finance will pay interest on the bonds semi-annually in arrears on the interest payment dates on January 25 and July 25 of each year, beginning in January 2020. It shall not redeem the bonds prior to the maturity date, which is expected to be July 26, 2021.

The bonds are issued in renminbi, and all the interest, subscription prices, and redemption prices are to be paid in renminbi.

According to current coupon rates, the annual interest will be RMB330 for a denomination of RMB10,000 for one year and RMB660 for two years on the maturity date.

In June, the central government issued two-year yuan-denominated bonds worth RMB3,500 million, with the highest accepted coupon rate set at 2.95 percent, lower than the rate of the bonds issued in Macau. **JZ**



ILLEGAL ACCOMMODATION AN ATTRACTIVE (AND MUCH CHEAPER) OPTION FOR VISITORS

LYNZY VALLES

SOME tenants in Macau are illegally subletting their rented accommodation to tourists in order to help cover their living expenses.

In a Facebook group – whose members are mostly Filipino migrants – the posting of “transient rooms” has been popular over the past few months, offering rooms for rent to tourists for about MOP150 to MOP400 per night, depending on the number of persons.

The Times visited one of the illegal accommodation inns – which is typically a two-bedroom apartment. The acting landlady stays in one room while the other room is rented out to tourists, mostly Filipinos.

Rooms with a single bunk bed usually require guests to pay MOP150 to MOP200, while an extra person can be charged up to MOP100 more.

Usually, the people who post their vacant rooms on social media do not use their real names and only identify themselves upon meeting in person.

According to the caretaker of an apartment being used for subletting, the main person leasing the apartment refuses to meet with the tourists and also refuses to be identified.

“He doesn’t want to be known, so I’m the one that takes care of the apartment and meets the guests,” said the caretaker, who asked not to be identified.

“These months have been really busy as it is summer vacation in the Philippines,” she continued, adding that they only “require a night’s deposit to confirm the reservation.”

The caretaker, who also asked not to be identified, said that most of their guests are families that stay in Macau for two to five days.

The Times is also aware that there are other apartments which are entirely used for such purposes, with daily rents totaling some MOP700 to MOP800.

According to the social media posts, these apartments can accommodate up to 12 people.

On an online home rental platform, Airbnb, house listings in the SAR can also be seen with

prices ranging from MOP240 to MOP400 for two to three guests.

Many of these illegal inns also provide basic amenities and toiletries with free use of the internet.

Most are located near the Senado Square and Barra areas, making them a good option for Filipino guests visiting the SAR for tourism purposes.

Earlier this year, the University of Macau confirmed that a postgraduate student leased an on-campus accommodation unit to others via Airbnb. The Macau Government Tourism Office (MGTO) investigated the case, but did not find any evidence of the provision of illegal accommodation there, as there are still no local regulations against apart-

ment leasing to non-Macau residents.

In 2017, at the Pacific Asia Travel Association media briefing, the MGTO director said that the public was against private homes being rented out as tourist accommodation, adding that it was premature to introduce these concepts.

However, the practice of short-term letting to tourists remains rife in some residential buildings on the peninsula.

Earlier this year, the Executive Council completed discussions on the draft of the hotel business law, proposing to allow budget accommodation options to meet the demand from different types of tourists.

Hong Kong teens detained for drug trafficking

RENATO MARQUES

TWO Hong Kong residents aged 17 and 18 years old have been detained by Macau’s Public Security Police Force in an operation seizing drugs worth about HKD54,000 and over HKD20,000 in cash, a PSP spokesperson said yesterday.

According to the information provided, the two teenagers from Hong Kong arrived in Macau at the beginning of this month and had started selling drugs in bars and nightclubs in the NAPE area.

When the police caught them

on July 6, they had in their possession a total of 9.54 grams of cocaine, 30.98 grams of ketamine and 45.95 grams of a drug known as “Happy Water” (gamma-Hydroxybutyric acid or GHB), a powder that can be snorted or injected. In liquid form, GHB looks like water and is mostly tasteless or slightly salty, so it can easily be slipped into a drink undetected. When combined with alcohol, GHB works as a powerful sedative that may prevent someone from stopping a sexual assault. It was recently reported as one

of the highest risk drugs for club-goers in mainland China.

According to the testimony of the detainees to the police, between July 1 and July 6, they were able to sell around 150 individual packages of cocaine in Macau, from which they claimed to have earned the approximately HKD20,000 found in their possession.

They were both presented to the Public Prosecutions Office yesterday, accused of drug trafficking. One of the suspects, who tested positive for drugs, was also accused of drug consumption.

OCTOGENARIAN TANGLED IN PHONE SCAM

THE Judiciary Police (PJ) informed yesterday that an 80-year-old local resident has fallen victim to phone scam, leading to a total reported loss of 412,750 yuan (about MOP480,000).

The case occurred on June 26 when the man received a call from someone speaking in Mandarin claiming to be from the police.

In the call, the supposed police officer informed the elderly man that he had been involved in a case of mo-

ney laundering which occurred in Shanghai and that they would transfer the call to the Shanghai Police. Upon being transferred, a second scammer asked the victim to download a communication application (QQ Messenger) through which he would receive more information.

On July 1, he downloaded the app and was asked to transfer money worth a total of 334,742 yuan to an account in the mainland, which he did.

He was also asked to open a new bank account in the mainland and provide information about this account to the police.

On July 6, he realized that he had been blocked from the user that was communicating with him. Later he verified that the money he had kept in the new bank account (about 78,000 yuan) had also disappeared.

After talking with his family members, he decided to file a complaint at the PJ. **RM**

China-Lusophone film festival introduces animation section

THE China and Portuguese-speaking Countries Film Festival has introduced a new section, "Macau Animation," as part of the "2nd Encounter in Macao – Arts and Cultural Festival between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries." To be held until July 17, the festival, featuring over 20 films from China and several Lusophone countries, is divided into three sections: "Classics' Review", "New Vision of China and the Portuguese-speaking Countries" and "Olá Macao," the last of which features several local productions.

On Saturday, outstanding animation films selected by the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) in the "Subsidy Programme for the Production of Original Animation Short Film" will be screened, according to a statement issued by the IC.

These films include "My Father's Lunch", "The Lighthouse", "Starry Sky" and "Pundusina", as well as hand-drawn animation films "Delicious!" and "Rabbit Meets Crocodile".

In addition, four outstanding productions selected by the bureau in the "1st Support Programme for the Production of Feature Films", including "Sisterhood", "Empire Hotel", "Love is Cold" and "Passing



Rain", will be screened until this Saturday.

The closing film, "The Portuguese Woman" from Portugal, will be screened on July 17 at the Macao Cultural Centre Small Auditorium. A pre-screening talk by guest curator Clarence Tsui will also be held, where Tsui will share his review of

the production and introduce the development of Portuguese-language cinema.

The film is adapted from the short story by Austrian writer Robert Musil, and has been nominated in the shortlist for the Berlin International Film Festival 2019 and the Mar del Plata Internatio-

nal Film Festival 2018.

Tickets for the "China and Portuguese-speaking Countries Film Festival", part of the series of the "2nd Encounter in Macao – Arts and Cultural Festival between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries" are now available at Cinematheque Passion. LV

SEAC PAI VAN SCHOOL TO BE READY IN 2020

A public school in Seac Pai Van is expected to be operational for the 2020/2021 school year, according to a statement from the Municipal Affairs Bureau (IAM) in response to lawmaker Wong Kit Cheng's inquiry. The community will have one public school, a vocational and technical education activities center, and a language teaching activity center. The institutions are expected to be completed in the first quarter of 2020. In addition, a large leisure area, and roads and footbridges at the Seac Pai Van reservoir will be completed in the fourth quarter of next year.

IC TO CARRY OUT ST. DOMINIC'S CHURCH RESTORATION

The Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) will carry out restoration works on St. Dominic's Church during an approximate four-month period starting July 27. During the restoration period, the Church will be temporarily closed, but the Treasure of Sacred Art will remain open to the public. According to the IC, the restoration work will be particularly focused on the interior pilasters of the Church. The work will commence by the end of this month and its completion is estimated by the end of November.

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MACAU OFFERS A FINANCIAL CONNECTION TO LUSOPHONE WORLD



Carlos Álvares, BNU CEO

THE diversification of Macau's economy centered on relations with Portuguese-speaking countries is essential if the territory is to find its place in the Greater Bay Area, said the chief executive officer of Banco Nacional Ultramarino (BNU).

of business between China and Portuguese-speaking countries, "which allows it to maintain the relevance that this cultural heritage gives it." The BNU chief executive pointed out that financial services are one of the key aspects to be considered in the success of Macau as a

service platform between China and Portuguese-speaking countries. Stressing that Hong Kong is a world-class financial center, Álvares said that in order to stay relevant Macau has to focus on the offer of distinct services to a business niche that its characteristics allow it to attract.

"It is very important to develop and deepen this component because it is necessary for companies to see Macau as an integrated service center, where they can find the most suitable financial instruments for their expansion into the area of the Greater Bay, as well as in the Portuguese-speaking countries," he said. Speaking specifically of his own bank, he pointed out that the BNU has an increased responsibility in supporting Macau's development as a financial platform between China and Portuguese-speaking countries. "Not only because it is one of the two issuing banks, but also because Macau's growth and prosperity are inextricably intertwined with those of the bank," he said. Álvares recalled that BNU was the first commercial bank in Macau. Its goal has been to serve the local population and companies, but also the companies and business people who wish to set themselves up here, providing all necessary support to their operations in Macau and abroad.

BELT & ROAD

IN PURSUIT OF A FREE TRADE CLIMATE

MACAU will aim to foster a "free trade" climate with Portuguese-speaking countries under the central government's Belt and Road Initiative, the city's Chief Executive Chui Sai On said yesterday. Chui made the comments during his opening speech inaugurating a Symposium held at the Macau Tower and with the theme of "Macau, a world city on the Belt and Road." Chui noted that free trade between Macau and Portuguese-speaking countries would strengthen China's trade initiative to connect the whole world. "The construction of the 'Belt and Road' project is a strategic opportunity that allows Macau to keep pace with international development," Chui said. "The free flow of trading [produc-

ts] together with financial integration are roles that allow Macau to perform its platform duties of commercial cooperation and service platform between China and the Portuguese-speaking countries." The Chief Executive took also the opportunity to highlight the work that has been done regarding the establishment in Macau of a Center for Commercial Services, as well as for the distribution of food products, and for Conventions and exhibitions between the same parties. Chui reviewed the latest policies enforced and the roles attributed by the central government to the region, especially those that refer to the role of the territory in the Belt and Road project, but also at the regional level, such as the Greater Bay Area. **RM**

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Smart education seminar seeks to boost university-level tech cooperation

A smart education seminar jointly organized by the Computer Academy of Guangdong (CAG) and the Macao Polytechnic Institute (IPM) was held in Macau last month, with the aim of exploring how to strengthen cooperation in the field of science and technology between universities in the Greater Bay Area.

According to IPM, which hosted the smart education seminar, 25 representatives from higher education institutions in the Greater Bay Area participated.

The representatives joined discussions on topics such as smart campus construction, university 'informationization', and resource and information sharing.

At the seminar, Im Sio

Kei, President of IPM, welcomed experts and scholars from the fields of higher education information in Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macau. He asked them to build a cooperation mechanism between the information technology departments of higher education institutions, so as to promote the exchange of technology.

Ji Fei, Director of the Information Network Engineering and Research Center of the South China University of Technology, and Wan Kam Meng, President of the Macao Computer Society, delivered speeches at the seminar. Representatives from Sun Yat-sen University, The Hong Kong University of Science and Technology, the University

of Macau, and the Macao Polytechnic Institute gave keynote speeches.

During the seminar, the higher education institutions prepared for signing the "Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macau University Smart Campus Alliance" agreement to build a smart campus alliance that would promote the sharing of resources and information for educational purposes.

The smart campus alliance is a professional alliance established under the framework of the Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macau University Alliance. The establishment of the professional alliance has actively responded to the call for Greater Bay Area development, according to the participating entities. **DB**

HONG KONG

FORMER CANADIAN LEADER HOSPITALIZED AS PRECAUTION

Former Canadian Prime Minister Jean Chretien was taken to the hospital as a precaution after falling ill in Hong Kong, where he was scheduled to speak at a conference on U.S.-China trade. Tung Chee-hwa, a former Hong Kong leader, said in opening remarks that Chretien arrived in the financial hub late Monday and was unwell. He gave no further details on his condition. A spokesman for Chretien did not immediately return a request for comment Monday evening in Ottawa. "As a precaution we have taken him to hospital," Tung told participants of the conference, hosted by the China United States Exchange Foundation and the China Center for International Economic Exchanges. Chretien is a prominent former prime minister and former head of Justin Trudeau's Liberal Party. He served as Canada's prime minister from 1993 to 2003.

GUANGZHOU

OVER 14,000 5G BASE STATIONS TO BE BUILT THIS YEAR

Guangzhou, capital of Guangdong Province, is accelerating the development of 5G and is expected to build 14,600 5G base stations by the end of this year, local authorities said yesterday. The number will exceed 65,000 by 2021, when Guangzhou will achieve uninterrupted 5G network coverage in main urban districts and key areas, according to the city's bureau of industry and information technology. The expansion of 5G network will boost the development of related industries in Guangzhou, such as electronic manufacturing and artificial intelligence, the value of which will top 800 billion yuan (USD116.24 billion) by 2021, it added. Chinese cities are adopting the 5G network to meet public demand. Guangzhou has built and opened 5,000 5G base stations as of the end of June. According to the China Academy of Information and Communications Technology, 5G technology is expected to create more than 8 million jobs by 2030.

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Dean of Faculty of Arts and Humanities

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The University of Macau (UM) is the only public comprehensive university in Macao. Leveraging this unique advantage, UM aims to establish itself as a world-class university with regional characteristics. In recent years, UM has seen a significant development in and a rising international recognition for its teaching, research, and community service. It has implemented a unique '4-in-1' education model that integrates discipline-specific education, general education, research and internship education, and community and peer education. Combining this model with the largest residential college system in Asia, UM provides all-round education to students. In addition, it recruits outstanding scholars from around the world to create a multilingual and multicultural learning environment for students. With the development of the Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area, and the new initiatives of the university to boost cutting-edge research and interdisciplinary programmes, UM embraces unprecedented opportunities for development, and offers bright career prospect to professionals in different areas.

The University of Macau sincerely invites applications for the position of the **Dean of Faculty of Arts and Humanities**.

The Faculty of Arts and Humanities

The University of Macau is committed to the development of academic disciplines in Arts and Humanities. With about 1,200 students, the Faculty offers high-quality undergraduate and post-graduate (MA and PhD) programmes in Chinese, English, Portuguese, Japanese, History, Philosophy and Religion. It is also an important contributor to the University-wide programmes in General Education, bringing essential elements of a holistic education to a wider university audience. Over 110 academic staff from diverse international backgrounds teach in the Faculty of Arts and Humanities, they not only bring academic knowledge and expertise to the classroom, but also experience of the practice and study of the Arts and Humanities. They have been actively engaging in productive and influential research programmes. More details about the Faculty of Arts and Humanities are available at <https://fah.um.edu.mo/>.

The Dean of Faculty of Arts and Humanities

The successful candidate should have considerable experience in faculty management, academic strategic planning, curriculum design, laboratory setup and research development, and must be highly committed to the pursuit of excellence in teaching, research and service.

In particular, the candidate should have the following credentials:

1. A PhD degree in a related discipline;
2. Full Professor or above, with a distinguished record of internationally-recognized research and scholarship;
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HONG KONG

Leader Carrie Lam says extradition bill is 'dead' as unrest continues

NATALIE LUNG, CAROL ZHONG & KARI LINDBERG

HONG Kong protest leaders vowed to return to the streets after the city's leader declared her controversial extradition bill "dead," suggesting her latest effort to resolve a weeks-long political crisis had backfired.

Demonstrators issued new calls for people to join their rallies despite Chief Executive Carrie Lam's acknowledgment yesterday that the legislation, which would for the first time allow extraditions to China, wouldn't get passed. Although it's the closest she's come to admitting defeat after an unprecedented wave of unrest - including the ransacking of the city legislature last week - she stopped short of agreeing to protesters' demand to withdraw the bill.

"The bill is dead," Lam told reporters yesterday in Hong Kong. "Our work on the extradition bill amendment is a complete failure."

Lam's refusal to formally retract the proposal left open the possibility that the government could revive it with 12 days' notice and provided a new rallying point for a protest movement that has persisted through

repeat marches, extreme heat and tear gas volleys from police. Opponents of the bill planned another rally Sunday in East New Territories district of Sha Tin, in an attempt to show support far from the city center.

"She's only putting oil on the fire," Civic Party lawmaker Kwok Ka-ki told reporters yesterday. "We will anticipate more outcry, more people coming out to the streets to demand for democracy in Hong Kong."

The legislation has helped unify the former British colony's once-fractured opposition, drawing hundreds of thousands into the streets and illustrating a source of domestic weakness for Chinese President Xi Jinping in the middle of a growing strategic struggle with the U.S. Lam's attempts to quiet the unrest - first "pausing" efforts to pass the legislation, then apologizing - have only fueled more protests.

Besides demanding the complete withdrawal of the bill, opponents want Lam to resign and drop charges against demonstrators arrested during police clashes. Protesters mustered one of the largest marches

ever in city's Kowloon district Sunday, even after the decision by some protesters to break into and vandalize the Legislative Council chamber drew widespread condemnation.

The turmoil has raised new questions about Hong Kong's long-term viability, almost halfway through China's 50-year promise to preserve capitalist markets and personal

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freedoms established by the British. Lam and her backers in Beijing so far appeared determined to hang on, or risk emboldening an opposition bent on slowing their agenda and securing a direct election for chief executive.

"Stepping down is not an easy thing," Lam said, in response to a question about whether she planned to resign. "I still have the enthusiasm and responsibility to serve the public.

I hope the public can give my team and myself a chance and space to implement a new administration style."

Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Geng Shuang said Beijing had "nothing new to add" since backing Lam's June 15 decision to suspend efforts to pass the legislation. "The Chinese central government already expressed our support, understanding and respect," Geng said.

The legislation would let Hong Kong enter one-time deals to transfer criminal suspects to various jurisdictions, including mainland China. The measure fanned worries among the business community and the city's democracy advocates about the erosion of the "one country, two systems" framework set up before Hong Kong's return to China.

Hong Kong's dollar fell back into the weak half of its trading band as traders predicted the city's recent liquidity squeeze is nearing its end, though there was no indication Lam's remarks had impacted the move.

Leaders of student groups that

have participated in recent protests also rejected an offer from Lam for public talks to reconcile their differences, saying any such meeting must focus on their core demands. Some activists pointed out that four of the five student leaders who Lam met with during a previous bout of mass protests in 2014, when she was the city's No. 2 official, were later prosecuted for their roles.

"Carrie Lam's invitation for dialogue is a trap," said Jimmy Sham, a leader of the Civil Human Rights Front, which has organized the biggest recent protests. "Carrie Lam said she has repeatedly reflected on her work and apologized, but a key thing she hasn't reflected on is that there's no one in Hong Kong who trusts her, and she hasn't contemplated why nobody has faith in her."

Lam has failed to heal divisions in the former British colony two years after taking over from her unpopular former boss, Leung Chun-ying, who was forced to forego seeking a second term due to widespread discontent. While Lam may have underestimated the opposition to her extradition bill, her task was complicated by the requirement to serve two masters - Hong Kong and Beijing - without a public vote to provide a mandate.

Billy Gung, a 27-year-old accountant who has attended the largest recent protests, said the extradition bill was a piece of the bigger political problem. "Even if the extradition law is dead, there will be other bills in the future that favor Beijing and are not in the interest of Hong Kong," Gung said. **BLOOMBERG**

BRANSON'S VIRGIN GALACTIC SPACE-TOURISM VENTURE TO GO PUBLIC

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CHRISTOPHER JASPER AND ANGUS WHITLEY

BILLIONAIRE Richard Branson's Virgin Galactic will become the world's first publicly traded space-tourism venture by merging with an investment firm listed in New York.

Social Capital Hedosophia will have a 49% stake in the combined business, according to a statement Tuesday. That will raise about \$800 million for Virgin Galactic as it nears its first commercial flight, a spokesman for the space company said. Social Capital Hedosophia shares advanced 2.6% in pre-market U.S. trading.

By merging with a listed entity, Virgin will bypass the need for an initial public offering, avoiding a costly investor roadshow and the challenge

of selling shares in a company whose plans were put on hold for four years in 2014 after a space-plane broke up mid-flight, killing one pilot and injuring another.

Branson said Virgin Galactic has made "great progress" in its test-flight program and is on track to begin commercial services, allowing it to "open space to more investors and thousands of new astronauts."

Social Capital Hedosophia has until September to use a pile of cash raised in 2017 or return it to investors. Its founder, Sri Lanka-born billionaire Chamath Palihapitiya, will also contribute \$100 million to the venture and become its chairman.

The share sale will help fund Virgin Galactic until its spaceships can operate and generate a profit. More than

\$1 billion has been raised since the company was founded in 2004, initially from Branson, with an Abu Dhabi investment company taking a stake in 2010. The entrepreneur suspended talks on a \$1 billion injection from Saudi Arabia last October following the murder of journalist Jamal Khashoggi.

Branson is one of several billionaires, including Amazon.com Inc. founder Jeff Bezos and Tesla Inc.'s Elon Musk, who are racing to send customers into space.

Virgin Galactic already has about 700 customers ready to pay at least \$250,000 for a 90-minute flight to the edge of space, allowing them to experience weightlessness and see the curvature of the Earth. Branson said in December that he expected to make his first flight some time in 2019,

followed by commercial clients.

The founder of Virgin Atlantic Airways and businesses spanning banking to gyms said in May that Virgin Galactic's development and testing program had advanced sufficiently to move its space vehicles and 100 staff to its Spaceport America operational base in New Mexico from a California test center.

The complex is close to completion with a hangar, offices, fuel farm, warehouse and antenna for telemetry and communications. A carrier aircraft and the spaceship VSS Unity - which replaced the VSS Enterprise destroyed in 2014 - will be moved there over the summer for final test flights before the start of full commercial services for passengers and research payloads. **BLOOMBERG**

THAILAND MINIMUM WAGE IS SET FOR SECOND INCREASE IN TWO YEARS



NATNICHA CHUWIRUCH

THAILAND is set to increase minimum wages for a second straight year as it looks to attract workers amid an aging population and shortage of labor in key industries.

A subcommittee to decide on the extent of increase will meet in the next one to two months to assess the revision based on the state of the economy and industries' competitiveness, Labor Ministry's Permanent Secretary Suthi Sukosol said in an interview Friday. It won't be long before a decision is made, the official said.

The increase was promised during political campaigns leading up to March's disputed elections. The military backed Palang Pracharath Party and Democrat Party - both part of the ruling coalition now - had promised as much as 40% and 25% minimum wage increase, respectively. Thailand last year boosted the national minimum wage for the first time since 2013 raising the daily range from about 2% to 7% to 208 baht (\$6.8) to 330 baht, respectively.

"Anything that was promised during campaigning is just given policies at a political level," Suthi said, when asked if it was likely the country's new government will act on campaign promises of an up to 40% wage jump. "Employers don't want to see it go up, but we are in a shortage of labor."

Construction firms are among those to be most affected by any potential wage increases, while the country's political uncertainty is seen to be a key risk for Thailand's economic outlook, which has already been hit by a slowdown in exports and tourism. **BLOOMBERG**

CORPORATE BITS

Wine Spectator recognizes Sands China F&B outlets



Influential American wine-rating body "Wine Spectator" has just released its latest accolade winners. About a dozen dining facilities located at Sands China properties have once again won the "Best of Award of Excellence"

commendations.

Winning restaurants include Portofino, North and Canton at The Venetian Macao; La Chine, Brasserie and Lotus Palace at The Parisian Macao; Copa Steakhouse and Golden Court at Sands

Macao; Dynasty 8 and Chiado at Sands Cotai Central; and Zi Yat Heen at Four Seasons Hotel Macao, Cotai Strip.

This is the seventh consecutive year Sands China has received the recognition.

Tom Connolly, Senior Vice President of Food and Beverage Operations, Sands China Ltd., commented, "In recent years, there has been huge growth in the number of quality of winemakers, and reflecting exciting new labels alongside classic favorites is as challenging as it is intriguing. We are thrilled these efforts have not passed unnoticed."

Wine Spectator began its programme to recognize the world's best wine lists in 1981.

GBA power industry summit held at JW Marriott Hotel



The 9th Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macau Power Industry Summit was held at JW Marriott Hotel Macau yesterday. The Summit is hosted by China Southern Power Grid Company Limited (CSG), CLP Holdings Limited (CLP) and Companhia de Electricidade de Macau - CEM. S.A. (CEM) in turns.

The first Summit was held in Macau in 2011. In 2012, China General Nuclear Power Corporation (CGN) joined the Summit.

The Summit has played an important role in the cooperation between power industries of Guangdong, Hong Kong and Macau. In the past nine years, the four companies in

the three regions have deepened cooperation and achieved fruitful results.

This year's Summit was themed on "A New Start for Cooperative Development", discussing the development opportunities and energy system of the Greater Bay Area.

In his speech, Fu Jianguo, Chairman of Board of Directors of CEM, said that power supply is the cornerstone of urbanization and economic development. As a power company deeply rooted in Macau with a sole concession, CEM has overcome various challenges with the rapid development of the city. In 2018, the supply reliability reached a world-class level of 99.9998%.



Sarah Keklak, archaeology lab manager for the city of Boston, sorts samples as the first historical excavation takes place in Boston's Chinatown

ARCHAEOLOGISTS BEGIN FIRST EXCAVATIONS OF BOSTON'S CHINATOWN

WILLIAM J. KOLE, BOSTON

BOSTON is literally digging its Chinatown. City archaeologist Joe Bagley yesterday [Macau time] launched the first excavations in Boston's Chinatown, and he expects the dig to turn up artifacts that will shed new light on immigrants — not only those from China but also Syria, Ireland and England who sought

new lives in Boston from 1840 to 1980.

Work began at a vacant lot near the ornate gate to the colorful neighborhood. It's expected to continue until early autumn.

"We're excited to conduct the first archaeological dig in Boston's historic Chinatown," said Mayor Marty Walsh. "Boston is a city of immigrants, and this is an important piece of Boston's history."

Over the years, Boston has unearthed hundreds of archaeological sites.

"Digging into Boston's past is an exciting experience," said Bagley, who has led recent excavations of an outhouse next to Paul Revere's home and the boyhood home of civil rights activist Malcolm X.

Carole Mooney, a volunteer, sifted through topsoil at the site and found pieces of porcelain, other pottery and brick. "It all helps tell

the story," she said.

Organizers say the property owner, residents of Chinatown, the Chinese Historical Society of New England and residents of Boston's Syrian community are involved in the dig.

In the late 1800s, the neighborhood — now popular with tourists for its restaurants and groceries — drew thousands of newcomers attracted by cheap housing and plentiful warehouse

jobs in the adjacent Leather District.

Because the area was underwater until around 1830, researchers don't expect to find much of interest prior to then, Mooney said.

But this is Boston, so you never know.

"At the Malcolm X dig, we found a cannonball," she said. "It shouldn't have been there — we still aren't sure how it got there — but there it was." AP

TRADE WAR

Beijing eyes Trump's 2020 strategy for clues on deal

As the U.S. and China prepare to restart trade talks, few in Beijing see a clear pathway to a lasting deal.

Pessimism dominated in conversations last week with about a dozen bureaucrats, government advisers and researchers in China's capital following the latest truce between Presidents Donald Trump and Xi Jinping. Most saw Trump's election strategy as being the paramount factor for whether a deal was possible in the short term.

"Trump's biggest aim is reelection in 2020," said Wei Jianguo, former vice minister of commerce and now a vice chairman of the China Cen-

ter for International Economic Exchanges. "All of his actions are aimed toward it."

More than a year after Trump first levied punitive tariffs on Beijing, the conflict between the world's two-largest economies has only widened as both Trump and Xi face political pressure to resist key demands from the other side. Slowing growth and threats against major companies from both countries have further raised the stakes heading into next year.

Many Chinese officials were reluctant to discuss the 2020 election out of fears they could be accused of Russian-style meddling. Yet two schools of thought

emerged on Trump's political calculus.

One was that he must deliver a deal on China heading into 2020 to please his base, and would therefore eventually relent to Beijing's demands. The other was that he would drag things out through the campaign, particularly if the economy and stock market held up, since he faced a field of Democrats who basically agree with on getting tough with China.

Despite all Trump's provocations over the past few years, some in China actually think he'll give them a better deal. Trump is a pragmatist, this argument goes, and after he wins re-election he wou-

ld rather make friends with China than keep battling.

This view reflects deep-seated concerns among some in the Chinese establishment about the Democrats — and particularly former presidential candidate Hillary Clinton, who served as secretary of state for four years during the Obama administration.

"The Chinese people and think tanks have had impression of Democrats and Hillary Clinton," said Wei, the former vice commerce minister. "The biggest problem with Trump is that he is unpredictable and doesn't always do what he said he will do, but he gives the impression of being someone

you can deal with."

Still, another prevalent concern is whether Trump is too unpredictable to trust. While the Democrats traditionally care focus more on human rights and collaborate with allies to pressure Beijing, overall they treat China with respect and work through established institutions.

"I don't think Xi would like to see Trump re-elected," said Shi Yinhong, a foreign affairs adviser to the State Council and director of Renmin University's Center on American Studies in Beijing. "Any Democrat would be less brutal."

No matter what happens in 2020, though, most in Bei-

jing agreed that China needs to be prepared for a protracted confrontation. There are many reasons to think that's wise.

Chinese and American negotiators have yet to sit down for face-to-face meetings since Xi and Trump shook hands on a truce. Before they do, they'll first need to figure out where to pick up the pieces.

Both sides differ publicly on how the talks broke down in early May, and Trump's moves since then to both raise tariffs and blacklist telecom equipment giant Huawei Technologies Co. have narrowed the space for Xi to maneuver. BLOOMBERG

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US prosecutor: Death penalty warranted in scholar's killing

THE legal battle over whether a former University of Illinois doctoral student should live or die for the kidnapping and slaying of a Chinese scholar began with a prosecutor yesterday [Macau time] telling jurors that the crime was so vicious that the death penalty is warranted.

"It was cold, calculated, cruel and months in the making," Assistant U.S. Attorney James Nelson told jurors on Monday afternoon.

Reminding jurors that Brent Christensen has never revealed what he did with Yingying

Zhang's body after he brutally killed and decapitated her in June of 2017, Nelson spoke of what that has meant to the still-suffering family of the young woman.

"There will be no burial. There will be no closure," he told the jury that last month found Christensen guilty. "You will see the anguish."

But The (Champaign) News-Gazette reported that in the effort to convince jurors to spare the 30-year-old Christensen's life, a court-appointed attorney called

by the defense attorneys tried to convey to them that a sentence of life in prison without the possibility of punishment is enough.

Christensen "will die in prison,

"There will be no burial. There will be no closure."

JAMES NELSON

alone, with strangers," said Julie Brain. "The only question that remains is when his death occurs — at the end of his natural life or at a

date the government chooses."

Defense attorneys were expected to detail Christensen's mental problems in the hopes of convincing the jury to spare Christensen's life and Brain did just that. She explained how Christensen has struggled with mental health issues such as night terrors and debilitating migraine headaches his whole life. And she told of how Christensen did not get the help he needed when he sought mental health treatment at the U of I.

The opening statements come af-

ter a morning hearing in which the judge told the attorneys he would allow jurors to watch videos made by Zhang's mother, several of her friends, as well as watch a video that shows Zhang singing.

The beginning of the penalty phase of Christensen's trial comes days after the same jury found Christensen guilty. During the current hearing, Christensen's attorneys — who acknowledged at the beginning of the trial that Christensen was guilty — will argue that their client's life should be spared.

They are expected to tell jurors that Christensen knew his homicidal fantasies months before he killed Zhang weren't right and sought help from U of I mental health counselors. They have alleged the school didn't do enough to help.

But prosecutors have already during trial told jurors that Christensen in June 2017 kidnapped Zhang from a bus stop, took her into his apartment in a duffel bag where he raped, stabbed and choked her before beating her to death with a baseball bat.

They could use that information to show Christensen's meticulous planning of the crime and how he even seemed to express pride in what he had done to argue for the death penalty — something Zhang's family members already have said they support.

On Monday, the judge also said he would allow jurors to hear a recording of a phone call that Christensen made from jail. Prosecutors told the judge Monday that Christensen asserts his innocence — something The (Champaign) News-Gazette reports that prosecutors want jurors to hear because they believe it shows Christensen's lack of remorse.

The 30-year-old Christensen could testify during the hearing that is expected to last several days. If he does, one big question is whether he will reveal what he did with Zhang's body, which has never been found, as part of an effort to convince jurors to spare his life and sentence him instead to life in prison without the possibility of parole. **AP**

QIAO JIANJUN

Swedish court will not extradite fugitive sought by China

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SWEDEN'S top court said yesterday it won't extradite a fugitive to China, saying he risks the death penalty, torture or degrading treatment that would violate the European Convention on Human Rights.

The Supreme Court said the extradition of Qiao Jianjun "cannot take place," adding it had informed the Swedish government of its

ruling. There was no immediate reaction from the government.

Qiao, a former head of a grain storage facility in China, is accused of money laundering and embezzling millions of dollars, among other offenses.

He was initially detained in Sweden in August 2018 at China's request. He was released June 19 but detained again five days later at the request of the U.S. and remains detained pending a

decision on whether he can be extradited there. In the United States, Qiao is wanted for money laundering in California in 2015.

"There is a risk that in China, he will be subjected to persecution for political reasons" and "will be sentenced to death and be subjected to torture or inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment," the court said in its ruling.

"It is probable" that Qiao who had been opposing

extradition, committed the alleged crimes in 2011, estimated to be worth up to 290 million kronor (\$31 million), it said.

When Qiao was released in June, China's ambassador to Sweden, Gui Congyou, criticized the decision, telling Sweden's Expressen daily it was "inconceivable" he was released "based on speculation that he might be treated badly or risk the death penalty. It is disrespectful to the law."

The Swedish Foreign Ministry declined to comment on the issue.

Qiao who is also known as Feng Li, left China in 2011, moved to the United States and became a citizen of Saint Kitts and Nevis in 2012. He later moved to Sweden where he sought asylum in March 2019. No decision about his asylum bid has been made, according to a court document.

Swedish broadcaster SVT said he has been living in

Sweden under a different name since 2015.

Relations between Stockholm and Beijing have been tense in past years.

China has rebuked Sweden for demanding the release of Hong Kong-based bookseller Gui Minhai, a naturalized Swedish citizen who was taken off a train by police in eastern China in January 2018 while in the company of two Swedish diplomats with whom he was traveling to Beijing. **AP**

INDONESIA RETURNING 57 CONTAINERS OF DEVELOPED WORLD'S WASTE

INDONESIA is sending dozens of containers of waste back to Western nations after finding it was contaminated with used diapers, plastic and other materials, adding to a growing backlash in Southeast Asia against being a dumping ground for the developed world's rubbish.

The Directorate General of Customs said yesterday that 49 containers in Batam port near Singapore will be returned to Australia, the U.S., France, Germany and Hong Kong.

Separately, the head of customs at East Java's Tanjung Perak port, Basuki Suryanto, said eight other containers with 210 tons of waste that arrived from Australia last month were supposed to contain only paper but included diapers, plastic bottles and oil packaging.

China recently banned the import of plastic waste, resulting in more being sent to Southeast Asia. **AP**

SRI LANKA

GOV'T TO SLASH AIRLINE CHARGES TO HELP BOOST TOURISM

BHARATHA MALLAWARACHI,
COLOMBO

SRI Lanka's government announced yesterday it will reduce ground handling charges for airlines and slash aviation fuel prices and embarkation fees to help the country's vital tourism industry recover after Easter suicide bombings killed more than 250 people.

Tourism Minister John Amarantunga said the decision will lead to an increase in flights to Sri Lanka and a reduction in ticket prices, which will attract more tourists to the Indian Ocean island nation, famed for its pristine beaches.

Seven suicide bombers from a local Muslim group, National Thowheed Jammath, attacked three churches and three luxury hotels on April 21, killing 258 people, including 45 foreigners mainly from China, India, the U.S. and Britain.

Tourist arrivals declined 57% in June from a year earlier, dealing a severe blow to the tourism industry, the country's third-largest

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foreign currency earner after remittances from overseas workers and textile and garment exports.

The cuts in charges and fees will be in place for six months, said Johanne Jayaratne, head of the government's tourism development agency.

About 2.3 million tourists visited Sri Lanka in 2018, when 29 airlines offered 300 flights per week. After the April 21 attacks, 41 flights per week were cancelled,

amounting to a loss of 8,000 passenger seats. Several airlines have reinstated their normal schedules since then, but others have not.

Dimuthu Tennakoon, chairman of the Board of Airline Representatives, said the government decision will encourage airlines to increase their capacity and offer attractive fares.

"That will definitely happen with this reduction because fuel

and ground handling contribute a significant percentage of the total cost element of any airline," he said.

Tourism accounts for 4.9% of Sri Lanka's GDP. Around half a million Sri Lankans depend directly on tourism and 2 million indirectly.

The government currently predicts \$3.7 billion in revenue from tourism this year, down from an initial forecast of \$5 billion. **AP**

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TRADE

Japan says it won't discuss or retract S. Korea export rules

MARI YAMAGUCHI & KIM TONG-HYUNG, TOKYO

JAPAN said yesterday it does not plan to retract or renegotiate its stricter controls on high-tech exports to South Korea, a day after the South Korean president urged that the issue be resolved through diplomacy.

Tokyo tightened the approval process for Japanese shipments of photoresists and other sensitive materials to South Korean companies last week.

Japanese officials say such materials can be exported only to trustworthy trading partners, hinting at security risks without citing specific cases. They have rejected suggestions that the move was driven by a worsening in ties between the two countries related to historical issues.

"The measure is not a subject for consultation and we have no intention of withdrawing it either," Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga said at a news conference.

He was responding to South Ko-



rean President Moon Jae-in's appeal for a diplomatic solution through "sincere" bilateral discussions, urging Tokyo to withdraw what he described as a politically motivated measure.

Moon said Monday his country would be forced to take countermeasures if the restrictions on materials used mainly in semiconductors and displays cause damage to South Korean companies. The trade curbs

have raised concern over possible disruptions for South Korean manufacturers and global supply chains, he said.

South Korea's Trade Ministry says Seoul plans to file a complaint with the World Trade Organization.

Japan's trade measures followed recent South Korean court rulings ordering Japanese companies to compensate South Korean plaintiffs for forced labor during World War II.

The export restrictions cover fluorinated polyimides, which are used in organic light-emitting diode (OLED) screens for TVs and smartphones, and photoresist and hydrogen fluoride, used for making semiconductors.

Japanese officials say those chemicals are sensitive materials that could be used in fighter jets, radars and chemical weapons. They say the decision to tighten export controls was based on a lack of trust that posed a risk to national security.

They haven't elaborated on the alleged security risks, but Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and his ultra-conservative aides have hinted there may have been illegal transfers of sensitive materials from South Korea to North Korea.

"South Korea says it is adequately abiding by the sanctions and that it is properly carrying out export controls. But South Korea, with its handling of the former Korean wartime laborers issues, clearly demonstrated that it is a country that does not keep promises. Naturally, we have to assume it also fails to keep promises on

export controls," Abe said Sunday on a Fuji Television talk show.

On another Fuji talk show last week, Koichi Hagiuda, a senior lawmaker in Abe's Liberal Democratic Party, said some chemical exports were unaccounted for. A day later, former defense minister Itsunori Onodera mentioned a South Korean newspaper report in May about illegal shipments of sensitive materials that could have ended up in North Korea and Iran via third countries. It did not cite any sources.

South Korea denied the allegations, summoning a Japanese embassy official to protest Abe's suggestion that it could not be trusted to faithfully implement sanctions against North Korea, Foreign Ministry spokesman Kim In-chul said yesterday.

South Korean officials say there is no evidence to back up such claims and that Seoul has been properly implementing international sanctions against the North over its nuclear weapons program.

Sung Yun-mo, South Korea's Minister of Trade, Industry and Energy, said yesterday that an "emergency inspection" of companies that process and export the chemicals imported from Japan found no sign of illegal transactions allowing them to reach North Korea or any other country affected by United Nations sanctions. He said only Japan had questioned the credibility of South Korean export controls. AP



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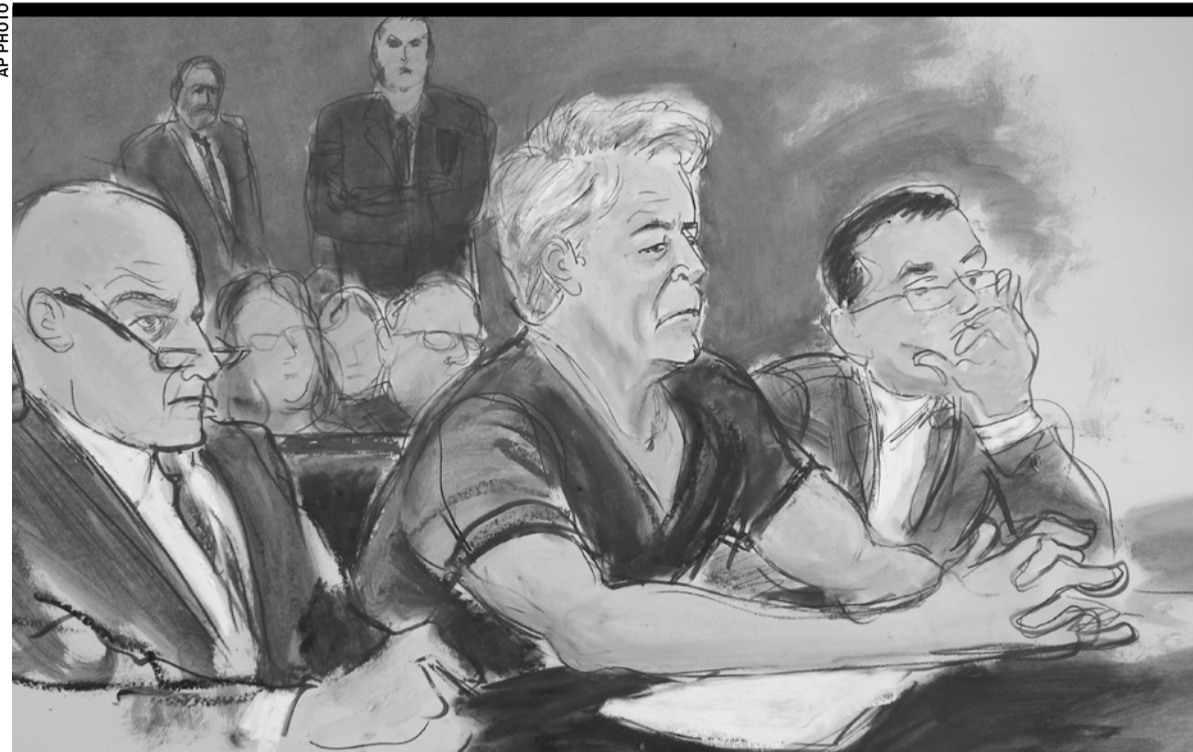
IN a startling reversal of fortune, billionaire financier Jeffrey Epstein was charged yesterday [local time] with sexually abusing dozens of underage girls in a case brought more than a decade after he secretly cut a deal with federal prosecutors to dispose of nearly identical allegations.

The 66-year-old hedge fund manager who once socialized with some of the world's most powerful people was charged in a newly unsealed federal indictment with sex trafficking and conspiracy during the early 2000s. He could get up to 45 years in prison if convicted.

The case sets the stage for another #MeToo-era trial fraught with questions of wealth and influence. Epstein's powerful friends over the years have included President Donald Trump, former President Bill Clinton and Britain's Prince Andrew.

Prosecutors said the evidence against Epstein included a "vast trove" of hundreds or even thousands of lewd photographs of young women or girls, discovered in a weekend search of his New York City mansion. Authorities also found papers and phone records corroborating the alleged crimes, and a massage room still set up the way accusers said it appeared, prosecutors said.

Epstein, who was arrested Saturday as he arrived in the U.S. from Paris aboard his pri-



In this courtroom sketch, defendant Jeffrey Epstein (center) sits with his attorneys during his arraignment

vate jet, was brought into court Monday in a blue jail uniform, his hair disheveled, and pleaded not guilty. He was jailed for a bail hearing next Monday, when prosecutors plan to argue that the rich world traveler might flee if released.

His lawyers argued that the sex-crime allegations had been settled in 2008 with a plea agreement in Florida that was overseen by Alexander Acosta, who was the U.S. attorney in Miami at the time and is now Trump's labor secretary.

"This is ancient stuff," Epstein attorney Reid Weingarten

said in court, calling the case essentially a "redo" by the government.

But U.S. Attorney Geoffrey Berman of New York said that the non-prosecution agree-

[Epstein created] 'a vast network of underage victims for him to sexually exploit'

ment that spared Epstein from a heavy prison sentence a decade ago is binding only on federal prosecutors in Florida, not

on authorities in New York.

The alleged victims "deserve their day in court," Berman said. "We are proud to be standing up for them by bringing this indictment."

Epstein was accused in the indictment of paying underage girls hundreds of dollars in cash for massages and then molesting them at his homes in Palm Beach, Florida, and New York from 2002 through 2005.

He "intentionally sought out minors and knew that many of his victims were in fact under the age of 18," prosecutors said. He also paid some of

his victims to recruit additional girls, creating "a vast network of underage victims for him to sexually exploit," prosecutors said.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Alex Rossmiller said that while there is some overlap between the Florida and New York cases, one of the counts is based entirely on New York victims.

Federal authorities said new accusers have come forward since Epstein's arrest, and they urged other possible victims to contact the FBI.

Some of Epstein's accusers welcomed the indictment.

"The news of my abuser's arrest today is a step in the right direction to finally hold Epstein accountable for his crimes and restore my faith that power and money can't triumph over justice," Sarah Ransome said through her lawyer.

Prosecutors in New York are seeking the forfeiture of Epstein's mansion, a seven-story, 21,000-square-foot townhouse less than a block from Central Park. The home, formerly a prep school, is across the street from a home owned by Bill Cosby and has been valued at approximately USD77 million.

Epstein's arrest came amid increased #MeToo-era scrutiny of the 2008 non-prosecution agreement, which caused a furor in recent years as the details came to light, many of them exposed in a series of stories by The Miami Herald.

Under the deal, Epstein was allowed to plead guilty to state charges of soliciting a minor for prostitution. He avoided a possible life sentence and served 13 months in jail, during which he was allowed out to go to his office during the day. The deal also required that he reach financial settlements with dozens of his alleged victims and register as a sex offender. **AP**

Facebook US data transfer case goes to Europe's top court

KELVIN CHAN, LONDON

AN Austrian privacy campaigner's long-running legal battle against Facebook over its data transfers to the U.S. reached the European Union's highest court yesterday.

The European Court of Justice was hearing arguments on whether Facebook's Dublin-based subsidiary can legally transfer users' personal data to the U.S. parent company.

A decision, which is expected by the end of the year, could have far-reaching im-



plications for social media companies and thousands of EU businesses that send customer data to places like the U.S.

Privacy campaigner Max Schrems launched the case in 2013 after former NSA contractor Edward Snowden revealed the extent of elec-

tronic surveillance by U.S. security agencies, including the disclosure that Facebook gave the agencies access to the personal data of Europeans.

Schrems, concerned that his personal information was at risk, had challenged the data transfers through the courts in Ireland, where Facebook's European business is headquartered.

The Irish Data Commissioner issued a preliminary decision that the transfers may be illegal because so-called "standard contractual clauses" that govern data trans-

fers don't adequately protect consumers' data privacy. The clauses are data protection agreements approved by the EU's executive Commission in which businesses commit to abiding by the bloc's stringent privacy standards, including protecting personal data.

The Irish authorities eventually asked the ECJ, which is based in Luxembourg and is the EU's top court, for a ruling on whether these contractual clauses comply with European rules.

Schrems doesn't have a problem with the agreements

per se but said the commissioner can, under the law, take a more measured approach by halting data transfers in individual cases, like Facebook's.

Facebook said the agreements are vital tools for companies.

"Standard Contractual Clauses provide important safeguards to ensure that Europeans' data are protected once transferred overseas," the social network's associate general counsel, Jack Gilbert, said in a statement. They "enable thousands of Europeans to do business worldwide." **AP**

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Offbeat

PHILLY GOT PATTI LABELLE'S NAME WRONG ON HONORARY STREET



Philadelphia honored singer Patti LaBelle with her very own street last week. Unfortunately, the signs didn't get her name right.

The city's Streets Department didn't capitalize the "b" in the legendary soul singer's last name on the signs that were put up before Tuesday's ceremony on Broad Street. A stretch between Locust and Spruce streets was renamed "Patti LaBelle Way" in honor of the Philadelphia native.

City spokeswoman Deana Gamble tells The Philadelphia Inquirer the city is aware of the error and plans to install signs with the correct capitalization next week.

A sign that LaBelle autographed and held during the ceremony had the correct spelling.

She thanked all the fans who came out to the ceremony and reminisced about her parents walking down that very stretch of Broad Street.

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13:30	Telejornal RTPi (Diferido)
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04 - 10 Jul



SPIDER-MAN: FAR FROM HOME

ROOM 1

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

Director: Jon Watts

Starring: Zendaya, Angourie Rice, Tom Holland

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

TOY STORY 2

ROOM 2

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

Director: josh cooley

Starring: Will Smith, Mena Massoud, Naomi Scott

Language: Chinese

Duration: 109min

MEN IN BLACK: INTERNATIONAL

ROOM 2

9:30pm

Director: F. Gary Gray

Starring: Tom Hanks, Tim Allen, Annie Potts

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



1940 LUFTWAFFE LAUNCHES BATTLE OF BRITAIN

The German Air Force, the Luftwaffe, has mounted a series of attacks on shipping convoys off the south-east coast of England.

It is the first major assault by the Luftwaffe and is being seen as what the Prime Minister, Winston Churchill, dubbed in a speech three weeks ago as the beginning of the "Battle of Britain".

Although heavily outnumbered, the British fighter pilots put up a fierce fight and succeeded in driving off the attackers.

The Air Ministry says they inflicted "the greatest damage on the German air force since bombing raids on this country began".

In total the Air Ministry says 14 enemy aircraft were shot down and 23 more were severely damaged.

Two British fighters were lost, but the pilot of one survived and is safe.

The bombing raids began at dawn hitting airfields along the south and east coasts of England.

But the main attacks took place offshore later in the day, when two shipping convoys were targeted. The first was at 1100 hours off Manston and at 1325 hours a large force of about 120 enemy aircraft approached a convoy between Dover and Dungeness.

Spitfire pilots went into the attack shooting down a number of German Messerschmitts, Me110s and Me109s. Exact numbers are difficult to verify but it seems at least nine planes were shot down.

On landing the Spitfire pilots said when they made their last attack and came round again to carry on the fight the sky was clear of German aircraft.

Towards evening Hurricane pilots sighted nine Heinkel bombers protected by more than 50 fighters attempting to attack shipping off the east coast. The bombers were surrounded by two rings of Messerschmitts - but the Hurricanes broke through and attacked the bombers shooting down at least two.

People watching from the south-east coast say the first sign of the attack was when a wave of about 20 German bombers with a similar number of support fighters dived out of the clouds.

They rained bombs down on a convoy of ships, but did not hit. A second wave of bombers and fighters followed but before a second load of bombs could be released, the ships opened fire with their anti-aircraft guns.

At this moment, a flight of Spitfires appeared and flew straight into the middle of the German formation - hitting one bomber which crashed into the sea.

It appears the intensity of the attack took the Germans by surprise and completely destroyed their formation.

One eye-witness told The Times newspaper: "I saw 10 machines crash into the sea, they included bombers and fighters. The range of operations was too extensive to see everything, for it was over land and sea.

"The British fighters were fewer than the Messerschmitts sent to protect the bombers, but the superiority of our airmen and machines was most convincing."

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

Following the evacuation of the British Expeditionary Force (BEF) from Dunkirk, Adolf Hitler had Britain in his sights. On 16 July 1940 he ordered preparations for the invasion of Britain codenamed Operation Sealion.

Britain retained naval superiority and Hitler knew that an amphibious invasion would be made easier if Germany could establish control of the air in the battle zone.

The battle for control of the skies became known as the Battle of Britain.

The Luftwaffe had the clear advantage - 750 long-range and 250 dive bombers, 600 single-engined and 150 twin-engined fighters - significantly more than RAF Fighter Command's 600 planes.

But the Luftwaffe was hampered by an inconsistent plan of action whereas the British forces were well prepared. Radar technology - being used for the first time in battle - gave plenty of notice of the German bombing raids.

The air attacks were initially focussed on British shipping, ports and airfields along the English Channel but gradually the battle moved inland.

The Germans stepped up their bombing raids in August and targeted London. Britain retaliated by bombing Berlin.

The German forces were losing bombers quicker than they could replace them and so they switched to night-time raids which continued until March 1941.

Britain had won the Battle of Britain - and Operation Sealion was postponed until further notice.

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YOUR STARS

ARIES
Mar. 21-Apr. 19
There is a huge risk that someone will overreact to something you say today (or that you will overreact to something you hear). But don't try to censor yourself to prevent a blowup.

TAURUS
Apr. 20-May. 20
Instead of hitting the clubs with friends, taking that trip or attending that party, you should enjoy a quiet night in. Let everyone else get out and boogie down while you settle in with a movie and your favorite kind of pizza.

GEMINI
May. 21-Jun. 21
Working in a group today will require that you tightly budget your time and energy. Otherwise, you could run out of gas before you reach your destination. Make sure everyone understands what needs to happen.

CANCER
Jun. 22-Jul. 22
There are a lot of emotions, ideas and hopes swimming around in your head right now, and they are giving you a blast of physical strength that will carry you through the entire day.

LEO
Jul. 23-Aug. 22
Everyone is so proud of you, and while you might not be privy to everything they have been saying about you, it is definitely all good stuff! Try to organize a casual get-together (a pizza dinner at your place).

VIRGO
Aug. 23-Sep. 22
There will be plenty of help offered to you today, but you don't have to take it if you don't want it. The only thing you have to avoid is refusing aid on the basis of shame or embarrassment.

LIBRA
Sep. 23-Oct. 22
Join a group of people who are working to make your world more beautiful! And if you can't find a group, become your neighborhood's one-person beautification crew.

SCORPIO
Oct. 23-Nov. 21
Exploring your surroundings will help you expand your mind - and activate your creative juices. The great outdoors is a great place to find a great new idea.

SAGITTARIUS
Nov. 22-Dec. 21
Today, speak up if you are feeling like a doormat. It's sad but true that sometimes the only way to get respect is to demand it. In a public situation, you might feel too scared to make a scene, but who says you have to?

CAPRICORN
Dec. 22-Jan. 19
Be mindful of your role in every conversation, and try to be a force for mutual respect. You will have to take the high road today. There will soon be a day for you to get some things off your chest.

AQUARIUS
Jan. 20-Feb. 18
Try to add more exercise to your daily routine. Your corporeal self is much more malleable than your emotional self right now, and you might as well make the best of this situation.

PISCES
Feb. 19-Mar. 20
This is a very fruitful time of life for you, but you have to be the one to make the first move. Put yourself in the spotlight. You are sure to get a standing ovation every time.

The Born Loser by Chip Sansom



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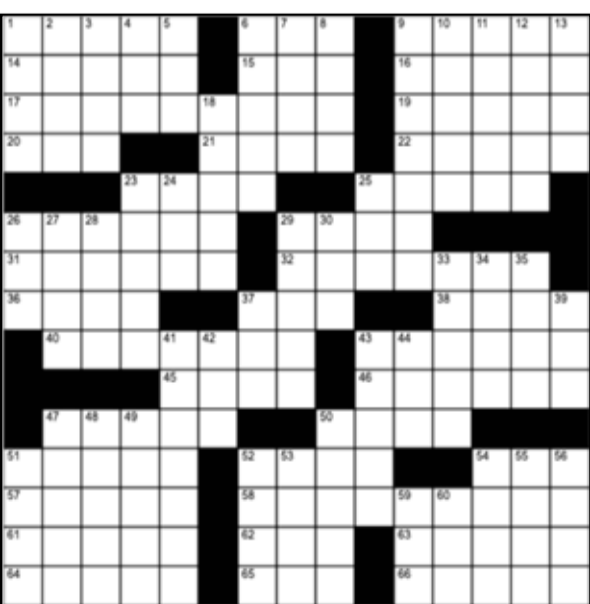
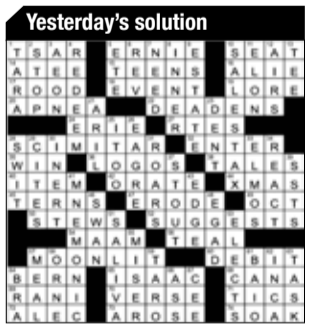
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Tianjin	27	39	clear
Urumqi	23	33	clear
Xi'an	22	34	cloudy
Lhasa	12	22	drizzle
Chengdu	21	24	shower
Chongqing	24	28	drizzle
Kunming	18	27	shower
Nanjing	23	30	cloudy
Shanghai	22	28	overcast
Wuhan	25	30	drizzle
Hangzhou	24	28	drizzle
Taipei	26	30	drizzle
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- Orgs.; 6- Fleur-de-___; 9- Destined; 14- Conical shelter; 15- Addams Family cousin; 16- Man from Muscat; 17- Every 21 days; 19- Keep happening; 20- Toward the stern; 21- Strike out; 22- "I Hated, Hated, Hated This Movie" author; 23- Not base; 25- Put on cloud nine; 26- Ogle; 29- Alas!; 31- Accessories; 32- Mischievous; 36- Delves; 37- FWIW part; 38- I smell ___; 40- Blind; 43- Reddish brown; 45- Acceptable; 46- Customer; 47- Disputed matter; 50- Shake hands with; 51- Lugged; 52- I'd hate to break up ___; 54- Perfect number; 57- Ludicrous; 58- Government of a despot; 61- Pub orders; 62- Rock's ___ Speedwagon; 63- Drying ovens; 64- Time's 1977 Man of the Year; 65- Old hand; 66- Tea type;

DOWN: 1- ___ boy!; 2- Lord's worker; 3- Roasting rod; 4- Innovative; 5- Wait's partner; 6- Enjoyed; 7- ___ do; 8- Eye problem; 9- Quadraped's front; 10- Low life?; 11- Be silent, in music; 12- Accustom; 13- Grime; 18- Prepares for publication; 23- Got out of bed; 24- Able to; 25- Grounded bird; 26- Young fellow; 27- Actress Falco; 28- Nervously irritable; 29- Unable to sit still; 30- Holds; 33- Nun wear; 34- Loyal; 35- Aggregate of fibers; 37- This ___ stickup!; 39- Blaster's need; 41- Noisiest; 42- ___ out a living; 43- Vinegary prefix; 44- Suffix with glob; 47- Ancient Greek colony; 48- Rise to one's feet; 49- Actress Berger; 50- I agree!; 51- Rewards for waiting; 52- Seniors' org.; 53- Plaintiff; 54- Assignment; 55- Prefix with plasm; 56- AMEX counterpart; 59- Eddie Murphy's Axel Foley, for one;



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- Kiang Wu Hospital 28 371 333
- Commission Against Corruption (CCAC) 28326 300
- IAM 28 387 333
- Tourism 28 333 000
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Looking Beyond
From The Creator's Eyes

Upon entering MGM COTAI, stepping on the sleek marble flooring and down the path to the darling tendencies of exploration in the striking visual design of Jennifer Wen Ma, you will be standing right in the middle of a heartstring pulling experience.



When art piece is always a stand-alone masterpiece object, *A Metamorphosis: No End to End* enlightened a whole new concept on it, visualizing that art should not be confined to one single object or displayed in a museum where you used to. At MGM COTAI, we let you peek through the impossible and into the inner mind of contemporary art. The immense Spectacle combines contemporary ink painting and innovation paper-cutting techniques to create an interior garden setting, taking Ma's creativity to its extreme.



Ma's wondrous creation — *A Metamorphosis: No End to End*, has made full use of the prodigious space of the Spectacle. She surprised people with not only black ink on white paper but also with pops of colors radiating off the prism by the sunlight shining through the largest free-span grid-shell glazed roof of the Spectacle. Every square feet, every corner, every possible space found is showcasing the endless changes of how incredible it can be as the garden and public space immerse together as one art piece.



One creator alone cannot create *A Metamorphosis: No End to End* but THREE. The artist, MGM and YOU are the creators. The public themselves help to build this delicate, ephemeral art out of paper, fusing aspect of Chinese art with contemporary approach. Ma's creation allows the public to have diversified viewing experience. It alters with altitude, and different moments of a day at the Spectacle. When paper, ink and space can only fuel a three-dimensional environment, now a fourth dimension is achieved with the live objects — YOU. Raising your head, you will find yourself admiring the abstract soaring butterflies, interacting with the artwork, through the walking paths, wandering at the garden with hollow papers cut into shape of grass surrounding you. The garden's color intergraded with artificial and natural lightings present an entirely different sensory experience beyond imagination.



ALASKA NATIVE GIRL LEADS ANIMATED KIDS TV SHOW IN US FIRST

PRINCESS Daazhraii Johnson grew up eating dried salmon and moose-head soup — foods labeled weird by other kids who had no understanding of her culture and traditions. Now the Fairbanks woman and other Alaska Natives are presenting their world to a general audience with “Molly of Denali,” the nation’s first-ever children’s series featuring indigenous leads. The animated show, which premieres July 15 on PBS Kids, highlights the adventures of a 10-year-old Athabascan girl, Molly Mabray. Her family owns the Denali Trading Post in the fictitious community of Qyah, whose residents are both Native and non-Native.



FREEFORM SUPPORTS HALLE BAILEY'S ARIEL CASTING AMID BACKLASH

A Disney-owned cable network has taken aim at critics who disagreed with the decision to cast Halle Bailey as Ariel in the upcoming adaption of “The Little Mermaid.” Bailey is half of the sister duo Chloe x Halle. She will star in the live-action version that will include songs from the 1989 animated Disney hit as well as new tunes from original composer Alan Menken and “Hamilton” creator Lin-Manuel Miranda. Bailey will join Jacob Tremblay and Awkwafina in the film.



FEAR, GLORY FOR SPAIN'S MOUNTED BULLFIGHTERS

Of all the traditions surrounding the world of bullfighting, the “rejoneo” — mounted bullfighting — is among the least understood. Those who love it consider it a skilled art form. Others see it as a cruel and bloody crime for the sake of entertainment. Some also believe that the “rejoneador,” mounted on a horse and armed with his lance, takes a more cowardly approach to bullfighting compared to the traditional matador, who faces his victim-to-be on foot. Nothing is farther from reality, says Roberto Armendáriz, a 33 year-old “rejoneador” who says he feels “a great deal of responsibility” every time he steps out into the bullring with one of his highly trained stallions. There’s also much fear to confront, says Armendáriz, who performed last weekend in the bullring of his native Pamplona, the city hosting Spain’s annual running of the bull races during the famed San Fermin festival that inspired American writer Ernest Hemingway.



GRAND OLE OPRY TOURS GET UPDATED WITH NEW IMMERSIVE FILM

The backstage of the Grand Ole Opry, a radio staple since 1925, is a place where you might run into your favorite country star, drop a letter in a singer’s mailbox or take a peek inside a dressing room where an impromptu jam session is happening. Every year, 1 million people come to the Opry House in Nashville, Tennessee, to see a performance, or event, or take one of the backstage tours that allow fans to see behind the red curtain on the “show that made country music famous.” And a new feature this year on those tours is an immersive film that explains the history of the unique institution while showing video clips of over 100 different artists on stage. The 14-minute film is hosted by Garth Brooks and Trisha Yearwood and is projected onto three screens inside the new Circle Room, which is the first stop for fans on the Opry’s daily tours. Country singer Jeannie Sealey is coming up on her 52nd year as a member of the Grand Ole Opry, one of only three living female artists who have been members longer than 50 years. The singer who had a hit with “Don’t Touch Me” in 1966, has seen the radio program, the Opry House and its tours transform and be updated over the years. “It is so alive. It is so realistic,” said Sealey of the new film.



China's Zhao Rui (1) drives toward the basket past Miami Heat's Kendrick Nunn (25) during an NBA summer league basketball game

BASKETBALL

China's World Cup team sees Summer League as opportunity

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CHINA'S national team came to the NBA Summer League looking for education.

They're learning plenty — and got a win as well.

Summer League is essentially several preseason games for the Chinese. They're in Las Vegas to

get ready for the FIBA World Cup, which will take place in China from Aug. 31 through Sept. 15 — with USA Basketball entering as the top-ranked team in the world and the presumed favorites to win the tournament for the third straight time.

Fans in basketball-mad China are already eager for the World Cup. The national team is getting

there, and an 84-80 win over the Charlotte Hornets was a sure sign of progress.

"There's high expectation so we've got to be ready and we've got to raise the pressure," China coach Li Nan said. "Not just the players, also the coaching staff. We need to concentrate on our details, do preparations now, concentrate on our stuff."

Among the challenges for the Chinese so far in Las Vegas: Getting used to the speed and strength of the teams in Summer League, and Li said he's urged his players to start becoming tougher mentally.

"It's so fast. It's a different level," Li said. "The contact, we've never seen this before. The rules are different. It's hard to play this tour-

nament."

The Chinese (1-2) lost their first two games in Las Vegas — they fell by 41 points to Miami on Friday, and looked much better in a 17-point loss to Sacramento on Saturday. They trailed by six in the opening minutes against Charlotte yesterday [Macau time], then took the lead late in the first quarter and held it the rest of the way.

"We're still improving a lot," Li said. "We improved a lot when we came here. The first game we weren't ready for the physical game, the fast game. The second game, on a back to back, we started realizing some things."

The players China brought to Las Vegas represent the bulk of what will be the nation's World Cup roster. Longtime NBA player Yi Jianlian is expected to play in the World Cup, and he's not playing in Las Vegas because of an injury. Guo Ailun, one of the more talented Chinese players, didn't play against Miami, scored 20 points against Sacramento and had 12 more in the win over the Hornets.

"The intensity of the game is really high in the summer league," Guo said through a translator before the game. "It's much stronger than what is in China. ... The intensity, the pace, it's really a challenge."

For group play in the World Cup, China will take on Poland, Venezuela and the Ivory Coast. Based on FIBA rankings, it's not a particularly strong group and it's not unreasonable to think that China would make at least the tournament's second round.

Li believes the level of play at Summer League may even exceed what the Chinese see in group play.

"It's a lot of help," Li said. "Those teams, I think they're better than the other teams in the group. We're trying to play to win these games and we'll use those games to have confidence to face the other opponents." **AP**

FOOTBALL

US victory most-viewed match this year but down from 2015

THE United States' 2-0 victory over the Netherlands in the FIFA Women's World Cup final averaged nearly 15.6 million U.S. viewers on English- and Spanish-language television.

It was the most-viewed match this season, but a decrease from the 2015 final.

The match averaged 14.27 million viewers on Fox, according to the network and Nielsen, and peaked at 19.6 million. It was a 22 percent increase over last year's FIFA World Cup men's final between France and Croatia, which

averaged 11.44 million.

The audience was down 43.8 percent from the 2015 final between the U.S. and Japan, which averaged 25.4 million viewers. That match though was played in Canada and started at 7 p.m. Eastern, compared to Sunday's in France, which kicked off at 11 a.m. Eastern.

The Telemundo broadcast averaged 1.3 million and peaked at 2 million as the match concluded.

The match averaged 589,000 viewers online — 289,000 on Fox apps and 300,000 on NBC and Te-

lemundo apps — which makes it the most-streamed Women's World Cup match ever.

The CONCACAF Gold Cup final between the U.S. and Mexico averaged 2.9 million on Fox Sports 1, making it the most-viewed non-World Cup match in the network's five-year history.

The Copa America final between Brazil and Peru averaged 3.1 viewers on Telemundo. The ESPN-plus streaming service had the English-language rights but the network did not divulge figures. **AP**



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OPINION

Macau Matters

Richard Whitfield



A COMEDY OF ERRORS

To fulfill some family commitments, my wife and I flew to the US on a recent Sunday morning. To avoid the pain and stress of getting up at 6am to get a taxi and ferry to the Hong Kong airport, and to enable us to catch up with friends who live on Lantau Island, we decided to stay at a well-known, but herein un-named, Hong Kong airport hotel on the Saturday night before our flight. Our experience would be laughable, if it was not so annoying.

It begins by trying to book a room at the hotel online. First, we tried using a popular comparative online hotel booking site but found that the rate quoted was about 25% higher than the rates quoted directly on the hotel's own website. So much for online pricing comparisons getting you good deals.

Therefore, we decided to book directly through the hotel's website. All went well until it came to making payment – their system only accepts online payments through PayPal, and insisted on creating an account if you do not already have one. Based on past bad experiences my wife refuses to use PayPal.

So, the next approach was to telephone the hotel to make a telephone booking. Through the Chinglish we finally understood that the hotel does not accept bookings by phone but they could email us a booking form to complete and return. After much messing about, and a few emails that went into never-never land, we finally completed and returned the requisite form, only to have our Macau credit card “declined”.

So, we used a US credit card and all was finally booked. Our stay was acceptable, but nothing memorable, but it was very good to catch up with our Lantau Island friends.

Airport hotels serve an important purpose, but the hotel in question seems to be relatively incompetent technically. Also, I would have thought that a significant part of their business could be people staying overnight to catch early next-day flights and that they should have well thought out and simple booking procedures for this kind of request. Maybe they survive because they do not have much (if any) competition, but they are certainly damaging Hong Kong's reputation as a tourist destination.

My only previous experience of airport hotels was at Boston's Logan International Airport a few years ago. They were very efficient – it was very easy to book online and they readily accepted a Macau credit card. I did not download the App, but at the time they were testing a system whereby your smartphone was your room key. None of that kind of sophisticated electronic nonsense at our Hong Kong airport hotel.

I have been telling Macau hotel management students for years that hotels should largely do away with check-in counters and let guests do everything online, and use their smartphones as their room keys, but it does not seem to have happened here yet.

I have not really booked a stay in a Macau hotel, but I sincerely hope that they do a much better job than the hotel at the Hong Kong airport. But I would be more impressed if hotels here could lead the world in the adoption of technology in hotels – seamless online bookings (including room selection and assignment), and smartphone-based room keys, and so on. Generally, I believe that hotels are very techno-phobic and there is a lot of improvements that could be made. This is an excellent area for Macau to develop economic diversification – it just needs the will and entrepreneurial spirit, and government support. Why not?

The State Department is proposing the sale of USD2.2 billion in arms to Taiwan, including 108 Abrams tanks and 250 Stinger surface-to-air missiles, sidestepping protests from China.

The tanks represent a significant upgrade to Taiwan's aging armored battle fleet. Congress has been notified of the proposed sale and lawmakers can vote to stop it.

The Chinese foreign ministry has said it firmly opposes U.S.

arms sales to Taiwan, a self-governing island that China claims as its territory.

The State Department says the arms will help Taiwan “meet current and future regional threats” and enhance its ability to operate with the U.S. and other partners.

Taiwan split from China in 1949, and has no formal diplomatic ties with the U.S. America is Taiwan's main supplier of defensive weapons.

FANS MOURN JOÃO GILBERTO AT RIO DE JANEIRO FUNERAL

ANNA JEAN KAISER,
 RIO DE JANEIRO

FANS from around the world honored bossa nova pioneer João Gilberto yesterday [Macau time], filing past his coffin at his funeral in Rio de Janeiro.

A small string orchestra and choir performed one of Gilberto's most famous songs, “Chega de saudade” as his body was displayed in an open casket at the entry of Rio's Municipal Theater.

Dozens of friends and family joined in and sang along, including Gilberto's daughter Bebel Gilberto, also a singer, who smiled and cried while turning to hug and kiss her younger sister Luisa.

Earlier, his wife Maria do Ceu stood alongside the body as fans passed through to say their goodbyes. Gilberto's ex-wife Claudia Faissol was also present.

Huge funeral wreaths were lined up behind Gilberto's coffin with banners that read, “To the master of masters, João Gilberto,” and “All the love for our genius, João.” One fan stood on the steps to the theater holding up a homemade sign that read “Go with God, João Gilberto.”

“His music reminds me of my teenage years,” said Graciela de la Torre, a 67-year-old fan from Argentina. “That smooth,



Relatives and friends carry the coffin of Brazilian cultural icon Joao Gilberto out of the Municipal Theater where his wake was held, as they start their way to the cemetery in Rio de Janeiro

rhythmical tone to sing, it's so beautiful. ... We used to dance with our boyfriends to this music.”

Josef Fitz of German said Gilberto's art “was exciting. It was a special kind of music, a new kind of music.”

Jader Cruz, a 77-year-old from Rio de Janeiro, said he's been listening to Gilberto's music since he was 16.

“He will stay alive inside us, he will not die, his music will not disappear,” Cruz said. “He left a mark with that strength he had, that sweetness and love he put while playing, that is unforgettable.”

Gilberto, a two-time Grammy winner, also was honored at the final of the

Copa America soccer tournament held in Rio de Janeiro. Tens of thousands of fans stopped for a minute of silence for Gilberto before the game started Sunday and pop star Anitta closed her opening performance by screaming, “Light to the master, João Gilberto!”

In a joint statement, the Recording Academy and the Latin Recording Academy said that Gilberto was “an architect of bossa nova music” and that his “innovative style and master musicianship helped turn the genre into a worldwide phenomenon.”

The 88-year-old Gilberto died of natural causes in his home in Rio de Janeiro on Saturday. AP

THE DECISIVE MOMENT

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Le Tour. The pack rides during the fourth stage of the Tour de France cycling race, covering 214 kilometers from its start in Reims and finish in Nancy, yesterday.

UAE Bahrain has recorded temperatures that make the month of June the hottest ever experienced in the Arab Gulf country in more than a century.

Saudi Arabia State-owned oil company Aramco has awarded USD18 billion in contracts to expand oil and gas capacity at two of its fields. Aramco said in a statement yesterday it had awarded 34 contracts for engineering, procurement and construction at the Majran and Berri offshore.

France A court has acquitted French tycoon Bernard Tapie of fraud over a USD452.5 million payment linked to the sale of sportswear company Adidas in the 1990s. Tapie, who has been battling cancer, was not present for yesterday's verdict.



France President Emmanuel Macron's top diplomatic adviser is spending two days in Tehran as part of an urgent bid to deescalate rising tensions with Iran over its unraveling nuclear deal with world powers.

Sweden Top court said yesterday it won't extradite a fugitive to China, saying he risks the death penalty, torture or degrading treatment that would violate the European Convention on Human Rights.



US H. Ross Perot, the colorful, self-made Texas billionaire who rose from a childhood of Depression-era poverty and twice ran for president as a third-party candidate, has died. He was 89.



US President Donald Trump lashed out for a second day at Britain's ambassador to the United States Kim Darroch yesterday, describing him as “wacky” and a “pompous fool,” after a leak of emails critical of the American administration.