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Cinema When Wu Ke-xi was looking for a frightening plotline for her latest film, she didn't need to look further than her own industry. The Taiwanese actress and screenwriter's latest movie, "Nina Wu," is the story of an actress who is abused and psychologically scarred by a man in power.
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Hong Kong Thousands of senior citizens, including a popular actress, marched yesterday in a show of support for youths at the forefront of monthlong protests against a contentious extradition bill in the semi-autonomous Chinese territory.



South Korea The United States will "do what it can" to help resolve festering trade and political disputes between South Korea and Japan, David Stilwell, the top U.S. diplomat for East Asian affairs, said yesterday after a series of meetings with Seoul officials.

Cambodia Almost seven dozen shipping containers sitting in a Cambodian seaport that were found to be filled with plastic waste came from the United States and Canada, the Southeast Asian country's Environment Ministry said yesterday. More on p13



India Rescuers found 14 bodies and pulled out 11 survivors as they began winding down operations at the site of a dilapidated building that collapsed in India's financial capital of Mumbai, an official said yesterday.

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PSP OFFICER CAUGHT CHEATING ON SLOT MACHINE

An officer from the Public Security Police Force (PSP) has been suspended and forwarded to the prosecution authority for cybercrime. According to an order signed by the Secretary for Security, Wong Sio Chak, in 2018, the PSP officer was found using a slot machine maintenance tool to retrieve his lost bets, allowing him to keep his winning bets and win money worth nearly 100 times his initial bets. This resulted in a loss of HKD450,000 to the casino. Before the suspect joined the police force, he was a slot machine technician in a local casino. He has been charged with cyber fraud.

GOV'T URGED TO IMPROVE PROMOTION OF ELECTRIC CARS

Lawmaker Lam Lon Wai submitted a written inquiry to the local government regarding electric car policies. Lam stated that Macau has a low rate of electric car usage and that the government's policies to promote electric cars are unclear, leading to difficulties in popularizing electric cars in Macau. Lam asked the government whether it has detailed measures and long-term plans to encourage individuals to buy electric cars. Lam wants government departments to set a good example by using electric cars.

HAITONG BANK PLANS TO OPEN A MACAU BRANCH

The Bank of Portugal has approved the plans of Haitong Bank, formerly Banco Espírito Santo Investimento (BESI), to open a branch in Macau, according to an official from the Haitong group. The opening of the Haitong Bank branch in Macau depends on authorization processes by Macau authorities, including the Monetary Authority of Macao. A Haitong group official said that opening the branch is part of the "development of the bank's cross-border strategy, allowing the strengthening of business with China and greater coordination with the rest of the group," as quoted by Portuguese weekly Expresso. Wu Min, chairman of the Hong Kong-based bank's executive board, said that the "opening of the Macau branch will allow Haitong Bank to strengthen one of its differentiating elements, which is based on access to business with China."

KOU HOI IN ELECTED AS NEW LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY PRESIDENT

RENATO MARQUES

VETERAN lawmaker Kou Hoi In was elected the new Legislative Assembly (AL) president yesterday during a plenary session solely dedicated to the election.

Kou, who already held the post of first secretary of the AL, gathered the almost unanimous support from his peers, winning 29 out of a possible 32 votes, resulting in 91% approval from the lawmakers.

Curiously enough, the remaining three votes were split among lawmaker José Pereira Coutinho and two blank votes. The results show that Kou achieved an important consensus in becoming the new president, collecting votes from the full spectrum of the hemicycle, including the pro-democratic wing.

Kou's election came without much surprise. Several of Macau's highest figures had expressed sentiments that it would be poorly regarded if Chui Sai Cheong, the elder brother of the Chief Executive and current vice president of the AL, assumed the top leadership position while his younger brother was the Chief Executive, even for a few months. That sentiment has evidently paved the way for Kou's election.



Kou Hoi In submits his ballot during yesterday's vote at the Legislative Assembly

Before the election, lawmaker Sulu Sou questioned the acting president of the AL Chui Sai Cheong on election procedures and who should lead the session.

Chui replied that the matter had already been considered by the AL Board, who decided that the vice president should lead the plenary session. Chui remarked that the idea (presented by Sou) that

the oldest lawmaker should lead the session only applied to the start of a new legislature when there were no elected members on the multiple bodies of the AL.

During the vote that followed, Sou took the opportunity to once more express his wish for AL Committee meetings to be more transparent instead of being held behind closed doors, shouting, "Open the committee meetings."

The votes were counted by Kou in his role as first secretary and Chan Hong, the second secretary, and the results were then validated by the acting president Chui, who confirmed that Kou wished to take the post.

Upon assuming the post, Kou expressed his wish to serve the region to the best of his ability, and thanked the lawmakers for placing their trust in him. As a member of the legislature for the past 28 years, Kou is the longest-serving lawmaker and a representative of the business sector coming from the indirect sectorial elections.

Among his other duties, the new president of the AL is also one of Macau's representatives in the National People's Congress in the central government and has been heading the Macao Chamber of Commerce.

After the election, Kou and a delegation from the AL went to the Macau Science Center, where Kou was inaugurated as the new AL president, taking the oath in the presence of the Chief Executive.

The ceremony was witnessed by a large number of government officials as well as representatives from the central government in Macau.

CCAC 'independently investigating' Mi Jian

The head of the Commission Against Corruption (CCAC), André Cheong, said yesterday that the CCAC is conducting an independent and serious investigation into the case involving the director of the Policy Research and Regional Development Bureau (DSEPR), Mi Jian.

These statements were made on the sidelines of Kou Hoi In's inauguration as the new president of the Legislative Assembly.

Cheong said to the media that the CCAC is handling the case in accordance with the established working procedures.

"The statement issued by the DSEPR will not have any impact on the CCAC investigation," said

Cheong, adding that the CCAC "is independent and neutral as well as free from external interference." Questioned on whether the DSEPR was cooperating with the investigation, the commissioner said, "DSEPR is part of the public sector and all public institutions must cooperate with any investigation," noting that compliance is mandated by law and not optional.

Regarding how long it would take for a conclusion to be reached, Cheong said, the "CCAC needs to be cautious when handling investigation cases. It might be a long process, but I can reassure that the case will have a conclusion and will not be forgotten." **RM**

'PORTUGUESE JUDGES WILL COME ACCORDING TO OUR NEEDS,' SAYS MP

The number of judges to be hired from Portugal and the timeline for the relevant contracts will be determined by the Public Prosecutions Office (MP) according to local needs, Prosecutor-General Ip Son Sang told the media yesterday.

According to Ip, the hiring of magistrates from Portugal "is ongoing work from the MP that will mediate between Macau and Portugal," and is always done in a manner that maintains good relations between the parties.

"We are going to hire magistrates [from Portugal] according to the number of those needed," Ip remarked.

Questioned on the participation of the local MP in the case involving former Portuguese banking institution Banco Espírito Santo (BES), the Prosecutor-General acknowledged that the proper procedures of due diligence were being followed in Macau in accordance with the judiciary cooperation agreements existing with Portugal.

Ip noted that the role of the MP was to facilitate certain investigative processes, such as searches that needed to be done locally, and confirmed that these activities conformed with the long-standing agreements between the judiciary authorities of both parties. **RM**

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Gaming stocks higher after shaming of online casinos thought to help Macau

DANIEL BEITLER

MACAU gaming stocks were higher this week after Credit Suisse said that the mainland's crackdown on online gambling was beneficial to local casino operators.

This came even as Goldman Sachs rebutted the connection, saying that less business for online casinos based in Southeast Asia would not necessarily translate into more business for the Macau SAR.

"We do not believe stopping proxy betting in the Philippines or Cambodia would necessarily result in gaming volume being repatriated back to Macau," Goldman Sachs said in a note, as cited by GGRAsia.

"Some of these [Chinese] players who participate in proxy betting in the overseas markets may have difficulty securing visas to travel abroad – whether it is Macau [or elsewhere]."

The latest estimates tracking performance in July 2019 show that revenues are roughly in line with those of the same month last year. Still, the average daily rate of MOP821 million over the



first two weeks of the month indicates a rise of about 3% compared to June.

Meanwhile, according to data released on Tuesday by the Gaming Inspection and Coordina-

tion Bureau, the VIP gaming segment continued its decline in the second quarter of 2019.

Gaming revenue from VIP baccarat declined 15.6% compared to the second quarter in 2018,

while the mass segment, including slot machine earnings, climbed 18.6% over the same period. Mass market baccarat led the increase, with growth of 22.8%.

Baccarat is by far the most pop-

ular game of chance in Macau. Last year, VIP and mass baccarat accounted for about 88% of the city's total revenue.

The second quarter recorded combined gaming revenues of MOP73.5 billion, with VIP baccarat accounting for MOP34.6 billion, or 47% of the total. Meanwhile, mass market baccarat accounted for MOP29.6 billion, or 40% of the total.

Some brokerages yesterday suggested that the quarterly figures were overstated due to the reclassification of some gaming tables.

The analysts said that prior to the full cessation of smoking at gaming tables by January 1, 2019, some mass market gaming areas had been classified as VIP. The analysts attribute the continued rise in the mass segment to the classification correction.

Gross gaming revenue in the first half of 2019 fell just short of MOP150 billion (USD18.6 billion), down 0.5% from the equivalent period in the previous year. The result came as June performed well above expectations, recording 5.9% growth in what is usually considered the weakest month of the year.

CYPRUS

Mediterranean island recognizes Melco for investment

STAFF REPORTER

ORGANIZED by Invest Cyprus, the 8th Invest Cyprus International Investment Awards (ICIA) presented an award to Melco International Development on July 3 at ceremony that took place at Cyprus's Presidential Palace.

According to a company press release, the accolade was presented in recognition of its significant investment in Cyprus.

Melco is developing Cyprus's first licensed integrated casino resort, called City of Dreams Mediterranean, which is due to open in late 2021.

The project is expected to cost 530 million euros. It will have 500 hotel suites, 1,000 gambling machines and 100 tables. Additionally, the



Lawrence Ho

company will operate five satellite casinos in the Mediterranean country.

Melco International Development Chairman and Chief Executive Officer Lawrence Ho flew to Cyprus to personally receive the award from Cyprus's Minister of Finance Harris Georgiades.

After receiving the honor, Ho said, "it's a great

honor to receive this award on behalf of the entire team at Melco. Cyprus has tremendous economic potential and is now firmly on the radar of international investors."

He believes that the country's beauty, ideal geographical location and progressive approach towards regulation and

governance will allow it to attract significant inbound investment of the highest caliber.

The Chairman of the Board of Directors of Invest Cyprus, Michalis P. Michael, also remarked on Melco's efforts, saying, "the decision by Melco to build Europe's largest integrated casino resort here sends a strong message around the world about the long-term potential for this nation. This premium development will significantly boost Cyprus' overall economy, whilst at the same time enhancing our tourism products in the most sustainable, long-term manner."

The awards are organized by Invest Cyprus and Gold magazine to reward foreign investment in Cyprus.

COURTS

TSI CALL FOR 'FACTS REVIEW' IN JUNKET CASE RULING

RENATO MARQUES

THE Court of Second Instance (TSI) has voided a decision taken by the Court of First Instance (TJB) in the case of an individual who is said to have invested money in VIP junket operator Dore Entertainment, the Office of the Court of Final Appeal informed in a statement.

Dore had operated VIP rooms at the Wynn Macau resort before an embezzlement scandal saw the disappearance of hundreds of millions of U.S. dollars.

In the days that followed news of the scandal, investors began to demand their money returned. Some of them filed lawsuits against the casino operator and gaming promoter.

According to the Court's statement, the TJB had ruled that Dore and Wynn would not have to repay an amount of HKD17 million to one of four investors that filed complaints against the companies, as the money he was said to have deposited could not

be considered a loan.

But at the court, the investor said that the money he had invested in Dore was not classified as a loan, but instead as a deposit.

In the decision now disclosed by the appeal court, the collective of judges ruled that since the nature of the sum provided had been considered by the TJB as a deposit, the court should have addressed the evidence according to this new definition that was accepted.

"Although the loans were not proven, it was essential to know whether the 'deposit contract' mentioned by the [complainant] existed and whether such agreement included a clause for the repayment of the sum, facts that were ignored in the decision [of the TJB]," the judges of the TSI noted in their ruling.

In light of such acknowledgment, the TSI decided that such facts "should be reviewed," taking into account the "uniformization, harmony, coherence and logic of the sentence."

FIRE SERVICES WORKING ON MOBILE APP THAT WILL HELP NON-CHINESE SPEAKERS

STAFF REPORTER

THE Fire Services Bureau (CB) said yesterday that it is working on a mobile platform that will allow those in need of help to contact the firefighting authority. The platform will help non-Chinese speaking residents of Macau to better request assistance during emergencies.

The CB was asked by a journalist yesterday about the language proficiency of the Services' hotline. The journalist said that when typhoon Hato hit Macau in 2017, many non-Chinese speaking help-seekers were not understood by the CB's hotline. The bureau was asked about its preparations for this year's typhoon season.

In response, Deputy Chief Cheong Chi Wang and 1st-level Chief Chan Meng of the CB said work had been done to improve the services provided by the call center. The bureau has also promoted officers with better foreign-language abilities to work at the call center.

Chan said, "we are regularly monitoring the center's service. We will also keep an eye on officers who have graduated from English-language high schools or universities to guarantee the quality of services in



English."

Cheong also disclosed that the bureau was in the process of developing an electronic platform on which those seeking help can connect to the Fire Services to report their situation.

A typing function will be available on the platform, which will most likely be a mobile app. The feasibility of incorporating it into existing instant messaging apps, such as WeChat, is also being studied.

The service has been popularized

in the mainland and many other jurisdictions, according to Cheong. Therefore, the bureau will study the experiences from the various jurisdictions to develop a platform that is suitable for Macau. The platform is unlikely to be ready this year, said Cheong.

The two officials were also asked how those in need of assistance can evaluate the severity of their situation.

For example, in one case during the passage of Hato, a part of a bui-

lding's roof that was almost blown away was not considered a severe incident.

"On that particular day, the Fire Services received more than 1,000 calls within an extremely short time," said Cheong. "As such, it was impossible for the Fire Services to attend to all requests immediately. In those situations, the bureau will have to rank the severity of each case. Life-threatening conditions will be most prioritized."

Additionally, Chan also introduced

that on normal days, the CB's call center is staffed with 20 dispatchers handling seven telephone lines. When typhoon signal 8 or higher is hoisted, both the number of staff and lines will be doubled.

Meanwhile, in first half of the year, the CB handled a total of 24,671 cases, a 6.5% rise from the same period last year. There have been 446 cases of fire, compared with last year's 464 cases. The bureau attributed the fall to people's awareness of potential fire hazards.

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Homebound Air Macau flight returns to Tokyo

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AN Air Macau flight en-route to Macau from Tokyo was forced to return to the Japanese capital yesterday afternoon, reportedly due to an engine problem.

Flight NX861 departed from Tokyo's Narita Airport at 4:33 p.m. yesterday and was due to arrive in Macau at 8:05 p.m. on the same day. Half an hour after takeoff, the plane was forced to return due to an issue with the right engine, as reported by Japanese media.

The aircraft is a brand new A320neo which was delivered to the airline on June 29. The registration number is B-MBO and Air Macau named the aircraft "Oriental." The plane was first test-flown by its manufacturer, Airbus, on May 14 this year. B-MBO is equipped



with a new engine model, the PW1127G, produced by American manufacturer Pratt & Whitney (P&W).

The PW1100G series is reported to be quieter and more fuel efficient, benefitting the environment and the aviation industry.

However, this is not the first time the new engine has caused problems. Hong Kong's low-cost carrier (LCC) HK Express was forced to ground

its first few A320neo aircrafts due to issues with PW1100G series engines.

In a report by Hong Kong's South China Morning Post early last year, the LCC said that it was "seriously considering" halting any potential deliveries of the aircraft until this year "at earliest."

Airbus delayed its first delivery of the new aircraft for half a year due to the engine problem.

Meanwhile, this year's edition of the locally published "Aeronave Yearbook" wrote that in February last year, the European Aviation Safety Agency ordered the grounding of certain A320neo aircrafts equipped with the P&W engines.

The engine has been reported to be unsuitable for humid and hot climates. Meanwhile, India's IndiGo Airlines has refitted the engine parts 69 times in 18 months.

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THOSE TALLER THAN 1.2M NEED NOT APPLY FOR CHILD DISCOUNT

JULIE ZHU

HZMB BUS, a Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau shuttle bus operator, has changed its bus fares for children younger than 12 years old and shorter than 1.2 meters in height.

Previously, the only eligibility requirement for a child passenger to pay half of the full-fare price (12 patacas) was that they had to be younger than 12 years old. However, from today, the rules will become tougher on youngsters.

Not only must a child be younger than 12 years old, they must also be shorter than 120 centimeters to get the discounted price.

According to an 'average height to weight chart', the global average height of a 12-year-old girl is 149.8 centimeters, while the average height of a 7-year-old girl is 121.1 centimeters.

The chart also showed that the average height of a 12-year-old boy is 149.1 centimeters and the average height of a 7-year-old boy is 121.9 centimeters.

Meanwhile, passengers who intend to take HZMB BUS between 9:45 p.m. and 10:15 p.m. today are reminded by the Transport Bureau of a possible delay due to a fire service drill, particularly when coming from Hong Kong to Macau.



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Macau secretaries on China youth trip, reviewing mainland's development

JULIE ZHU

LAUNCHED on July 13, several study and exchange trips named "Walking Together in the New Era" have been organized by the Liaison Office and the Macau SAR government.

The Chief Executive and five of the city's secretaries led local groups on visits to mainland cities to allow them to learn more about China. The trips will all be completed by July 25.

In total, 500 "excellent local youth" representatives have been selected for the visits, which have been divided into five "study and visit" groups.

At the launch, Chief Executive Chui Sai On emphasized that the key purpose of the trips is to enhance Macau youths' knowledge and understanding of "the extraordinary developmental progress of the Chinese nation in terms of standing up, getting rich and becoming powerful."

The five groups will visit Hebei, Guizhou, Jiangsu, Guangdong, and Hunan provinces, joined by the Chief Executive, the five secretaries, and the director and four de-



Sonia Chan, Secretary for Administration and Justice



Lionel Leong, Secretary for Economy and Finance

puty directors of the Liaison Office.

The Chief Executive and the secretaries will be the team leaders of the five groups, but each will be accompanied by one director-level official from the Liaison Office working as a consultant.

Sonia Chan, Secretary for Administration and Justice, led a visiting group to Pingtang, Guizhou province, to witness China's state-key scientific and technological facilities.

Chan claimed that by simply

spending one day visiting Guizhou, the 100 youth have enhanced their existing friendships and built new friendships with other youth from Guizhou.

In 2018, according to statistics released by China, Guizhou ranked 29th in GPD per capita among the mainland provinces. Despite this, Sonia Chan remarked that Guizhou's economy is developing rapidly.

Secretary for Economy and Fi-

nance Lionel Leong led a visiting team to Jiangsu province, and in particular, to Nanjing, Yizheng, Yangzhou and Changzhou. During the trip, the youths visited advanced Chinese enterprises, and cultural and educational projects. Upon the trip's completion, Leong concluded that it had deepened their understanding of China.

"Understand the country's history, know the country's condition, remember national humiliations,

chant the country's grace, have the heart to serve the country, bear the country's responsibility, reinforce the country's strength and achieve the country's dream," Leong said to the youth after the trip.

Leong observed that Macau could learn from Jiangsu in terms of establishing an iconic landmark, integrating businesses and investing in patriotic education.

As of press time, no updates have been provided about the other trips.

Health Bureau records 10th imported case of dengue fever

THE Health Bureau (SSM) has diagnosed a 10th imported case of dengue fever in a female resident who travelled to Pattaya and Bangkok earlier this month.

The local resident living in the Fai Chi Kei area experienced fevers, joint pains and muscle aches on Saturday and underwent testing at Kiang Wu Hospital.

On Tuesday, it was confirmed that the woman had dengue fever. She is still in hospital.

According to the SSM, the bureau will eliminate mosquitoes from the patient's residential area and call on residents to take measures against mosquitoes.

This year, a total of 10 imported cases of dengue fever have been diagnosed so far: four cases from Cam-

bodia, two cases from Malaysia, one from the Philippines, one from Singapore and two from Thailand.

The SSM is reminding health staff to be on alert for patients suspected of having dengue fever, and to proceed with the provisional diagnosis and tests in due time.

Meanwhile, health authorities have detected a second case of Legionella infection in a patient at Kiang Wu Hospital and have begun an epidemiological investigation.

The infection was diagnosed in a 41-year-old resident with a history of asthma.

On July 10, the man had symptoms of fever, chills, headaches and shortness of breath despite medical treatment.

After his symptoms remained consistent for

several days, his chest was imaged and he was diagnosed with pneumonia.

On Tuesday, after a laboratory testing of his urine samples confirmed that the patient was infected with Legionella pneumophila.

As the patient did not leave Macau, the SSM stated that it is investigating the source of the infection.

Individuals may be infected with Legionella by inhaling contaminated water droplets. The incubation period is generally between two to 10 days.

The SSM has called on the public to conduct preventive measures, including maintaining a sanitary water supply system, and ensuring that water filtering apparatus and humidifiers are clean.

Additionally, another cluster of enterovirus infections has been found at a kindergarten of The Women's General Association of Macau, with six children affected by hand, foot and mouth disease.

The SSM has said that it has already taken samples for laboratory analysis and the indications for the daycare have been reinforced so that infection control measures can be implemented, such as cleaning and disinfection of the facility.

Hand, foot and mouth disease usually affects children under the age of five. The incubation period ranges from three to seven days, and the virus is transmitted through contact with infected stool, saliva droplets or contaminated surfaces. **LV**

GREATER CONVENIENCE PROPOSED FOR NON-LOCAL ARBITRATORS

THE First Standing Committee of the Legislative Assembly (AL) has proposed that the government ease restrictions to make it more convenient for non-local arbitrators to work in Macau.

Yesterday, the committee conducted another discussion on the arbitration law.

Ho Ion Sang, chairman of the committee, reported to the media that the SAR government has submitted a new work report to the committee and that many changes have been made in accordance with the committee's previous suggestions.

In order to attract more "international professionals and well-known arbitrators" to Macau and enhance the city's international arbitration reputation, the law added an article to exempt the provisions of administrative approval. This specific article simplified procedures for non-local arbitrators staying in Macau.

The bill proposed that non-local arbitrators coming to Macau to provide a service would only need

to inform the Labour Affairs Bureau (DSAL) with proof issued by the relevant arbitration organization, among other documents. Afterwards, the DSAL would forward the relevant documents to the Secretary for Economy and Finance.

The committee believes that the step of notifying the secretary can be exempted. The government responded that it would examine the proposal.

In addition to this specific bill, the local government is planning to amend the immigration regulations to make it more convenient for non-local arbitrators to stay in Macau and also give them tax benefits.

However, the aforementioned tax benefits will not be included in the arbitration law.

In future, the government will also adopt a unified tax exemption policy for professional services, including tax benefits.

Some lawmakers had also previously proposed that Macau recognize non-local arbitration laws in the city. **JZ**

NATALIE WONG
& SHAWNA KWAN

WHEN Kevin Tsang tuned into Carrie Lam's predawn press conference to condemn protesters who had ransacked government offices during a dramatic escalation of tensions over Hong Kong's controversial extradition bill, he didn't like what he heard.

So much so, that the 25-year-old surveyor is now considering emigrating to Australia.

Lam, the city's chief executive, dodged questions whether she could face the families of three people who had committed suicide to protest the bill, which would allow criminal suspects to be extradited to the mainland and is seen as a further erosion of the city's independence from Beijing.

"People sacrificed themselves to make their voices heard, but she just avoided the questions," he said. "If the democracy, freedom we have now would stay intact, I wouldn't think about leaving at all, all my family and friends are here. But the environment gives me a feeling that if I say something wrong, I may be arrested."

He's not alone. Even with the bill shelved, weeks of mass protests and sometimes violent police clashes in the city have seen emigration inquiries surge, according to interviews with migration consultants, brokers and accountants.

At Goldmax Immigration Consulting Co., inquiries and applications have jumped 20% since May, said Margaret Chau, an immigration program director at the firm.

"In the past, people would ring up for inquiries, but now they seem to be very determined," said John Hu, director of John Hu Migration Consulting, adding that the number of inquiries his firm handled doubled in June. "Nowadays, if they find that they are eligible, they will sign the agreement to migrate right away."

The most popular destinations are Canada and Australia, which are perceived as having high quality of life, strong education systems and stable economies. That's

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HONG KONG PROTESTS HAVE CITY'S RESIDENTS PLOTTING THEIR EXIT

followed by countries including the U.K. and the U.S.

To be sure, the flow of people and capital abroad has long been a feature of life in Hong Kong, and it's too early to tell whether there will be a large pickup in the outflow of emigrants or money in the months ahead. Still, having a second passport is an insurance policy of sorts, Hu said.

In Canada, the surge in migration inquiries is reminiscent of the late 1990s in the run up to the handover of Hong Kong to China.

Vancouver-based accounting firm Manning Elliott LLP recently held seminars for Hong Kong residents interested in emigrating or returning to Canada. More than 500 registered within hours, double the number who signed up last year, said Matthew Ko, one of the firm's accountants.

"The interest has definitely increased a lot, especially in the last two months, as people started talking more about the future," Ko said. "The economy in Hong Kong, in Asia in general, hasn't

been really good for the last little while. So people have started thinking about it, even without the protests, but the protests definitely made people think about it more."

Paul Wu, 55, has been growing concerned about Hong Kong's economic and political trajectory and what that means for his children's future. He holds a Canadian passport after having studied in Vancouver decades ago, but returned to Hong Kong in the early 2000s for work.

He's now in the midst of moving back to Vancouver and is convinced he has made the right choice.

"We understand, at the end, you don't get the actual democratic way like the Western way," Wu said. "But when the Hong Kong government has to talk from the point of view of China, and not from the point of view of Hong Kong, that is the thing that worries people and worries me too. Because of that, Hong Kong has really lost its uniqueness of becoming one city." **BLOOMBERG**

HONG Kong is beginning to reckon with the economic cost of ongoing protests against the government's extradition bill, as the disruption risks driving away local shoppers and deterring tourists from mainland China.

The Hong Kong Retail Management Association said Tuesday that "most members" reported a single-to-double-digit drop in average sales revenue between June and the first week of July, when multiple demonstrations converging on major office and retail districts took place.

The threat to Hong

HONG KONG

Retailers reporting double-digit sales drop

Kong's vital retail sector will hit its economy at a time when it is already slowing. Retail sales data for June is due for release on August 1, with the value of goods sold having contracted every month since February.

The "industry is worried that these events will damage Hong Kong's international image as a safe city, a culinary capital, and a shopping heaven," the

association said in a statement.

Hong Kong Financial Secretary Paul Chan said at a briefing July 15 that second quarter economic output is expected to be "slow," though there haven't been obvious capital outflows amid the demonstrations.

Sa Sa International Holdings Ltd., a seller of cosmetics, reported a 15.3% drop in same store sales in Hong Kong and Macau for

the three months through June. The company said the demonstrations had affected some stores, as had a high comparison from the previous year.

For the same period, Chow Tai Fook Jewellery Group Ltd. reported an 11% decline. The political backdrop and a decline in mainland visitors increases the likelihood of a two percentage-point reduction in its first-half operating

margin, Catherine Lim, an analyst at Bloomberg Intelligence in Singapore, wrote in a note.

Images of protesters blocking major city thoroughfares - and retail outlets - is likely to pose a significant risk if the demonstrations continue. On July 1, a gathering that ultimately saw protesters break into and vandalize the city's legislative building hampered retailers in the shopping dis-

trict of Causeway Bay and elsewhere.

Yet most businesses are attempting to carry on.

"There were so many people, it was a mess, no one wanted to come in," said Chen Yan, 30, who works at the counter of a pharmaceutical store in Causeway Bay. "But we haven't changed our operations because of the protests. We expect it to be temporary." **MDT/BLOOMBERG**



Lotus defies Brexit with production jump under new Chinese owner

LOTUS Cars is preparing for an expansion under Asian owner Geely Automobile Holdings Ltd. that could see the iconic British automaker open a second U.K. factory and target new markets by building higher-volume models in China.

Lotus plans to triple output at its base in Hethel, eastern England, to slightly more than 5,000 cars a year and could reach 10,000 if it adopts a double-shift work pattern, Chief Executive Officer Phil Popham said in an interview. Further increases might require a new plant elsewhere in the country, he said, adding that he's unconcerned about the impact of Britain leaving the European Union.

Popham described Lotus as a "70-year-old startup" after the launch of its first new car in 10 years.

The 1.7 million-pound (USD2.1 million) all-electric Evija will be followed by a solely combustion-engined model to be revealed in 2020, after which all subsequent cars will have electric variants, possibly skipping a hybrid option which the CEO said can add too much weight for a sports design.

Lotus's 10-year growth plan includes an expansion into new segments, Popham said after unveiling the Evija at an event in London where it displayed past models including the 1960s-vintage Elan and the wedge-shaped Esprit, famously driven underwater by film spy James Bond. That could include anything from a sport-utility vehicle through a crossover model to a sedan. The company made 1,632 cars in 2018 and expects to top 1,700 this year.

Geely Chief Technical Offi-

cer Feng Qingfeng, also CEO of Group Lotus following a takeover by the Zhejiang-based automaker in 2017, told journalists that while Lotus's core sports lineup would continue to be built in the U.K., higher-volume models could be made in China.

"The manufacturing location depends on the local advantage," he said. "The U.K. is good at making hand-made cars, so sports and hypercars. In China we may have more advantage in infrastructure for mass-production cars."

Popham said there's scope for Lotus to work with other Geely companies, which include Sweden's Volvo Cars and Proton of Malaysia, the U.K. brand's former owner, though there's no question of re-badging other platforms with the name, and neither

would the same model be made in multiple locations.

Speaking on Bloomberg TV, the CEO said Lotus has secured the first few orders for the Evija in recent weeks and expects to sell the "halo" model, which will have a production run of just 130 cars, to buyers from around the world.

Despite the Evija's hypercar credentials, which will see it vie with the Pininfarina SpA Battista and Rimac Automobili's Concept One, as well as top-end conventional models from the likes of Ferrari NV and Lamborghini, Popham said future cars will remain within Lotus's established 50,000 pounds to 150,000 pounds price bracket, though there's some scope for moving upscale.

Even with the advance of automation, Lotus sees a long-term market in supplying cars "that

people can have fun in," the CEO said. New technologies will be used to assist the driver in getting the most out of the car, while intervening if they "overstep the mark," he said.

Feng ruled out an early return to Formula 1 racing, where Lotus was once a dominant force, while saying he expects the company to do more in motor sport generally.

U.K. Business Secretary Greg Clark attended the Evija launch, and Popham said Lotus will benefit from government initiatives to encourage electric cars, though hasn't received loan guarantees like those recently granted to Jaguar Land Rover after it announced a new range of electric cars.

Lotus has no major concerns about Brexit, Popham said, adding that a U.K. split from the European Union on Oct. 31 now seems likely given commitments from the candidates to succeed Theresa May as prime minister. The company has stockpiled parts in case of a no-deal exit, but the CEO said any impact would be limited and predicted that new trade accords would be rapidly concluded. **MDT/BLOOMBERG**

China investor who made 785% on Moutai is now buying banks

AFTER years betting solely on Kweichow Moutai Co., Dong Baozhen is diversifying.

The money manager's flagship fund has returned 785% since its inception in 2010. He trounced the Shanghai Composite Index's 14% gain by owning just the one stock, sticking with Moutai as it became the world's most valuable

distiller. But Dong, a partner at Beijing Lingtongshengtai Asset Management, sees any price above 700 yuan (\$102) as excessive. Moutai slipped 0.5% to 963.50 yuan at the close yesterday in Shanghai.

Dong, who recognizes Moutai was a "once in a millennium" trade for him, started swapping some of those shares for Chi-

nese commercial lenders in 2018, and has recently added leverage. His fund has posted a 54% gain this year, according to data from Shenzhen PaiPaiWang Investment & Management Co., which tracks private funds such as Dong's.

"This is a historic opportunity," said Dong, referring to banks' low valuations. He declined to disclose the

exact size of his fund. "Money is up for grabs, but the market has not yet responded as it should to a substantial recovery in banks' financials in the first quarter."

Dong said he prefers commercial banks because he sees signs bad loan ratios are starting to drop. He also cited the sector's improving profitability, as well as dou-

ble-digit growth in revenue from lenders' core business as reasons for optimism. The eight listed joint stock commercial banks trade at an average of about 6.6 times projected earnings for this year, according to data compiled by Bloomberg.

Dong said he's avoiding the big four state-owned lenders because they're not volatile, and dislikes smaller banks because they lack the resources to withstand risks in the financial system.

As for Moutai, Dong says it's time to move on. The distiller is trading at 28 times this year's earnings,

which is near the highest since January 2018 and a valuation some investors may see as signaling it's getting expensive.

One risk for commercial lenders is if non-performing loans rise due to a slowing economy. And any rate cuts to spur growth also make it less profitable to lend, squeezing margins.

"China's large commercial banks are in a position very similar to distillers six or seven years ago," he said. "You may say I'm crazy but people said the same when I was bullish on Moutai." **MDT/BLOOMBERG**



Taiwanese actress and screenwriter Wu Ke-xi at the 72nd international film festival in Cannes

CHINESE, ASIAN ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRIES GRAPPLING WITH #METOO ISSUES

HILARY FOX

WHEN Wu Ke-xi was looking for a frightening plotline for her latest film, she didn't need to look further than her own industry.

The Taiwanese actress and screenwriter's latest movie, "Nina Wu," is the story of an actress who, in pursuit of a role that will lead to stardom, is abused and psychologically scarred by a man in power.

Wu found herself closely following the #MeToo movement in Hollywood, and decided to write something for women affected by sexual assaults in the entertainment industry. Directed by Midi Z, it was selected to show at the Cannes Film Festival.

"After 2017, after the year the Harvey Weinstein stuff occurred, I read a lot of documents and interviews. I was so purely curious about what happened," said Wu. She said she has been threatened in her career, but never sexually assaulted. "It's still a humiliating experience," she said.

"So I felt really connected to those women."

Asia is having its own #MeToo moment, with its homegrown entertainment industries grappling with many of the issues that have upended entertainment careers in the United States and elsewhere.

Earlier this year, the K-pop scene was shaken when two male stars

were accused of sexual misconduct in South Korea. Solo singer Jung Joon-young faced allegations he secretly filmed himself having sex with women and shared the footage on a mobile messenger app; he apologized to the victims. And Seungri, the youngest member of the quintet Big Bang, was accused of trying to steer sex services to business investors. He denied the charges and retired from the group.

Last year, in India, Bollywood actress Tanushree Dutta came

Wu said she has been threatened in her career, but never sexually assaulted

forward with details of a 2008 complaint she filed against actor Nana Parekar for alleged sexual harassment, which he denied. A flood of stories of sexual harassment and assault followed on social media from Indian actresses and writers.

Indian actor, singer and filmmaker Farhan Akhtar, a United Nations "He For She" ambassador with his own "Men Against Rape and Discrimination" initiative, says there is unease in the industry.

"Fear runs down the spine of everyone, thinking that, 'Oh my God, maybe I've done something in the past that might come back

to bite me,'" he said.

He encourages other women to come forward and speak out.

"Nobody can do it for her. Nobody can out her story and put her in a position that maybe she doesn't want to be in," he said. "But when she does, then it's important that people rally around her so that she feels she's done the right thing. And through her, through that conversation, and through her words she will hopefully inspire, motivate many more people to come out. And that's the way the system will be cleaned."

Screenwriter Zhou Xiaoxuan did speak out. She became a central figure in China's #MeToo movement after an essay she wrote privately, claiming she was sexually assaulted by a TV star, went public on the social media platform Sina Weibo last summer. A prominent television host, Zhu Jun, sued her for defamation and Zhou followed with her own suit, for infringing on her personal rights. Women's rights advocates in China are following the case.

Zhou says the movement has only reached so far in China, affecting mostly a group of high-profile, well-connected men.

"They were frightened by the #MeToo trend and they stopped. But most people in this society, they've never heard of #MeToo," she said.

"I've actually been lucky because Zhu Jun is well-known," Zhou said. "It's extremely difficult for women who have been assaulted by their friends, colleagues or partners to seek legal recourse."

Japanese TV journalist Shiori Ito said she experienced months of trolling and shaming after she revealed in May 2017 that she had been raped. That was before the #MeToo movement got under way in the United States.

"I'm very grateful to all the other women that have spoken up because I felt very lonely," she said. She said she has felt a change in Japan and in her own family "who were really against me speaking up, and then they started saying, 'You know what, maybe she's right.'"

An emotional television interview with South Korean prosecutor Seo Ji-hyun in January 2018, in which she said she had been assaulted eight years earlier, is credited with starting the #MeToo movement there. Seo has since won a court case for abuse of power against her alleged assaulter. She said that watching women reveal their stories in Hollywood helped give her the courage to speak publicly. Supporters marched in the streets with candles and #WithYou banners.

"I told myself that, 'Yes, this was not my fault and that I should not be ashamed at all,'" she said.

In Pakistan, dancer, theatre director and activist Sheema Kermani

is campaigning against sexual abuse, trying to make the movement there more than a moment.

"When actresses, big actresses, started calling out big names of actors for sexual harassment, I think it gave Pakistani women and women in media the courage to speak out," she said.

In Thailand, model and TV personality Cindy Sirinya Bishop launched the "Don't Tell Me How To Dress" campaign after receiving a wave of support for a "social media rant" — her response to an article advising women not to wear sexy clothes for the Thai New Year in order to avoid sexual assault.

"It all started when that clip that I posted went viral overnight with the support of many, many women all over Thailand, chiming in, commenting, sharing and saying 'Yes, this is exactly what we feel.' Why are we always the ones that have to cover up, or why, when we are harassed or assaulted, is it somehow our fault?" she said.

Bishop also created an exhibition displaying clothing worn by sexual-assault victims. "We have university student outfits to toddler's clothing to sweatpants and T-shirts," she said.

She says her movement would have happened regardless of the stories arriving from America. But she adds: "In some way, the #MeToo movement has collectively empowered women without our knowing it, all over the world." AP

Hong Kong protests expand to oppose China, with no end near

YANAN WANG & ALICE FUNG,
HONG KONG

COLIN Wong has come to know the sting of pepper spray well.

After more than a month of demonstrations in Hong Kong's sweltering heat, memories of the burning sensation are a constant reminder of what protesters call an excessive use of force by police. Each time he felt the now-familiar sting, Wong, 18, was more determined to not back down.

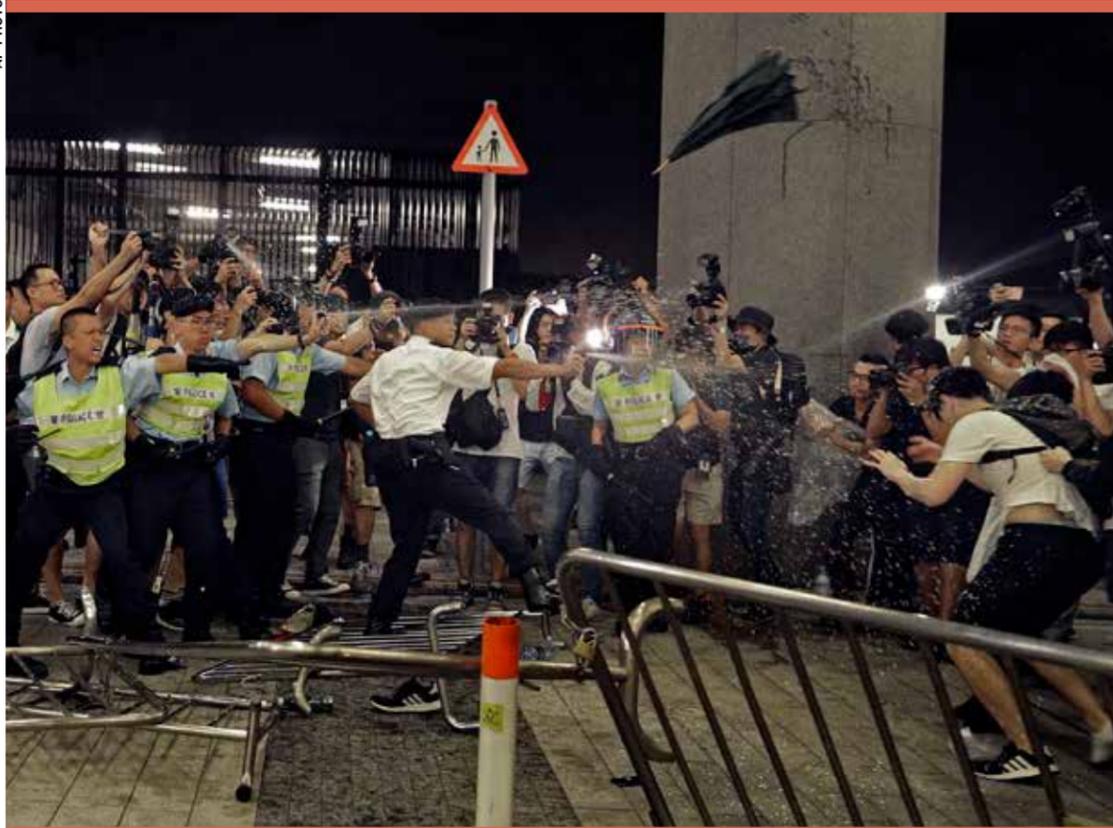
"Every time we come out and stand up, problems continue to arise afterward," Wong said, referring to the protesters' dissatisfaction with responses from law enforcement and Hong Kong leader Carrie Lam. "Trust in the whole Hong Kong government is bankrupt."

What began as a protest against an extradition bill has ballooned into a fundamental challenge to the way Hong Kong is governed — and the role of the Chinese government in the city's affairs. "Hong Kong is not China" has become a refrain of the movement in what is a Chinese territory, but with its own laws and a separate legal system under a "one country, two systems" framework.

Hundreds of thousands of people took to the streets in Hong Kong in three marches last month to oppose the extradition legislation, which would have allowed suspects to be sent to mainland China, where critics fear they would face opaque charges and unfair trials.

In recent weeks, the demonstrations have also included two smaller protests led by nativist-leaning groups against an influx of mainland Chinese into the city of 7.4 million people. All of it traces back to an underlying mistrust of the Hong Kong and Beijing author-

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ities, which fuels calls for a more responsive government that protesters believe democracy would bring.

When Hong Kong was returned to China from British colonial rule in 1997, its residents were promised certain freedoms not afforded to mainland Chinese. Opponents of the extradition bill argued that a hallmark of the "one country, two systems" framework — Hong Kong's independent judicial system — would be compromised under the proposed legislation.

Lam initially maintained that the bill would move forward, but has since declared them indefinitely suspended and "dead." The protests, however, have continued unabated, as demonstrators call for Lam's resignation, the legislation's

formal withdrawal and an investigation into police tactics. They also demand that protesters not be punished — as the leaders of the pro-democracy "Umbrella Movement" demonstrations in 2014 were.

Across these issues, protesters have increasingly held up signs expressing a broader wish: a yearning for greater democracy.

Slogans such as "Free Hong Kong" and "Democracy Now" have become more widely used, said Antony Dapiran, a Hong Kong-based lawyer and author of a book about the city's recent protest history who has been attending the protests since they began.

"People are fundamentally saying that they don't trust the mainland Communist government," he said.

"There's an underlying anxiety and fear in Hong Kong of what they're going to do."

Pro-democracy sentiment has become more pronounced in recent years as Hong Kong residents increasingly feel that Beijing, under the leadership of President Xi Jinping, is encroaching on their promised freedoms.

A principal demand has been for "universal suffrage," which means allowing Hong Kong citizens to vote directly for their chief executive and Legislative Council. The current chief executive, Lam, was chosen in 2017 by a 1,200-person committee dominated by pro-Beijing elites.

Several events have fueled anxieties about eroding boundaries between Hong Kong and the

mainland. Five Hong Kong book-sellers disappeared and ended up in Chinese custody, and the 2014 protest leaders were sent to prison. Meanwhile, China has built a high-speed rail link between the mainland and Hong Kong and plans to include both in a "Greater Bay Area," seen as attempts by Beijing to meld Hong Kong with the mainland.

"The furor over the extradition bill has since metamorphosed into a generalized movement uniting Hong Kong people of all ages and from all walks of life to express their frustrations and disappointments about an array of issues related to China," said Phil Chan, a senior fellow at the Institute for Security and Development Policy in Stockholm.

Mainland Chinese traders, as well as middle-aged mainland women who sing and dance loudly in a public park, have also been targets of Hong Kong protesters.

In what has become a recurring pattern, a demonstration Sunday in the northern district of Sha Tin was peaceful for most of the day, but scuffles broke out when police started clearing streets after nightfall. Some protesters retreated into a shopping complex where they and police hit each other with clubs and umbrellas. Claudia Mo, a pro-democracy lawmaker, described the clashes as an "eye-for-an-eye retaliatory" approach.

Wong was in the area Sunday, trying to help fellow protesters find safety. He said they are now gearing up for a large protest this Sunday at the government complex in the Admiralty district.

"There is a reason that all of these citizens are standing up," said Wong, a recent high school graduate who plans to study design at university in the fall. "We still have to work, we still have to study, we would like to have normal holidays."

Instead, he has spent his summer break administering first aid to protesters and helping to document the events.

"I just can't imagine how this will end," he said. AP

SHAANXI

Man executed after decades-long blood feud

A man in northwest China was executed yesterday for killing three neighbors in apparent revenge for his mother's death more than two decades earlier.

The Supreme People's Court in Shaanxi province announced that it implemented the death penalty on Zhang Koukou for intentional homicide against three men — two brothers and their father — sur-

med Wang.

The court statement detailed the two families' longstanding enmity — a blood feud that dates back to 1996.

That year, a dispute between Zhang's mother and one of the brothers, then 17-year-old Wang Zhengjun, resulted in her succumbing to a fatal injury. Taking into consideration Wang's youth and the behavior of

Zhang's mother during the quarrel, the court at the time fined Wang 9,639 yuan (\$1,400) and sentenced him to seven years in prison for intentionally injuring another person.

Zhang was still a teenager when his mother died. Over the following 22 years, the Supreme Court says, he continued to harbor resentment for her death. He struggled with his job, lifestyle

and mental health.

But there were no further conflicts between the two households — until last year.

In early 2018, Zhang learned that Wang would be returning to their village to celebrate the Spring Festival. On the eve of the Lunar New Year, after Wang and his brother had just come back from offering sacrifices to their ancestors, Zhang

approached and stabbed them to death. Then, he went to the home of Wang Zixin, the father, and fatally stabbed him as well before setting the family's car on fire.

Zhang fled the scene, only to surrender himself to police two days later.

The court said that Zhang had meticulously plotted the killings, preparing his weapons and observing his

victims' movements as he waited for the best time to strike. At an initial trial in January, the state-run China Daily reported, Zhang admitted that he had been haunted all these years by the thought of avenging his mother's death.

His appeal, which included a mental health assessment, was rejected at the second trial in April.

Zhang's capital punishment has been furiously debated online. Some commenters on the Twitter-like Weibo platform praised him for his filial piety and described him as the embodiment of a "real man." AP

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Thailand's Prime Minister Prayuth Chan-ocha with his cabinet members

THAILAND

WITH NEW CABINET, COUNTRY REPLACES JUNTA WITH ARMY ALLIES

KAWEEWIT KAEWJINDA
& GRANT PECK, BANGKOK

THAILAND'S new Cabinet was sworn earlier this week, creating a nominally elected government after five years of military rule but keeping power in the hands of the same allies of the army.

King Maha Vajiralongkorn presided over the swearing-in of the Cabinet, whose 36 members pledged their loyalty to the constitutional monarch. The Cabinet's inauguration dissolved the junta that had governed while giving itself almost unlimited powers without oversight.

"Every task has obstacles. Every mission faces problems," the king told the Cabinet members. "It is normal to take on work and solve problems so that the country can be run smoothly according to circumstances." The Cabinet then held its first meeting at Govern-

ment House.

Prayuth Chan-ocha, who as army commander seized power in a 2014 coup ousting an elected government, returns as prime minister. This time he was elected by a parliamentary vote after a March general election that was held under a new constitution and laws enacted by Prayuth's junta aimed at disadvantaging established political parties in favor of the military and its conservative allies.

The measures were seen as being directly particularly at the Pheu Thai party. The party and its predecessors have won every national election for two decades and have been ousted in two military coups. The party founder is telecoms tycoon Thaksin Shinawatra, whose populist policies and enormous political support threatened the influence of Thailand's traditional power holders, including the military.

After seizing power in 2014,

Prayuth declared a war on money politics and so-called "influential persons," including political power brokers with shady connections.

But in assembling a political machine, the Palang Pracharath Party that made him its candidate for prime minister recruited the same types of wheeler-dealers and made alliances with some to attain a majority.

"This Cabinet either represents old wine in a new bottle," said Paul Chambers, a political scientist at Naresuan University in northern Thailand, referring to major posts held by former members of Prayuth's military government, "or a product of a multiparty and multi-factional balance of power."

Thitinan Pongsudhirak, a professor of political science at Bangkok's Chulalongkorn University, described the Cabinet as "dominated by patronage politics and paybacks," including at least two

members with questionable reputations who were recruited for their abilities to turn out the vote.

"The unsavory few who have had a shady and criminalized past are surprising because they will be a lightning rod on the Prayuth government's credibility," he said in an email interview. "It suggests that Prayuth has paid a high price for luring old-style politicians and influential figures into his party and Cabinet."

Prayuth is both prime minister and defense minister in the new government.

His key partners are Democrat party leader Jurin Laksanawisit, who is deputy prime minister and commerce minister, and Bhumjai Thai Party leader Anutin Charnvirakul, who is deputy prime minister and health minister. Anutin campaigned for legalization of the production of marijuana to aid farmers.

Three other deputy prime minis-

ters held the same jobs in Prayuth's military government. One, Prawit Wongsuwan, was a senior career military officer like Prayuth. Another former senior officer, Anupong Paojinda, retains the post of interior minister.

Prayuth, in a Monday night speech marking the political transition, said "Thailand is now fully governed as a democratic country with a constitutional monarch, possessing a parliament that is elected and a government endorsed by the parliament. Several rights and liberties are safeguarded by the constitution in line with the highest international norms. Pending problems will be solved through democratic processes without the application of any special powers."

Prayuth recently revoked 66 of more than 500 special executive orders that he had enacted under the junta. Critics said it was an attempt to make it appear that the military is relinquishing power and transitioning to an elected government. The executive orders he retained enable the military to influence politics, such as one that allows soldiers to search and arrest people they suspect of threatening national security for up to seven days without charges. **AP**

AUSTRALIA

Fisherman finds message in a bottle written 50 years ago

ROD MCGUIRK
CANBERRA

A fisherman said yesterday he was looking for the author of a message in a bottle found off the southern Australian coast 50 years after it was written.

Paul Elliot told Australian

Broadcasting Corp. that he and his son Jyah found the bottle on the west coast of Eyre Peninsula in South Australia state while fishing.

Elliot said he was looking for the author Paul Gibson, who described himself in the note as a 13-year-old English boy traveling in a cruise ship

along the southern Australian coast from Fremantle in the west to Melbourne in the east.

Government oceanographer David Griffin said the bottle could not have remained afloat for 50 years off the south coast because "the ocean never stays still."

Griffin suspected that the bottle had been buried on a beach for years then refloats by a storm.

"If it had been dropped in anywhere in the ocean somewhere south of Australia, then there's no way it's going to stay actually at sea moving around for more than a year

or two," Griffin said.

The author gave his position as "1000 miles east of Fremantle." However it is not clear whether the author actually meant 1,000 miles out of Fremantle, which would have included a journey south along the west coast before turning east.

Hundreds of thousands of Britons migrated to Australia in the 1960s with the Australian government subsidizing their fares. Children traveled for free.

But a quarter of them returned to Britain within a few years when life in Australia fell short of their expectations. **AP**

CAMBODIA

Authorities say plastic waste shipments came from US, Canada

SOPHENG CHEANG,
PHNOM PENH

ALMOST seven dozen shipping containers sitting in a Cambodian seaport that were found to be filled with plastic waste came from the United States and Canada, the Southeast Asian country's Environment Ministry said yesterday.

Ministry spokesman Neth Pheaktra said the total weight of the waste found in 83 containers in Sihanoukville, the country's main port, was 1,600 tons.

Tuesday's discovery of the waste followed a statement at a Cabinet meeting last week by Prime Minister Hun Sen that Cambodia is not the dumping ground for any kind of waste, and does not allow the import of any kinds of plastic waste or other recyclables.

The cross-border disposal of waste became a major regional issue after China, previously its main



Containers loaded with plastic waste are placed at country beach city, Sihanoukville Port, southwest of Phnom Penh

destination, barred imports of almost all foreign plastic waste early last year. Waste shipments shifted to other countries such as Indonesia, Thailand and Malaysia, which

in turn also started rejecting shipments.

Neth Pheaktra said 70 of the containers were shipped from the United States and 13 came from

Canada. Both countries are major exporters of such waste.

A government committee established to look into the matter will investigate how and why the con-

tainers ended up in Cambodia, he said. He added that any company found to be involved in bringing in the waste would be fined and brought to court.

Cambodia will also begin the process of returning the waste to its countries of origin, Neth Pheaktra said.

"Cambodia is not a dustbin where foreign countries can dispose of out-of-date e-waste, and the government also opposes any import of plastic waste and lubricants to be recycled in this country," he said.

Electronic waste, which often has toxic qualities, is also a major problem, with shipments bouncing from port to port after being turned away.

Kun Nhim, director general of Cambodia's General Department of Customs and Excise, told The Associated Press on Wednesday that action was taken on the issue after other countries in the region such as Malaysia, Indonesia and Philippines brought the issue to the attention of Cambodian officials.

He said the 83 containers, which arrived over a period beginning in October 2018, contained only plastic waste, not toxic materials or radioactive substances.

Cambodia also has a severe problem with plastic waste it generates domestically, with little public awareness of the problem or infrastructure to deal with it. **AP**



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OBITUARY

JOHN PAUL STEVENS EVOLVED INTO SUPREME COURT'S LIBERAL LION

MARK SHERMAN
& CONNIE CASS, WASHINGTON

John Paul Stevens, the bow-tied, independent-thinking, Republican-nominated justice who unexpectedly emerged as the Supreme Court's leading liberal, died yesterday [Macau time] in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, after suffering a stroke Monday. He was 99.

During nearly 35 years on the court, Stevens stood for the freedom and dignity of individuals, be they students or immigrants or prisoners. He acted to limit the death penalty, squelch official prayer in schools, establish gay rights, promote racial equality and preserve legal abortion. He protected the rights of crime suspects and illegal immigrants facing deportation.

He influenced fellow justices to give foreign terrorism suspects held for years at the Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, naval base the right to plead for their release in U.S. courts.

Stevens served more than twice the average tenure for a justice, and was only the second to mark his 90th birthday on the high court. From his appointment by President Gerald Ford in 1975 through his retirement in June 2010, he shaped decisions that touched countless aspects of American life.

"He brought to our bench an inimitable blend of kindness, humility, wisdom and independence. His unrelenting commitment to justice has left us a better nation," Chief Justice John Roberts said in a statement.

The White House issued a statement saying President Donald Trump and the first lady offered their condolences to Stevens' family and friends and praising "his passion for the law and for our country."

He remained an active writer and speaker into his late 90s, surprising some when he came out against Justice Brett Kavanaugh's confirmation following Kavanaugh's angry denial of sexual assault allegations. Stevens wrote an autobiography, "The Making of a Justice: My First 94 Years," that was released just after his 99th birthday in April 2019.

At first considered a centrist, Stevens came to be seen as a lion of liberalism. But he rejected that characterization.

"I don't think of myself as a liberal at all," Stevens told The New York Times in 2007. "I think as part of my general politics, I'm pretty darn conservative."

The way Stevens saw it, he held to the same ground, but the court had shifted steadily to the right over the decades, creating the illusion that he was moving leftward.

He did change his views on some

AP PHOTO



Supreme Court Justice John Paul Stevens in 2014

issues, however. He morphed from a critic of affirmative action to a supporter, and came to believe the death penalty was wrong.

His legal reasoning was often described as unpredictable or idiosyncratic, especially in his early years on the court. He was a prolific writer of separate opinions laying out his own thinking, whether he agreed or disagreed with the majority's ruling. Yet Stevens didn't consider his methods novel. He tended toward a case-by-case approach, avoided sweeping judicial philosophies, and stayed mindful of precedent.

The white-haired Stevens, eyes often twinkling behind owl-like glasses, was the picture of old-fashioned geniality on the court and off. He took an unusually courteous tone with lawyers arguing their cases, but he was no pushover. After his fellow justices fired off questions, Stevens would politely weigh in. "May I ask a question?" he'd ask gently, then quickly slice to the weakest point of a lawyer's argument.

Stevens was especially concerned with the plight of ordinary citizens up against the government or other powerful interests — a type of struggle he witnessed as a boy.

When he was 14, his father, owner of a grand but failing Chicago hotel, was wrongly convicted of embezzlement. Ernest Stevens was

vindicated on appeal, but decades later his son would say the family's ordeal taught him that justice can misfire.

More often, however, Stevens credited his sensitivity to abuses of power by police and prosecutors to what he learned while representing criminal defendants in pro bono cases as a young Chicago lawyer.

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CHIEF JUSTICE JOHN ROBERTS

He voiced only one regret about his Supreme Court career: that he had supported reinstating the death penalty in 1976. More than three decades later, Stevens publicly declared his opposition to capital punishment, saying that years of bad court decisions had overlooked racial bias, favored prosecutors and otherwise undermined his expectation that death sentences could be handed down fairly.

One of his harshest dissents came when the court lifted restrictions on spending by corporations and unions to sway elections. He called the 2010 ruling "a rejection of the common sense of the American

people" and a threat to democracy.

As he read parts of that opinion aloud, Stevens' voice wavered uncharacteristically and he repeatedly stumbled over words. For the 90-year-old who'd worried he wouldn't know when to bow out, it was a signal. "That was the day I decided to resign," Stevens said later. He also disclosed in his autobiography that he had suffered a mini-stroke. Justice Elena Kagan took Stevens' seat on the court.

The retirement of Stevens, known as a defender of strict separation of church and state, notably left the high court without a single Protestant member for the first time.

"I guess I'm the last WASP," he joked, saying the issue was irrelevant to the justices' work. Justice Neil Gorsuch, who joined the court in 2017, was raised Catholic, but attends a Protestant church.

A great-grandfather, Stevens eased into an active retirement of writing and speaking, still fit for swimming and tennis in Fort Lauderdale, where he and his second wife, Maryan, kept a home away from Washington.

He is survived by two daughters, Elizabeth and Susan, who were with him when he died. Other survivors include nine grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. Stevens' first wife, Elizabeth, second wife, Maryan, and two children

died before him. Funeral arrangements are pending, the Supreme Court said in a statement announcing his death. But he is expected to be buried in Arlington National Cemetery, next to Maryan.

Born in 1920, Stevens was a privileged child of a bygone era: He met Amelia Earhart and Charles Lindbergh at the family hotel and was at the ballpark when Babe Ruth hit his famous "called-shot" home run in the 1932 World Series.

He joined the Navy the day before the attack on Pearl Harbor, and was awarded the Bronze Star for his service with a Japanese code-breaking team. The code breakers' work enabled the U.S. to shoot down a plane carrying the commander of the Japanese Navy, and that targeted wartime killing later contributed to his misgivings about the death penalty.

After World War II, Stevens graduated first in his class at Northwestern University's law school and clerked for Supreme Court Justice Wiley Rutledge. As a lawyer he became an antitrust expert, experience he brought to Supreme Court rulings such as one ending the NCAA's control over televised college football games.

President Richard Nixon appointed Stevens, a lifelong Republican, to the federal appeals court in Chicago. Judge Stevens was considered a moderate conservative when Ford — whose nominee would need the approval of a Democratic-controlled Senate — chose him for the Supreme Court.

Stevens won unanimous confirmation after uneventful hearings nothing like today's partisan shows. Stevens' liberal bent once on the high court was "different than I envisioned," Ford acknowledged decades later, but he still supported and praised him as "a very good legal scholar."

Stevens' influence reached its height after other liberals retired in the early 1990s, leaving him the senior associate justice and the court's leader on the left. For a dozen years after, he proved adept at drawing swing votes from Republican appointees Sandra Day O'Connor and Anthony Kennedy, often frustrating conservative Chief Justice William Rehnquist.

Stevens' clout diminished after Roberts arrived in 2005 and O'Connor was replaced by the more conservative Samuel Alito. But he didn't lose spirit. Throughout his career, Stevens unleashed some of his most memorable language in defeat.

He wrote a scathing dissent in *Bush v. Gore*, the 2000 case that ended Florida's presidential recount and anointed George W. Bush: "Although we may never know with complete certainty the identity of the winner of this year's presidential election, the identity of the loser is perfectly clear. It is the nation's confidence in the judge as an impartial guardian of the rule of law." AP

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Pakistan arrests US-wanted terror suspect in Mumbai attacks

ASIM TANVEER, MULTAN

PAKISTAN yesterday arrested a radical cleric and U.S.-wanted terror suspect implicated in the 2008 Mumbai attacks, officials said, just days ahead of Prime Minister Imran Khan's trip to Washington.

Hafiz Saeed was taken into custody in Punjab province while traveling from the eastern city of Lahore to the city of Gujranwala, according to counterterrorism official Mohammad Shafiq.

Saeed founded the Lashkar-e-Taiba group, which was blamed for the Mumbai attacks that killed 166 people. His charity organizations, Jamaat-ud-Dawa and Falah-e-Insaniat, are alleged fronts for Lashkar-e-Taiba.

The United States has offered a \$10 million reward for Saeed's arrest and Washington recently stepped up pressure on Islamabad to crack down on terror groups.

In response, Pakistan registered over a dozen cases against Saeed

and several of his associates, accusing them of funding militant groups through charities and leading to Wednesday's arrest.

Prime Minister Imran Khan is to leave for Washington over the weekend on his first official visit to the United States as premier.

After his arrest, Saeed was taken before a judge and was ordered held in jail until the next hearing on Tuesday, Shafiq said. The cleric had been en route to Gujranwala to post bail in the terror financing case but was detained before he could do so.

In Pakistan, a suspect can be free on bail pending investigation and trial.

Saeed's spokesman Nadim Awan denounced the arrest and said the cleric had dissociated himself from Lashker-e-Taiba in 2001 and has had no links with the organization since then. Lashker-e-Taiba was banned in 2002.

Awan said they would challenge Saeed's arrest before a higher court.

Until the terror financing case, Saeed had for months lived freely in Pakistan, often addressing anti-India rallies for which he became popular amid a dramatic confrontation between the two nuclear-armed rivals earlier this year.

Saeed's two charities were banned in February last year, and the government froze their assets in compliance with a U.N. request. Pakistan's Supreme Court last September allowed them to resume operations only to be banned again earlier this year under a government action plan against terrorism and extremism.

Previously, Saeed had been detained several times, along with some of his close aides, but had not been charged or put on trial.

He was taken into custody in January last year and kept under house arrest for 11 months until a court order ended his detention in November. He was also detained in 2001 and 2008, when he was kept confined to a government-run house and at his home.

In recent months, the government also took over schools, mosques, seminaries and all properties linked to Saeed's charities and froze their assets.

Pakistan is currently on the Financial Action Task Force's grey list, denoting its status as a haven for money laundering. It has until October to avoid black listing. AP

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Hafiz Saeed, founder of Pakistani religious group Jamaat-ud-Dawa addresses an anti-Indian rally in Lahore, Pakistan, last year

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UNTIL: July 28, 2019

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Offbeat

SAVORY SUSHI TEMPTS TWO PENGUINS TO NEST AT NEW ZEALAND STORE



Two little blue penguins just couldn't stay away from a New Zealand sushi store, returning to nest there even after police had captured them and escorted them back to the ocean.

Wellington police described them as "waddling vagrants" while the store's co-owner jokes he had no idea that word of his tasty raw fish had reached as far as the subaquatic community.

Police say the first call came Saturday night that a penguin was on a city street, and they managed to return it to the ocean. Then on Monday morning they got more calls, and found two penguins nesting beneath the Sushi Bi store.

But after police released them, the penguins were back under the store a few hours later. They were moved back to the waterfront once again.

TV canal macau



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13:30	Telejornal RTPi (Diferido)
15:00	Agua de Mar
15:45	Zig Zag
16:20	Sim Chef! Sr1
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17:45	Moda Portugal Sr.4
18:15	Amor Maior (Repetição)
19:00	Volta ao Mundo
19:30	Os Nossos Dias Sr.2
20:30	Telejornal
21:15	Banco Asiático De Investimento em Infra-Estruturas
21:50	Livros com João Guedes
22:25	Amor Maior
23:15	TDM News
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TOY STORY 4

ROOM 1

2:30, 4:30, 7:30, 9:30pm

Director: Josh Cooley

Starring: Will Smith, Mena Massoud, Naomi Scott

Language: Cantonese

Duration: 109min



THE WHITE STORM 2 DRUG LORDS

ROOM 2

2:30, 4:30, 7:30, 9:30pm

Director: Herman Yau

Starring: Andy Lau, Louis Koo, Michael Miu

Language: Cantonese (Chinese & English)

Duration: 86min



CRAYON SHINCHAN 2019

ROOM 3

2:30, 7:15pm

Director: Masakazu Hashimoto

Starring: Yumiko Kobayashi, Toshiyuki Morikawa, Miki Narahashi

Language: Cantonese

Duration: 100min

SPIDER-MAN: FAR FROM HOME

ROOM 3

4:30, 9:15pm

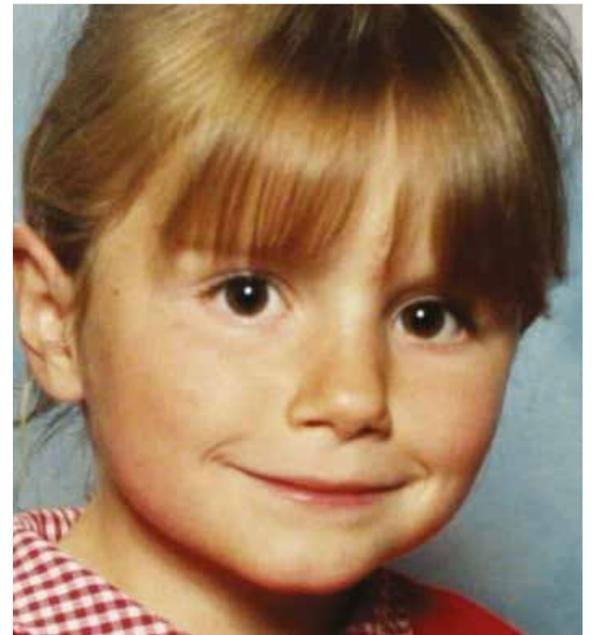
Director: Jon Watts

Starring: Zendaya, Angourie Rice, Tom Holland

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 129min

this day in history



2000 SARAH PAYNE'S BODY FOUND

Police have confirmed the body they found in a West Sussex field yesterday is that of missing eight-year old Sarah Payne.

A farm worker found the human remains less than 12 miles from where Sarah went missing near her grandparents' home near Littlehampton on 1 July.

The partly covered body was lying 10 yards away from the A29 between Pulborough and Billingshurst.

Sarah's parents, Sara and Michael, spent 20 minutes at the scene and laid flowers there. They looked at the tributes left by hundreds of well-wishers and police.

Earlier Assistant Chief Constable of West Sussex Nigel Yeo announced the finger prints were Sarah's and a murder inquiry was underway.

The press conference then observed half a minute's silence.

Police said the naked body had been there for some time and had no obvious sign of injury, but they would not disclose whether any sexual assault had taken place.

They are still looking for Sarah's blue dress and black shoes and they are focussing their search on a white van seen by her brothers when she went missing.

The A29 remains closed and a tent shrouds where the body was uncovered.

Sixty-five police officers - some with sniffer dogs - are combing the area for more evidence and further tests are being carried out on the body in search of vital DNA clues.

Sarah went missing 16 days ago after playing in a cornfield with her brothers Lee, 13, and Luke, 11, and her five-year-old sister Charlotte.

The family have held almost daily briefings with the media and so far investigators have dealt with 20,000 calls from the public.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

Two days later police found what they believed to be one of Sarah's shoes in the village of Coolham, a few miles to the east of where the body was found.

On 31 July, Roy Whiting - a known paedophile - was arrested then released on bail. He had already been questioned and released on 2 July.

Whiting was arrested and charged with the murder on 6 February 2001.

On 12 December 2001 he was found guilty of abducting and murdering Sarah Payne and given a life sentence.

In 1995 Whiting had been given a four year sentence for attacking a nine-year-old girl.

The News of the World supported Sara and Michael Payne in their campaign for "Sarah's Law" and public access to the sex offenders' register.

Pressure for a so-called Sarah's Law has been maintained. But the government has resisted calls saying there would be a risk of the public taking the law into their own hands.

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YOUR STARS



ARIES

Mar. 21-Apr. 19

Do not accept things at face value today - just because someone says something is true doesn't mean that it is. Your generous nature will make it difficult for you to be skeptical of others.



TAURUS

Apr. 20-May. 20

It's time for you to yet again try to make an intellectual connection with that vibrant coworker you just don't get. To do so, you need to ask a lot more questions!



GEMINI

May. 21-Jun. 21

If you want good service, then you need to learn how to be a good customer. Positive feedback is always the wisest way to communicate what you need and what you expect from someone.



CANCER

Jun. 22-Jul. 22

But since you don't have a crystal ball, you'll have to deal with this indecisive phase in another, more logical way. Ask the people you trust what they would do if they were in your shoes, and ask them to explain why.



LEO

Jul. 23-Aug. 22

This is a great time to take another look at a person who tends to really annoy you. He or she has viewpoints that you have a hard time relating to - but some of these opinions deserve your attention.



VIRGO

Aug. 23-Sep. 22

Pursue anything (or anyone) that piques your interest today - your intellectual curiosity could lead you to some very amusing places. If someone says something that doesn't make sense to you, ask for clarification.



LIBRA

Sep. 23-Oct. 22

Your reputation for being easygoing and able to get along with everyone could be preventing some people from taking you seriously. You don't have to turn into someone you're not in order to get things done.



SCORPIO

Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Letting go of your inhibitions is easy today - you're feeling a strong pull toward strangers, and you should explore what you may have in common with them.



SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

It's a wonderful tool you should start using more in your work and family life. By letting go of the restrictions of reality, you free yourself to come up with better ideas for everything.



CAPRICORN

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Your thoughts have been taking you to some depressing places lately, but that is not necessarily a bad thing. Happiness and sadness are both important parts of life.



AQUARIUS

Jan. 20-Feb. 18

You're getting more in sync with the world around you, and you'll probably start to feel the need to be social - but not the 'let's get together and party' kind of social.

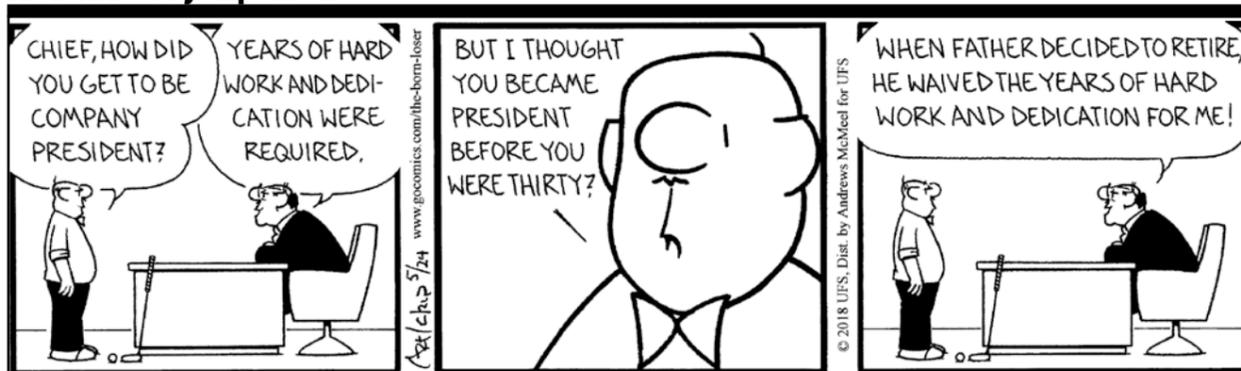


PISCES

Feb. 19-Mar. 20

Motivation can come in many forms. For some people, it comes when they realize that they've become too much of a doormat - and things have got to change as soon as possible.

The Born Loser by Chip Sansom



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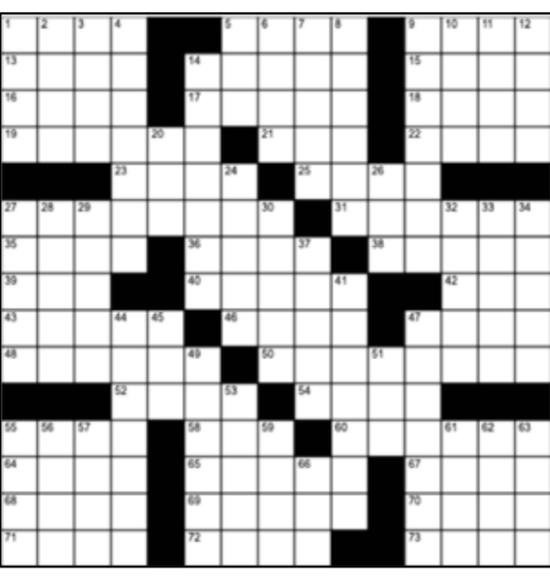
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Tianjin	25	32	cloudy
Urumqi	23	34	clear
Xi'an	25	31	drizzle
Lhasa	12	22	shower
Chengdu	21	27	shower
Chongqing	25	31	drizzle
Kunming	19	26	shower
Nanjing	23	30	cloudy
Shanghai	24	27	drizzle
Wuhan	24	32	cloudy
Hangzhou	24	29	drizzle
Taipei	26	30	cloudy
Guangzhou	27	35	cloudy
Hong Kong	29	33	cloudy
WORLD			
Moscow	13	20	drizzle
Frankfurt	11	26	clear
Paris	14	26	cloudy
London	11	25	cloudy
New York	22	31	clear

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1-Microscopic arachnid; 5- Actor Epps; 9- Voting-pattern predictor; 13- Harbinger; 14- Battery terminal; 15- Switch ending; 16- Neeson of "Rob Roy"; 17- Leash; 18- Some TV's; 19- Mesmerized; 21- Self-importance; 22- Grow dim; 23- Blood components; 25- Biblical birthright seller; 27- Sweat; 31- Clown Kelly; 35- Zip-___-Doo-Dah; 36- David Copperfield's first wife; 38- Lofty dwelling; 39- Fixed; 40- 71% is under water; 42- Took off; 43- Huge hit; 46- Like Santa's cheeks; 47- Roman tyrant; 48- Merited; 50- North American juniper; 52- Org. concerned with working conditions; 54- In ranks; 55- Monetary unit of Ireland; 58- In the style of; 60- Guarantee; 64- Ensnare; 65- Automaton; 67- Ridge over the eye; 68- Monster; 69- Cursor mover; 70- Treater's words; 71- Approach; 72- P.M. times; 73- River to the North Sea;

DOWN: 1- Double agent; 2- Poker player's declaration; 3- Rip; 4- As a group; 5- Que. neighbor; 6- Additional; 7- Old saying; 8- Sleep; 9- Scent; 10- "Jaws" boat; 11- Burden; 12- Come up short; 14- Straddling; 20- Oomph; 24- Bellowing; 26- Doc bloc; 27- Old hat; 28- Tomato blight; 29- Pave over; 30- Goof; 32- Dropped the ball; 33- Jewelled crown worn by women; 34- Pavarotti, e.g.; 37- Baffled; 41- Combine chemically with water; 44- Meddling person; 45- For ___ a jolly...; 47- Paper carrier; 49- Teaching of the Buddha; 51- Trigonometry ratio; 53- Indifferent; 55- Collar type; 56- Impulse; 57- ___ avis; 59- Be tangent to; 61- Coffee dispensers; 62- Trevi Fountain site; 63- Large pitcher; 66- CIA predecessor;



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'WHEN THEY SEE US' STAR WEPT AT EMMY NOMINATION

ACTOR Jharrel Jerome of "When They See Us" says he cried so much when he learned of his Emmy nomination that you would have thought he had lost a family member. Jerome told The Associated Press that it "was just pure joy and pure happiness and pride" that drove him to tears when he learned he was nominated for best actor in a limi-

ted series or movie. His was one of 16 nominations for the Netflix show about the false accusations against the so-called Central Park Five. The 21-year-old Jerome says he was in a restaurant with friends from high school when he learned he was nominated, which led to broken glasses and stunned customers amid the wild celebra-

25 YEARS LATER, 'THE LION KING' ROARS AGAIN (WITH BEYONCÉ)



IT was just a few months ago that director Jon Favreau was sitting in a scoring session with composer Hans Zimmer for "The Lion King," his ambitious and technology-driven reimagining of the 1994 animated classic, and he and everyone else in the room were getting a little emotional. It's no wonder: They were recording the music for the stampede (yes, THAT stampede). "Working on it doesn't make it any less emotional," Favreau said in an interview earlier this year.

And don't even get him started on what it was like to listen to James Earl Jones record his lines as Mufasa. "The Lion King" is three years in the making with some of the biggest names in entertainment, including Beyoncé, and the expectations couldn't be higher. None of the other major studios have even dared to go up against it in theaters this weekend. Early tracking suggest that it could make as much as \$150 million in its first weekend in North America, and it's already grossed over \$55 million in China.

VENEZUELA FREES MUSICIAN JAILED AFTER BLASTING MADURO ONLINE

KAREN Palacios' Yamaha clarinet still rests where she left it atop sheet music of a Mozart concerto that she practiced diligently the night before two strangers dressed in black lured her away in a luxury SUV. The 25-year-old musician's captors duped her into believing she was needed for an interview with a victims' unit at the presidential palace. Instead, they drove her to Venezuela's most-notorious mili-

tary prison, locking her up alongside the socialist government's top opponents for violating Venezuela's highly subjective hate law. Her crime: posting a message on social media venting frustration at President Nicolás Maduro's government over having been cut from the state-funded National Philharmonic. "This is the first time I've started a thread," she wrote May 26 in a string of hard-edged messages that quickly went viral on Twitter.



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Algeria's Riyad Mahrez celebrates with his teammates after scoring

FOOTBALL

African Cup final much more than Mane vs. Mahrez

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DJAMEL Belmadi sank to his knees, eyes closed and arms aloft after Riyad Mahrez's goal with seconds remaining put Algeria in the African Cup of Nations final for the first time in 29 years.

About two hours earlier, Senegal's Aliou Cisse celebrated a place in Africa's biggest game and a chance at a first title for his country in the same way.

It was striking how two coaches who are good friends, who played against each other in their early

days, and who were born just a day apart, expressed their joy with almost carbon-copy acts.

This weekend's African Cup final in Cairo will be headlined by the teams' Premier League stars: Senegal forward Sadio Mane of Liverpool and Algeria captain Mahrez of Manchester City. They have lived up to their reputations with high-quality performances at the tournament.

For Champions League-winning Mane or Premier League-winning Mahrez, it'll be a season to savor. They both have three goals in Egypt, setting up the chance of a definitive fourth from one of them.

But it's much more than Mane vs. Mahrez.

The coaches have compelling stories. They are young in the

coaching game at age 43. They spent formative years growing up and playing in France, where they came across each other. They are former national team players for their countries who have graduated to the top job, which is uncommon in Africa.

It's also rare that they've both reached the pinnacle of a tournament nearly monopolized by foreign coaches. In 31 previous African Cups, there have only been four finals to feature two African coaches. It last happened in 1998 and before that in the 1960s and '70s.

"It's a great message that we have sent to those responsible for football in all countries in Africa. It's amazing," Belmadi said. "I've known Cisse for a very long time. We used to play against each other

when we were both in France. To play this final against Senegal, against my friend, is amazing."

Belmadi played for Algeria in the early 2000s. He's been coach for less than a year but has taken the team to the final for the first time since the country won its sole title on home soil in 1990.

Senegal has no titles, with defeat in the 2002 final, when Cisse himself missed the decisive penalty in a shootout, the closest it has come.

Cisse captained that 2002 team, which went on to make the World Cup quarterfinals four months later and stands out as one of Africa's best.

"I have unlimited trust in my players, and I felt they wanted to achieve something," Cisse said. "They have done all that is needed

to win. My players told me they will be better than us (in 2002), and they have been."

Both coaches have deep-rooted connections to their teams.

Belmadi was at the center of Algeria's celebrations after the semi-final against Nigeria. The coach knelt as the players surrounded him. Cisse was also the focal point for Senegal in the extra-time win over Tunisia as jubilant players jumped into his arms.

They have their own styles. Cisse wears crisp white shirts and smart trousers on the sidelines and embodies calm. Belmadi favors untucked T-shirts and tracksuit pants and is a whirlwind of activity.

They met in the group stage, when Algeria won 1-0.

"We know them, they know us," said Mahrez.

Underlining both teams' efforts in Egypt is a prolonged yearning for success.

Algeria's passage to the final was greeted by mass celebrations on the streets at home. In Dakar, thousands danced outside the official residence of Senegal President Macky Sall. The winners will return as national heroes.

Senegal was always one of the title favorites and is the top-ranked team in Africa. Algeria came in under the radar, but the expectation appears to be heavier on the Algerians now, with thousands of their fans in Cairo.

That's provided an extra element for the final.

Egypt has experienced revolution and horrific violence on its streets since 2011. The tournament has been played under intensely heavy security.

The only flash of trouble came when Algeria fans and local Egyptians — who have a fierce North African rivalry — threw bottles and goaded each other over fences separating them at Cairo International Stadium during the semi-final. Security swooped in to quell the trouble.

Large soccer crowds have made Egyptian authorities so nervous in the past few years that fans were banned completely from attending games. The 75,000-seat Cairo International Stadium is expected to be full for the final. **AP**

BOXING

Roach, Jackson praise training to fight Parkinson's

FIGHT trainer Freddie Roach and the Rev. Jesse Jackson — a recent convert to boxing training — talk about how their sessions together have helped both men offset some of the devastating effects of Parkinson's disease.

"When he got here, he

could barely climb the steps to the ring," Roach tells hosts Jim Litke and Tim Dahlberg on the new episode of PodcastOne Sports Now. "After 10 days of training, he wanted to race me."

Roach, who's battled Parkinson's for decades,

also previews Saturday's welterweight championship fight between protégé Manny Pacquiao and Keith "One-Time" Thurman.

Also on the show: Associated Press golf writer Doug Ferguson previews the British Open from Royal Portrush in Northern Ireland.

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Rev. Jesse Jackson — a recent convert to boxing training

OPINION

Made In Macao

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THE MODERATE AND GREAT HEAT OF JULY

These days, it feels terribly hot in Macao. But we are only in the period of Siu Syu 小暑 (Moderate Heat), of the 24 Solar Terms. According to the Chinese agricultural calendar, the period of Moderate Heat began on July 7 this year. Traditionally, the temperature should be just starting to increase and the two weeks of Siu Syu should be warm. On July 23, we would then begin the period of Dai Syu 大暑 (Great Heat), which should be the two hottest weeks of the year. But it is hard to tell whether the current temperature in Macao is merely warm or if this is as hot as it will get.

There is a Chinese saying, "Beware of the East wind during Siu Syu. Beware of the red sky during Dai Syu". This is based on ancient Chinese meteorology. It was believed that if the wind blew east or if the evening sky was red during the two weeks of Moderate Heat, a super typhoon was coming. So we should keep track of the wind and start watching the sky from next week. But the Solar Terms of Siu Syu and Dai Syu are not just about typhoons. There are other traditions which may be interesting for us to practice, especially those that are good for health.

For thousands of years, the Chinese have been practicing Sik San 食新, which directly translates to "eating new," though this is mostly forgotten nowadays. The day after Siu Syu, people would cook newly harvested rice and drink new white wine (rice wine). They would also offer the new rice and wine to their ancestors and the agricultural gods for better harvests to come. Another reason for drinking rice wine during summer was that before the invention of air conditioning, the weather may have been too hot for one to feel like eating and rice wine is said help increase appetite. Moreover, the ingredients of rice wine and its high alcohol content were believed to help prevent one from getting fat and contribute to better sleep during the hot weather. So I am now looking at the glass of Portuguese white wine in front of me wondering if I should switch to Chinese white wine!

Aside from rice wine, Siu Syu is also the time for another health food - lotus roots. It is believed that lotus roots picked at this time are especially rich in fiber, calcium and other vitamins which are good for health, and can also calm nerves during the hot season. Finless eels are also at their prime time for consumption and are said to be good for relieving rheumatism, especially during this time when humidity is high.

Next week when the Great Heat arrives, the custom is to eat Chinese herbal jelly, also known as fairy grass jelly. The Chinese have a saying that "eating fairy grass jelly in summer, one will never get old like fairies," probably because of its herbal properties. Also, although Dai Syu is supposed to be the hottest period of the year, it is recommended to drink hot water and ginger tea because in the hot and humid weather of South China, they are better for reducing the "internal humidity" in our bodies.

So on my to-do-list during these coming hot weeks: watch the wind and sky, eat lotus roots, drink ginger tea, and, in the case of a super typhoon, stock up on Chinese white wine because at least it will make hiding from typhoon more fun or will help me sleep through the storm.

GERMANY INTRODUCING MANDATORY MEASLES VACCINATION FOR KIDS

THE BUZZ

The German government is proposing a measure to make measles vaccinations mandatory for children and employees of kindergartens and schools.

Chancellor Angela Merkel's Cabinet approved the plan yesterday, noting the number of measles infections has risen significantly in recent years.

Lawmakers in parliament, where Merkel's governing coalition holds a majority, are expected to approve the law. In the phased-in program beginning in March, parents of

school-aged children, starting at kindergarten, will have to provide proof of vaccination.

Non-compliance means children will be refused admittance to kindergarten and their parents possibly fined. Parents of older students will be fined up to 2,500 euros (\$2,803).

The German news agency dpa reports that while 543 cases of measles were registered in Germany last year, there have been more than 400 cases this year already.

BROADWAY MACAU

INTERACTIVE MULTIMEDIA ON SHOW AT HELLO KITTY EXHIBITION

LYNZY VALLES



GALAXY Entertainment Group is presenting "Hello Kitty Hello Again" at Broadway Macau, with additional plans to bring the exhibition to nearby Greater Bay Area cities.

Lo Tak Chong, managing director of the event's organizer MACEXPO Exhibition Co., Ltd., told the press yesterday that some 25,000 pre-sale tickets have already been bought, with 70,000 to 80,000 visitors expected to see the exhibition.

"We've been planning to move the exhibition to the mainland. [...] Guangdong is quite close and we think cities such as Shen-

zhen and Guangzhou are suitable for [the exhibition]. At the moment, we have no exact plans, but we are headed in that direction," said Lo.

"Hello Kitty Hello Again" features a total of 10 themed zones based on different Hello Kitty characteristics.

Lo said that 60-70% of the exhibition will feature interactive multimedia zones.

The exhibition begins with the first zone, "Apple of My Eye," featuring an interactive screen. It is followed by "I Am Kitty White," a room that features Hello Kitty and Tiny Chum interactive games.

"When visitors enter, they will be given a pair of glasses [that have a built-in smart chip] which can help them explore the secrets of particular zones," said Lo.

A "Hello Kitty Jumper Workshop" is also available at the exhibition, where a local craftsperson will assist visitors in creating badges, patterns and messages on tote bags and hats.

In the exhibition, the character is presented in red flower-frame glasses inspired by this year's 45th anniversary exhibition in Japan.

The exhibition will run from today until September 1. LV

Iran's foreign minister Mohammad Javad Zarif said yesterday that his country has no choice but to manufacture missiles for defense purposes — comments that reflect more backtracking after a remark by the top diplomat suggesting the missiles could be up for negotiations.



G-7 The Trump administration is objecting to France's plan to tax Facebook, Google and other U.S. tech giants, a rift that's overshadowing talks between seven longtime allies near Paris this week on issues ranging from digital currencies to trade. U.S. Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin plans to take a tough line against host France.



USA John Paul Stevens moved left as the Supreme Court shifted to the right during his nearly 35 years as a justice. That's how the bow-tie wearing Republican from the Midwest emerged as the leader of the high court's liberal wing. More on p14



El Chapo The Mexican drug kingpin Joaquin "El Chapo" Guzman has been sentenced to life behind bars in a U.S. prison, a humbling end for a drug lord once notorious for his ability to kill, bribe or tunnel his way out of trouble. A federal judge in Brooklyn handed down the sentence yesterday.



Mexico Asylum-seekers gathered in Nuevo Laredo, across the border from Texas, grappled to understand what a new U.S. policy that all but eliminates refugee claims by Central Americans and many others meant for their bids to find a better life in America amid a chaos of rumors, confusion and fear.

'GAME OF THRONES' REIGNS WITH RECORD 32 EMMY NOMINATIONS

HBO'S "Game of Thrones" slashed its way to a record-setting 32 Emmy nominations Tuesday for its eighth and final season, leading HBO back to dominance over Netflix, the streaming service that bumped its last year from atop the increasingly crowded television heap.

The bloodthirsty saga's total eclipsed the all-time series record of 27 nods earned by "NYPD Blue" in 1994.

If "Game of Thrones" successfully defends its best drama series title and claims a fourth trophy, it will join the quartet of most-honored dramas that includes "Hill

Street Blues," "L.A. Law," "The West Wing" and "Mad Men."

The Emmy voters' acclaim stands in sharp contrast to fan reaction to the show's last hurrah, which included howls of laughter for a to-go coffee cup inadvertently included in one scene and a finale that detractors called unsatisfying. But the show's ratings never faltered for the series based on George R.R. Martin's novels, setting new highs for HBO.

A wealth of recognition for the cast and guest stars, including the show's only previous winner, Peter Dinklage with

three awards, helped "Game of Thrones" add to its already record haul of nominations, now at 161 total.

Series star Emilia Clarke's decision to seek a best actress nomination after a series of supporting actress bids paid off. She's competing in a category that's notable for its diversity, including past winner Viola Davis for "How to Get Away with Murder" and repeat nominee Sandra Oh for "Killing Eve," who has another chance to become the first actress of Asian descent to win the trophy. She lost last year to Claire Foy for Netflix's "The Crown." MDT/AP