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Philippines President Rodrigo Duterte said last night there was no way to stop Chinese nationals from fishing in his country's exclusive economic zone claimed by China and added that he would not risk losing Filipino forces in a clash with the Asian superpower in the disputed South China Sea. "When Xi says I will fish, who can prevent him?"



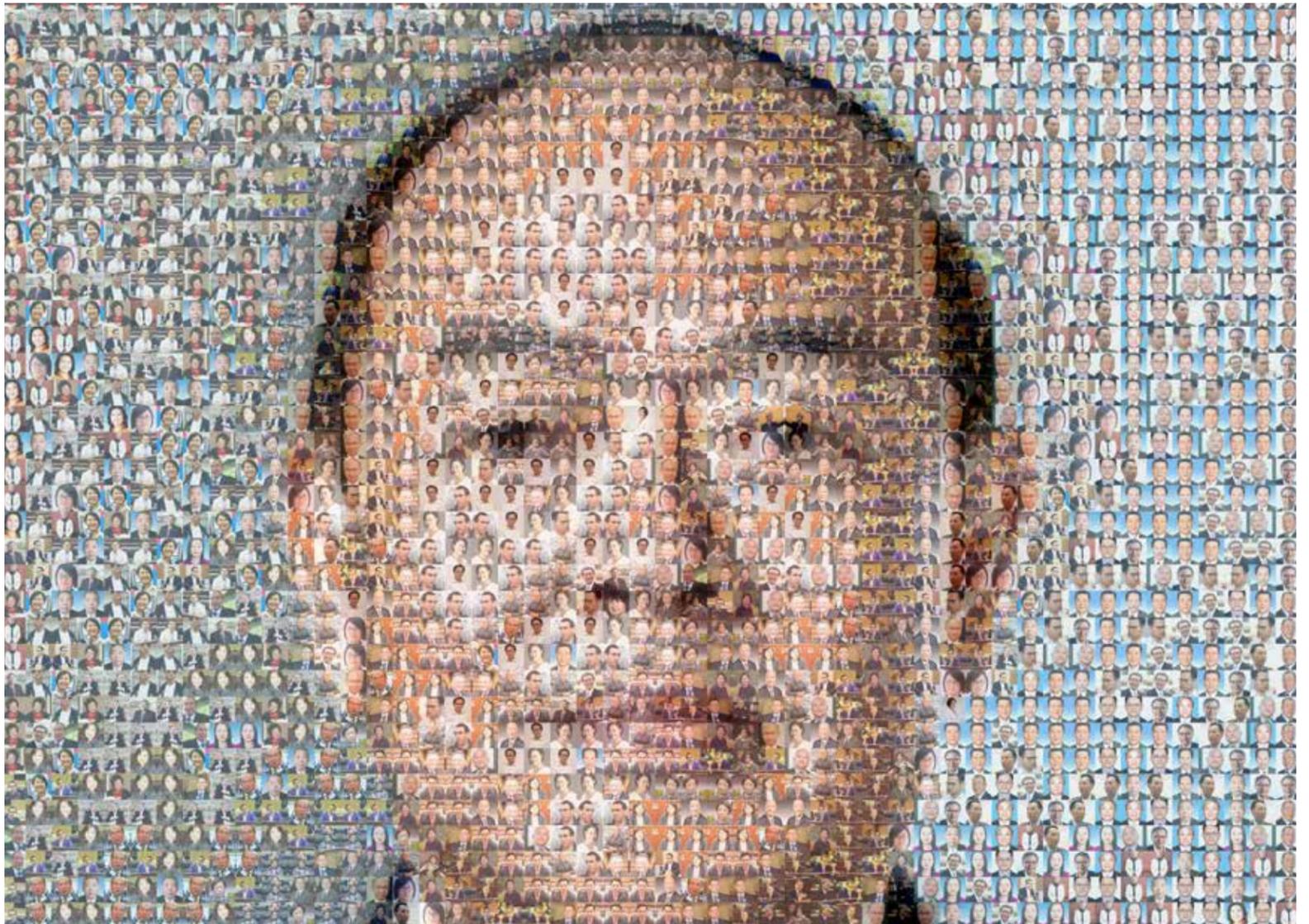
South Korea Police detained six people for allegedly illegally entering a Japanese diplomatic facility in South Korea and staging an anti-Tokyo demonstration there. On Friday, a 78-year-old South Korean man died after setting himself on fire near the Japanese Embassy in Seoul.



Australia Several inmates were stabbed during a riot at an Australian juvenile detention center that ended after 21 hours with 20 arrests, police said. The riot at the detention center north of Sydney started at 8.30 p.m. Sunday. Nine inmates surrendered by yesterday afternoon but another 11 had not. Police later stormed the rooftop where the rioters were holding out and arrested them, a police statement said.

Pakistan An official says an army helicopter has rescued an Italian and a Russian climber stranded on a treacherous peak in the country's north. Karrar Haidri, the secretary of the Alpine Club of Pakistan, says Francesco Cassardo of Italy and Konstantin Sidorov of Russia were found on Gasherbrum peak in the Karakoram range after they got injured amid bad weather.

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SOCIAL SECURITY APPLAUDS PENSION FUND PARTICIPANTS

STAFF REPORTER

AN event was held yesterday by the Social Security Fund (FSS) to honor companies currently participating - or intending to participate - in the non-mandatory provident fund scheme. This was the second iteration of the event.

The provident fund was started on January 1, 2018. The FSS disclosed that a total of 186 companies have joined the joint provident fund scheme in the last year and a half. At the ceremony, another 21 employers also expressed their support and intention to

participate in the scheme.

In his speech, Iong Kong Io, president of the Administrative Committee of the FSS, recalled that the first employer recognition ceremony was held in July last year to commend the first 78 participating companies. He especially made note of the fact that all six casino operators had committed to the provident scheme.

There are two ways a company can participate in the scheme. For companies that have an existing provident fund scheme, they can easily transfer to the new scheme with minor adjustments - 77% of participating companies have star-

ted under this mechanism. Other companies can simply sign up to the scheme through the seven investment institutions or policy providers, including five insurance companies, one bank and one investment management firm.

Given that the scheme is a relatively new policy, the majority of the participating employers agree that a thorough explanation has to be given to employees to ease their concerns.

"It took us quite some time to convey the advantages of the scheme to all our employees," said Rachel Chan, senior vice president of human resources at Sociedade

de Jogos de Macau, S.A. (SJM), the first casino operator to join the new scheme.

Meanwhile, Zheng Jie-zhao, principal of the Workers' Children High School Macau, complimented the new scheme: "Investment won't get suspended even if an employee changes jobs, and there are wider investment choices."

As for the individual provident fund scheme, the FSS has so far received more than 46,200 applications.

Also yesterday, a committee of the Legislative Assembly discussed a pension fund for civil servants only. The discussion revolved around the financial and investment conditions, as well as the Government Pension Fund's ability to make payments in future.

Committee president Mak Soi

Kun told the media after the meeting that the fund is currently recording deficits. As such, civil servants have become worried that their pensions may not be paid when they retire.

Mak said the committee has yet to receive the actuarial report of cash flow from the fund, which the fund said would be submitted to the committee no later than July.

In the meantime, the committee has suggested that the fund's balance sheet should be published along with its appendices, following normal accounting principles, starting with the sheet for the 2018 financial year. This way, people will be able to understand the fund's actual financial status.

The committee also recommended immediate action by the government to safeguard the health of the fund.

Water tested at Cheoc Van found to be abnormal

THE Marine and Water Bureau (DSAMA) has suggested that the public should not enter the water at Cheoc Van Beach because the quality of the water has been found to be abnormal, according to a statement released yesterday by the marine authority.

The DSAMA was informed by the Laboratory of the Municipal Affairs Bureau (IAM) that water samples collected from Cheoc Van Beach tested positive for Vibrio cholera.

The DSAMA has reported the case to the Disease Prevention and Control Centre

at the Health Bureau and has hoisted a red flag at the beach, advising residents not to enter the water.

Notices have also been put up at the beach to remind the public about the situation. No abnormalities have been detected at Hac Sa Beach.

The relevant departments will continue to monitor the situation and provide the public with the latest information in a timely manner.

The water quality at Cheoc Van beach was classified as "very poor" in July and October 2018. The water quality at Hac Sa Beach was also

classified as "very poor" in November and December 2018.

In August 2018, water samples collected from Hac Sa Beach tested positive for Vibrio cholera.

In accordance with geometric mean of the E. coli count, calculated on the basis of all the data collected during the bathing season, with reference to the Annual Ranking System of Hong Kong Environmental Protection Department, beach water quality in Macau was classified "poor" for the year of 2018. **JZ**

REGISTRATION FOR ANNIVERSARY BANKNOTES TO COMMENCE

THE Bank of China and Banco Nacional Ultramarino are set to issue banknotes for the 20th Anniversary of the Return of Sovereignty of Macau with a face value of 20 patacas, with online registration set to commence next Thursday.

The joint online registration for the exchange of banknotes, which includes the four previously issued Zodiac banknotes, will be held until August 30.

Each Macau resident will be able to exchange their banknotes for five 20th Anniversary of the Return of Sovereignty of

Macau banknotes issued by each issuing bank.

The tentative exchange quantity for the monkey, rooster, dog and pig zodiac banknotes of each issuing bank is six.

Depending on the final number of registrants, the actual quantity to be exchanged may be increased and will be announced after the end of the registration period, the Monetary Authority of Macao said.

The public bureau reminds residents that each resident may only register once for the exchange of the 20th Anniversary of

the Return of Sovereignty of Macao banknotes and the four zodiac banknotes, with no provisions for the separate exchange of any one type of note.

Apart from the two issuing banks, residents can also select other exchange locations, including selected branches of the Industrial and Commercial Bank of China (Macao) Limited, Tai Fung Bank Limited and OCBC Wing Hang Bank Limited, amongst others.

The exchange period will be held between October 21 and December 19, 2019. **LV**

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Ho Iat Seng crowds out competition with 378 backers

STAFF REPORTER

FORMER Legislative Assembly President Ho Iat Seng formalized his candidacy yesterday afternoon when he submitted his nomination form carrying the support of 378 electors in total.

According to the law, these nominations will have to go through the scrutiny of the Electoral Affairs Committee. The Committee will verify the nominations before they become valid.

The Electoral College of this election consists of 399 electors. If all 378 nominations backing Ho Iat Seng are validated, the former frontrunner will be confirmed as the only candidate running in this election.

The law states that contenders in the Chief Executive election must obtain at least 66 nominations to be ratified as candidates.

After submitting his nomination form, Ho was interviewed by the press at the Electoral Affairs Committee office at the Public Administration Building.

He was asked if the 378 backers, representing nearly 95% of the



electorate, was a satisfactory number.

"I have done my best," answered Ho. "I have obtained as many nominations as I could."

However, he remains cautious about his election campaign. "Whether I will get at least 378 votes in the election depends on my manifesto," he said. "If the electors are not satisfied with it, I may get fewer votes than nominations."

He also said that in the previous 15 days, which marked the nomi-

nation period of the election, he paid 70 visits to more than 400 associations and electoral college members.

Overall, he has received more than 1,100 comments that mainly focus on housing, transport, medical problems, as well as elderly care, human resources and the development of the Greater Bay Area.

Talking about his visits, he was questioned why he did not visit the "opposition camp". Ho said there is no such label in Macau. "There

are more than 9,000 associations in Macau. I have visited as many as 70 of them in the past 15 days."

Now, the sole candidate says he will work on his election manifesto, and present it to the general public from the commencement of the official campaign period on August 10. Ho said he would also participate in question-and-answer sessions at that time.

Five years ago, incumbent Chief Executive Chui Sai On obtained 331 nominations while running for a second term.

CHUI PRAISES VISIT FOR EXTENDING HEBEI-MACAU TIES

Chief Executive Chui Sai On has said the visit to Hebei by some Macau youth was not only about the promotion of patriotism and of knowledge about the country, but also about extending Hebei-Macau ties. Chui, who is leading a group of 100 young people on a visit to Hebei Province – made the remarks on Sunday in the city of Chengde, during a seminar about the latest progress in the province's development. The seminar was an important lesson for young people to understand better the situation of the country, said Chui. He said he hoped that Macau youth were able to strengthen their patriotic spirit as a result of the visit. Reviewing bilateral relations, Chui said Macau and Hebei had a solid foundation for cooperation and a close friendship. The Chief Executive said he hoped that these friendship ties would endure in the future.

OPINIONS DIVIDED ON UNIFIED RAINSTORM ALARM SYSTEM

Speakers at Sunday's Macau Forum expressed divided opinions regarding Zhuhai's rainstorm alarm system. A representative of Associação das Escolas Católicas de Macau, surnamed Ng, proposed the adoption of Zhuhai's rainstorm alarm system to cater for students who live in Zhuhai but go to school in Macau. Other speakers expressed their disagreement with Ng's suggestion, with one scholar stating that although Macau is part of the Greater Bay Area, it is unsuitable for Macau to use the same rainstorm alarm system as Zhuhai. The Macau Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau (SMG) has proposed a three-tier rainstorm classification system. Currently, Macau does not classify rainstorms.

IPM HOLDS TRANSLATION TECHNOLOGY WORKSHOP

The Translation Technology and Translation Project Management Workshop, jointly organized by the Macao Polytechnic Institute (IPM) and the Beijing Language and Culture University (BLCU), was held between July 8 and 17 on the main campus of IPM. According to IPM, the event helped the teachers to improve their ability in technology application and translation project management. The higher education institution is the only one in Macau to provide the Bachelor's Degree in Chinese-Portuguese Translation and Interpretation and the Bachelor's Degree in Chinese-English Translation and Interpretation. Over the years, the Institute has trained many interpreters and translators.

SECOND ATTEMPT

New Legislative Assembly president repeats oath after blunder

DANIEL BEITLER

CHIEF Executive Chui Sai On presided over a second swearing-in ceremony for the recently-elected President of the Legislative Assembly (AL), Kou Hoi In, on Saturday, held at the Government Headquarters.

The second ceremony, which according to the government came at the request of Kou, was held to correct an error during last week's inauguration, in which the long-time lawmaker accidentally omitted the word "Macau" from at least one mention of the "Macau Special Administrative Region of China."

The second ceremony was held privately, with senior government officials and lawmakers reportedly not invited. The media was also not



informed.

According to Macau Concealers, the private swearing-in ceremony might be illegal.

Citing legal professionals, the media outlet suggests that the ceremony might violate Article 3 of the Oath of Inaugura-

tion Act, which states that "the oath must be publicly sworn in at the time of employment."

"Instead of focusing on legality, we should concentrate on competence," said political commentator Eric Sautedé, when asked about

the matter. "[Kou] has only that to do – he just has to correctly repeat a preordained text written for him. And even that he fails to do."

In November 2016, two democrat lawmakers in Hong Kong were disqualified from taking up their

seats in the legislature after a China court ruled their oaths, tarnished with inflammatory language, could not be retaken.

"In Hong Kong, the distortion was intentional and political," said Sautedé. "Here it is unintentional and seen as purely administrative. Again, it says a lot about how these [officials] see their function and how they perform."

Formerly the first secretary of the AL, Kou was elected as the body's president last Wednesday, earning 29 out of a possible 32 votes.

Prior to the election, only lawmaker and AL vice president Chui Sai Cheong was being considered for the position.

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.



CRIME

CASINO BRAWL PITS SCAMMERS AGAINST LOAN SHARKS

RENATO MARQUES

SCAMS in Macau continue to grow more popular, including those associated with currency exchange, gambling-related activities, internet dating and entertainment tickets. The operators and victims of the scams involve both locals and tourists alike.

At yesterday's joint police press conference, the Judiciary Police (PJ) spokesperson reported that a total of six scams had occurred or been partially resolved in the last few days.

SWIMMING WITH SHARKS

In perhaps one of the most unlikely scams, a group of four men from the mainland aged 22 to 34 attempted to scam loan sharks operating at casinos in Macau.

The incident occurred on July 18, when the group of four arrived in Macau with a plan to trick loan sharks. The eldest member of the group posed as a casino player and began wandering around casinos in Cotai, intending to be spotted by loan sharks. Meanwhile, the other three provided support by observing the interactions.

The man was eventually offered a loan. He accepted and went to a restaurant in the Peninsula's ZAPE area to obtain an undisclosed sum of money.

Afterwards, the man, followed closely by two men from the loan sharking group, went to gamble at the casino and lost a significant portion of the money.

With only HKD36,000 left, the man instructed his accomplices to come close to him so he could pass them the remaining money.

Unfortunately, they were spotted and the group of scammers fought with the loan sharking group members, before being stopped by casino security staff who called the police.

During the inquiry that followed, the suspects admitted to the crime, saying that member who posed as a gambler had organized the scam. They were all presented to the Public Prosecutions Office (MP) on July 20.

THE DISAPPEARING ACT

In a separate case, authorities finally caught a man who had allegedly been involved in a currency exchange scam that took place on May 16. The man was apprehended while trying to reenter Macau via the Border Gate checkpoint.

The case was filed by a 23-year-old male from the mainland, who police claim was in charge of an illegal currency exchange business.

The main suspect was said to have received a call from a client who wanted to exchange

HKD600,000 and they agreed to meet at his hotel.

After handing the money to the client, the suspect said he needed to find his wife, who was in a supermarket in Taipa, to transfer the money to the victim.

They went to the supermarket in Taipa together, along with the suspect's friend. As the suspect entered the venue to allegedly search for his wife, the victim waited at the door in the company of the suspect's friend.

Since the suspect was taking so long, the victim entered the supermarket to look for him, only to find that he had disappeared. The victim then returned to the entrance to discover that the suspect's friend had also vanished, leading him to press charges against the duo.

On July 18, the suspect's friend was arrested while attempting to reenter Macau through the Border Gate checkpoint and taken for questioning.

He told the PJ he knew nothing about the case, denied accusations of involvement and blamed his friend, the main suspect, who is still at large. While continuing to search for the main suspect, the PJ says it has gathered enough evidence to prove that the man in custody participated in the scam.

In a different currency exchan-

ge scam, a 38-year-old mainland woman targeted a mainland man who asked her to exchange RMB43,900 into HKD50,000.

After collecting the RMB43,900 via WeChat pay, the woman claimed that she was having difficulties checking whether she had received the money, using it as an excuse not to immediately repay the man.

After a while, she asked him to transfer the same sum again via Alipay, continuing to claim that she was having problems with WeChat.

After the second payment, she gave the man RMB10,000 in cash, saying that she could not repay the remaining amount because of her problem with WeChat.

She told the man that he could collect the HKD50,000 at the VIP room of a casino but vanished as they entered the casino, leading the man to press charges against her.

On July 19, the woman was detained at the Lotus Flower Border Checkpoint while trying to reenter Macau and was forwarded to the MP on July 20, charged with scamming.

TICKETS FOR SOLD-OUT SHOWS

The PJ also revealed two cases of people involved in scams associated with the purchase of concert tickets in Macau. The cases

involved a man from Macau and a woman from Malaysia. The cases occurred on July 20 and 21, and took place after the victims searched the internet for solutions after being unable to buy concert tickets from official websites.

One victim, a local man, said he saw a page offering concert tickets and placed an order for two tickets. A few moments later, he was contacted by someone who told him he needed to pay half of the cost of the tickets (MOP880 in total) as a deposit, with the other half to be paid upon collecting the tickets at the concert venue.

On the day of the concert, he went to the arranged place but could not locate the person or the tickets. He tried to contact the person who had instructed him, only to discover that he could not anymore. A woman from Malaysia lodged a similar complaint the day before, although the modus operandi was slightly different.

In her case, she claimed she had received a QR code for a payment of RMB698 for tickets.

Afterwards, she was contacted by alleged staff of the website who told her that the payment had not been made due to incoherent information, asking her to make the payment once more.

The conversation continued, with the scammers requesting two more payments of RMB1,689 and RMB3,975. When she still failed to receive her ticket, she filed a complaint with the PJ, claiming a total loss of RMB7,758.

MACAU INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT

Air traffic controller improvements to follow from 2018 incident

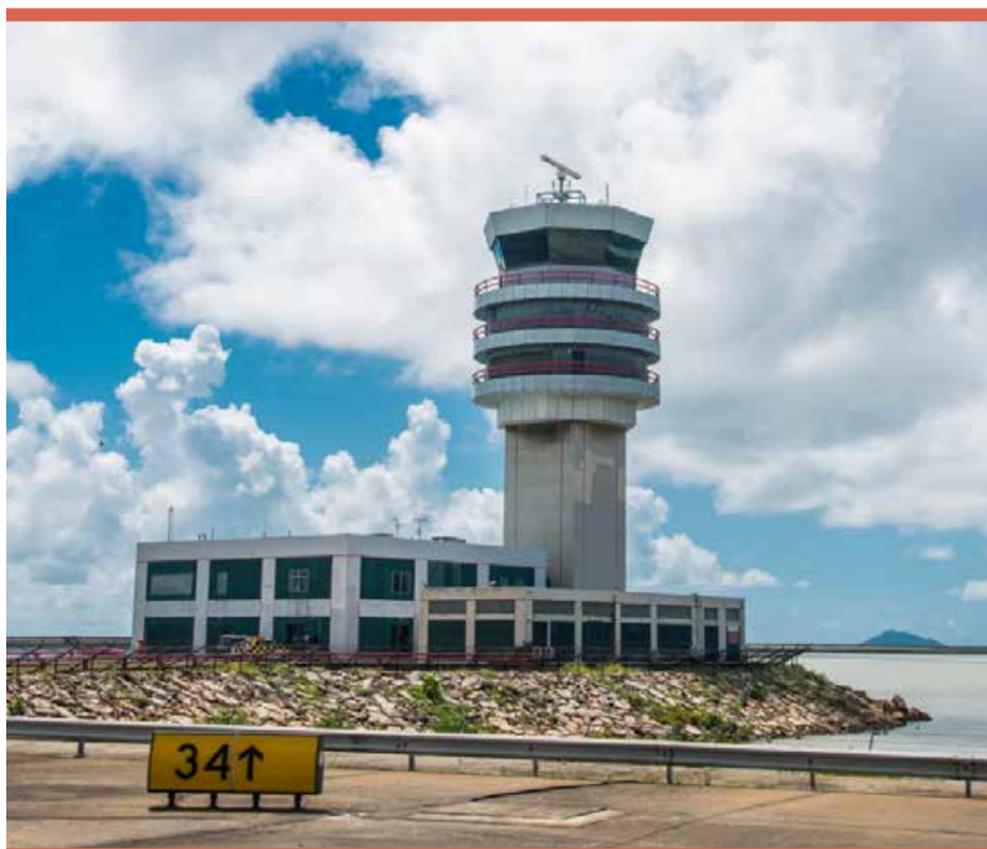
THE Civil Aviation Authority of Macao (AACM) has concluded its investigation into a runway incursion incident that occurred at Macau International Airport on November 12, 2018, finding it necessary to issue safety recommendations.

The AACM has instructed Macau International Airport to take measures to ensure that air traffic controllers stay focused on their responsibilities during work in a bid to prevent similar incidents from occurring in future.

The incident involved a Thai AirAsia Airbus A320-200 aircraft that came into close proximity with an airport support vehicle. The nearest distance between both moving objects was about 1,480 meters, the AACM said.

Upon being granted clearance for take-off by the air traffic control tower at Macau International Airport, the aircraft in question began to line up on Runway 34, making its final preparations. At the same time, a "follow-me" vehicle was still conducting an inspection at the end of the runway. The incident triggered an alarm associated with the surface movement radar on the tower. The tower controller immediately instructed the "follow-me" vehicle to vacate the runway.

No damage to either the aircraft or the vehicle was caused during the incident, nor were any of the passengers or the staff injured, according to information provided by Macau International Airport at the time. The flight eventually took off safely from Macau



and departed for Bangkok.

The incident was logged and reported to the AACM, which assembled its "Accident Investigation and Prevention Group" to study the event. The group concluded its investigations and published its final report on the matter yesterday.

The report notes that its objective was to prevent future accidents and incidents at Macau International Airport. "It is not the purpose of these activities to apportion blame or liability," it clearly states.

Nevertheless, according to the report, the tower controller did not follow operational procedures for checking the flight progress strip when

issuing the departure clearance to the flight.

Additionally, during the incident, the tower supervisor was not in position and so was not monitoring the work of the tower controller.

Other problems detected included the surface movement radar display, which was not accurately displaying the situation, and the fact that the distant position of the radar from the tower working position reduced the tower controller's awareness of the radar display operations.

Given the findings, the AACM issued the airport with several safety recommendations.

One recommendation is that

a tower supervisor or his/her delegate must be present at the visual control room to monitor the tower controllers at all the times during operations.

In addition, the airport should always ensure that the surface movement radar is in good condition to ensure the ground movement surveillance system is reliable for air traffic control operations.

The airport should also re-assess the distance between the tower working position and the position of the surface movement radar, and upgrade the flight progress strip system to a system with an automated alert function for better planning and handling of ground and air traffic. **DB**

TOURISM

HONG KONG VISITORS RISE 24% IN JUNE, THOUGHT LINKED TO PROTESTS

VISITORS from Hong Kong rose 24.3% year-on-year in June to reach 623,000, according to the latest data provided by the Statistics and Census Service. During the same period, tourist arrivals from mainland China, Macau's primary tourism market increased by 19.9% year-on-year to 2.1 million.

Hong Kong was in a state of turmoil for most of June, with protests against a controversial extradition bill held every few days. Some of the June protests reportedly attracted more than a million participants.

Macau's Tourism Crisis Management Office yesterday recommended that local residents "cautiously plan their trips to Hong Kong."

The office also suggested that local residents should avoid going to demonstration or conflict zones in Hong Kong, adding that the office is keeping a close eye on the situation in the neighboring city.

As of 9 a.m. yesterday, no enquiries or requests for assistance were received by the crisis office regarding the attacks at Sheung Wan Ferry Pier and Yuen Long MRT Station in Hong Kong.

Last week, political commentator Larry So told the Times that the SAR may expect an increase in the number of tourists from China, as some of them may prefer to visit Macau rather than Hong Kong due to the ongoing protests.

The Hong Kong Inbound Travel Association has estimated that the number of organized tours to the city has dropped by 20% to 30% so far this month compared to the same period in 2018.

Meanwhile, in June, those travelling from mainland China to Macau under the Individual Visit Scheme rose by 14.9% to 931,200, according to data from the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC). Mainland visitors primarily came from Guangdong province (924,400) and Hunan province (96,300).

Visitors from the nine Pearl River Delta cities in the Greater Bay Area surged by 36.3% year-on-year to 820,900, and those coming from Zhuhai and Guangzhou soared by 60.6% and 21.5% year-on-year to 248,600 and 161,600 respectively.

Visitor arrivals totaled 3.09 million in June 2019, up by 18.9% year-on-year.

Same-day visitors surged by 35.4% to 1.56 million and overnight visitors increased by 5.7% to 1.52 million.

In the first half of 2019, visitor arrivals reached 20.28 million, up by 20.6% year-on-year. **LV**

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MACAU'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

NEW GRADUATES: FINDING WORK IS TOUGH WITHOUT 'CONNECTIONS'

LYNZY VALLES

THE region is welcoming an influx of fresh graduates again this year, with over 2,000 graduating from bachelor degree programs since May.

However, some new graduates are reporting that it is challenging to find a job when companies regularly require over two years of experience in the field. This is particularly concerning when a fresh graduate may not have any connection to businesses in the industry.

For Michael Zapanta, a recent graduate of the Bachelor of Architecture at a local university, most of the job vacancies in his field require three to seven years of experience.

"Getting a job in architecture is hard when I have no connection to any company," he told the Times.

Although Zapanta says he believes there are enough jobs for recent graduates, "it's just the outreach is unforgiving when you don't have connections."

Career Days are held at the city's universities annually, showcasing opportunities for work. Generally, training workshops and mock interview sessions are held at the



same time.

However, some graduates have complained that Career Days at their universities have not offered a range of job vacancies related to their bachelor programs.

"To be honest, I did not apply for any positions at Career Day because there was not much relating to my bachelor degree. They did offer a lot of variety within the tourism and business industry [though]," said Mavie Soriano, who recently

graduated with a Bachelor of Communication and Media.

"I think Career Days are not very effective and they are very limited for international students," said a recent Bachelor of Business graduate, who asked not to be identified.

"I applied to a lot of companies and only two called back. [...] When I asked some companies during Career Day which position would be recommended for a non-

-Chinese speaker, they recommended a position that is not related to business administration," said Nadine Baiguen, another business graduate.

Meanwhile, Jacinta Ho, founder and managing director of JC Human Resources Consulting, said that finding positions for fresh graduates to aim at is challenging.

JC Human Resources Consulting has seen a 40% increase in job applications from new graduates,

as compared to previous years.

"In the past few years, the majority of them have been able to engage in a new job within a month or two," Ho told the Times.

"There are some who may have attained a very specialized degree, say psychology, or a degree in an area where Macau is lacking in available vacancies, who will find it challenging to find a position they desire," she added.

Ho advised graduates to take whatever employers offer them in a bid to "learn new knowledge and gain valuable working experience from their first job."

The human resources expert also said that there is still huge demand in the current labor market compared to last year, citing the opening of Grand Lisboa Palace and Lisboaeta.

"[Although] they are hiring middle management to senior management positions at the moment, they will start recruiting for the other positions very soon," she said.

Aside from this, Ho believes that there are also other new businesses being established, either directly or indirectly related to the opening of the Lisboa Palace and Lisboaeta, which will require manpower.

Macau's general unemployment rate stood at about 1.7% at the latest measure in June, according to official data. For the local resident component only, 2.4% were considered out of work.

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Gap in consumer protection law for online shopping

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CONSUMER disputes involving online shopping will not be entirely protected by the city's consumer protection law, according to Ho Ion Sang, chairman of the First Standing Committee of the Legislative Assembly.

Yesterday, representatives of the SAR government met with members of the committee to discuss the bill in detail.

According to Ho, the government representatives proposed dividing online shopping into two categories: business operators from outside of Macau and business operators from within the territory.

Customers who purchase items from non-Macau business operators will not be eligible to resort to the law when there is a dispute between themselves and the non-local vendor or service provider.

For transactions with local business operators, however, the consumer protection law



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can be referred to when an online shopping dispute occurs.

The law is to be applied when a product or service provider has an office in Macau, the product or service provider has a Macau local IP or a Macau domain is registered, the provider has opened a bank account in Macau or has registered e-payment in Macau locally.

The aforementioned conditions have not been finalized

by the committee.

Overall, the law can only resolve consumption disputes between business operators in Macau and consumers in Macau. The disputes must be related to a service or a product.

Ho explained that in the context of disputes which involve certain kinds of businesses, other laws would be adopted preliminarily in place of the consumer protection law, which will act as a back-up law

for these cases, such as those involving taxi services, advertisements, hospitality, gaming, medicine, legal services, accounts, audits, and education.

According to Ho, there are government authorities responsible for the supervision of the operation of the aforementioned sectors. "When there is not a specific law regulating the situation, the consumer protection law can be adopted" as a guideline, said Ho.

SUMMER CLOTHING ARRIVAL DRIVES UP PRICES

THE Composite Consumer Price Index (CPI) for the month of June 2019 increased by 2.62% year-on-year to reach 115.80, according to the latest information from the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC).

DSEC attributed the June increase to dearer charges for eating out and rising rental costs for dwellings, as well as higher prices for motor cars, gasoline, fruit and fresh pork.

Among the various sections of goods and services, the price indexes of education and transport grew notably by 5.9% and 4.76% respectively year-on-year, whereas the index of clothing and footwear decreased by 1.4% compared with June 2018.

However, on a month-to-month basis, the Composite CPI rose 0.29%, led by an increase in clothing prices compared with May due to the arrival of new summer clothing, as well as rising gold prices.

Meanwhile, the index of food and non-alcoholic beverages increased 0.43%, owing to higher prices for fresh pork and dearer charges for eating out. At the same time, lower prices for vegetables tapered off part of the increase.

For the 12-month period ending in June 2019, the average Composite CPI rose by 3.03% from the previous period. It recorded notable growth in the price indexes of education and transport, which rose 5.62% and 5.43% respectively.

The Composite CPI reflects the impact of price changes on households in Macau. It is used as a key indicator of inflation. **DB**

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SIX CAUGHT FOR SMUGGLING COUGH SYRUP IN SHENZHEN

Police in Shenzhen have arrested six suspects for selling and distributing cough medication with addictive ingredients, with a total of 11,927 bottles of cough syrup confiscated. The suspects were arrested for selling cough medicine containing the compound codeine, a potentially addictive prescription drug, officers with Shenzhen customs said. Three suspects were caught between June 4 to June 6, with 12 bottles, or 2,010 ml of codeine-based cough syrup seized. Investigations showed that the gang had purchased the cough syrup from Hong Kong and hired tourists to smuggle them back into Shenzhen or had the medication transported to Shenzhen by truck.

GUANGDONG TACKLES 1,122 INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY CASES

Police in southern China's Guangdong Province have resolved 1,122 intellectual property rights infringement cases in the first half of this year, reports state media agency Xinhua, as China steps up its crackdown on such violations. A total of 2,029 people were detained, according to the Guangdong Provincial Public Security Department. In one case, the police have busted two criminal gangs selling fake world brand auto parts, seizing more than 90,000 brake pads, air grids, shock absorbers and other auto parts, involving more than 15 million yuan (\$2.18 million), according to preliminary statistics. Chinese courts at all levels concluded 288,000 cases related to intellectual property rights in 2018, up 41.8 percent year on year.

PEARL RIVER INLAND FREIGHT VOLUME TO EXCEED 1 BILLION TONNES

The inland waterway of China's Pearl River is expected to see its freight volume exceed 1 billion tonnes this year, said Wang Jianhua, director of the Pearl River Administration of Navigational Affairs under the Ministry of Transport. Statistics show that the river's inland freight volume was 952 million tonnes in 2018. Wang said through a high-level coordination mechanism, Guangdong, Yunnan, Guangxi and Guizhou are jointly formulating policies and plans to allow Pearl River transportation to play a greater role in the development of the Greater Bay Area.

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MACAU NETIZENS EXPRESS DIVIDED OPINIONS ON NEIGHBOR'S STRIFE

JULIE ZHU

ONLINE comments penned by Macau residents show that local society has become increasingly divided over the Hong Kong situation, just as the protesters and the pro-establishment camps in the older SAR have become more entrenched.

More than 600 comments on a Macau Concealers' Facebook post condemning Sunday's Hong Kong Yuen Long MRT gang attack, demonstrated the range of opinions held by Macau residents.

On one hand, many users, supposedly Macau residents, expressed pleasure at seeing innocent people and journalists being brutally injured by the group wearing white T-shirts.

"It is not OK for journalists to be beaten up, but it is OK for a police officer's finger to be cut off?" one netizen commented.

"Black-shirted people [protesters] can attack any way they want, white-shirted people [the

alleged triad gang] cannot?" another Facebook user wrote.

A third comment read, "You know your business. You deserve to die."

Last week, the mainland's Global Times wrote a report claiming that Macau netizens have been slamming the provocation of the Hong Kong "mob." In the Global Times report, the "Hong Kong mob" referred to ordinary people in the protests.

The Global Times, which is a state-owned newspaper that often takes a tougher line than other outlets on the mainland, used the article to demonstrate that the Macau people are in favor of the revision of the extradition bill, and are in favor of the Hong Kong government and Hong Kong police authority.

"Some protesters from the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region tried to make use of Facebook to mobilize people in Macau to join their protest with agitating posts. But to

their dismay, the overwhelming majority of Macau netizens expressed strong disapproval to the call, pointing out what they are [hurting] their own region," the Global Times report reads.

Despite the fact that many of the comments disapprove of Hong Kong's protestors and show support for the Hong Kong government and police force, there are more that express support for the protestors and journalists.

"Some people think that many of them [condemning Hong Kong journalists] are 'five-cents.' I absolutely believe that they are true-hearted [in their condemnation]," wrote one social media user on the Macau Concealers post, indicating that he believes many Macau people support the Hong Kong government and police force.

"Those comments show how low the minds are," wrote another in a post which received 55 likes.

"Why did Macau people become like this? Why did Macau

people become so black-hearted and constantly comment [that] 'they deserve the beating' and 'the beating is too little.' Why did Macau people become so cold-blooded, constantly commenting that 'Hong Kong issues are not related to Macau people'? Is it because we only care about traffic jams or what we eat tonight or when the cash will be handed out?" asked a third, provoking further discussion on the thread.

"Everybody can be a Macau pig and not mind the world's affairs. But do not be this black-hearted and say they [the journalists and people] deserve the beating."

In reply, one Facebook user wrote, "there is still a minority who understand Hong Kong. But the majority have been brainwashed by TVB and the Macau government."

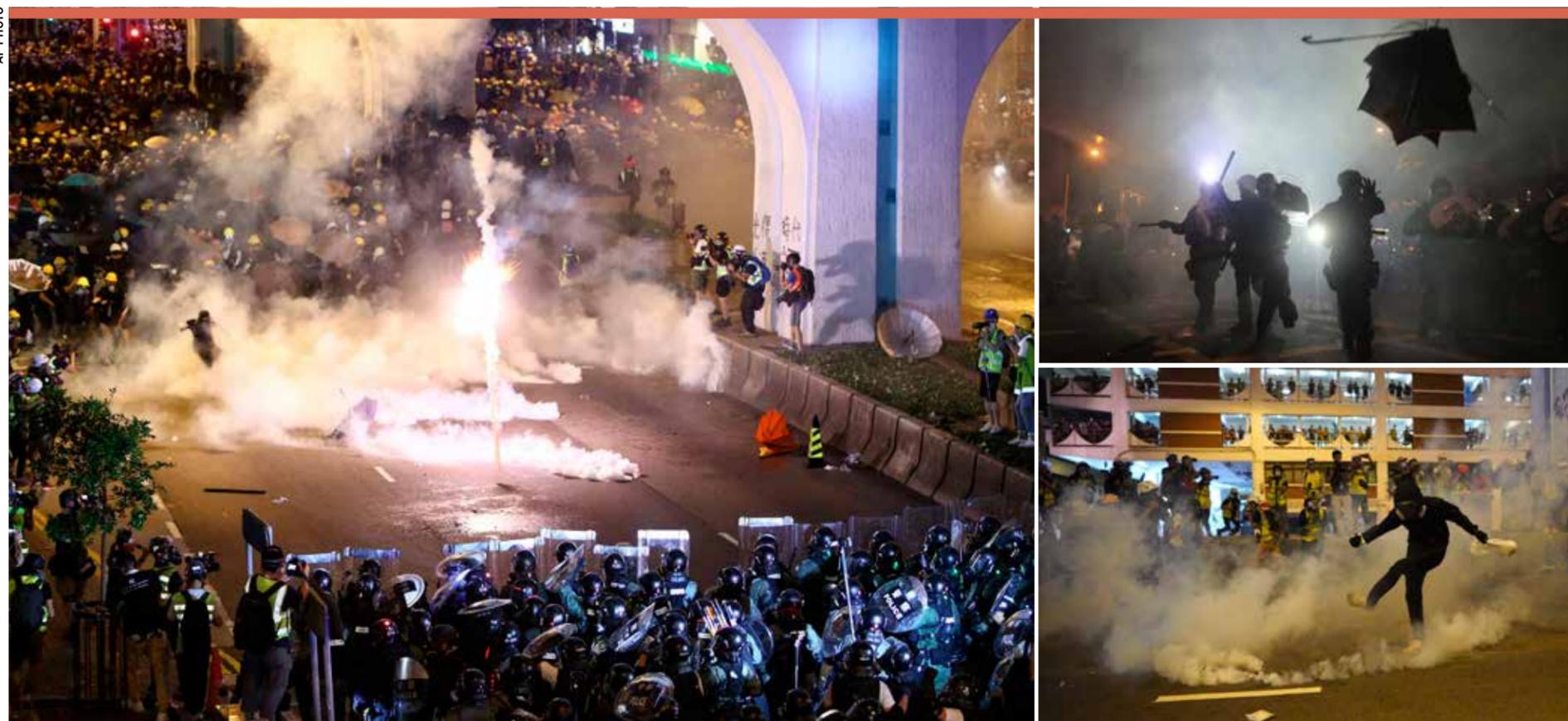
Another reply read, "How many real Macau people are there? There are more new immigrants than Macau-born people."

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Hong Kong tempts China's ire as protests take more violent turn

IAIN MARLOW

FROM stick-wielding mobs who attacked activists to one pro-independence group accused of stockpiling explosives, the latest unrest in Hong Kong has prompted new fears that protesters and the China-backed government are heading toward a violent confrontation.

In one case, Hong Kong residents - many wearing the black shirts favored by protesters - were attacked in a train station near the mainland border by groups of men wearing white shirts. In a separate episode, police arrested three men after finding volatile explosives and separatist campaign material in a raid on an industrial area.

Elsewhere, police fired tear gas at protesters who had surrounded China's local government headquarters, defaced the national emblem, declared a provisional legislature and spray-painted the exterior with slogans like "Liberate Hong Kong" and "Revolution of our time."

The incidents were part of the seventh-straight weekend of protests in the former British colony, and illustrate the fact that there is no simple solution to the ongoing political chaos. On Sunday, as a peaceful rally of more than 100,000 people devolved into running street battles on opposite sides of the city. The developments not only increased the risk that

bystanders could be swept into the escalating political disputes, they drew the harshest warnings yet from Beijing, which said that protesters were testing its "bottom line."

"It's definitely a turning point in Hong Kong politics and history," said Alvin Yeung, an opposition lawmaker who heads the city's Civic Party. Yeung noted that Hong Kong, despite years of dissent over Beijing's rule, was one of Asia's safest big cities. "Last night was an exception. And that's why it's so shocking. It's completely out of control," he said.

The events showed that positions hardening on both sides as the city's embattled leader, Chief Executive Carrie Lam, resists calls to resign despite protests exceeding 1 million participants. What began as a largely leaderless effort to block legislation allowing extraditions to the mainland has expanded into a list of demands including investigations into police tactics to a direct vote to replace Lam.

With more rallies planned for as early as this weekend, and little sign that either side will accede to the others' demands, activists and government supporters alike have been warning that the further unrest could lead to ever greater injuries. A handful of suicides by protesters in recent weeks have al-

ready added life-and-death stakes to the debate.

The financial hub is also starting to grapple with the economic cost of continued unrest, which already risks keeping local shoppers away and deterring mainland visitors. Last week, police clashed with protesters inside a shopping mall in suburban Sha Tin.

The attacks Sunday on passengers and bystanders at a train station in Yuen Long by unidenti-

Protesters risked further provoking President Xi by bringing the chaos directly to the doorstep of Communist Party authority in HK

fied groups of men further raised alarm that the unrest could begin to effect regular people. "Clashes might be expected during a protest, but no one expected the elderly, children, pregnant women and former news reporter that had not joined the protest, might be attacked by pro-Beijing gangs," democracy advocate Joshua Wong told Bloomberg News.

The Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce, which says it represents businesses employing a

third of the local workforce, called for a formal withdrawal of the extradition bill and the setup of a commission of inquiry to examine the facts surrounding the ongoing tensions and their escalation.

"Protests are becoming increasingly confrontational while factions are being created that pit citizen against citizen," the chamber said in a statement yesterday. "The situation is also raising concerns in Hong Kong and internationally about our commitment to the basic law and the rule of law."

Lam's efforts to resolve the crisis, including declaring the extradition bill "dead," have so far only prompted further protests. At a news conference yesterday, she condemned the vandalism at the Liaison Office while promising to investigate the attacks on activists, warning that "the whole of Hong Kong and its people will suffer as a result of the loss of order."

The South China Morning Post newspaper reported last week that Chinese officials in charge of Hong Kong were working to present leaders with a comprehensive strategy to resolve the crisis. Authorities have ruled out any military intervention and saw the police as key to maintaining stability and exposing the intentions of protesters, the newspaper reported, citing people familiar with the discussions.

A broader solution appears increasingly out of reach as protesters turn their ire from the local government to China. President Xi Jinping has warned that challenges to Beijing's sovereignty over Hong Kong won't be tolerated and efforts to allow direct elections have been stalled since pro-democracy lawmakers blocked Beijing's proposed system for choosing candidates in 2015. Demonstrators ransacked the city's legislature building on July 1, the anniversary of its return to Chinese rule.

Protesters risked further provoking Xi by bringing the chaos directly to the doorstep of Communist Party authority in Hong Kong, the central government Liaison Office. Riot police pursued the protesters past high rises and across highways to outside the ferry terminal, where they fired tear gas after some activists hurled projectiles.

China's top representative in the city, Wang Zhimin, denounced the protesters' acts as "villainous and wicked" in a news briefing. The party's flagship People's Daily warned in an editorial yesterday that protesters at the liaison office "openly challenged the authority of the central government."

Some lawmakers warned that the growing focus on Beijing risked jeopardizing the delicate framework that have allowed Hong Kong to exist as a pocket of free expression and free markets in China.

"The violent attacks on the liaison office have gone way beyond the protests against the rendition bill," said Regina Ip, a pro-Beijing lawmaker and member of Lam's Executive Council. "These rebels must stop these provocative actions, which will seriously damage the relationship between the central government and Hong Kong."

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FROM TESLA TO TWITTER, A GUIDE TO THIS WEEK'S QUARTERLY REPORTS

**MATTHEW BOYLE
& ANNE RILEY MOFFAT**

THE upbeat picture painted by this past week's blowout bank earnings heralded a promising earnings season. Too bad other industries didn't get the memo.

In the same week the five biggest U.S. lenders raked in over \$30 billion in earnings for the first time, others around the globe left investors wondering how the bottom fell out so fast. Netflix Inc. sunk the most in three years amid a surprise drop in U.S. customers, while online retailer Asos Plc plunged after issuing another profit warning. Meanwhile, one-time earnings bellwether Alcoa Corp. beat on profit - but also cut its forecast for global aluminum demand, adding to concerns that trade frictions are eroding the outlook for the industrial metal.

This week, a range of high-profile companies report results, from tech titan Amazon.com Inc. and embattled aircraft maker Boeing Co. to burger behemoth McDonald's Corp. and electric-car maker Tesla Inc. The earnings will offer a glimpse into every major sector of the economy, and Wall Street will be watching for signals like reduced hiring expectations, stalled capital expenses or consumers' waning willingness to accept price hikes.

With stock markets trending near record highs but recession risks on the rise, the second quarter could be yet another notch in the longest bull market in history - or the beginning of its end.

Here's a look at what we're watching:

CARS

Automaker earnings may show how much the one-two punch of slowing sales and massive technological disruptions are impacting the industry's bottom line.

Those challenges have forced Ford Motor Co. and Volkswagen AG further into one another's arms. After extending an alliance to include joint work on electric and autonomous vehicles, they're expected to report stagnant or shrinking revenue. Daimler AG will put out finalized results weeks after the Mercedes-Benz maker posted a preliminary loss along with its fourth profit warning in just over a year. And analysts are projecting another unprofitable quarter for Tesla, which is blowing its battery-powered rivals out of the water but is still struggling to make money.

The challenges extend to Asia, too. Nissan Motor Co. is set to give more details about restructuring efforts including potential job cuts as it tries to revive profitability that's at a decade low. Jaguar Land Rover's Indian owner Tata Motors Ltd. is also under pressure to show its cost-cut efforts are bearing fruit as it's hit with hurdles from Brexit, a slowdown in China and flagging demand for diesel vehicles.

CONSUMER

If sales slow at McDonald's, Starbucks Corp. or Chipotle Mexican Grill Inc., it will be a sign that consumers are cutting back on spending and eating out less. Higher labor and commodity costs have also forced restaurants

to raise prices to maintain margins, and diners might balk at the idea of paying more for coffee and guacamole-stuffed burritos.

Higher prices in recent quarters have benefited Starbucks as well as beverage makers Coca-Cola Co. and PepsiCo Inc. At Anheuser-Busch InBev, which just sold its Australian beer assets, investors will listen for any signs an IPO for the rest of its Asian business could be back on the table.

China, meanwhile, will be the focus when European luxury conglomerates LVMH and Kering SA report results. The health of sales in that region will be scrutinized after showing surprising resilience in recent quarters, despite an ongoing trade war with the U.S. and the nation's economic slowdown. Hong Kong protests, meanwhile, are hurting luxury spending at companies such as Richemont and Swatch Group AG.

ENTERTAINMENT

AT&T Inc. and Comcast Corp. can't wait to enter the battle against Netflix and Walt Disney Co.'s Hulu for streaming-video viewers, but they have to contend with the continued decline of their legacy businesses first. As consumers flee traditional cable packages in favor of services like Netflix, AT&T and Comcast are expected to lose television customers, so investors will watch for signs that broadband subscriber growth can offset those declines.

With casino companies including Las Vegas Sands Corp. and MGM Resorts International and

their Asia subsidiaries reporting, investors will be on the lookout for any impact from China's economic weakness.

INDUSTRIALS

The future of the 737 Max will be in focus when we hear from Boeing, which plans to report a \$4.9 billion accounting charge related to its beleaguered jetliner. Southwest Airlines Co. and American Airlines Group Inc. have already removed the Max from their flight schedules through early November. Southwest is the model's biggest operator while American is the world's largest airline, and both carriers are sure to field questions about the Boeing crisis on their conference calls with analysts this week.

Another company on the hot seat is aerospace-parts giant United Technologies Corp., whose merger agreement with Raytheon Co. has drawn fire from activist investors Dan Loeb and Bill Ackman. Investors in Caterpillar Inc., meanwhile, will look for more clarity on global demand for the company's iconic machines in the second half of the year.

TECHNOLOGY

Tech investors have a lot of information heading their way, with Facebook Inc., Alphabet Inc., Intel Corp. and Twitter Inc. all reporting. Their main question is whether those firms can keep revenue climbing amid the U.S.-China trade war and signs of slowing economic growth. There's also mounting regulatory pressure on the sector around

antitrust and privacy concerns. One player that's avoided the recent scrutiny is Microsoft Corp., whose quarterly profit just topped estimates on the strength of its cloud-computing business.

For hardware companies like Texas Instruments Inc. and Intel, the focus will be on the loss of market share in China as the companies grapple with a ban on exports to Huawei Technologies Co., a key customer.

Amazon's Prime Day got scads of attention last week, but it won't be reflected in the company's upcoming results. Investors in the e-commerce giant will be paying close attention to the fast-growing advertising and cloud business units.

BANKING

Europe's banks are expected to trail their U.S. peers for yet another quarter as global trade tensions continue to weigh on client activity. And unlike American banks, the Europeans don't have a healthy stream of income from lending to fall back on due to negative interest rates.

Deutsche Bank AG has already announced a loss for the quarter as it embarks on massive cutbacks, and investors will press for more details. France's BNP Paribas SA has agreed to take on Deutsche's hedge-fund and electronic-trading clients, but the integration is proving difficult and BNP will have to show progress in turning its own stocks trading unit around following embarrassing losses last year.

Finally, Credit Suisse Group AG will have to answer questions about the surprise exit of a key wealth management executive who was seen as a potential successor to CEO Tidjane Thiam.

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Papua New Guinea's Prime Minister James Marape (second from left) shakes hands with Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison

Papua New Guinea open to Chinese and Australian investors

ROD MCGUIRK, CANBERRA

PAPUA New Guinea's prime minister said yesterday his South Pacific island nation was open to investment from China, Australia and any other country that is willing to work within the country's rules.

Prime Minister James Marape is making his first visit to Australia since

he became leader of its nearest neighbor and former colony in May.

Marape said while Australia was the biggest investor in Papua New Guinea, his government treated all investors equally.

"Whether they are from China or Australia or right across the world is inconsequential and irrelevant to us," Marape told reporters.

"We will have an equal playing

field for every investor as long as they subscribe to the rules and regulations of our country," he said. "Chinese investors will not receive any special treatment and preference, just like Australian investors will not receive any special favor or treatment."

Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison said his government wanted to ensure that each of its Pacific

neighbors were "as independent and as sovereign and are in as much in charge of their future as they possibly can be."

Marape's visit comes as Australia attempts to counter China's growing influence in the South Pacific by teaming with the United States and Japan to finance infrastructure in Pacific island states that the Chinese have aggressively

wooded with loans and aid.

Marape said before his meeting with Morrison that China's relationship with his nation was none of Australia's business.

The United States, Japan, New Zealand and Australia announced in November that they will bring electricity to 70% of Papua New Guinea's people by 2030. Only 20% of its 8 million people, mainly subsistence farmers, currently have power.

Morrison announced yesterday a 250 million Australian dollar (\$176 million) investment in the electrification program in the Ramu region.

Marape said Papua New Guinea had no more important bilateral relationship than its relationship with Australia.

Chinese President Xi Jinping made his first visit to Papua New Guinea last year when Pacific Rim leaders met in the capital Port Moresby for the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit.

The United States and Australia committed to redevelop a Papua New Guinea naval base on Manus Island in an agreement with the previous prime minister, prompting China to caution against "Cold War" thinking. China reportedly wants to establish a naval base in the South Pacific.

The United States is expanding its Marine Corps training hub in the northern Australian city of Darwin — 1,600 kilometers (1,000 miles) southwest of Port Moresby — as part of its strategic pivot to Asia.

The U.S. ambassador to Australia, Arthur Culvahouse Jr., calls China's lending in the Pacific "payday loan diplomacy." AP

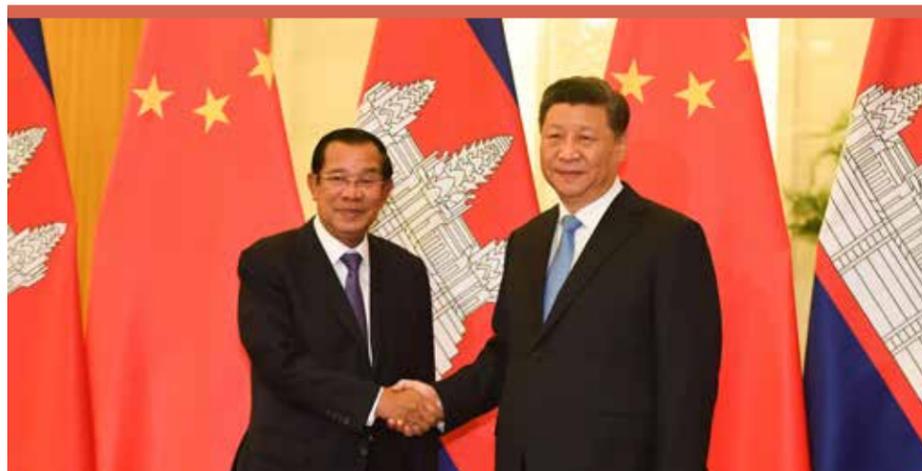
Cambodian leader denies allowing China naval base

CAMBODIAN Prime Minister Hun Sen yesterday strongly denied that he was allowing China to set up a military outpost in the Southeast Asian nation, after a news report alleged that the two nations signed a secret pact allowing Beijing exclusive use of a naval base on the Gulf of Thailand.

Hun Sen told the pro-government Fresh News website that the report by The Wall Street Journal was "the worst distorted news," and that Cambodia had never discussed with China setting up a base.

"No such thing happens. Foreign military base is against Cambodia's constitution," Fresh News quoted Hun Sen as saying.

The Journal's report said an early draft of the reputed agreement seen by U.S. officials would allow China use of the Ream naval base for 30 years, where it would



Hun Sen meets Xi Jinping

be able to post military personnel, store weapons and berth warships.

China is Cambodia's biggest investor and closest political partner. Chinese support allows Cambodia to ignore Western concerns about its poor record in human and political rights, and in turn Phnom Penh generally supports Beijing's

geo-political positions in international forums on issues such as China's territorial claims in the South China Sea.

Basing rights would extend Beijing's strategic military profile considerably, and tilt the regional balance of power in a manner that would put pressure on adjacent countries belong-

ing to the Association of Southeast Asian Nations whose security concerns are currently aligned more closely with the United States.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Geng Shuang, asked yesterday about the Journal's report, referred the questioner to Cambodia's denials.

"What I want to say is that China and Cambodia are traditional friendly neighbors," he said. "The two sides have carried out comprehensive cooperation in various fields. The cooperation between the two sides is open and transparent, mutual benefit and equal. I hope that relevant parties should not overinterpret it."

Speculation about a possible Chinese base began circulating last year, though early accounts were vague and poorly sourced.

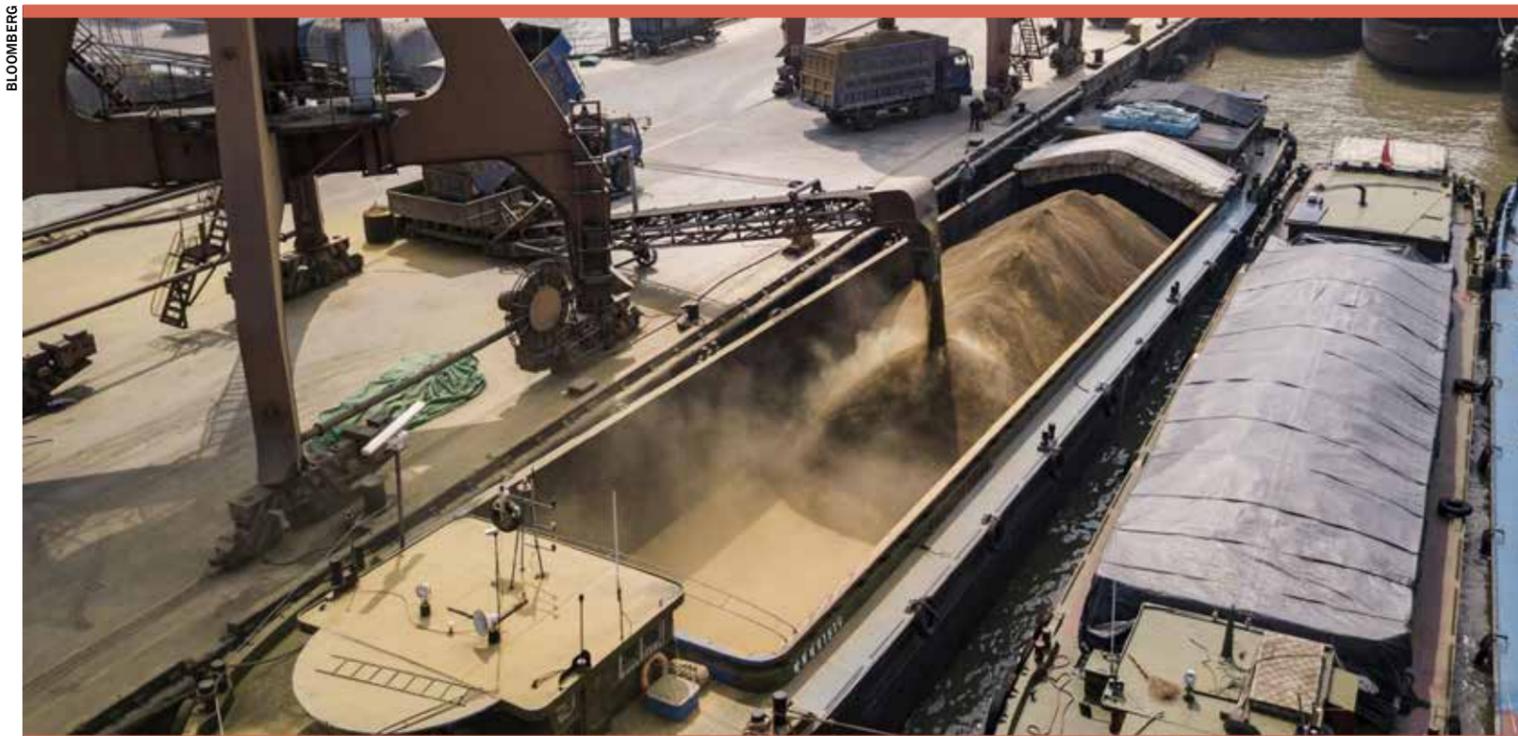
The concern about Chinese facilities in southern Cambodia is heightened by the presence of a huge resort project being built at

Dara Sakor, about 64 kilometers northwest of the naval base, that includes what would be a runway capable of handling military aircraft. China's Union Development Group was granted a 99-year lease on the 45,000-hectare concession.

U.S.-government funded Radio Free Asia earlier this month confirmed that U.S. Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for South and Southeast Asia Joseph Felter had sent a letter to Cambodian Defense Minister Tea Banh expressing concern about "the possible hosting of Chinese military facilities." AP

" [The report by] The Wall Street Journal was the worst distorted news.

HUN SEN



TRADE WAR

BEIJING HINTS AT TALKS RESTART AFTER MAKING 'GOODWILL' MOVES

FACE-TO-FACE negotiations between the top Chinese and U.S. trade negotiators could happen soon, according to Chinese state media, after a number of goodwill gestures by Beijing over the weekend.

Chinese companies asked U.S. exporters about buying agricultural products and also applied for exemptions from China's retaliatory tariffs on the goods, state-run

Xinhua News Agency reported. That shows China's "goodwill" and its commitment to fulfill its promises to the U.S., Xinhua said early today in a separate commentary.

The two sides have been "cautiously showing each other sincerity and goodwill" recently and may meet for discussions soon, according to Taoran Notes, a blog run by the state-owned

Economic Daily newspaper. In China's eyes, the U.S. exclusions from punitive tariffs imposed on some Chinese goods and its push to allow American companies to supply Huawei Technologies Co were positive signals to advance the talks, according to both Xinhua and Taoran.

The Chinese government met on Friday with domestic soybean buyers about a plan to purchase

more U.S. supplies, according to people familiar with the situation. That could include waiving China's retaliatory tariffs, but details aren't decided yet, the people said.

Senior White House officials invited U.S. technology companies including Intel Corp. and Qualcomm Inc. to the White House yesterday to discuss a resumption of sales to Huawei, which is currently on a trade blacklist, accor-

ding to people familiar with the matter.

With China's top leadership likely to be out of Beijing from early August for their annual seaside conclave, it is highly likely that a meeting between Vice Premier Liu He and his U.S. counterparts is not far away, according to the Taoran Notes post last night on the WeChat platform. The two sides spoke by phone Thursday to discuss "the next step of negotiations," indicating a move toward face-to-face talks, Taoran said.

The call last week was the second since the two nations' presidents met in Japan in late June.

Separate to the possible agricultural purchases, China announced Saturday new measures to further open up the nation's financial sector to foreign investors. Foreign companies will be able to take a stake in or control entities including wealth management units of commercial lenders, pension fund managers and currency brokers.

The changes weren't announced as directly related to the trade talks with the U.S., but American criticism of China's protection of various domestic markets is a core issue in the ongoing trade tensions. These changes were made by the State Council's Financial Stability and Development Committee, which is also led by Liu.

Still, there was a note of caution in the reports. Taoran said the tariffs imposed on Chinese products must be entirely removed or they would be an irritant during the talks. The removal of the tariffs is one of three core conditions that China has made for any deal. **BLOOMBERG**

Taiwan stocks offer hefty yield but investors still selling

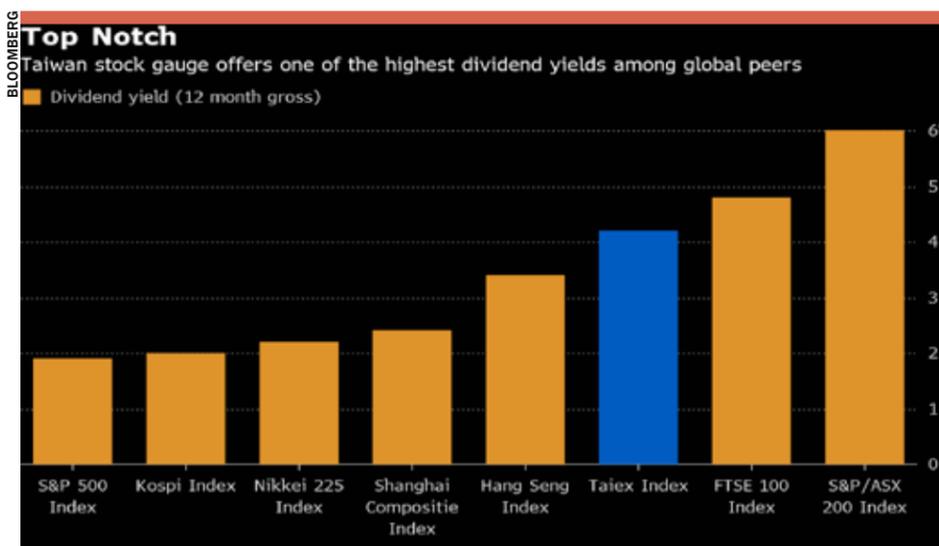
CINDY WANG

THE cash reward for owning Taiwan stocks is larger than almost anywhere else in Asia. Global investors are ditching them anyway.

Even with the benchmark Taiex gauge near a record high, managers have pulled about \$680 million from Taiwan stock funds this month. The withdrawals come even as corporate dividends top U.S. yields and just as a record amount of debt globally yields less than zero.

Investors who leaped into Taiwan stocks earlier this year aren't eager to do it again: the economy's firms are so entwined with the global technology supply chain that they've been particularly vulnerable to the trade war and a slowdown in the smartphone market.

"High dividend yields make Taiwan stocks attractive to global investors in a low interest rate environ-



ment, but it's only one of the elements to consider," said Agnes Lin, a global market strategist at JPMorgan Asset Management Taiwan Ltd. The island's weak economic fundamentals, partly the result of the U.S.-China trade clash, are also turning investors off the equities, she said.

The Taiex measure rose 0.7% yesterday in Taipei to

the highest close in two months.

Some \$13 trillion of bonds globally trade with negative yields, which is destroying potential returns. That has investors looking elsewhere. While U.S. stocks have surged to record levels, Taiwan hasn't provided the answer - at least for now as it struggles to reclaim last year's highs.

The main problem has been the trade friction between the world's two largest economies. Taiwan's export orders have dropped for the seven months through May. Tech stocks, which account for nearly half of the Taiex gauge, have been whipsawed as the U.S. banned companies from supplying China's Huawei

Technologies Co.

Still, Taiwan's listed companies plan to hand out NT\$1.5 trillion (\$48 billion) of cash dividends this year, 5% more than in 2018, according to exchange data compiled by Bloomberg. The yield for stocks on the Taiex gauge is 4.13%, according to Bloomberg-compiled data, more than double the S&P 500 Index's 1.9%. To be sure, some of Europe's stock gauges top Taiwan's, with the FTSE 100 Index figure of 4.8%.

Prashant Bhayani, chief investment officer for Asia at BNP Paribas Wealth Management, said one of the reasons dividend yields in Taiwan are relatively high is it has "mature companies that have excess cash flow beyond their investment needs."

That description fits Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co., which is expected to pay a total

of NT\$10 a share in 2019, in line for a record. On top of that, on Thursday it projected third-quarter revenue that topped estimates. Chief Executive Officer C. C. Wei said the world's largest contract chipmaker sees «very, very strong demand» in the second half of the year.

That could be a signal the worst has passed for Taiwan's technology companies, spurring foreign investors to return to its equities - and those dividend yields.

"There is a global search for yield presently with the rally we have seen in bond markets year-to-date," said Bhayani. "Taiwan has had relatively higher downward earnings revisions over the past three months, relative to the most other countries in Asia. We look for pull backs in selected companies as an opportunity."

TSMC was up 1.9% at close yesterday. **AP**

JAPAN

Abe's coalition still short of votes to change constitution

MARI YAMAGUCHI, TOKYO

PRIME Minister Shinzo Abe's ruling coalition secured a majority in Japan's upper house of parliament in elections Sunday, but it lost ground and fell short of the super-majority needed to propose constitutional revisions, according to vote counts by public television and other media.

NHK public television said yesterday that Abe's Liberal Democratic Party and its junior partner Komeito won 71 seats. If Abe gained support from members of another conservative party and independents, he would reach 76, still short of the 85, NHK said.

Abe's ruling bloc has a super-majority of two-thirds of the seats in the lower chamber, but Sunday's results mean he has a slimmer chance of achieving his long-cherished goal of reforming Japan's postwar pacifist constitution before his term ends in 2021.



Nonetheless, Abe welcomed the results, saying winning the majority means the public's mandate for his government.

"I believe the people chose political stability, urging us to pursue our policies and carry out diplomacy to protect Japan's national

interests," Abe told an interview with NHK. He was at his party's election headquarters where he monitored results, placing red ribbons on winners' names written on a panel.

Up for grabs were 124 seats in the less powerful of Japan's two

parliamentary chambers. There are 245 seats in the upper house — which does not choose the prime minister — about half of which are elected every three years.

Media surveys had indicated Abe's ruling bloc would keep a majority, with most voters considering it a safer choice over an opposition with an uncertain track record.

Two-thirds of both houses must approve a constitutional revision before the revision can be decided in a national referendum.

His goal was already a challenge because voters are more concerned about their jobs, economy and social security. Abe, who wants to bolster Japanese defense capability and role, is now proposing adding the Self-Defense Force, or Japan's military, in the war-renouncing Article 9 of the constitution. Abe said he plans to start from deepening discussion at parliamentary constitutional review board. He said he aims to propose a revision during his cur-

rent leadership, and that he is not considering running for another term, denying growing speculation he might.

Abe said resolving the decades-old issue of Japanese citizens abducted to North Korea and signing a peace treaty with Russia would be his diplomatic priorities during the rest of his term.

Main opposition parties have focused on concerns over household finances, such as the impact from an upcoming 10% sales tax increase and strains on the public pension system amid Japan's aging population, while also trying to block Abe's ambition for a constitutional change.

Abe has led his Liberal Democratic Party to five consecutive parliamentary election victories since 2012. He has prioritized revitalizing Japan's economy and has steadily bolstered the country's defenses in the backdrop of North Korea's missile and nuclear threats and China's growing military presence. He also has cultivated warm ties with President Donald Trump.

The main opposition Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan and three other liberal-leaning parties teamed up in some districts. They stressed support for gender equality and LGBT issues — areas Abe's ultra-conservative lawmakers are reluctant to back. **AP**

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Comedian and co-founder of the Yippie party as well as stand-up satirist, Paul Krassner, in 2009

1960S PRANKSTER PAUL KRASSNER, WHO NAMED YIPPIES, DIES AT 87

CHRISTOPHER WEBER
& JOHN ROGERS, LOS ANGELES

PAUL Krassner, the publisher, author and radical political activist on the front lines of 1960s counterculture who helped tie together his loose-knit prankster group by naming them the Yippies, died Sunday in Southern California, his daughter said.

Krassner died at his home in Desert Hot Springs, Holly Krassner Dawson told The Associated Press. He was 87 and had recently transitioned to hospice care after an illness, Dawson said. She didn't say what the illness was.

The Yippies, who included Jerry Rubin and Abbie Hoffman and were otherwise known as the Youth International Party, briefly became notorious for such stunts as running a pig for president and throwing dollar bills onto the trading floor of the New York Stock Exchange. Hoffman and Rubin, but not Krassner, were among the so-called "Chicago 7" charged with inciting riots at 1968's chaotic Democratic National Convention.

By the end of the decade, most of the group's members had faded into obscurity. But not Krassner, who constantly reinvented himself, becoming a public speaker, freelance writer, stand-up comedian, celebrity interviewer and author of nearly a dozen books.

"He doesn't waste time," longtime friend and fellow countercul-

ture personality Wavy Gravy once said of him. "People who waste time get buried in it. He keeps doing one thing after another."

He interviewed such celebrity acquaintances as authors Norman Mailer and Joseph Heller and the late conservative pundit Andrew Breitbart. The latter, like other conservatives, said that although he disagreed with everything Krassner stood for, he admired his sense of humor.

An advocate of unmitigated free speech, recreational drug use and personal pornography, Krassner's books included such titles as "Pot Stories For The Soul" and "Psychedelic Trips for the Mind," and he claimed to have taken LSD with numerous celebrities, including comedian Groucho Marx, LSD guru Timothy Leary and author Ken Kesey.

He also published several books on obscenity, some with names that can't be listed here. Two that can are "In Praise of Indecency: Dispatches From the Valley of Porn" and "Who's to Say What's Obscene: Politics, Culture & Comedy in America Today."

For his autobiography, Krassner chose the title, "Confessions of a Raving, Unconfined Nut: Misadventures in the Counterculture," using a phrase taken from an an-

gry letter to the editor of a magazine that had once published a favorable profile of him.

"To classify Krassner as a social rebel is far too cute," the letter writer said. "He's a nut, a raving, unconfined nut."

What he really was, Krassner told The Associated Press in 2013, was a guy who enjoyed making people laugh, although one who

Krassner constantly reinvented himself, becoming a public speaker, freelance writer, stand-up comedian, celebrity interviewer and author

brought a political activist's conscience to the effort.

He noted proudly that in the early 1960s, when abortion was illegal in almost every state, he ran an underground abortion referral service for women.

"That really was a turning point in my life because I had morphed from a satirist into an activist," he said.

His original career choice, however, had been music.

A child prodigy on the violin, he performed at Carnegie Hall at age 6. Later he all but gave up the ins-

trument, only occasionally playing it as a joke during lectures or comedy routines.

"I only had a technique for playing the violin, but I had a real passion for making people laugh," he would say.

After studying journalism at New York's Baruch College, Krassner went to work for Mad Magazine before founding the satirical counterculture magazine The Realist in 1958. He continued to publish it periodically into the 1980s.

For a time in the 1950s, he also appeared on the stand-up comedy circuit. There, he would meet his mentor, Lenny Bruce, the legendary outlaw comic who pushed free speech to its limits with routines filled with obscenities and sexual innuendo that sometimes landed him in jail.

Krassner interviewed Bruce for Playboy Magazine in 1959 and edited the comedian's autobiography, "How To Talk Dirty and Influence People."

When the counterculture arrived in earnest in the '60s, Krassner was working as a comedian, freelance writer, satirist, publisher, celebrity interviewer and occasional creator of soft-core pornography. To mark the death of Walt Disney in 1966, he published a colorful wall poster showing Disney cartoon charac-

ters engaging in sex acts.

When he and other anti-war activists, free-speech advocates and assorted radicals began to plot ways to promote their causes, Krassner said he soon realized they would need a clever name if they wanted to grab the public's attention.

"I knew that we had to have a 'who' for the 'who, what, where, when and why' that would symbolize the radicalization of hippies for the media," Krassner, who co-founded the group, told the AP in 2009. "So I started going through the alphabet: Bippie, Dippie, Ippie, Sippie. I was about to give up when I came to Yippie."

As one of the last surviving Yippies, he continued to write prolifically up until his death, his daughter said.

His newest book, "Zapped by the God of Absurdity," will be released later this year. And he recently wrote the introduction for an upcoming book about his old friend Abbie Hoffman, Dawson said.

Krassner also had hoped to publish his first novel, a mystery whose protagonist is a crime-solving comedian modeled after Lenny Bruce. He got so into the story, Krassner once said, that he began to believe he was channeling Bruce's spirit. That ended, however, when the spirit reminded his old friend one day that Krassner was an atheist.

"He said to me, 'Come on, you don't even believe that (expletive),' " Krassner recalled with a laugh.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy Cain; brother, George; daughter, Holly Krassner Dawson; and one grandchild. **AP**

Iran airs video of crew of seized British ship

IRAN'S state broadcaster has released new video showing for the first time the 23-member crew of the British-flagged ship seized by Iran — an apparent attempt to convey they are safe and unharmed.

In the video aired yesterday, the Stena Impero crew is seen dressed in red uniforms and seated around a table onboard the vessel as an unidentified Iranian man is heard thanking them for their cooperation. A cameraman is heard telling them not to look at the camera.

It wasn't clear if the crew was under duress to take part in the filming.

Other choreographed shots show a man checking on the ship, the crew sharing a laugh and talking next to a coffee machine inside the ship. The crew's chefs are seen preparing food. Another video, also released by Iran's state broadcaster, shows Iran's flag hoisted on the ship's bridge.

The ship was seized Friday in the Strait of Hormuz. None of the crew are British nationals but are mostly Indian and also Filipino, Russian and Latvian nationals.

Repercussions of the Gulf crisis are spreading all over the world.



AP PHOTO

Yesterday evening, China said it will "actively consider" sending a delegation to Vienna to discuss the Iran nuclear issue next week.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Geng Shuang said that China is "maintaining close communications with other parties" about the planned meeting.

He added that "China has repeatedly stressed that ensuring the full implementation" of the Iran nuclear deal is "the only viable and effective way" to resolve the issue

and ease tensions.

Since the U.S. unilaterally pulled out of the deal last year, the other parties to the agreement — China, Germany, France, Britain, Russia and the European Union — have been trying to preserve it.

The U.S. has imposed sanctions on Chinese and other entities for allegedly helping Iran buy materials for its nuclear program.

Germany's Foreign Minister Heiko Maas said yesterday the country will not follow President

Donald Trump's approach to Iran, instead prioritizing de-escalation through diplomacy.

Following discussions with British Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt on Sunday and French Foreign Minister Jean-Yves Le Drian yesterday, the German diplomat said that alongside handling the dangers in the Strait of Hormuz, Europe will continue to play the "diplomatic card".

Iran said earlier it has arrested 17 Iranian nationals allegedly re-

cruited by the Central Intelligence Agency to spy on the country's nuclear and military sites, and some of them have already been sentenced to death.

An Iranian intelligence official told a press conference in Tehran that the arrests occurred over the past months. He did not say how many got the death sentence.

The official did not give his name but was identified as the director of the counterespionage department of Iran's Intelligence Ministry. Such a procedure is highly unusual in Iran; officials usually identify themselves at press conferences.

In London, British Prime Minister Theresa May will chair an emergency security session to discuss how to respond to Iran's seizure of a British-flagged tanker in the Strait of Hormuz.

The meeting of security ministers and officials today [Macau time] will discuss how to secure shipping in the sensitive region, which is vital to the world's oil supply.

Foreign Secretary Jeremy Hunt is also expected to brief Parliament on the Friday seizure of the Stena Impero tanker, now in a heavily guarded Iranian port. **MDT/AP**

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TIME: 10am-7pm (No admittance after 6:30pm,

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Offbeat

PITTSBURGH MARKS ITS FOURTH ALLIGATOR SIGHTING SINCE MAY

A baby alligator was found far from the tropics in the parking lot of a grocery store outside Pittsburgh on Friday morning, the fourth alligator discovered near the city since May.

An employee found the 2-foot-long creature near a garbage can at the Giant Eagle grocery store in Shaler, about 10 miles north of Pittsburgh.

"It looks like a little baby alligator," Shaler Township Police Lt. Dave Banko told the Tribune Review newspaper. "Someone dropped it off or lost it."

On their Facebook page, Shaler police put out a call for the owner to contact them.

Paul McIntyre, of Big Daddy Wildlife Removal, came to take the animal from police and said it was healthy and docile.

"It was somebody's pet, I can guarantee you," McIntyre told the newspaper. "He's so friendly. Somebody had him as a pet, couldn't take care of him and let him go."

Three other gators have been found around Pittsburgh since May.

Police speculate that the spate may at least partly stem from people who bought the animals as pets when they were little decided to release them when they started getting too big. It's not illegal to own an alligator in Pennsylvania.

"We strongly discourage anyone from having a pet alligator. Just because you buy one that's 8 inches long doesn't mean it will stay that size," said Pittsburgh police spokesman Chris Togneri. "And it's very irresponsible to just let it go."

On June 8, a 2½-foot-long alligator was found on a home's porch. Two days earlier, a man walking his dog spotted a 5-foot-long alligator in front of a garage. On May 18, a 3-foot-long gator was captured near a riverside park.

Police determined the 5-foot-long alligator — which was named Chomp — had escaped from a home.

Chomp's owner is now facing 33 counts of neglect, along with single counts of animal cruelty and recklessly endangering another person.

Police removed 32 animals from the owner's home, including three more alligators; three snakes, including Burmese pythons, a lizard and some iguanas.

Multiple dead animals were also discovered.



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15:00	Agua de Mar
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19:35	Os Nossos Dias Sr.2
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21:50	Filhos da Nação Sr.3
22:25	Amor Maior
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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



1974 GREEK MILITARY RULE GIVES IN TO DEMOCRACY

The military government in Greece has collapsed and the former prime minister Constantine Karamanlis has been invited to return.

Huge crowds gathered to greet him at Athens airport and there has been jubilation in the streets of the Greek capital to mark the beginning of a return to democracy.

Conservative Mr Karamanlis, 67, was prime minister for an unprecedented eight years until the centre-left won power in the country's last democratic election in 1963.

He has been in self-imposed exile in Paris since then but he was one of eight former senior politicians invited to return yesterday by the founding military leadership.

A military junta led by Colonel Papadopoulos, Colonel Makarezos and Brigadier Pattakos seized power in Greece in April 1967.

They imposed strict controls over the media and judicial system, suppressed any political opposition and dismantled the reforms of the last elected prime minister, Georgios Papandreou.

A spokesman for the Greek armed forces explained the junta's decision to step down, "in view of the position in which the country finds itself".

The regime, now controlled by Brigadier Demetrios Ioannidis, has crumbled over the growing crisis in Cyprus following the Turkish invasion two days ago.

The Greek National Guard staged a coup on the island last week to replace elected Greek-Cypriot leader Archbishop Makarios with Nicos Sampson, who fell from power yesterday.

Mr Karamanlis' return from exile has been welcomed by the Turkish Government - which sent him messages of congratulation, and the Turkish press has hailed him as "Turkey's friend".

Former Greek King Constantine - exiled since failing to topple the 1967 coup - has been in talks with British Prime Minister Harold Wilson at 10 Downing Street.

Mr Karamanlis will choose his cabinet tomorrow to include experts and representatives from both leading parties from the 1963 poll.

General Gzikis has said he will remain as Greek President until the new government is running smoothly.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

The monarchy had been abolished in 1973 and in a referendum on the issue later in 1974 Greek voters rejected re-establishing the king and voted for a presidential system.

The Greek republic was founded with a new constitution in 1975.

Constantine Karamanlis was re-elected as prime minister in 1977 with the New Democracy Party he had founded.

He became President of Greece in 1980.

He secured his aim of Greek admission to the EEC the following year.

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ARIES

Mar. 21-Apr. 19

The connection you've got cookin' with someone else is getting more complicated right now, and today you might want to step back and look at things from an outsider's perspective.



TAURUS

Apr. 20-May. 20

If you want to have a unique day, all you need to do is take a unique approach. All you need to do is see things from another perspective - try seeing the world as an audience you must entertain.



GEMINI

May. 21-Jun. 21

Try. This one little word could mean big things for you today. You see, there is a tremendous amount of value to be gained when you at least attempt things.



CANCER

Jun. 22-Jul. 22

Things are going to work out differently than the way you assumed they would. And whether you'll respond really well or really badly is still up in the air.



LEO

Jul. 23-Aug. 22

Sure, you know that you are supposed to look before you leap, but do not forget that you also need to listen before you leap! Take in all the instructions that are given before you act today.



VIRGO

Aug. 23-Sep. 22

It's the perfect day for you to stop what you're doing and take a moment to reach up and pat yourself on the back! It took you a lot of hard work to get to where you are right now.



LIBRA

Sep. 23-Oct. 22

Step out and do what you want to do today - take advantage of a great bargain, a wonderful dinner invitation or some other opportunity that is just too good for you to pass up!



SCORPIO

Oct. 23-Nov. 21

Think about your audience - what is most important to them? Focus on that, and show them how they can get what they want out of your plan, too. You have a lot of great sales skills that you don't always use.



SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

There is a very simple solution to your complex financial problem - stop spending money for a while! Try to think more like a fiscal conservative and hold on to your wallet like it's your lifeline.



CAPRICORN

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Displaying too much aggression will do you more harm than good right now, so try hard to play nice - especially with the people who just love pushing your buttons!



AQUARIUS

Jan. 20-Feb. 18

If something confusing is starting to build between you and another person, don't try and fight it today. Even if you know this is definitely not what you want, one more day of experiencing it won't hurt anybody.



PISCES

Feb. 19-Mar. 20

You are going to get a lot of positive attention very soon - get ready to have a permanent blush! If a group is looking for a leader, you should step up and nominate yourself for the job.

The Born Loser by Chip Sanson



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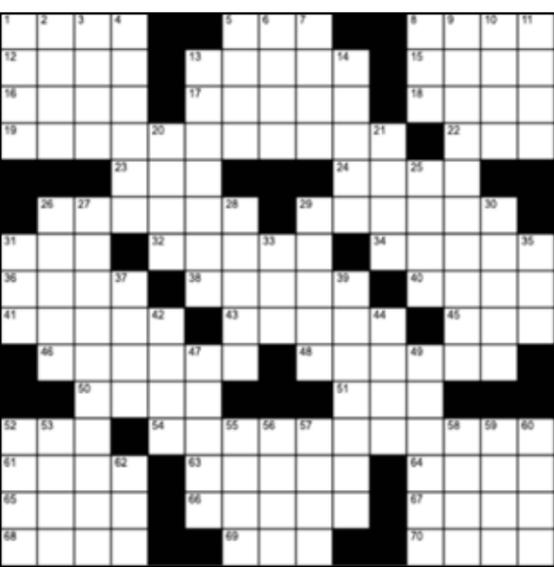
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Lhasa	12	22	shower
Chengdu	21	27	shower
Chongqing	25	31	drizzle
Kunming	19	26	shower
Nanjing	23	30	cloudy
Shanghai	24	27	drizzle
Wuhan	24	32	cloudy
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Hong Kong	29	33	cloudy
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Moscow	13	20	drizzle
Frankfurt	11	26	clear
Paris	14	26	cloudy
London	11	25	cloudy
New York	22	31	clear

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1-Wife of Zeus; 5- City official; Abbr.; 8- Dull pain; 12- Frozen treats; 13- Angler's basket; 15- Layer of paint; 16- Part of Q.E.D.; 17- In what way?; 18- Women's magazine; 19- Encircling; 22- Bandleader Brown; 23- Picnic crasher; 24- Director Kazan; 26- Natural ability; 29- Reliable; 31- ___ room; 32- Handle; 34- Get ready to drive; 36- Ancient Andean; 38- Fenced areas; 40- Humorist Bombeck; 41- Make up for wrongdoing; 43- Ms. Hawkins; 45- Actress Breneman; 46- Ice cream topped with syrup; 48- Every 52 weeks; 50- Pinot ___ (red wine); 51- Road map abbr.; 52- Not in; 54- Measure of the warmth or coldness; 61- Actor Pitt; 63- ___ lift?; 64- Cries of discovery; 65- "___ She Lovely?"; 66- Chips in chips; 67- Applies friction to; 68- Consumes; 69- Bear lair; 70- Old-fashioned pronoun;

DOWN: 1- Hastens; 2- Color of raw silk; 3- Back; 4- Star-related; 5- "East of Eden" brother; 6- Obscene; 7- Lucie's dad; 8- Crackerjack; 9- Pledged security; 10- Robust; 11- French summers; 13- Piquant relish; 14- Hermit; 20- Addition column; 21- Excess; 25- Words of comprehension; 26- Circus sights; 27- Person skilled in bookkeeping; 28- Mock, annoy; 29- Hot alcoholic drink; 30- Delicious; 31- Estuary; 33- Song syllable; 35- Salary; 37- ___ Domini; 39- Mountain chains; 42- Cut and paste; 44- I could ___ horse!; 47- Stadium; 49- Sharp reply; 52- Off-Broadway theater award; 53- Bear on high; 55- Patch up; 56- Sneaky guy?; 57- "I Dream of Jeannie" star Barbara; 58- No way; 59- Cloak; 60- Start of North Carolina's motto; 62- Jimjams;



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MARIANO RIVERA CLOSES HALL OF FAME INDUCTION CEREMONY

FOR Mariano Rivera, it was the culmination of a storied career, dreams of being the next Pelé long since forgotten.

Rivera, the career saves leader and the first player unanimously voted into the Hall by the Baseball Writers' Association of America, was greeted by chants of his name from the adoring crowd as he stepped to the podium in a fitting close to yesterday's ceremony [Macau time]. He spoke in both English and at the end in Spanish, rarely looking down at the speech he had prepared.

"I think I choose that because sometimes you write words and it doesn't sound right," Rivera said. "But when you come from the heart, it comes right. My intention was always to speak from the heart."

Rivera and fellow closer Lee Smith, starters Mike Mussina and Roy Halladay, and designated hitters Edgar Martinez and Harold Baines were feted on a sun-splashed afternoon in Cooperstown. A crowd estimated at 55,000, the second-largest for an induction ceremony, quickly made Rivera feel at peace.

WITH A WIDE SMILE FOR HIS MOM, PRINCE GEORGE TURNS 6



KENSINGTON Palace has released three new photographs before Prince George's birthday.

The future king turned 6 yesterday. It's become a tradition for the palace to release snapshots taken by his mother Kate, the Duchess of Cambridge.

In two of the pictures George is seen with a big

smile as he wears an English soccer jersey. The third shows him on a family holiday.

George is a great-grandson of Queen Elizabeth II. He is third in line for the throne behind his grandfather Prince Charles and his father Prince William and is the oldest of William's three children.

SUMMER AILEY CAMP PROVIDES DANCE TRAINING, LIFE SKILLS

OF all the mantras Anai Espinoza and her fellow campers recite each morning at Ailey-Camp, the eighth grader's favorite is this: "I am in control."

"It makes me believe I have the power to choose the right thing," she said.

Anai is one of a thousand students in 10 states this summer attending Ailey-Camp, a free six-week program for youngsters in financial need or with academic, social or family challenges.

AileyCamp was founded in 1989 in Kansas City, Missouri, by world-renowned dancer, choreographer and director

Alvin Ailey, who died later that year. In addition to teaching the students dance, the camp introduces them to the visual arts, creative writing and other communications skills. It also teaches them how to eat well, resolve conflicts and become leaders, according to a description of the program on the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater website.

Atlanta Ballet's Centre For Dance Education has admitted about 100 students to its camp each summer since 2014. About half of those have some exposure to dance, but very few have professional training.



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Britain's Adam Peaty holds up his gold medal after winning the men's 100m breaststroke final at the World Swimming Championships in Gwangju, South Korea

SWIMMING

Peaty, Canadian teen win breaststroke titles at worlds

BETH HARRI, GWANGJU

ADAM Peaty became the first man to win a third 100-meter breaststroke title at the world swimming championships last night. A Canadian teenager grabbed a share of the spotlight by upsetting

Swedish star Sarah Sjöström in the women's 100 breast.

Peaty claimed the title in 57.14 seconds, a night after he became the first man to break 57 seconds in the semifinals. The British swimmer was under his own world-record pace at the turn before coming home a full body-length

in front and 1.32 seconds ahead of teammate James Wilby.

In the semis, Peaty was timed in 56.88. He's also the current Olympic champion.

Wilby touched in 58.46. Yan Zibei of China was third in 58.63.

Margaret MacNeil, a 19-year-old competing in her biggest interna-

tional meet so far, surprised Sjöström in the women's race.

Sjöström took it out strong, dipping under her world-record pace on the first lap, while MacNeil was in fifth.

But MacNeil roared back with the fastest closing lap — 29.06 — of the eight-woman final and tou-

ched first in 55.83.

Sjöström was second in 56.22, denied a record fifth title in the 100 breast. Emma McKeon of Australia earned bronze in 56.61.

After receiving their medals, the three women gathered on the top podium spot and raised their palms to the crowd, displaying a message to ailing 19-year-old Japanese swimmer Rikako Ikee.

"Rikako never give up" it read, with hearts decorating their palms. Sjöström came up with the idea.

Ikee announced in February that she has leukemia. She was the world junior champion in the 100 fly and had the fastest time in the world last year. She is aiming to return in time to compete in the Tokyo Olympics.

"We're hoping this will show that we're supporting her and we're here if she needs anything," said MacNeil, who swims at Michigan.

The United States won its first-ever gold in the men's 50 butterfly. Caeleb Dressel's time of 22.35 set a championship record and earned his ninth career world title.

Two years ago, Dressel won seven golds to equal Michael Phelps' record at a single worlds. The 50 fly was the only event Dressel failed to win in Budapest.

After getting upset in the 400 freestyle on Sunday, Katie Ledecky's lone race was the morning preliminaries of the 1,500 freestyle. She breezed through the grueling race in 15 minutes, 48.90 seconds — 2.69 seconds faster than second-fastest qualifier Simona Quadarella of Italy.

The final is tomorrow. **AP**

TASTE OF THE TOUR

A signature dessert in Kirk Douglas' wake

JOHN LEICESTER, SAINT-SAVIN

IT'S a Tour de France dilemma: When you've found a gem of a hotel with a knockout restaurant along the race route, do you greedily keep the precious address to yourself?

Then again, a pleasure shared is a pleasure doubled, and Le Viscos in the picture-postcard village of Saint-Savin — skirted by the Tour on its second weekend — is certainly a pleasure.

Hollywood actors Kirk and Michael Douglas and late French rocker Johnny Hallyday are among those who have made the pilgrimage for the belt-busting fine cuisine of chef Jean-Pierre Saint-Martin.

His son, Alexis, has now taken the reins in the kitchen from his 70-year-old dad. The hotel that dates back to 1840, when it was a stop for



travelers to stable their horses, has been in their family for seven generations.

Alexis, 39, sees himself both as a guardian of the family tradition of offering hospitality and as a culinary inventor not hidebound by that long tradition.

His exquisite dessert eclairs, filled with tangy stewed strawberries and cream as light as a cloud, neatly encapsulate his philo-

sophy. Topped with nuggets of light biscuit that crack between the teeth, his creation is a surprising and welcome contemporary reboot of the classic custard-filled choux-pastry found in all French patisseries.

"As the seventh generation, it's our duty to carry on this tradition and, I hope, pass it to the eighth," Alexis says. "My job can be taught but is first and foremost a passion."

BREAD AND BUTTER

When one French rider starts to fade, another comes to the fore at what is shaping up as the most thrilling Tour in recent memory. One way or the other, France may still be on course for its first winner since Bernard Hinault in 1985.

Furious racing on Stage 15 from Limoux to Foix on Sunday saw French rider

Thibaut Pinot profit from the first signs of weakness in the high mountains from French race leader Julian Alaphilippe.

Pinot edged closer to the yellow jersey in the overall standings with a display of climbing power on the last uphill finish in the Pyrenees, signaling that he'll be a major contender to win the Tour in what promises to be a climactic final week in the Alps.

British rider Simon Yates won the stage, his second at this Tour. Pinot was second, more than a minute faster than Alaphilippe, who ground on grimacing to place 11th at the top, still in yellow but with a smaller cushion over his rivals for the race lead.

CULTURE SLICE

The 185-kilometer (115-mile) trek swept past a ruined fortress perched on a

rock overlooking the village of Montsegur where more than 230 people were burned at the stake in the 13th century after their surrender in 1244 following a nearly year-long siege.

QUOTE OF THE DAY

"If I crack I hope he'll carry the torch for the French" — Alaphilippe, expressing hopes that Pinot will win if he himself can't.

STAT OF THE DAY

1:32. The amount of time in minutes and seconds that Pinot has clawed back from Alaphilippe in two days, on Stages 14 and 15. From seventh, he has vaulted to fourth.

NEXT ON THE MENU

The Tour is exquisitely poised entering its last rest day today [Macau time] before attacking the Alps, with four riders — Alaphilippe, defending champion Geraint Thomas, Dutch rider Steven Kruijswijk and Pinot — all within two minutes at the top of the standings. **AP**

OPINION

World Views

The Editors, Bloomberg

TRUMP 'THIRD COUNTRY' ASYLUM RULE DOUBLES DOWN ON FAILURE

Another directive on immigration from the Trump administration begets another court challenge. In a sweeping rule change, the administration has declared that, with narrow exceptions, any "alien who enters or attempts to enter the United States across the southern border after failing to apply for protection in a third country outside the alien's country of citizenship, nationality, or last lawful habitual residence through which the alien transited en route to the United States is ineligible for asylum."

The new rule has so far triggered two lawsuits arguing that it contravenes the Immigration and Nationality Act and exceeds the Attorney General's statutory authority. More such challenges will doubtless follow, and judges will render their verdict. But you don't need a court to see that this is bad policy.

True, every aspect of the U.S. asylum system is under great strain. Border facilities built to house single Mexican males are facing a huge influx of Central American families seeking asylum. Court dockets are overflowing, and nearly half of the overall backlog of about 1 million cases involve an asylum claim. This creates incentives for meritless claims, because asylum-seekers who pass their initial screening are released into the U.S. to wait years for a court date. And law enforcement can't keep up with removing those whose claims have been rejected.

It would be one thing if an administration committed to welcoming immigrants and helping genuine refugees was trying to cope by temporarily limiting applications. But this isn't what's happening. The president wants to restrict all forms of immigration, and admissions of refugees have fallen by three-quarters on his watch. Policy changes have even made it harder for immigrants serving in the U.S. military to acquire citizenship. Other presidents have seen immigration as an asset and an affirmation of American values; this one sees it as an economic liability and a way to fire up his base.

The Trump administration has failed to pursue fixes that would reduce the asylum backlog. The best way to deter meritless claims remains expeditious dismissal under due process. Yet since taking office, the administration has consistently failed to hire as many immigration judges as Congress has authorized; in March, when Trump was complaining about "horrible asylum laws," the director of the office that oversees the immigration courts actually announced a slowdown in hiring judges and their supporting attorneys. On top of all this, the president has left senior jobs at the Department of Homeland Security — the agency responsible for immigration policy — without properly appointed officials.

Trump should be trying to mend the asylum system. His new rule aims instead to blow it up — harming genuine asylum seekers, America's standing and relations with neighbors, and global understandings on protecting refugees.

Pirates boarded a South Korean-flagged cargo ship near the Singapore Strait yesterday and robbed its crew of their money, clothes and cellphones, South Korean officials said.

Two of the ship's 22 crew members suffered minor bruises during the maritime robbery, South Korea's Ministry of Oceans and Fishers said in a statement.

Seven pirates used a speedboat to approach the 44,132-ton CK Bluebell before boarding it. One of the pirates was carrying a pis-

tol while others were armed with knives, ministry officials said. The pirates took \$13,000 in cash, clothes, shoes and smartphones from the crew, according to the statement.

The identities of the pirates were not immediately known.

The ship, carrying 68,000 tons of corn from Brazil, was to arrive at a South Korean port on July 30. Four of the cargo ship's crew members are South Koreans while the other 18 are Indonesians, according to the ministry.

POLITICAL CORRECTNESS

BERKELEY DROPS WORDS LIKE 'MANPOWER' IN PUSH TO BE INCLUSIVE



Berkeley councilman Rigel Robinson poses for photos inside the Martin Luther King Jr. Civic Center building in Berkeley, California

THERE will be no manholes in Berkeley, California. City workers will drop into "maintenance holes" instead.

Nothing will be manmade in the liberal city but "human-made." And students at the University of California, Berkeley, will join "collegiate Greek system residences" rather than fraternities and sororities.

Berkeley leaders voted unanimously this week to replace about 40 gender-specific words in the city code with gender-neutral terms — an effort to be more inclusive that's drawing both praise and scorn.

That means "manpower" will become "human effort" or "workforce," while masculine and feminine pronouns like "she," "her," "he" and "him" will be replaced by "they" and "them," according to the measure approved by the City Council.

The San Francisco Bay Area city is known for its long history of progressive politics and "first of" ordinances. Berkeley was among the first cities to adopt curbside recycling in the 1970s and more recently, became the first in the U.S. to tax sugary drinks and ban natural gas in new homes.

Berkeley also was the birthplace of the nation's free-speech movement in the 1960s and where protests from both left- and right-wing extremist groups devolved into violence during

a flashpoint in the country's political divisions soon after President Donald Trump's election.

Rigel Robinson, who graduated from UC Berkeley last year and at 23 is the youngest member of the

and organizations implement gender-neutral alternatives.

California Gov. Gavin Newsom's wife, Jennifer Siebel Newsom, changed a Sacramento political tradition by adopting the unofficial title "first partner" instead of "first lady," saying it's more inclusive. The change reflected Siebel Newsom's experience as an actress and filmmaker focused on gender politics and inequality.

But formalizing the shift in the sweeping way that Berkeley is doing is "remarkable and sends a message," Rutgers University linguistics professor Kristen Syrett said.

"Anytime you're talking about something where gender is not the issue but you use a gendered term, that immediately sends a message of exclusion, even if it's a dialogue that has nothing to do with gender," said Syrett, who recently spearheaded an update to the guidelines on inclusive language for the Linguistic Society of America.

For Hel Baker, a Berkeley home caregiver, the shift is a small step in the right direction.

"Anything that dismantles inherent bias is a good thing, socially, in the grand scheme of things," the 27-year-old said.

"I don't, by any means, think this is the great championing for gender equality, but you gotta start somewhere," Baker added. AP

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City Council, said it was time to change a municipal code that makes it sound like "men are the only ones that exist in entire industries or that men are the only ones on city government."

"As society and our cultures become more aware about issues of gender identity and gender expression, it's important that our laws reflect that," said Robinson, who co-authored the measure. "Women and non-binary people are just as deserving of accurate representation."

When the changes take effect in the fall, all city forms will be updated and lists with the old words and their replacements will be posted at public libraries and the council chambers. The changes will cost taxpayers \$600, Robinson said.

Removing gendered terms has been slowly happening for decades in the United States as colleges, companies



New Zealand is planning further restrictions to gun ownership in a law proposed yesterday that emphasizes owning guns is a privilege and not a right. The new law would ban the sale of guns to overseas visitors, create a register to track all guns in the country, and require gun owners to renew their gun licenses every five years instead of every 10.



India successfully launched an unmanned spacecraft to the far side of the moon yesterday, a week after aborting the mission due to a technical problem. The spacecraft - named Chandrayaan, the Sanskrit word for "moon craft" - is scheduled to land on the lunar south pole in September and send a rover to explore water deposits.

India Dozens of people have died in a thunderstorm that struck the north Indian state of Uttar Pradesh. nState disaster relief officials said that lightning killed 33 people and injured 13 more. The source said that 20 houses collapsed in the storm. Heavy rains and lightning lashed the region when farmers were working in the field.



UK The younger brother of the suicide bomber who killed 22 people at an Ariana Grande concert in Manchester has been kept in custody at a bail hearing. Hashem Abedi (pictured) appeared at Oxford Crown Court yesterday via video-link from Belmarsh Prison in southeast London. The judge ordered the 22-year-old to be placed in custody before a preliminary court hearing on July 30.