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**India** Thousands of students and visitors were fleeing Indian-controlled Kashmir over the weekend after the government ordered tourists and Hindu pilgrims visiting a Himalayan cave shrine "to curtail their stay" in the disputed territory, citing security concerns.

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**South Korea-Japan** Waving banners and signs and chanting anti-Japan slogans, thousands of South Koreans marched in Seoul to express their anger at Japan's decision to downgrade South Korea's trade status amid an escalating diplomatic row.

**Japan** A strong earthquake has struck northeastern Japan, but authorities say there is no danger of a tsunami, and there were no immediate reports of casualties.

**Afghanistan** July saw the highest number of civilian casualties in Afghanistan in a single month since 2017, the U.N. mission said.

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**Sudan** The pro-democracy movement signed a power-sharing agreement with the ruling military council yesterday aimed at paving the way for a transition to civilian rule following the overthrow of President Omar al-Bashir in April.

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The Electoral Affairs Commission said it would not comment on whether the nomination system for Chief Executive candidates needed to be rethought, after 13 interested parties dropped out to leave only Ho Iat Seng

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# ELECTORAL COMMISSION HAS NO COMMENT ON ONE-MAN ELECTION

JULIE ZHU

**T**HE Electoral Affairs Commission of the Chief Executive Election does not wish to comment on the city's sole-candidate election, particularly regarding suggestions of establishing a limit to the maximum number of nominations from the election committee in future elections. The position was made clear by Song Man Lei, president of the commission, who made the declaration to the media on Friday.

Previously, a total of 14 people, including Ho Iat Seng, the former president of the Legislative Assembly (AL), had obtained election application forms. However, Ho earned 379 nominations and, in denying his competitors sufficient support from the remaining 20, became the sole candidate in the fifth Chief Executive election.

According to Macau's Chief Executive election rules, a person can only be confirmed as a candidate if they collect 66 nominations from the committee's 400 members, who can each only nominate one candidate.

Song was asked to comment on the sole-candidate election, and on whether the commission would consider setting a limit on the maximum of nominations, or whether an election committee member can nominate more



than one candidate, therefore increasing the chance of having more candidates.

"One person supporting one person is the normal situation. Who they choose to support is the decision of the committee member, and nobody can force [anybody to do] that," said Song.

Regarding a limit for nominations, Song noted that it is a matter of the legal system and that she has no more comments on changing the existing system.

The Electoral Affairs Commission chairman also offered no comments on Ho's nomination.

Previously, candidate Chan Weng Fu had made a complaint before the announcement of

Ho's candidacy, reporting that the Electoral Affairs Commission was in favor of Ho, and that this was unfair to the other election candidates.

Song said that despite having received Chan's complaint, she did not give it a direct response. She only said that there was a delay in receiving the complaints, and that the commission adopts a neutral position on all candidates and in this way avoids having a preferred candidate.

The commission also reported that Kevin Ho had completed his registration as a member of the Chief Executive election, bringing the total number of election committee members to 400.

Between August 4 and 9, election committee members can claim their vote rights certificates. Only those in possession of a certificate can participate in the candidate's political platform symposium on August 10 and the election on August 25.

## HUNGER STRIKE AGAINST OPAQUE ELECTION

Former Chief Executive election contender Hoi Weng Chong - known to the public as the 'Yellow Man' or sometimes 'Fighter in Red' because of the colorful outfits he is known to wear at his solo protests - went on a two-day hunger strike as a way of expressing his opinion that the election

is a "black box operation."

Hoi started the hunger strike on July 31, according to reports from local Portuguese media, when he submitted his petition to the media in front of the Public Administration Building.

"Starting from today, I will start my two-day hunger strike," Hoi's petition read. In addition, Hoi filed a complaint to the Commission Against Corruption against Ho Iat Seng.

"Ho Iat Seng submitted 379 nominations. Isn't this a 'black box operation' leaving no chance to other runners?" Hoi questioned, using a Chinese expression to describe the process as concealed or opaque.

Hoi pointed out that in the fifth Chief Executive election, all the candidates, except Ho, had no chance to seek support and express their political platform to election committee members.

"The Chief Executive election is held every five years. To Macau people, the election is a meaningful event. But other runners can't even announce their political platform, not to mention, the election leaves these runners in a disadvantageous position," said Hoi.

On July 16, Hoi visited the Commission Against Corruption to request an immediate investigation on Ho, in particular, regarding his Portuguese nationality when he was simultaneously the AL president and a Macau delegate at the National People's Congress and the Chinese People's Political Consultative Council.

## ASK THE VET

by Dr Ruan Du Toit Bester

### ARE CATS ALLERGIC TO HUMANS?

**R**ECENT studies have found a link between cats allergic to human lifestyles and conditions such as asthma. Feline allergy manifests itself in itchy skin conditions, respiratory problems and asthmatic attacks.

Feline asthma is an upper respiratory illness that causes difficulty breathing due to exposure to allergens. Very often the symptoms of asthmatic attacks are similar to cat hairball related cough. Certain cat breeds are more susceptible to feline asthma. Siamese cats in particular suffer from frequent asthma attacks. Allergens in the environment and household irritants are most likely to trigger a feline asthmatic attack.

It's important to know if your pet is suffering from asthma, as medical attention is necessary. After appropriate diagnosis, the vet might prescribe medications such as Prednisone. Along with medication, it's best to identify substances or situations that cause an asthmatic attack. Some pet owners have identified specific cat litter that causes allergic reactions and asthma symptoms in their pets.

#### Symptoms of Allergies in Pets

- Coughing
- Sneezing
- Difficulty urinating
- Conjunctivitis
- Weakness
- Skin inflammation
- Lethargy
- Wheezing
- Shortness of breath

#### Mycoplasma in Cats

Symptoms of respiratory difficulties are generally linked to asthma. Along with environmental allergens, cats may be susceptible to mycoplasma infections. Mycoplasma is a bacterial organism that exists in the environment. It can infect both dogs and cats, and it also poses a risk to humans. The symptoms of mycoplasma in cats can range from mild to severe. Pets with weakened immune systems are at a higher risk of contracting the infection. Mycoplasma is also closely linked to severe asthmatic attacks. Cats with mycoplasma infections have

to be diagnosed and treated promptly. There is no vaccine available for the prevention of mycoplasma. Chemical disinfection and strong sunlight are the only preventive measures to kill existing bacterial organisms.

#### Allergens Present in Human Environments

- Pollen
- Mold
- House dust
- Mites
- Human dandruff
- Cigarette smoke
- Cat litter
- Food
- Household bacteria
- Cleaning agents
- Preventing Exposure

Pet owners should take necessary precautions to prevent both asthma and allergic reactions in pets. The household should be left open to allow strong sun-rays to kill germs and bacteria. Allergic pets should also be kept in smoke free households, as smoke causes upper respiratory problems in cats. Research studies have discovered that asthmatic cats kept away from cigarette smoke environments showed an improvement in health.

It's important to avoid giving pets table scraps or



food that isn't a part of their diet. Human food can contain ingredients that are toxic to your pet and may cause digestive reactions. It's best to maintain hygienic and smoke free surroundings along with a proper diet to keep your pets healthy, happy and free from feline asthma.

Hope this info helps  
Till next week  
Dr Ruan Bester

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CIVIL PROTECTION LAW

# 'Devil is in the detail' say bill's critics

ANTHONY LAM

**D**EMOCRAT lawmaker Sulu Sou has reminded the public to keep an eye on the proposed Civil Protection Bill in general, and the controversial Article 25 - more commonly known as the "rumor offence" - in particular.

"The devil is in the detail of the Civil Protection Bill, including the provision of 'immediate prevention' that concerns all people living in Macau," lawmaker Sulu Sou wrote on his social media page, adding that Macau must be vigilant about the bill.

His argument aligns with the concerns of other critics of the bill, who take issue with the vagueness of some of its articles, and argue that they might be misused by the authorities.

In this case, "immediate prevention" denotes the type of measures taken when "Level 3" of the Civil Protection State (CP State 3) is in effect or activated. It is related to "uncommon" or "unfavorable" situations that trigger rescue, disaster or catastrophe responses.

With regard to the activation of CP State 3, a due procedure is set forth in the bill. The bill orders an advisory board, comprised of officials within the civil protection structure, be set up in such "emergency" situations to consult with the Chief Executive, who have the final say as to whether a situation can be categorized as CP State 3 or higher.

If so, the Chief Executive's decision must be published in the Official Gazette to formally activate the state.

The provisions are a source of concern for Sou, as he noted in



Lawmaker Sulu Sou among the opponents of the controversial bill

an interview with local Chinese newspaper Cheng Pou, because the definition of the conditions necessary to activate CP State 3 are vague.

"How is 'uncommon' defined? How is 'unfavorable' so?" asked Sou.

The democrat reiterates that the activation of CP State 3 and that of the civil protection structure are not reciprocal. He worries that the vagueness and arbitrary nature of the definition will become a burden to society if the legislation is successful.

Additional powers given to the administration under CP State 3 or higher include charging civil

servants who refuse to obey their superintendents' orders - no matter the type or nature - with a disobedience offence.

The Chief Executive will also be empowered to implement a series of measures, such as the requisition of any mobile or immobile properties, labor force or equipment, the suspension of transport, communication, water or electricity services under extreme conditions and the closing of certain border checkpoints.

The Chief Executive will also be authorized by the law to suspend any large-scale activities, including in the gambling and entertainment sectors, occurring or to

occur in the affected areas.

Information from the legislative committee studying the bill points out that the administration has implied "automatic activation of CP State 3" under three specific circumstances, namely typhoon signal No. 8 or higher, storm surge level 3 or higher, or an outbreak of SARS.

However, some committee members reminded the government that these circumstances would only activate the civil protection structure, instead of CP State 3.

Sou suspects that the bill has been submitted to the Legislative Assembly (AL) in a hasty manner

without thorough and stringent consideration.

It is also noteworthy that the proposed bill covers activities related to "internal societal security and economy, as well as sudden security matters caused by or related to external factors."

The lawmaker has also pressed the government to explain the new investment company that will be initially funded with MOP60 billion from the public coffers.

Some media reports last month suggested that incumbent Chief Executive Chui Sai On would make himself head of the new company. This has caused the government to issue a statement denying the reports.

On this matter, Sou said it has been rumored for about one year that the incumbent Chief Executive will head the new company. Sou has also heard from certain sources that Lionel Leong is among the options for the chairperson of the new company.

Even so, the lawmaker thinks there is a conflict of interest, as the next government will appoint someone from the current administration to head the company. Meanwhile, laws are absent to monitor the funds and operation of these companies.

"These companies lack transparency. The public worries [about] the stability and safety of public funds," said Sou.

Macau's next Chief Executive, Ho Iat Seng, said in 2014 that if Macau happens to be setting up publicly-funded investment companies, it has to be done very carefully, citing Singapore's Temasek's as a rare success of the investment model.

## Sonia Chan defends legality of 'extradition agreement' with Portugal

**T**HE agreement between Macau and Portugal on the surrender of fugitive offenders is legal and was done according to international rules and principles concerning such issues, said Secretary for Administration and Justice Sonia Chan. This was in response to concerns expressed by the Portuguese Bar Association (OA) last week over the agreement that was signed by the two governments.

The secretary reaffirmed her support for the agreement late last week when questioned by the media during a public event, ad-

ding that it was "compliant with the existing legal framework of each side."

In late July, the OA said in a statement that the bilateral agreement signed in Lisbon on May 15 - already formalized in Macau through its publication in the Official Gazette - was potentially unconstitutional, violating fundamental and structural principles of the Portuguese Constitutional and Criminal Law.

According to a statement from Government Information Bureau, the secretary added that Macau had already completed the internal

procedures required for the official implementation of the agreement. She said the government was currently awaiting notice from their Portuguese counterparts.

Chan also clarified that the extradition agreement would come into effect 30 days after local authorities receive notice of publication of the agreement in Portugal by the Portuguese government. According to the OA, the agreement has not been published yet and the association aims to prevent publication before a deeper analysis of the agreement's constitutionality is done. **RM**



Secretary for Administration and Justice Sonia Chan

## RUINS OF ST. PAUL'S CLOSED TOMORROW FOR MAINTENANCE

The Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) will conduct weeding maintenance on the façade of the Ruins of St Paul's and inspect the bronze statues of the façade from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. tomorrow, according to a statement from the SAR culture authority. During maintenance, the forecourt and the monument's site - including the Museum of Sacred Art and Crypt - will not be accessible to the public. In addition, to ensure public safety, barricades will be temporarily placed in front of the Ruins of St. Paul's, separating the maintenance area from the public. Residents and tourists visiting the area should take these access restrictions into account, the IC advised.

## IFT OFFERS TOURISM TRAINING INSIGHT TO GUIZHOU STUDENTS

Thirty-two high school students and teachers from Congjiang County in Guizhou province attended a "learning and experience camp" at the Institute for Tourism Studies (IFT) late last month. During their four-day visit to the IFT, teachers and students were introduced to the tourism-related degrees offered by the education institution. In addition, the camp included a site visit to the Galaxy Macau integrated resort, where students were able to learn more about the operation of a large-scale tourism and leisure property. The students visited historical sites in Macau, including the A-Ma Temple, the Ruins of St. Paul's and the Mandarin's House, and learnt about the world heritage status of the central parts of the city.

## UM INTRODUCES PRIMARY SCHOOL SCIENCE CAMP

Events at the University of Macau's (UM) summer camps and summer programs will attract nearly 1,000 local and overseas students this year. The programs cover disciplines such as microelectronics, Chinese medical sciences, artificial intelligence, science promotion, biomedical sciences, and Portuguese and English language. According to UM, the camps and programs held over the summer help students discover their talents and interests. This year, UM will offer a summer camp for primary school students for the first time. Titled "Primary Students STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Mathematics) Summer Camp," the courses will help participants learn more about science in everyday life through interactive games and scientific experiments.



# TYPHOON WIPHA ENCROACHES ON WUSHU MASTERS LINEUP

RENATO MARQUES

**T**HE Wushu Masters Challenge 2019, a four-day event that kicked-off on August 1 and that promised to bring the best of local and regional martial arts, came to an end last night with a grand event in which 21 Wushu masters invited by the Sports Bureau (ID) gave performances.

This year's edition, the fourth since the event was first held in 2016, suffered several alterations from the original program due to the passage of Signal No. 8 Typhoon Wipha on July 31.

The weather caused significant changes to the original program that included the complete cancellation of the "Wushu Summer Festival" that should have been held over the four days at Tap Seac Square and Iao Hon Market, as well as all the events planned to be held on August 2 and 3 at Tap Seac Square, which were moved to the Pavilion B of

the Tap Seac Multisport Pavilion. They included the "Greater Bay Area Kickboxing Invitational Tournament" and the "Sanda Challenger Competition."

Still, in sports terms, all the events planned were held and with some notable performances by local athletes, including a highlight win for local athlete João Ramos in the International Chinese Kung Fu Fighting Federation (ICKF) Kickboxing Asian Championship Title in the category of under 66kg. Ramos took the title after defeating Hong Kong's Wang Tingkai.

In the women's section for the Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) category under 52kg, Macau's Yun Siman lost the title only to Argentinian Laura Balin.

The other Macau athlete to be crowned at the event was Lam Chi Ian, who won the title of the inaugural "Greater Bay Area Kickboxing Invitational Tournament."

Lam was participating on the Female section of the Youth Category (15-year-old) under 53kg and defeated another local contender, Lo I Lam.

Meanwhile, Chan Lok Si (Female 50kg), Tong Ieng Seng (Male 57kg) and Vong Kin Kuong (Male 60kg) all won their fights in the GBA Kickboxing Tournament, earning the titles in their respective categories.

The weather conditions surrounding the passage of Typhoon Wipha were accountable for the altering of the route of yesterday's "Wushu and Dragon and Lion Dance Parade," a traditional event that runs on the final day as part of the closing ceremonies and that attracts a lot of spectators as it traverses through the city's historic center.

Planned to start at Senado Square and end at Tap Seac Square, this year's route was shortened to finish at the Ruins of Saint Paul's.

Still, the contestants to the "Belt and Road Dragon and Lion Dance Invitational Tournament" coming from China, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Singapore, and Vietnam among others, had the opportunity to enliven the touristic streets of the city center, filling them with flashy colors and lion and dragon dance rhythms.

As the organizer noted, the aims of the Wushu Masters Challenge go beyond the mere competition or presentation of the martial art, but intend to stimulate the people to learn more about this Chinese traditional art considered a national treasure of China.

As Wushu is not only considered a sport, the local government decided to sponsor part of the MOP18 million budget for this year's event through the Cultural Industry Fund. The event is also financially supported by other government entities.

MACAU'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

# Tourism authority revamps website with new functionalities

**T**HE Macao Government Tourism Office (MGTO) has launched its newly-designed tourism promotion website, which supports 15 languages with new and enhanced functionalities.

According to a statement issued by the tourism authority, the new website, released on August 1, features responsive design, visually-oriented content, map integration and social media integration.

Using the tourism mascot Mak Mak as a design element, the new website conforms to "web content accessibility guidelines."

MGTO aims to provide a one-stop shop for useful tourist information and tips, including sightseeing, shows and entertainment, shopping, restaurants, hotels, tourist information counters, walking tour routes, events and festivities.

MGTO stated that the new promotional website adjusts and adapts well to any device screen size, including desktops, laptops, tablets and smart phones, and that users can easily discover tourist facilities in their vicinity and learn about the forecast visitor flows at major tourist attractions in Macau with the interactive maps. Localized information can also be obtained about the location.

The website also has links to various social media platforms in different languages, such as Facebook, Twitter, Pinterest, Instagram and YouTube, operated by MGTO representatives.

Meanwhile, in keeping with SAR's goal to develop Macau into a smart city and the action plans formulated in the Macao Tourism Industry Development Master Plan, MGTO listed its three goals for smart tourism.

One of the goals was to "optimize visitors' travel experiences before, during and after trips through different initiatives of smart tourism application."

The tourism bureau said that it would be adopting artificial intelligence and open data approaches to develop new intelligent trip planning applications, which aim to provide tailor-made trip planning services for users based on their travel interests.

In March, the bureau launched its smart tourism projects in collaboration with AliCloud of the Alibaba Group.

The bureau also pledged to work on the "smart visitor flow application," which predicts the density of visitor flows to tourist attractions for a period of four hours, 24 hours and seven days. **LV**

# BLOG ABOUT 'OLD MACAU' REACHES 1.5 MILLION VISITS

**O**NLINE blog Macau Antigo has had more than 1.5 million visits since its establishment in 2008, founder João Botas told the Times.

The milestone comes after Macau Antigo recorded its one millionth visit in September 2016, according to data provided by Google Analytics. Today, the site has an average of 15,000 visitors per month.

Since 2008, more than 4,000 posts have been published on chapters from Macau's past, which, according to Botas, makes Macau Antigo "probably the biggest online documental archive about the history of Macau."

Most of the blog entries are written in Portuguese, although English-language translations are becoming more common on the site.

At the time of print, the most recent entry was about the hou-

se of General Ye Ting (1896-1946), a Chinese military leader who helped to lead the People's Liberation Army during the first half of the 20th century. He went into exile in Europe after the failed Canton Uprising of 1927, and later went into hiding in Macau.

Today, his former residence, a European-style two-story building located on Rua do Almirante Costa Cabral, is preserved as a museum.

Botas said that many of his readers are Macanese diaspora living abroad, including many in the Western hemisphere. Last week, he said that the top three locations for his readers were Portugal, Macau and Brazil, although the blog also draws interest from other places of residence popular with the Macanese community – namely Hong Kong, mainland China, Canada, Australia and several European countries. **DB**

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### Recognition for Green Hotel

MGM COTAL received the Gold Award from the Macao Green Hotel Award – organized by the Environmental Protection Bureau in collaboration with the Macao Government Tourism Office. MGM reckons it is of vital importance to be an environmentally responsible hotel that follows the practices of green living and minimizes its impact on the natural environment. In the past 12 months, water consumption had been reduced by 12% through introducing wastewater recycling. MGM COTAL targets to further reduce 12% of its water footprint by 2020.



### Go Green Initiatives

In support of GDSE's Energy Saving Week, MGM participated in the GDSE Earth Hour along with the regular lights-off at monthly Earth Hour. As of today, energy savings of 5343 kW have been achieved due to MGM's participation in Earth Hour, which is enough to charge 2,950 phones for a year.

Aligning with the United Nations' Sustainable Gastronomy Day on June 18, eight restaurants at MGM dedicated the entire month of June to sustainable cuisines with a wide array of new healthy choices from special organic low carbon lunch to sustainable seafood. MGM has been working hard to source organic and sustainable ingredients made locally.

In addition, MGM Sustainable Gastronomy Week kicked off with a brand new Green Monday menu which provided fresh and healthy options to our employees. Since 2017, MGM has launched Green Monday in the employee dining room to promote a greener lifestyle with low carbon dishes. A food waste composting program has also been launched to turn kitchen scraps into nutrient-rich landscaping compost. More than 100 tons of its food waste have been converted into biodegradable compost and applied to over 100,000 plants at both MGM MACAU and MGM COTAL, while at the same time reducing fungicide use and pollution.



Furthermore, being the first integrated resort operator to step up its drive to eliminate single-use plastic in its takeaway packaging, MGM successfully removed all single-use plastics and replaced them with eco-friendly alternatives at all of its restaurants, saving 4.5 million pieces of single-use plastic per year from being disposed of into the environment.

### Ocean Conservation Art Workshop

Today, marine conservation is considered as one of the greatest scientific problems on our planet and protecting the ocean is of growing importance. MGM strives to raise the awareness of the community on this ongoing mission and hosted the Ocean Conservation Art Workshop with Fu Luen School in June.

A group of nearly 60 students, parents and teachers visited MGM's aquarium and participated in the workshop to make eco-friendly sea life crafts with recycled materials and disposable items they brought from home. The participants gained an insight of the importance of ocean conservation and reduction in single-use plastics in order to help conserve the marine habitats.



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## Property of the Week



### Beautiful 3 Bedroom Apartment in Coloane

**HK\$8,500,000** 1,665 ft<sup>2</sup> 3 2



The apartment was renovated to a very high standard by the owner, and most fixtures and fittings can remain if required. This property has 3 generous bedrooms and 2 bathrooms, a new kitchen, a huge wardrobe in the master bedroom and high quality finishes throughout as well as it's own car parking space. Outside is easy access to Hac Sa Beach, the walking trails in the hills of Coloane and a sort distance from the ever busy Cotai Strip.

## Property Hotlist



### Kinglight Garden Loft, Taipa

**\$6,980,000**  
800 ft<sup>2</sup>  
1 1



### Va Fat, Taipa

**\$4,530,000**  
550 ft<sup>2</sup>  
2 1



### Spacious One Grantai, Cotai

**\$23,000/mth**  
2,122 ft<sup>2</sup>  
3 3



### Nova Park, Taipa

**\$12,800/mth**  
731 ft<sup>2</sup>  
1 1



## More Listings

### For Sale

- [Coloane] Hellene Gardens 3 2 1,663 ft<sup>2</sup> **\$7,950,000** (ref: 19055006SC)
- [Taipa] Man Fai 3 2 1,390 ft<sup>2</sup> **\$8,880,000** (ref: 19065010ST)
- [Taipa] One Central (high floor) 2 2 1,269 ft<sup>2</sup> **\$13,900,000** (ref: 19070002)
- [Taipa] Nova City 3 2 1,494 ft<sup>2</sup> **\$13,980,000** (ref: 17050001RT)
- [Cotai] One Grantai 4 2 2,556 ft<sup>2</sup> **\$25,600,000**

### For Rent

- [Taipa] The Manhattan 3 2 1,720 ft<sup>2</sup> **\$23,800/mth** (ref: 18110695RT)
- [Coloane] Cheoc Van House 3 2 **\$28,000/mth** (ref: 19055009RC)
- [Taipa] Ocean Gardens 4 4 3,700 ft<sup>2</sup> **\$35,000/mth** (ref: 18040674)
- [Taipa] Nova Grand 2 1 **\$16,000/mth** (ref: 19055007RT)



## Recent Movements

**Rented** Macau apartment, San Malo, 3 beds

**Rented** Pacifica Gardens, Cotai, 3 beds

**Rented** Centro Commercial office, Macau



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RENATO MARQUES



President of the Third Standing Committee Vong Hin Fai

# Law to restrict plastic bags earmarked for legislative approval

RENATO MARQUES

A law that aims to restrict the use and distribution of plastic shopping bags by shops in Macau is now ready to be forwarded to the Legislative Assembly (AL) plenary for approval.

That's according to the President of the Third Standing Committee of the AL, Vong Hin Fai, who affirmed last week that the committee had concluded its article-by-article discussion of the bill.

The bill will require that customers are charged a fixed fee

when requesting a vendor to supply them with a plastic bag. Although the price will be defined by a dispatch from the Chief Executive, it is consensually agreed that it should be initially set at one pataca.

Vong noted that the committee used a meeting on Thursday to review the final revision as this would be soon presented for discussion and voting in plenary session.

"We hope that until August 15, if there is any plenary meeting to be adjourned, this bill can be discussed and approved in the specialty within this legislative year,"

Vong said during the media briefing after the meeting.

According to the president, the opinion of the committee in general terms is that the bill "is needed to enforce restrictions of the supply of plastic bags, and we mentioned that in our legal opinion."

Meanwhile, Vong said that the committee did not express any further opinions on the response when establishments are found to violate the incoming law.

He said that the committee was in agreement with the proposed application of a fine in the amount of MOP1,000.

The lawmaker also noted that the committee has finally adopted a more restrictive definition of the exceptions to the rule, agreeing that the supply of plastic bags without charge should be restricted to cases in which the products are not previously packed, or when the products are acquired in airport restricted zones, as a matter of security.

In the final document, to be presented at the AL during the final discussion of the bill, the Committee also expressed its hope that the government can reinforce its work related to environment protection.

# Ella Lei calls for stricter regulations over unpaid, delayed wages

LAWMAKER Ella Lei has called on the Labour Affairs Bureau to increase punishments for employers who fail to pay salaries on time, following complaints from over 100 employees of Macau Asia Satellite Television Company Ltd. (MASTV).

The lawmaker also urged the bureau to deal with the employees' complaints, as they claimed to have not received their

monthly wages since April. Late last week, Lei informed the press that its association, the Macau Federation of Trade Unions (FOAM), had received several complaints since April. Thus, the federation met with DSAL, promising that it would meet with the MASTV employees to address their complaints.

"We know that over 100 of the MASTV staff have encountered wage issues,

but we could not estimate how much of the wages have remained unpaid so far. This is because some front-line staff have been paid partially for a few months, but some workers have not been paid since February," said Lei.

The lawmaker argued that while some employees had already been paid two months' wages, a delay occurred again in May and in June.

"Some employees have not received their salaries for half of a year," Lei added.

Lei considered this to be the most serious case of employers delaying salaries, based on the cases FOAM heard.

She added that similar cases had also occurred recently with a few companies that had filed for bankruptcy and were unable to pay the wages of some 10 employees.

The lawmaker lamented that the current law in the region does not implement a strict fine for companies that delay wages, noting that although some would face consequences, there are some companies that get away with it.

"Even though the DSAL has investigated such cases, the firm paid wages during the investigation period, [so] they would not have to face punishment," said Lei.

She added that she was worried this kind of lenient regulation would become a loophole for employers thinking it's okay to not pay wages on time. LV

## LOSS OF SAND SEEN AT TWO MACAU BEACHES

A loss of sand has occurred at Hac Sa Beach and Cheoc Van Beach, according to the Marine and Water Bureau. Due to recent weather events, particularly wind and storms, parts of the beaches have recorded a loss of sand. Large amounts of sand have been blown onto nearby public roads and parking lots. In other parts of the beaches, rocks have surfaced due to low tides. In addition to the loss of sand, the marine authority also reported an increase of trash at the two beaches. The authority has already contracted a dedicated cleaning company to carry out cleaning operations at the beaches.

## TAXI RECORDING DEVICES' TENDER OPENED

The Transport Bureau (DSAT) has opened a public tender for the contract for the installation and maintenance of supervision devices inside taxis. DSAT launched the tender on Friday, with the call for bids ending October 3. The tenderer will be responsible for installing, maintaining and removing all the hardware required for taxi supervision. The devices include GPS, voice recorders, meters and a police reporting system. According to the new taxi law which came into effect on June 3, all taxis must install the relevant equipment within 18 months. Previously, the local government had claimed that the daily maintenance fares for the devices would be MOP10, with taxi drivers bearing the cost. The taxi industry has expressed several times that taxi drivers would prefer to install the devices themselves.

## 448 'ZOMBIE CARS' REMOVED SINCE JANUARY

The Transport Bureau (DSAT) claims that it has removed 448 "zombie cars" in the first seven months of this year, a bureau representative said recently during a meeting with the advisory council of the northern district. Of these cars, 105 were light vehicles, twice the number for the same period in 2018. Among the vehicles were 343 motorbikes. In 2018, DSAT removed nearly 591 "zombie cars" from the northern district alone. In the first seven months of this year, DSAT prosecuted over 11,000 cases of unruly parking, 4,031 of which concerned involved motorbikes and 6,969 involved cars. Motorbike cases were double that of the same period in the previous year (1,312 cases).



## UNREST SCARES CHINESE SHOPPERS, RATTLES LUXURY CEOS

**F**OR Anna Lee, shopping in Hong Kong isn't the carefree experience it used to be.

The 21-year-old student from the southern Chinese city of Shenzhen used to travel over the border every fortnight to buy everything from cosmetics to branded clothing. This summer, she's only gone once "because my classmate begged me to." She was afraid of encountering the protests that have convulsed Hong Kong for more than a month.

Lee's anxiety is a worrying sign for the consumer brands and luxury retailers that have come to depend on Hong Kong as a top destination for millions of shoppers from the Chinese mainland every year.

What began as a protest over a contentious law has become a movement against China's grip over the former British colony. Demonstrations have spread throughout Hong Kong, with key shopping areas blocked by barricades at times. Retail sales fell more than expected in June and storekeepers say tourist numbers dropped as much as 50% last month. Global brands from Levi Strauss & Co. to Ralph Lauren Corp. and Prada SpA are flagging slipping sales as the protests - which show no sign of letting up - force some stores to shut.

"Hong Kong has been challenging," Andre Hoffmann, vice chairman at L'Occitane International SA, said on a call with analysts last week. "We lost several trading days in the quarter due

to the protests. Chinese tourists spending in our shops has declined - all these are a bad cocktail for our business."

The cosmetics retailer, which counts Hong Kong as its fourth-biggest global market, saw sales in the city down 19% in the second quarter. Prada had a similar story Thursday when the Italian fashion house reported first-half earnings, saying the political unrest in Hong Kong dragged on sales, even as mainland China showed gains.

It's a theme that may become more significant, with a number of the world's leading luxury and consumer names only reporting results through June, before clashes between police and protesters really intensified. The Hong Kong Retail Management Association predicts double-digit sales drops in July and August, and said some retailers see job cuts as inevitable if the situation worsens.

Hong Kong retailers have shown resilience in the past, bouncing back quickly from the 2014 protests known as the Occupy Movement, which lasted almost three months but was less confrontational. The situation this time is worse as the protests are taking place over a wider area, according to Annie Tse, chairwoman of the Hong Kong retail association.

"Even if the issue is resolved, the industry needs time to reco-

ver and tourists need to regain confidence in Hong Kong," she said.

Perched on a peninsula a short train ride away from Guangdong, Hong Kong has long been both a gateway to China, and a popular getaway for its rising consumer class. L'Occitane and Prada - iconic European brands - are listed in the city. Hong Kong is the top export market for Swiss watches, and both Richemont, the owner of Cartier, and the Swatch Group AG have said the unrest there has weighed on sales due to store closures and lower tourist arrivals.

**"What protests? I've never heard of any protests."**

While China's heavily controlled media has been selective in reporting on the demonstrations, there was a flood of anti-protest coverage after the country's liaison office in Hong Kong was vandalized. The city is a key transport hub and stopover location for the Asian region, but mainland China is by far its biggest source of visitors.

Levi's experienced the protest chaos first hand after the jeans maker scheduled a board meeting in China and Hong Kong in June.

"We were a day away from pulling the plug on the board meeting," Chief Executive Offi-

cer Chip Bergh told Bloomberg. "We decided to go through with it because we were staying in Kowloon, which was on the other side of the bay."

Initially around the area known as Central, the protests have since spread, with demonstrators storming the city legislature and holding sit-ins at the airport. Levi's hasn't been able to open some stores as normal, and tourism, in particular from China, is "way down," Bergh said.

Hugo Boss AG has already closed a store at the airport and another in one of Hong Kong's malls.

"The protests are not helpful," Chief Financial Officer Yves Mueller said on a call Thursday, after Hugo Boss reported earnings. "Overall, our business in Hong Kong at this time is not contributing as positively as mainland China does."

Ralph Lauren has three shops in close proximity to the main protest areas, and CEO Patrice Louvet said they were affecting the preppy fashion brand's business in Hong Kong. Even Macau, the gambling enclave a short ferry-ride away, is seeing an impact, with analysts pinning an unexpected drop in casinos' July gaming revenue partially on the protests.

With demonstrators showing few signs of backing down, some travelers are re-routing their travel to avoid a stopover in Hong Kong. Not all tourists, however,

are ready to abandon the city.

Chan, a 36-year-old from Zhongshan, in nearby Guangdong province, was in Hong Kong this week for a day trip. He was unfazed by the protests.

"I'm not afraid, we're all Chinese people," said Chan, who only provided his surname. "What is there to be afraid of?"

Others from the mainland arrive knowing little about the ongoing unrest, underscoring the control that Beijing exerts over China's media and public discourse.

Lin Canyu, a 27-year-old teacher who came from Hunan in southern China to shop for food and cosmetics, learned of the demonstrations only after arriving: "What protests? I've never heard of any protests."

There could be an upside for retailers if the unrest deters some shoppers from Hong Kong. China itself is emerging as the most significant consumer market for a number of big global brands.

"The only good news there is that if there are less Chinese tourists in Hong Kong, they buy more in the local market," Jean-Paul Agon, CEO of cosmetic firm L'Oreal SA, said on a call Wednesday, after reporting earnings. "I think it will be more a tailwind than a headwind."

Fewer visitors in Hong Kong can also mean deeper discounts. Anna Lee found bargains in Mong Kok, a major shopping area in Kowloon.

"Bossini was in clearance sales," she said, referring to a Hong Kong apparel retailer. And she bought a pair of shorts for cheaper than they sell on Chinese e-commerce portal Taobao. **BLOOMBERG**

YANAN WANG

# Hong Kong protesters and police face off in familiar cycle

**D**EMONSTRATORS in Hong Kong moved en masse to a luxury shopping district last night after riot police used tear gas to clear out an area they were previously occupying, as the 2-month-old protest movement showed no signs of easing.

Clad in yellow helmets and black face masks, protesters squeezed out of a subway station in Causeway Bay, with a few people directing traffic and others holding open the turnstiles.

Surveillance cameras at the station were covered with black tape and umbrellas as protesters spilled out. Makeshift barricades were also erected in the area, which hosts high-end department stores and upscale restaurants.

The protesters made their move after police fired tear gas — a regular occurrence at the demonstrations — in another district on Hong Kong Island.

But the police used more tear gas on the protesters at Causeway Bay. The tear gas beat back most of the crowd, but some protesters resisted by throwing the canisters back at officers and hurling eggs and other objects. Some jeered “Gangsters!” at the police line.

Demonstrators debated whether they could feasibly defend the area or if they should migrate to another district, as they had been doing throughout the night. Some passers-by were caught in the fray and angrily yelled at protesters.

Earlier in the day, another police station became the target of protesters’ ire as rallies in two different parts of the city converged into one.

Following a rally in the Tseung Kwan O area, some protesters used what appeared to be a long, homemade slingshot to hurl rocks, bricks and other objects at a police station. They shattered multiple glass windows, authorities said. Demonstrators elsewhere also began to barricade and block roads.

Police said earlier yesterday that they had arrested more than 20 people for offenses including unlawful assembly and assault after protest marches on Saturday

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devolved into now-routine standoffs between protesters and law enforcement.

As has been the pattern during the mass pro-democracy demonstrations in the Chinese territory, yesterday’s rallies started off peacefully.

At one park on Hong Kong Island, a flutist and a trumpeter played “Do You Hear the People Sing?” from the musical “Les Misérables,” which has become a rallying song for protests.

Protesters believe China’s government and the administration of Hong Kong Chief Executive Carrie Lam are eroding the civil liberties and political autonomy promised when the former British colony was returned to China in 1997.

“We are not just another Chinese city. We are Hong Kong,” said Cara Lee, 53, an insurance agent who was attending her 13th demonstration.

“I feel ashamed because for a long time we didn’t do anything,” said Lee. “But now we are awake. I have to speak out for the next generation. It’s our moral responsibility.”

Police said in a statement yesterday that they will use a colored liquid spray to distinguish protesters from other members of the public. They said that the spray is edible and harmless, but will stay on skin and clothes as a way of marking demonstrators, and that the dye can also be applied to tear gas.

On Saturday, a protest march

in the territory’s northern area of Kowloon erupted in clashes with police after some marchers walked off the government-approved route and into separate areas.

Police said some protesters threw gasoline bombs, bricks and glass bottles and refused to disperse.

Some blocked streets while others surrounded two different police stations, damaging vehicles parked inside one lot.

Residents in one neighborhood banded together with protesters and surrounded a police station, yelling at riot police to leave.

Protesters are demanding an independent investigation into complaints of police abuse and the government response to an at-

tack in a train station that injured 44 people. They also want Lam to resign.

Activists have called for a citywide general strike today.

Hong Kong residents increasingly accuse China’s ruling Communist Party of encroaching on their liberties. Those fears have been fueled by the arrests of booksellers and activists in Hong Kong.

During the rally Saturday, some protesters scaled a flag pole, removed the Chinese flag and flung it into the iconic Victoria Harbour.

Former Hong Kong leader C.Y. Leung offered 1 million Hong Kong dollars (\$127,720) for information about who threw the flag into the water. The act will provoke “enormous resentment from the entire nation,” said Leung. AP

## Trump lauded by Global Times for adopting China rhetoric

**P**RESIDENT Donald Trump labeled recent protests in Hong Kong as “riots,” adopting the language used by Chinese authorities and suggesting the U.S. would stay out of an issue that was “between Hong Kong and China.”

“Something is probably happening with Hong Kong, because when you look at, you know, what’s

going on, they’ve had riots for a long period of time,” Trump told reporters at the White House last week.

Trump said he didn’t know what China’s attitude was toward unrest in the former British colony, which is home to tens of thousands of Americans. “Somebody said that at some point they’re going to want to stop that,” Trump said.

“But that’s between Hong Kong and that’s between China, because Hong Kong is a part of China.”

The Global Times, a nationalistic newspaper published by China’s Communist Party, signaled approval with an article headlined “Trump tells truth about HK riot.” The ruling party has long used such allegations to justify using force

against dissidents, dubbing the 1989 pro-democracy protests in Tiananmen Square a “counter-revolutionary riot.”

Trump’s comments about the protests in Hong Kong could bolster the city’s Beijing-backed government to crack down, despite the U.S. State Department’s official efforts to defend protesters’ freedom

of expression.

Last week, China said recent violence in Hong Kong protests was the “creation of the U.S.,” for the first time laying direct blame on Washington as their dispute over the unrest escalates.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying made the remark at a news briefing Tuesday in response to comments

by U.S. Secretary of State Michael Pompeo. The top American diplomat had said that he hoped “the Chinese will do the right thing” in managing the protests in Hong Kong.

Trump administration officials said Friday the president had no intention to signal a policy change or an endorsement of China’s position. DB/BLOOMBERG

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## PUTIN'S PLEDGE TO DITCH THE US DOLLAR IS BECOMING A REALITY

**R**USSIA is acting on a pledge by President Vladimir Putin to shrink the role of dollar in international trade as tensions sour between Washington and Moscow.

The shift is part of a strategy to "de-dollarize" the Russian economy and lower its vulnerability to U.S. sanctions. But while the central bank was able to quickly dump half of its dollar holdings last year, progress in trade has been slow due to ingrained use of the greenback for many transactions.

The share of euros in Russian exports increased for a fourth straight quarter at the expense of the U.S. currency, according to central bank data. The common currency has almost overtaken the dollar in trade with the European Union and China and trade in rubles with India surged. The dollar's share in import transactions remained unchanged at about a third.

"There's been a strong incentive to change, not just for Russia but for its trading partners too," said Dmitry Dolgin, an economist at ING Bank in Moscow. "The Eu-

ropean Union is also now facing trade pressure from the U.S." pushing them to try to reduce dependence on the dollar, he said.

The euro came close to replacing the dollar as the currency of choice for Russian exports to the European Union, with its share climbing to 42% in the first quarter from 32% a year earlier.

Russia still relies on the dollar for more than half of its \$687.5 billion annual trade, though less than 5% of those deals are with the U.S. Part of Russia's motivation to shift is that companies suffer delays on as much as a third of international payments in dollars because Western companies have to check with the U.S. whether the transactions are allowed, Russian Finance Minister Anton Siluanov said in December.

The euro's share also increased in Russia's \$108 billion annual trade with China, jumping to more than a third of export settlements in the first quarter from almost nothing at the start of 2018. This shift, which covers commodity sales and big state contracts, has been accelerated by the development of payment infrastructure

at the central bank and other lenders, according to Sofya Donets, an economist at Renaissance Capital in Moscow.

Trade in yuan is difficult because of capital restrictions that limit foreigners' access to Chinese assets, Dmitry Timofeev, who heads the Finance Ministry's sanctions department, told the RBC newspaper.

"The yuan isn't completely convertible, which means it can't play a significant role in world trade," Timofeev said.

The most dramatic shift is visible in Russia's \$11 billion trade with India. The ruble accounted for three quarters of total settlement in exports between the two emerging markets after they agreed on a new payment method through their national currencies for multi-billion-dollar defense deals.

"The trend is likely to continue because the infrastructure for transactions in alternative currencies is improving," Renaissance Capital's Donets said. "Russia won't be able to give up using the dollar completely though, especially for trade of oil." **BLOOMBERG**

## Vegan ice cream hurt by climate change as coconut supply at risk

OLIVIA ROCKEMAN

**V**EGAN ice cream is a hot commodity these days. But violent storms that have devastated farms in Southeast Asia are threatening to take away one of its best ingredients - coconuts.

Much of the world's supply comes from the region, which is grappling with an increase in storms' frequency and intensity because of warming seas. Coconuts' natural creaminess is seen by some as the best way to imitate dairy, and nondairy ice cream makers now are scrambling to find alternatives.

So far, the solutions range from tofu to lab-produced milk imitations.

"We're going to continue to support coconut farmers and those communities for as long as we can, but we realize that there's absolutely a climate threat to those areas," said Kim Gibson Clark, chief executive officer of Coconut Bliss, a U.S. vegan ice cream producer. She said her company, which sells frozen treats in grocery stores throughout the U.S. and Canada, gets half of its supply from Thailand and half from the Philippines.

Nondairy ice cream represents a growing opportunity as consumers increasingly seek out plant-based foods. The global market is expected to reach \$1 billion of sales a year by 2024, compared to about \$400 million in 2017, according to Global Market Insights Inc. Its rise in popularity coincides with consumers' heightened interest in food options like faux meat and nut-based milks that are often seen as healthier and better for the environment.

Coconut cream is often the base of choice for vegan ice cream because it has less air, making it more dense than other dairy alternatives, said Tyler Malek, co-founder of Portland-based ice cream chain Salt & Straw, which operates 19 store locations across the West Coast. The company, which started using coconut cream for its vegan products about six years ago, has begun to "diversify to steer clear of coconut risks," Malek said.

The majority of the world's coconuts come from Southeast Asia. In 2018, 29 tropical storms made landfall in the Northwest Pacific Region, above the yearly average of 26, according to the U.S. Hurricane Research Division.

Coconut Bliss has used coconut milk as a base for all of its products since 2005. To avoid a possible loss of supply, the company is developing a plant-based milk source out of Oregon's Willamette Valley, Gibson Clark said. The new vegan ice cream will launch within the next two years without the word "coconut" in its name, she said.

At Salt & Straw, 20% of ice cream sold is vegan, and it wants to "own the category for nondairy options," Malek said. The company's ice cream makers are experimenting with ingredients including aquafaba - the liquid from a can of chickpeas - white beans and allergen-free milk from San Francisco-based Eclipse Foods.

"There's an inherent challenge with coconut," Malek said. "But maybe it's a gateway to fun new experiments in the future."

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# Trump says things going 'well' with China after new tariff shock

**P**RESIDENT Donald Trump said "things are going along very well with China," two days after his move to threaten tariffs on hundreds of millions of dollars in additional Chinese imports sent global stock markets tumbling.

Trump said that "so far our consumer is paying nothing" from the levies imposed on China, repeating a widely-challenged assertion that China, not U.S. importers and consumers, pay the tariffs.

And he included one of his regular digs at the U.S. central bank, which he contends increase interest rates too high in 2018 and has been too slow to change course: "No help from Fed!"

The 10% tariffs on another USD300 billion in imports from Sept. 1 proposed on Thursday would target a wide range of goods, from smart-phones and other electronics to clothing to toys, hitting American consumers more directly than previous rounds of tariffs.

Trump, who's spending the weekend at his golf course in New Jersey, also tweeted on Saturday that "countries are coming to us wanting to negotiate REAL trade deals" and that they "don't want to be targeted for Tariffs by the U.S."

The latest U.S. moves mark an abrupt escalation of the trade war between the world's largest economies, shortly after the two sides restarted talks after a hiatus. Bei-

jing pledged on Friday to respond if the U.S. insists on adding extra tariffs to the remainder of Chinese imports.

"China has to do a lot of things to turn it around," Trump said at an event on Friday. "Frankly if they don't do it I could always increase it very substantially."

"If the U.S. is going to implement the additional tariffs, China will have to take necessary countermeasures," Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying said at a regular briefing in Beijing on Friday. She didn't elaborate on what the measures would be.

"China won't accept any maximum pressure, threat, or blackmailing, and won't compromise at all on major principle matters," Hua said.

The S&P 500 Index fell for a fifth straight day on Friday, recording the biggest weekly decline of the year. The Stoxx Europe 600 index also slumped, as did equity markets in Asia. The offshore yuan moved closer to a record low.

White House economic adviser Larry Kudlow, in an interview on Bloomberg Television, confirmed the administration is planning to impose the 10% tariff on some Chinese imports on Sept. 1, but signaled there's a chance it might not. "A lot of good things can happen in a month," he said.

The threat to tax practically all

U.S. imports from China marks the biggest escalation so far taken by the Trump administration and brings a surprise end to a truce that had only been in place since he met Xi Jinping, his Chinese counterpart, in Osaka at the end of June.

Bureaucrats in Beijing were stunned by Trump's announcement, according to Chinese officials who've been involved in the trade talks.

China's Foreign Minister Wang Yi made the first official response to Trump's escalation earlier Friday. "Imposing new tariffs is ab-

**"If the US is going to implement the additional tariffs, China will have to take necessary countermeasures."**

HUA CHUNYING  
FOREIGN MINISTRY SPOKESWOMAN

solutely not the right solution to trade frictions," he told a local Chinese television station while attending an Asean meeting in Bangkok.

The strained relationship between Washington and Beijing is showing up in economic data. Through the first six months of

the year, China was the third-largest U.S. trading partner, trailing Mexico and Canada and slipping from the top spot it held in 2018. America's merchandise trade deficit with China widened in June to a five-month high despite Trump's effort to narrow it.

China's response is complicated by the fact that the Communist Party's top leadership is likely decamping this week to the seaside resort of Beidaihe for their annual two-week policy conclave. Officials from Xi downward disappear from public view as they privately debate policy.

"For the Chinese, Trump is losing his last bit of credibility here, and whether the talks can be held in September as scheduled has been put into question," said Zhou Xiaoming, a former Commerce Ministry official and diplomat. "Deal or no deal, China is prepared for the worst-case scenario."

In a tweet, Trump said China had not lived up to a promise Xi made in Osaka to buy U.S. agricultural goods and to halt illegal exports of fentanyl. The president later told reporters he's "not concerned at all" about the negative reaction from markets.

Trump has repeatedly complained that China hasn't made the "large quantities" of agricultural purchases that he claims Xi

promised when then they met in Osaka, but what was actually promised has never been made public and the two sides' interpretations appear to differ.

China's purchases from U.S. farmers have clearly declined over the past year, with buying of soybeans falling in the first half of this year to the lowest level in more than a decade. At the same time, over the last two weeks China has approved the purchase of up to 3 million tons of soybeans, 50,000 tons of cotton, plus pork, corn and sorghum from the U.S. as part of "goodwill" measures.

## NOT ENOUGH

Six people familiar with the discussions said that during meetings with U.S. Trade Representative Robert Lighthizer and Treasury Secretary Steven Mnuchin in Shanghai earlier this week the Chinese side had made no new proposals. That had left the way out of an impasse in talks over the substance of a deal that the two sides hit in May unclear, which prompted the administration to decide to increase pressure further on Beijing at a White House meeting Thursday.

Trump said there were no plans to reverse a decision made in Osaka to allow more sales by U.S. suppliers of non-sensitive products to blacklisted Chinese telecoms giant Huawei Technologies Co.

In a series of tweets announcing the new tariffs, Trump left the door open to further talks. Both China and the U.S. said after this week's talks that their negotiators would regroup in Washington in early September. People close to the administration said they were still planning for those talks to go ahead. **MDT/BLOOMBERG**

MACAU'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

# FAMILY TOLD DEAD SCHOLAR'S BODY MAY BE IN LANDFILL

**T**HE family of a visiting Chinese scholar whose body was never recovered after a former University of Illinois doctoral student kidnapped and killed her has been told the woman's remains may be in a landfill in eastern Illinois, an attorney for the slain scholar's family said Friday.

In a statement, attorney Steve Beckett said the family of Yingying Zhang was notified by prosecutors that Brent Christensen's attorneys provided information that led investigators to think the "potential site" of the remains is the landfill in Vermilion County along the Illinois-Indiana border. A spokeswoman for the U.S. Attorney's office, Sharon Paul, declined to comment on Beckett's statement.

Christensen was convicted in federal court last month and sentenced to life in prison. Prosecutors had sought the death penalty.

Authorities have told family members of Zhang, who vanished in 2017, that she was likely dead. From the time they arrived from China, fa-



family members have made it clear that their goal was to recover the remains and bring them back to their country for burial. And after jurors sentenced Christensen, they stood before the news cameras outside the Peoria courthouse where the trial was held to beg him to reveal the location of the 26-year-old

woman's remains. "If you have any humanity left in your soul, please end our torment," said Zhang's father, Ronggao Zhang. "Please let us bring Yingying home."

Prosecutors say Christensen beat Zhang to death with a baseball bat before decapitating her. He never testified during the trial and has never

told authorities what he did with her remains. Prosecutors have acknowledged that they considered a plea deal with Christensen after his 2017 arrest in which they would abandon plans to seek the death penalty if he divulged what he did with the remains and where they could be found.

Christensen's attorneys suggested that a deal should be contingent only on Christensen's providing information about her remains and not the actual recovery of the remains because Christensen had no control over whether the remains could be found. Prosecutors ultimately abandoned the idea of a plea deal after concluding that Christensen likely destroyed the remains, making it impossible to verify any details he might provide.

Beckett was to have a press conference Friday afternoon to offer further details about his statement, but in a statement he said that press conference has been postponed until next week so that the family's Chinese attorney could attend. AP

# STATE MEDIA REFUTES TRUMP ON TARIFFS, FENTANYL

**T**HE latest tariff move by the U.S. has "seriously breached" the truce that Presidents Donald Trump and Xi Jinping agreed in Japan in late June and isn't doing any good to trade talks, according to a People's Daily commentary.

"It deviates from the correct track and is not conducive to solving the problem," the paper, mouthpiece of the Communist Party said on Saturday. "The Chinese side is strongly dissatisfied and resolutely opposed."

Trump announced Thursday that he would impose a 10% tariff on a further USD300 billion in Chinese imports, a move set to hit American consumers more directly than his other tariffs so far. The new duties will be imposed beginning Sept. 1 on a long list of goods expected to include smart-phones, laptop computers and children's clothing.

"The U.S.'s escalation of trade frictions and tariffs are inconsistent with the interests of the Chinese and American people and the interests of the world and will have a declining impact on the world economy," according to the commentary. "China is committed to international cooperation, but is not afraid of any extreme pressure."

In a tweet, Trump said China hadn't lived up to a promise Xi made in Osaka to buy U.S. agricultural goods and to halt illegal exports of fentanyl.

Chinese companies are making inquiries to buy more American farm products, the paper said. The country is willing to strengthen its cooperation with the U.S. on drug control, and is cracking down on illegal production and smuggling of fentanyl, it said. **BLOOMBERG**

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# Snubbed by North Korea, Pompeo hits other Asian turbulence

MATTHEW LEE, BANGKOK

**U**.S. Secretary of State Mike Pompeo left Thailand on Saturday with his hopes for resuming nuclear talks with North Korea dashed, while facing an escalating trade war with China and a potentially devastating breakdown in relations between key American allies Japan and South Korea.

After three days in Bangkok that the Trump administration had expected could herald an end to the impasse in North Korea negotiations, Pompeo instead departed without progress on that front as Pyongyang continued to launch ballistic missiles, heightening

unease over prospects for a denuclearization deal. Pompeo expressed disappointment that the North had sent neither its foreign minister nor a counterpart for the chief U.S. negotiator to the Thai capital.

"I always look forward to a chance to talk with him," Pompeo said on Friday after it became clear he would not be seeing the North Koreans. "I wish they'd have come here. I think it would have given us an opportunity to have another set of conversations, and I hope it won't be too long before I have a chance to do that."

Yet despite what he and other U.S. officials say are ongoing lower-level contacts with Pyongyang, there is no date or venue

set for a resumption in negotiations more than a month after President Donald Trump and North Korean leader Kim Jong Un met at the De-Militarized Zone separating the two Koreas. At that time, administration officials said they believed a new round of talks was just weeks away.

Four senior U.S. officials accompanying Pompeo to the annual Association of Southeast Asian Nations regional security forum said North Korea's decision not to attend the conference, which has in the past served as venue for high-level engagement between the two countries, had been a surprise to both the Thai hosts and the other participants. One of those officials said the

North's absence was mentioned by every delegation that Pompeo and top U.S. envoy Stephen Biegun met with in Bangkok.

"Unfortunately, the North Koreans missed this opportunity," said the official, who like the others was not authorized to discuss the closed-door discussions publicly and spoke on condition of anonymity. The official added that the North's absence "probably hurts their own interests" and that its failure thus far to agree to a new round of negotiations "is not a positive or constructive response by them."

Although Trump himself has downplayed the missile launches, this official said the recent tests — two of which took place

during the ASEAN meeting — were unhelpful provocations that had been a "huge mistake" that caused "self-inflicted damage on their own part." The official said that assessment was widely shared by U.S. partners and that the missile tests may have had the unintended consequence of galvanizing sentiment against the North.

Any convergence of opinion on the North may be one of the few positives to emerge on what had been a full and ambitious agenda for Pompeo in Bangkok.

As he arrived on Wednesday, trade talks between the U.S. and China concluded without result in Shanghai, and Trump then announced new tariffs on Chinese imports in a move that angered Beijing shortly after Pompeo met with China's foreign minister. Then on Friday, Japan downgraded South Korea's trade status, prompting a stern response from the South and escalatory steps by both sides that could jeopardize U.S. interests in both allied countries and more broadly in the Asia-Pacific.

As the situation between Seoul and Tokyo deteriorated on Friday, Pompeo hosted his Japanese and South Korean counterparts at an uncomfortable trilateral meeting on the sidelines of the ASEAN conference. Two senior U.S. officials involved in that discussion acknowledged the seriousness of the dispute but said it was encouraging that the meeting took place at all given the developments.

One of the two officials said the dispute would not affect cooperation on North Korea, while the other expressed hope that tensions could be eased without significant U.S. involvement. The second official said there is "no upside to getting in the middle of this" and suggested that a series of unspecified de-escalatory steps could be taken by each country to prevent the dispute from spiraling. **AP**

## PHILIPPINES

# 31 dead, 62 rescued after boats capsize

**R**ESCUERS recovered more bodies in rough seas where three ferry boats capsized after being buffeted by fierce winds and waves off two central Philippine provinces, bringing the death toll to 31 with three missing, the coast guard said yesterday.

Coast guard spokesman Armand Balilo said the dead were mostly passengers of two ferries that flipped over in sudden wind gusts and powerful waves Saturday off Guimaras and Iloilo provinces. Sixty-two other passengers and crew were rescued.

A third ferry, which was

not carrying any passengers, also capsized in the Iloilo Strait but its five crewmen survived, Balilo said.

Survivors recounted how the sky suddenly turned dark midway through their trip, followed by strong winds and rain that battered their ferries.

Authorities wondered why a third ferry was allowed to sail about three hours after two other ferries overturned almost at the same time at noon in bad weather.

Forecasters have warned of heavy monsoon rains, thunderstorms and rain-

-triggered landslides amid a tropical depression more than 1,000 kilometers (620 miles) off the country's eastern coast.

Classes and work were suspended in metropolitan Manila on Friday and Saturday amid heavy rains and flooding, which caused intense traffic jams in low-lying areas of the capital.

About 20 typhoons and storms batter the Philippines each year, making the archipelago that lies on the Pacific typhoon and earthquake belt one of the world's most disaster-prone countries. **AP**

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# 20 dead, more wounded after gunman attacks Texas shoppers

CEDAR ATTANASIO,  
MICHAEL BALSAMO  
& DIANA HEIDGERD, EL PASO

A gunman armed with a rifle opened fire in an El Paso shopping area packed with as many as 3,000 people during the busy back-to-school season, leaving 20 dead and more than two dozen injured, police said.

Hours later, there was another mass shooting across the country. Police in Dayton, Ohio, said nine people were killed by a shooter who was shot to death by responding officers.

Authorities are investigating the possibility that yesterday's [local time] shooting in El Paso was a hate crime, working to confirm whether a racist, anti-immigrant screed posted online shortly beforehand was written by the man arrested in the attack on the 680,000-resident border city.

Despite initial reports of possible multiple gunmen, the man in custody is believed to be the only shooter, police said. Two law enforcement officials who spoke to The Associated Press on condition of anonymity identified him as 21-year-old Patrick Crusius. Authorities didn't release his name at a news conference but said the gunman was arrested without police firing any shots and is from Allen, which is a nearly 10-hour drive from El Paso.

AP PHOTO



Many of the victims were shot at a Walmart, according to police, who provided updates about the shooting in English and Spanish in the largely Latino city. The shopping area is about 5 miles from the main border checkpoint with Ciudad Juárez, Mexico.

"The scene was a horrific one," said El Paso Police Chief Greg Allen, adding that many of the 26

people who were hurt had life-threatening injuries.

The shooting came less than a week after a 19-year-old gunman killed three people and injured 13 others at the popular Gilroy Garlic Festival in California before dying of a self-inflicted gunshot wound.

Adriana Quezada said she was in the women's clothing section of the Walmart in El Paso with

her two children when she heard gunfire.

"But I thought they were hits, like roof construction," Quezada, 39, said of the shots.

Her 19-year-old daughter and 16-year-old son threw themselves to the ground, then ran out of the store through an emergency exit. They were not hurt, Quezada said.

Relatives said a 25-year-old woman who was shot while apparently trying to shield her 2-month-old son was among those killed, while Mexican officials said three Mexican nationals were among the dead and six more were wounded.

Ryan Mielke, a spokesman for University Medical Center of El Paso, said 13 of the injured were brought to the hospital with injuries, including one who died. Two of the injured were children who were transferred to El Paso Children's Hospital, he said.

Eleven other victims ages 35 to 82 were being treated at Del Sol Medical Center, hospital spokesman Victor Guerrero said.

Residents quickly volunteered to give blood to the injured. President Donald Trump tweeted: "God be with you all!"

Democratic presidential candidate and former Texas congressman Beto O'Rourke, who is from El Paso and was at a candidate forum yesterday in Las Vegas, appeared shaken after receiving news of the shooting in his hometown.

He said he heard early reports that the shooter might have had a military-style weapon, saying we need to "keep that [expletive] on the battlefield. Do not bring it into our communities."

El Paso Mayor Dee Margo said police were investigating whether a document posted online shortly before the shooting was written by Crusius. In it, the writer expresses concern that an influx of Hispanics into the United States will replace aging white voters, potentially turning Texas blue in upcoming elections and swinging the White House to the Democrats. AP

# 9 killed in Ohio in second US mass shooting within 24 hours

DAN SEWELL & JOHN  
MINCHILLO, DAYTON

A gunman wearing body armor and carrying extra magazines opened fire in a popular nightlife area of Dayton, Ohio, killing nine and injuring dozens, authorities say, in the second U.S. mass shooting in less than 24 hours.

Dayton police patrolling the area responded in less than a minute to the shooting, which unfolded around 1 p.m. yesterday [local time] on the streets of the Oregon District, Dayton Mayor Nan Whaley said at a press conference.

Whaley said if the police had not responded so quickly, "hundreds of people in the Oregon District could be dead today."

The Oregon District is

AP PHOTO



a historic neighborhood that Lt. Col. Matt Carper described as "a safe part of downtown," home to entertainment options, including bars, restaurants and theaters.

The gunman, who has not been identified by authorities, was shot to death by responding officers. Whaley said he was carrying a .223-caliber rifle and had additional high-capacity magazines with

him. Police believe there was only one shooter, and have not yet identified the suspect or a motive.

At least 26 others are being treated at area hospitals, though no details about their conditions have been released.

Miami Valley Hospital spokeswoman Terrea Little said the hospital had received 16 victims, but she couldn't confirm their conditions. Kettering Heal-

th Network spokeswoman Elizabeth Long said multiple victims from a shooting had been brought to system hospitals, but she didn't have details on how many.

Nikita Papillon, 23, was across the street at Newcom's Tavern when the shooting started. She said she saw a girl she had talked to earlier lying outside Ned Peppers Bar.

"She had told me she liked my outfit and thought I was cute, and I told her I liked her outfit and I thought she was cute," Papillon said. She herself had been to Ned Peppers the night before, describing it as the kind of place "where you don't have to worry about someone shooting up the place."

"People my age, we don't think something like this

is going to happen," she said. "And when it happens, words can't describe it."

Tianycia Leonard, 28, was in the back, smoking, at Newcom's. She heard "loud thumps" that she initially thought was people pounding on a dumpster.

"It was so noisy, but then you could tell it was gunshots and there was a lot of rounds," Leonard said.

Gov. Mike DeWine issued his own statement before 7 a.m., announcing that he's ordered flags in Ohio remain at half-mast and offered assistance to Whaley.

"Fran and I are absolutely heartbroken over the horrible attack that occurred this morning in Dayton, the statement said. "We join those across Ohio and

this country in offering our prayers to victims and their families."

The FBI is assisting with the investigation. A family assistance center was set up at the Dayton Convention Center.

Just days before, on July 28, a 19-year-old shot and killed three people, including two children, at Northern California's Gilroy Garlic Festival.

Sunday's shooting in Dayton is the 22nd mass killing of 2019 in the U.S., according to the AP/USA Today/Northeastern University mass murder database that tracks homicides where four or more people killed — not including the offender. The 20 mass killings in the U.S. in 2019 that preceded this weekend claimed 96 lives. AP

## what's ON



### UNEXPECTED ENCOUNTERS

TIME: 12pm-6pm

UNTIL: October 31, 2019

VENUE: Access to Level 23 via lifts behind

Morpheus check-in counters

ADMISSION: Free

ENQUIRIES: (853) 8399 6699

### SANDS PRESENTS: ALL THAT'S GOLD DOES GLITTER – AN EXHIBITION OF GLAMOROUS CERAMICS

TIME: 24 hours

UNTIL: October 9, 2019

VENUE: The Venetian Macao, The Parisian Macao,

Sands Macao & Four Seasons Hotel Macao

ADMISSION: Free

ENQUIRIES: (853) 2882 8888

### MACAU SCIENCE CENTRE

TIME: 10am-6pm daily (Except on Thursdays; open on public holidays)

VENUE: Macau Science Center

ADMISSION: MOP25 (Exhibition Centre)

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### MANDARIN'S HOUSE

TIME: 10am-6pm daily (Last admission at 5:30pm; closed on Wednesdays, open on public holidays)

ADDRESS: No. 10, Travessa de António da Silva

ADMISSION: Free

ENQUIRIES: (853) 2896 8820

### TREASURE OF SACRED ART OF ST. JOSEPH'S SEMINARY

TIME: 10am-5pm daily (Closed on Wednesdays, open on public holidays)

VENUE: St. Joseph's Seminary and Church, Rua do Seminário

ADMISSION: Free

ENQUIRIES: (853) 2835 7911

### WYNN PRESENTS: GARDEN OF EARTHLY DELIGHTS

TIME: 10am-10pm

UNTIL: October 6, 2019

VENUE: Wynn Macao and Wynn Palace

ADMISSION: Free

ENQUIRIES: (853) 6882 2839

## Offbeat

### 10,000 BOTTLES OF BEER ON THE ROAD: GERMAN TRUCK LOSES LOAD

Police in Germany say a truck carrying crates of beer lost part of its load, spilling about 10,000 bottles onto a road in the southwest of the country.

Mannheim police said Saturday that volunteer firefighters from two nearby towns and a local civil defense team took part in the salvage operation, but an estimated 12,000 euros (\$13,330) worth of beer was lost in the crash late Friday.

Police said the truck driver is being investigated for failing to properly secure his load.

## TV canal macau



13:00	TDM News (Repetição)
13:30	Telejornal RTPi (Diferido)
15:00	Água de Mar
15:30	Zig Zag
16:10	Sim, Chef! Sr.1
16:45	Quem Quer Ser Milionário
17:45	Grande Entrevista - João Miguel Tavares
18:15	Contraponto (Repetição)
19:20	Aqui Há História (Repetição)
19:35	Os Nossos Dias Sr.2
20:30	Telejornal
21:15	TDM Desporto
22:20	Amor Maior
23:15	TDM News
23:50	3 Mulheres
00:40	Telejornal (Repetição)
01:25	RTPi Directo

## cinema



### CINETEATRO

05 - 07 Aug



#### THE LION KING

ROOM 1

2:30, 4:45, 9:15pm

Director: J Jon Favreau

Starring: Donald Glover, Beyoncé, Seth Rogen

Language: Cantonese

Duration: 118min

#### TOY STORY 4

ROOM 2

2:15, 4:05, 9:45pm

Director: Josh Cooley

Starring: Will Smith, Mena Massoud, Naomi Scott

Language: Cantonese

Duration: 109min

#### THE FAST & FURIOUS: HOBBS & SHAW

ROOM 2

2:30, 4:45, 7:15, 9:30pm

Director: David Leitch

Starring: Dwayne Johnson, Jason Statham, Idris Elba

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 135min

#### CRAYON SHINCHAN 2019

ROOM 3

2:30, 7:30pm

Director: Masakazu Hashimoto

Starring: Yumiko Kobayashi, Toshiyuki Morikawa, Miki Narahashi

Language: Cantonese

Duration: 100min

#### THE CONFIDENCE MAN JP - THE MOVIE

ROOM 3

9:30pm

Director: Ryô Tanaka

Starring: Yôsuke Eguchi, Masahiro Higashide, Michael Keida

Language: Japanese (English & Chinese)

#### CHILDREN OF THE SEA

ROOM 3

4:30pm

Director: Ayumu Watanabe

Starring: Mana Ashida, Hiroyuki Ishibashi, Seishû Uragami

Language: Japanese (English & Chinese)

Duration: 110min

## this day in history



### 1962 MARILYN MONROE FOUND DEAD

Screen icon Marilyn Monroe has been found dead in bed at her Los Angeles home.

The 36-year-old actress' body was discovered in the early hours of this morning by two doctors who were called to her Brentwood home by a concerned housekeeper.

The doctors were forced to break into Miss Monroe's bedroom after being unable to open the door. She was found lying naked in her bed with an empty bottle of Nembutal sleeping pills by her side.

The local coroner, who visited the scene later, said the circumstances of Miss Monroe's death indicated a "possible suicide".

Marilyn Monroe was born Norma Jeane Mortenson on 1 June 1926 in Los Angeles.

Her mother, Gladys Baker, had mental problems which resulted in Norma Jeane spending most of her childhood in foster homes and orphanages.

She wed her neighbour, Jimmy Dougherty in 1942, but the marriage failed in 1946 due to Norma Jeane's new-found fame as a photographic model.

In 1944 while her husband was serving in the South Pacific with the Merchant Marines, Norma Jeane was discovered by photographer David Conover.

By 1946 she had signed her first studio contract with 20th Century Fox and changed her name to Marilyn Monroe.

Since 1947 she has appeared in 30 films, including The Prince and the Showgirl, Bus Stop, The Seven Year Itch, How to Marry a Millionaire and Some Like it Hot, for which she won a Golden Globe for Best Actress in a Comedy.

Her 1954 marriage to baseball star Joe DiMaggio lasted just nine months and on 29 June 1956 the star married playwright Arthur Miller.

But that marriage ended in 1961. Miss Monroe's romantic life has long been the subject of speculation and she has been linked with President Kennedy.

Millions of fans around the world will be deeply shocked by the star's premature and tragic death.

Courtesy BBC News

## IN CONTEXT

Marilyn Monroe was buried in the Corridor of Memories at Westwood Memorial Park in Los Angeles.

Two months before she died Monroe had been fired by Fox Productions for repeatedly failing to turn up on the set of the film Something Has Got To Give.

The production was never completed even though Monroe was re-hired by the film company on 1 August.

During the months before her death she had been seeing Joe DiMaggio and the pair had agreed to re-marry on 8 August 1962.

For 20 years after her death flowers from DiMaggio were delivered weekly to Monroe's crypt.

There has been much speculation about Marilyn Monroe's death and the causes of it. Many have suggested that it was highly unlikely she committed suicide but perhaps accidentally took an overdose of drugs.

Others have suggested that a third party may have administered the drug.

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**YOUR STARS**

**ARIES**  
**Mar. 21-Apr. 19**  
 In the rat race that is your life, you cannot keep looking over your shoulder to see who's gaining on you. Trust that you are a superstar in comparison to others.

**TAURUS**  
**Apr. 20-May. 20**  
 Fast thinking on your part could make all the difference today, so keep looking at things from different angles and prepare a few suggestions just in case you are asked for your input today.

**GEMINI**  
**May. 21-Jun. 21**  
 Organization is key for surviving the details that will shower down on you today. Dates, names, budgets, and itineraries require your full attention right now, so prepare to get it together!

**CANCER**  
**Jun. 22-Jul. 22**  
 You will be given a wonderful chance to move beyond some of your old habits today, but take note—it will not be handed to you on a silver platter. You are going to have to work for it just a little bit.

**LEO**  
**Jul. 23-Aug. 22**  
 Someone is starting a new phase of their life today, and you will be especially tuned into it. The purpose of your allegiance with this person is not completely clear, but you will serve as a witness.

**VIRGO**  
**Aug. 23-Sep. 22**  
 Today, stay loose and relaxed on the inside—and composed and formal on the outside. The first impression you make is going to be key, and you will want to err on the side of ambition.

**LIBRA**  
**Sep. 23-Oct. 22**  
 Some big walls are coming down today—and this collapse will reveal several wonderful new truths. What you used to think were major problems aren't really problems at all.

**SCORPIO**  
**Oct. 23-Nov. 21**  
 If this day has a hectic and adventurous beginning, today could end up being a massive turning point for you. It all depends on who you are around today.

**SAGITTARIUS**  
**Nov. 22-Dec. 21**  
 If you are working on getting more romance in your life, one of the hardest tasks is to come up with the laundry lists of likes and dislikes that are so prevalent in first date conversation.

**CAPRICORN**  
**Dec. 22-Jan. 19**  
 In a delicate negotiation today, there may be an unexpected sticking point that involves some humorous issues. Let your sense of humor guide the discussion to your own favor.

**AQUARIUS**  
**Jan. 20-Feb. 18**  
 If it's at all possible today, avoid driving or operating any heavy machinery. If this sounds like a prescription label to you, then just think of it as a prescription for your day.

**PISCES**  
**Feb. 19-Mar. 20**  
 If you're looking to inject some more action into your social life, you need to put out more energy and make more connections. Try to be more outgoing than you usually are.

**The Born Loser by Chip Sansom**



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**WEATHER**

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<b>CHINA</b>			
Beijing	23	28	moderate rain
Harbin	20	31	cloudy
Tianjin	24	29	moderate rain
Urumqi	26	33	cloudy
Xi'an	23	33	drizzle
Lhasa	11	20	drizzle
Chengdu	23	26	shower
Chongqing	25	35	drizzle
Kunming	18	24	shower
Nanjing	27	34	cloudy
Shanghai	26	33	cloudy
Wuhan	27	36	clear
Hangzhou	26	36	clear
Taipei	26	29	drizzle
Guangzhou	24	33	cloudy
Hong Kong	27	31	cloudy
<b>WORLD</b>			
Moscow	10	14	drizzle
Frankfurt	18	28	drizzle
Paris	18	30	drizzle
London	16	25	drizzle
New York	21	33	drizzle

**CROSSWORDS**

**ACROSS:** 1- Japanese gateway; 6- Test area; 9- Bungle; 14- Elite group; 15- First mate?; 16- At right angles to the keel; 17- Kinfolk; 19- Peachy!; 20- "The Raven" poet; 21- Saucy; 22- Donkeys; 23- A long way off; 25- Unkind look; 26- Posts; 29- La Scala solo; 31- Prizes; 32- Room for infants; 36- Edible corm; 37- Become an ex-parrot?; 38- Boxer Max; 40- Legislative bodies; 43- Title of reverence for God; 45- Rational; 46- Slogan; 47- As \_\_\_ resort; 50- Apt to snoop; 51- Japanese dog; 52- Hands-up time; 54- Like Abner; 57- Infomercial knife; 58- Pharmacy; 61- Staggering; 62- \_\_\_ Arbor; 63- Boston airport; 64- Time's 1977 Man of the Year; 65- Floors; 66- Harbingers;

**DOWN:** 1- Diamond protection; 2- Nondairy spread; 3- Vex; 4- This \_\_\_ stickup!; 5- Addams Family cousin; 6- Crowbar; 7- State firmly; 8- Of the highest quality; 9- Wildly enthusiastic; 10- Corpulent; 11- Fluff, as bangs; 12- Provide food for; 13- Med. care providers; 18- No bid; 23- Ohio city; 24- With "up," exasperated; 25- Baronet's title; 26- Obeyed "Down in front!"; 27- "A Visit from St. Nicholas" opener; 28- River in central Switzerland; 29- Parsley-family herb, used for flavoring; 30- Feel sorry about; 33- Black-wooded tree; 34- \_\_\_ and rave; 35- 365 days; 37- TV room; 39- Estuary; 41- Attack; 42- Tit for \_\_\_; 43- Surrounded by; 44- \_\_\_ Boot; 47- Director Kurosawa; 48- Covered on the inside; 49- Baffled; 50- People and places, e.g.; 51- Turkish titles; 52- Minn. neighbor; 53- Yes \_\_\_?; 54- Theater section; 55-

**Friday's solution**

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## JURY TELLS KATY PERRY, OTHERS TO PAY \$2.78M

A jury has found that Katy Perry, her collaborators and her record label must pay \$2.78 million because the pop star's 2013 hit "Dark Horse" copied a Christian rap song.

The jury awarded the money Thursday to Marcus Gray and his two co-writers on the 2009 song "Joyful Noise."

Perry herself was hit for just over \$550,000, with Capitol Records responsible for the vast majority of the money.

It was an underdog victory for Gray, a relatively obscure artist once known as Flame. His 5-year-old lawsuit survived constant court challenges and a trial against top-flight attorneys for Perry and the five other music-industry heavyweights who wrote the song.

Jurors had already decided that "Dark Horse" copied "Joyful Noise" and then were tasked with finding how much the defendants owed.

## CLINTONS, MARIAH CAREY TURN OUT FOR STREISAND CONCERT



Barbra Streisand's return to New York City's Madison Square Garden for the first time in 13 years attracted figures from pop superstar Mariah Carey to Bill and Hillary Clinton for a concert that turned political.

The iconic singer performed a show-stopping concert Saturday night, receiving standing ovations from fans.

In characteristic fashion, Streisand brought politics into the concert, warning Re-

publicans in the audience to cover their ears before launching into a remixed version of "Send in the Clowns" that took jabs at President Donald Trump.

"Maybe he's poor, till he reveals his returns who can be sure, who is this clown," she sang as the audience erupted in applause. "Something's amiss, I don't approve, now that's he's running the free world where can we move, maybe a town, who is this clown?"



## BIRD? PLANE? FRENCH INVENTOR FLIES OVER ENGLISH CHANNEL

Is it a bird? Is it a plane? No, it's a French inventor flying over the English Channel on his hoverboard.

Looking like a superhero, Franky Zapata successfully completed the famed 35-kilometer journey in just 22 minutes Sunday morning, reaching speeds of up to 177 kilometers per hour on the hoverboard that has made him a household name in France.

Propelled by a power pack full of kerosene, Zapata set off from Sangatte in France's Pas de Calais region and landed in Saint Margaret's Bay in the Dover area of southeast England. He

stopped only once, on the British side, to refuel his invention from a boat in the choppy waters.

"I tried to enjoy it and not think about the pain [...] I'm very lucky," he told reporters after the feat.

It was, of course, the record for such a trip: No one else has tried to cross the channel in his way. It was also a personal record — the furthest distance that the 40-year-old, who drew nationwide attention after whizzing above European leaders in Paris at Bastille Day celebrations, had ever traveled atop his hoverboard.

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Macau Bats Rugby

# Brian Lochore, All Blacks captain and coach, dies at 78

**B**RIAN Lochore, who captained the "greatest" All Blacks team of 1967 and went on to coach New Zealand to the inaugural Rugby World Cup title in 1987, has died. He was 78.

Lochore was being treated for bowel cancer. His oldest son David Lochore said he died peacefully at home on Saturday.

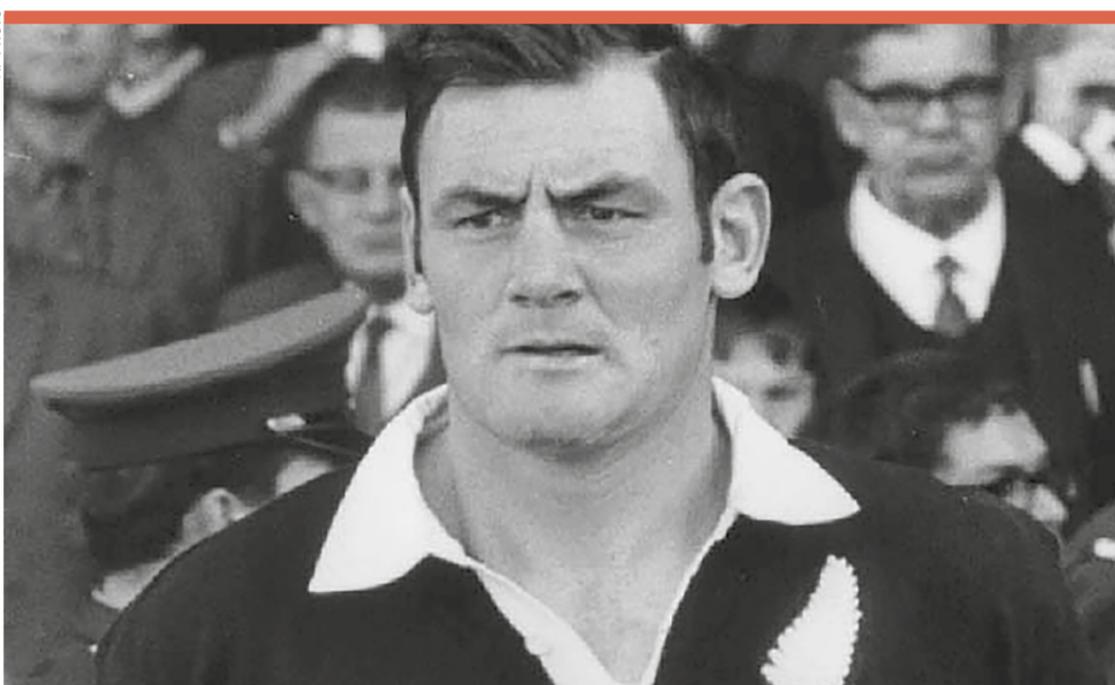
"To those from around New Zealand and the world who have sent messages, these have been enjoyed by our Dad and appreciated by us all," David Lochore said in a statement. "Dad led a life that was full and one which he was very proud of. Our hearts are breaking at a life we feel still had much to give."

Lochore made 68 appearances for the All Blacks as a back rower or lock from 1964 to 1971, captaining the team in more than 40 of those games.

Under his leadership, in what was regarded as a golden era of New Zealand rugby, the All Blacks did not lose a test for almost five years.

All Blacks head coach Steve

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Hansen called Lochore "one of the most respected men in New Zealand, not only in rugby but all facets of New Zealand life as well as being hugely respected and held in high regard around the world."

In his first series as captain

Lochore led New Zealand to a 4-0 win over the British and Irish Lions in 1966.

He worked with Fred Allen, who won all of his 14 tests as coach, to produce a new running style of rugby that transformed the game. The style came to fruition

in 1967 when the All Blacks were unbeaten in 24 matches on a tour to Britain, France and Canada.

The 1967 team included all-time greats such as Colin Meads, Kel Tremain, Waka Nathan, Ken Gray, Ian Kirkpatrick and Sid Going and is still regarded as the greatest All

Blacks team of all-time. Lochore's appointment as captain was a measure of his stature.

The noted England rugby writer Wallace Reyburn said Lochore "in attack and defense — perhaps particularly in defense — proved himself the world's master in that position."

New Zealand writer Sir Terry McLean said Lochore's "physical fitness was inexhaustible, his anticipation was hawk-like, his resolution was impenetrable. Add to this his catching at the lineout, his total engagement in the tight-loose, his serviceability on defense and you have the picture of a great back row forward. New Zealand has fielded none better."

Lochore led New Zealand to home series wins over France and Wales before leading the team to South Africa in 1970. The New Zealand public was hopeful they would achieve an away series victory over the Springboks for the first time but controversial refereeing saw them lose the four-test series 3-1.

Lochore retired on his return home. But when the All Blacks suffered a series of injuries during the 1971 series against the Lions he answered a call from the selectors to return. He famously left a note on the kitchen table of his Wairarapa farmhouse telling his wife Pam he had gone to Wellington to play in a test and would call soon. **MDT/AP**

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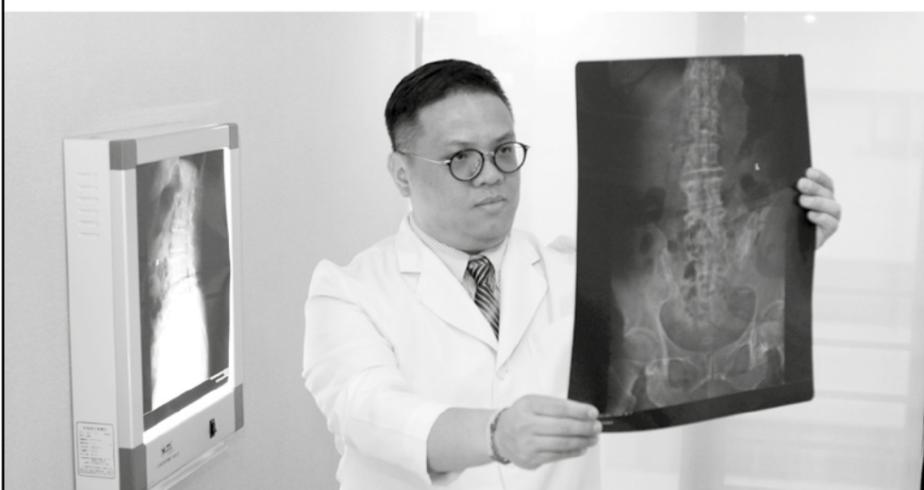
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**CHUI SAI ON'S REMAINING DAYS IN OFFICE**

Chui Sai On sailed dire waters through his two terms as the MSAR's second Chief Executive, indeed. Despite the evaluation one can make of Chui's overall performance, now, with the final stretch hanging just a stone throw or semester away, almost everybody would forecast an uneventful soft landing on December 20th. Everybody and everything should be in place to follow up the Macau SAR's carefully crafted change of leadership and government... as if it was not the same leadership and the same government.

What comes to mind is the always quoted Lampedusa's and Tancredi Falconeri, "For things to remain the same, things will have to change". Discarding the dispute on the integrity of a quote which has gained its own wings, we do have to mention the paradoxical and sarcastic, or rather ironic, dimension to justify changes in things taken for granted in the MSAR.

We can begin with the replacement of Ho Iat Seng - now CE in-waiting - as president of the Legislative Assembly (AL). Contrary to conventional wisdom about an incumbent vice-president ascending to the presidency of Macau's legislative body, vice Chui Sai Cheong lost the job to veteran lawmaker and First Secretary of the Executive Committee Kou Hoi In.

No reason other than the alleged outlook of conflicting interests during a period of five months seems to justify the red card to the Chief Executive's brother and vice-president of the watch-body of the Executive (Article 71). The collusion seems to be palatable just for those who do not see separation of powers in the Basic Law.

More than this, the hesitation mood that marred the decision process to select a replacement for Ho Iat Seng came to raise doubts about some issues related to the Legislative Assembly: on political eligibility and on economic topology.

Bruce Kwong, an assistant professor at UMac, told a Chinese-language daily on the eve of the decision to select Kou that it would be "beneficial" to the AL should a directly-elected legislator be selected to lead the Legislative, on the grounds that it could improve public recognition. Perhaps a formula to add credibility to the body.

Besides, in an either or, Kwong said it will be also "appropriate" for an indirectly elected legislator to be selected to chair the AL. Both, Chui Sai Cheong and the now president Kou Hoi In qualify as functional constituencies representatives.

Professor Kwong jumped conveniently over the political contradiction it will be to select an appointed legislator for the leadership of the House. He made the case for both the indirectly elected rivals to the job: made the case for Chui Sai Cheong arguing that he would be a reassuring factor of impartiality in the course of the gaming concessions around the corner; made the case for Kou Hoi In on the grounds of his CV and seniority. Certainly, the UMac teacher found it irrelevant that a long time ago - and for a short period of time (almost one year) - Kou Hoi In was a director at VIP gambling promoter AMAX.

Finally, another example about how changing things in the MSAR essentially remain the same: the Chief Executive Spokesperson's Office came to deny unequivocally that Chui Sai On will head the new "Macau Investment Development Fund Management Company" after he leaves office in late-December. The idea to establish such a fuzzy "Investment Fund" had been penned by the Chui Sai On government while drafting Macau's First Five-Year Development Plan.

The CE cannot take for granted that he could chair a new body he created from scratch during his tenure, irrespective of the quality of the project.

**EGYPT BEGINS RESTORATION ON KING TUT'S GOLDEN COFFIN**

Egypt started the first-ever restoration work on a gold-covered sarcophagus of the famed boy pharaoh Tutankhamun, ahead of the country's new museum opening next year, the antiquities minister said yesterday.

Khaled el-Anany told reporters that work on the outermost coffin, which is made of wood and gilded with gold, is expected to take at least eight months.

He said that's because "the state of conservation is very fragile,

as it was never restored" since 1922, when British archaeologist Howard Carter discovered the intact 3,000-year-old tomb and the treasures it held.

The coffin remained in the tomb until July, when it was moved to the new Grand Egyptian Museum, being built near the famed pyramids of Giza outside Cairo.

Tutankhamun ascended the throne at age nine, ruling until his death at age 18 or 19.

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**UGANDA BEGINS LARGEST TRIAL OF EXPERIMENTAL EBOLA VACCINE**

**RODNEY MUHUMUZA, KAMPALA**

**R**ESearchers in Uganda have launched the largest-ever trial of the experimental Ebola vaccine that is expected to be deployed in neighboring Congo, where a deadly outbreak has killed over 1,800 people.

The trial of the Janssen Pharmaceuticals vaccine involves up to 800 people in the western district of Mbarara and is supported by Doctors without Borders and the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine.

Pontiano Kaleebu, a Ugandan researcher who leads the trial, said Friday that he regrets that the Janssen vaccine has not yet been deployed in Congo. The health minister there who stepped down last month had argued against its deployment, saying a second vaccine could create confusion on the ground.

Already more than 180,000 people in Congo's yearlong outbreak have received an experimental but effective Merck vaccine, but health experts worry about the availability of doses as the virus now spreads in a major

city, Goma, along the Rwanda border. The wife and 1-year-old daughter of the man who died this week of Ebola in Goma now have the disease.

Both the wife and child were doing well in treatment, Congo's new Ebola response coordinator, Jean-Jacques Muyembe, told reporters.

But he warned that about half of the cases in this outbreak are going undetected and at that rate "this epidemic could last two or three years." The current goal is to strengthen surveillance and bring the detection rate to 80%, he said.

Health experts have watched with dismay as the promise of the Merck vaccine in this outbreak has been largely overshadowed by severe challenges to virus containment efforts including rebel attacks and community resistance in a part of Congo that had never experienced Ebola before.

The Janssen vaccine has already been tested in about 6,000 people, most of them Africans, Kaleebu said. "We are excited about this [trial ...] because this is one of the promising vaccines," he said. "It's one of those

vaccines that have shown a lot of promise in animal studies but also in other trials that have been conducted."

Ugandan researchers said the new trial is expected to last two years and will test how long any protection from Ebola would last. Juliet Mwangi, a co-investigator on the trial, said there is the need "to study many vaccines" in light of Congo's epidemic.

Uganda has had multiple Ebola outbreaks in the past. While it is currently free of the virus, three people died in June after crossing into the country's Kasese district on an unguarded footpath. Their family members were taken back to Congo for treatment.

The Ebola virus can spread quickly and be fatal in up to 90% of cases. Symptoms include fever, vomiting, diarrhea, muscle pain and at times internal and external bleeding. The virus is most often spread by close contact with bodily fluids of people exhibiting symptoms and with contaminated objects such as sheets. Health care workers are often at risk. AP

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**Germany** The government is calling on Russia to release the protesters detained during a rally for independent and opposition candidates in Moscow.

**Libya** A humanitarian group says 40 migrants rescued at sea off the coast of Libya have been successfully transferred to Maltese military boats to be brought to port.

**Portugal** Authorities say around 500 firefighters are combating a wildfire that started in a central area some 100 kilometers northeast of Lisbon, the capital.

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**France** Single women and lesbians in France won't have to go abroad to have babies anymore under a proposed new law that would give them access to medically assisted reproduction for the first time.

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**Vatican City** Pope Francis has sent a letter to priests worldwide offering encouragement in light of the global sex abuse scandal that has shaken the Roman Catholic Church.

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**USA** A gunman armed with a rifle opened fire in an El Paso shopping area packed with as many as 3,000 people during the busy back-to-school season, leaving 20 dead and more than two dozen injured, police said. More on p15