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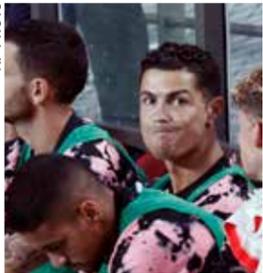
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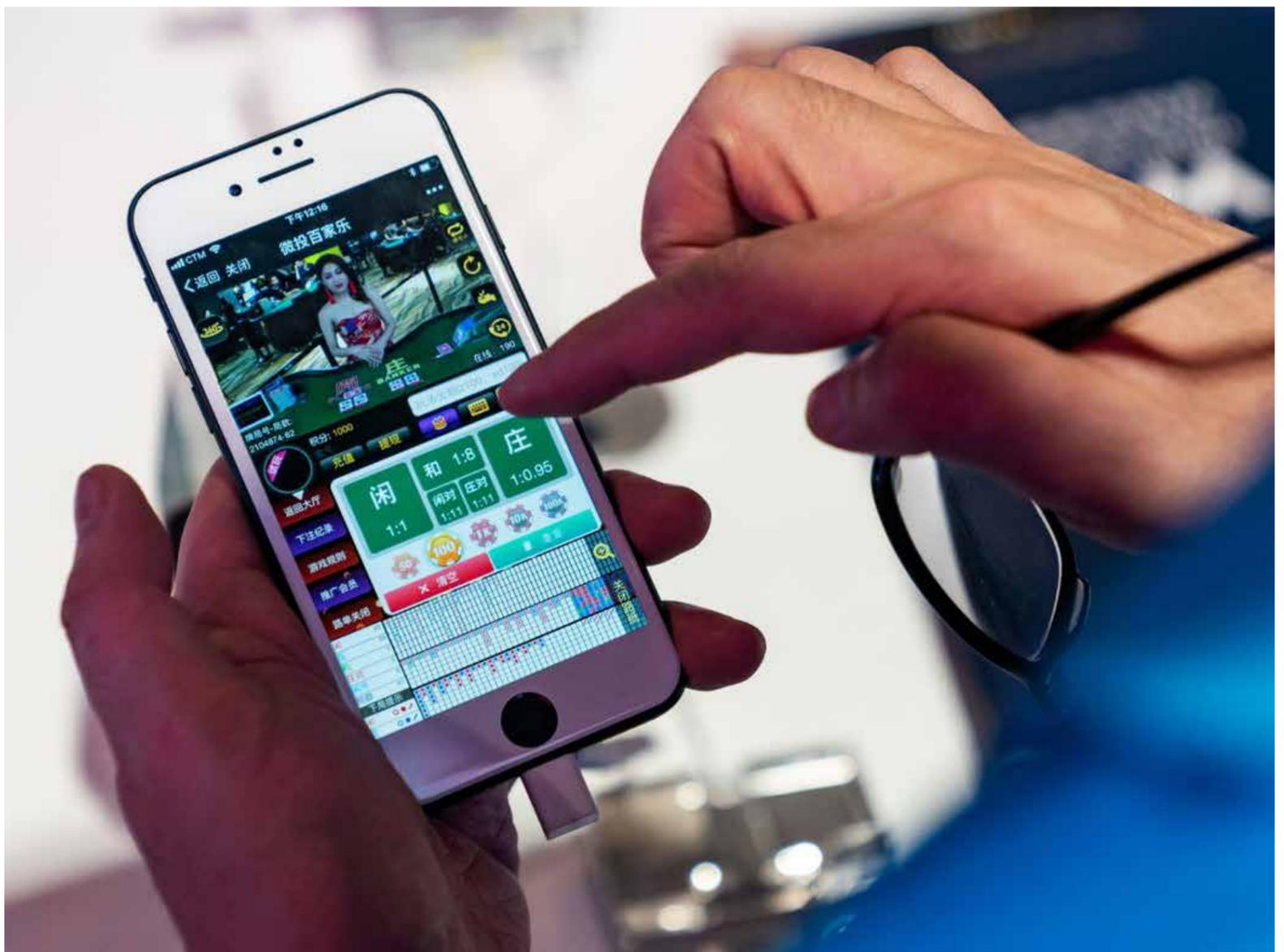
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The Health Bureau (SSM) has introduced the Elderly Denture Pilot Scheme to provide elderly people in need with dentures. The first phase of the program will be introduced to elderly people aged 80 years and above. Later, the program will be expanded to elderly people aged 65 years and above. The SSM will call elderly residents who are aged 80 or above and are receiving financial assistance. If they consent, the SSM will ensure they receive an initial assessment at Conde S. Januário Hospital. Once they meet the conditions, they will be referred to non-profit medical organizations, which are in collaboration with SSM, for a check-up and to install active dentures.

### COSTA ROADWORKS TO CONTINUE UNTIL AUGUST 30

Roadworks at Av.do Conselheiro Ferreira de Almeida along the direction towards Avenida Horta e Costa began yesterday. The road works will last until August 30. During the construction, the road will be subject to limited traffic: vehicles with a length of more than 8 meters are prohibited from turning left to the direction of the Red Market. Buses on 7 routes are to detour via the Av. do Cel. Mesquita and Av. de Sidónio Pais in order to access Costa. Yesterday's first day of construction caused traffic jams in the area.

### QINGMAO FOOTBRIDGE CONSTRUCTION TO START IN Q4

The footbridge at Qingmao port will see its construction start in the fourth quarter of this year, according to the Infrastructure Development Office (GDI). Yesterday, the GDI opened bidding for the contract of the footbridge's design and construction. The bridge connects Qingmao port immigration building (800 meters at southwest of the current Border Gate), former automobile inspection center, the nursery of the former Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau, and Ilha Verde public housing, crossing over Avenida do Comendador Ho Yin. The construction is stipulated by regulation to have a maximum execution time of 430 days. Considering that the construction site is the main road and the traffic volume is large, the GDI will discuss formulating temporary traffic arrangements with the Transport Bureau (DSAT) in order to reduce the impact of the works on the surrounding roads.



Coloane's Seac Pai Van public housing estate

## SOCIAL HOUSING REGIME FINALLY APPROVED AFTER LEGAL IMBROGLIO

RENATO MARQUES

**T**HE bill to enforce a new regime for the application for social housing has finally passed at the Legislative Assembly (AL).

The new regime establishes a permanent mechanism for the allocation of government-owned housing units to applicants on a waitlist as soon as they are available, and will replace the old system that enforced tenders every time a group of housing units became available for rental.

The bill was approved yesterday afternoon with complete unanimity by all lawmakers of the AL, but not before a deadlock moment when the discussion of the three last articles was underway.

A dispute broke out over an administrative revision to the law between a representative of the Legal Affairs Bureau, who was defending such a method, and lawmaker Vong Hin Fai, who opposed it.

The deadlock was only broken when AL President Kou Hoi In called for a break in the session so the AL and government legal advisers could reach a consensus.

In the end, the government accepted the suggestions from the lawmakers and included both documents as "revoked" by the new regime and only one single article.

During the article-by-article discussion, lawmakers Sulu Sou and Au Kam San were two of the most active participants, calling for explanations from the government, especially regarding the exceptions established by the general rules.

Sou wanted to know how could the government could verify that a person who was given a house by the government only had a temporary need to lodge another person (for example, housing elderly people or children in a house under his or her care) and for how long these "temporary authorizations" would be valid.

The lawmaker wanted to ensure that such an exception could not be used, for instance, for a partner to live in the same house but without the government taking into account his or her income and assets.

From the government side, the president of House Bureau (IH), Arnaldo dos Santos, replied, noting that the temporary authorization was aimed

at situations when children or underage people need to be under the care of a family member or in case of elderly people who need to hire a helper to provide help with daily tasks, noting that in the second case, the temporary permanence in the house would be ruled by the helper contract.

In the case of couples, such a rule would only apply, "in the cases where one of the members of the couple is, for example, in the mainland and does not possess a title for permanent residence in Macau. Allowing only 'short-term' visits to Macau."

For other cases, such as sickness, the procedure of proof would be by way of providing a medical certificate, dos Santos reaffirmed.

Meanwhile, lawmaker Au was mostly concerned with emergency situations that fall outside the scope of the normal procedures. Au wanted the government to include more particular cases and give a broader scope to the term "family danger," wanting to apply it also in cases of a contentious divorce in which one of the partners requires urgent lodging.

Replying to Au, Secretary for Transport and Public Works

Raimundo do Rosário said, "We can't open the door too widely. The application will now be permanent and the exceptions are like 'jumping the queue.' We need to see what are the causes that are really exceptional to use this rule, preventing people from making excuses to 'jump the queue.'"

On the topic, Sou wanted to know how many cases of this kind the government had received. Dos Santos replied, "We have received a total of 150 requests but after analysis we only approved five of them." He further believes the case presented by Au can also be solved under the scope of the article.

Although the law is now approved, it will be another full year after its publication in the government's Official Gazette before it takes effect.

Rosário explained that initially, the government had thought to have a delay period of around nine months, which would be used to produce the accessory administrative regulations. However, it was later decided in favor of one full year "due to the timing in which this law is being approved and the change in government to happen later this year."

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# 'Plastic bags bill' approved amid calls for more measures

RENATO MARQUES

**T**HE Legislative Assembly approved a bill targeting the number of plastic bags distributed by retailers during yesterday's plenary session.

The bill was passed with unanimous approval from all lawmakers but amid many calls for an additional effort from the government to reduce the gap between Macau and other regions of the world concerning environmental issues.

Most of the lawmakers' commentary on the topic was not related to the bill in discussion and voting but, instead, called on the government for added measures to tackle the current situation.

Sulu Sou, Mak Soi Kun, and José Pereira Coutinho were just some of those questioning the government regarding added measures as well as a timeframe for other measures to be enforced.

Secretary for Transport and

RENATO MARQUES



Secretary Raimundo do Rosário

Public Works, Raimundo do Rosário, replied to such calls by saying, "The statements of the lawmakers are no different from our wishes," adding, "This is a first step which we acknowledge [...] comes a little bit late but I believe that we will work more in the future."

Rosário noted that govern-

ment's addressing the reduction of plastics and other materials is a worldwide trend observed by almost every government in the world and that there is no way Macau will be "out of this trend." He added that, although the first initiative in Macau has come comparatively late, "I believe that we will accelerate the works

to catch up with the others."

Although there is no calendar for the enforcement of any other measures, Rosário advanced yesterday that the government plans to broaden the scope of the environmental protection works to include products such as straws and others but such work will be left to the next administration.

Questioned also regarding the inspections that will be carried out to ascertain that the law is being fulfilled, the Secretary noted that the government would start with the supermarkets "as they are the places that provide the most of these kinds of products."

However, inspection and law enforcement might be challenging, admitted the director of the Environmental Protection Bureau, Raymond Tam. The official noted that the service only has 50 inspectors who are in charge of all kinds of works, adding, "in the short term we don't expect to hire more staff."

## GROUP APPEALS TO CE CANDIDATE HO IAT SENG

**A** group of about 10 representatives of the Seac Pai Van community have delivered a letter to the next Chief Executive, Ho Iat Seng, drawing his attention to the Seac Pai Van community.

The group visited Ho's election campaign office yesterday, urging the SAR government to cancel the environmental evaluation of the two potential locations for a temporary hazardous materials storage unit.

They want the local government to withdraw the proposal for these locations, and instead turn them into facilities for entertainment and exercise purposes.

In addition, the group proposed to Ho that the government build a permanent hazardous items' storage facility at E1 on the New Urban Zone.

This group is the first to visit the next Chief Executive of Macau to make a public appeal. Iau Teng Pio, agent of Ho Iat Seng's election campaign, received the group and accepted the letter. Iau said that he would transfer the letter to the relevant government department. **JZ**

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# NEW MACAU TO HOLD 'VOTING ACTIVITY' ON UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE

ANTHONY LAM

**L**ocal pro-democracy group New Macau Association (ANM) will hold a "voting activity" between August 11 and 25 to assess public opinion on the manner by which Macau's top official should be chosen, the association told a press conference yesterday.

The association asserts that local citizens should form the core of the city's democratization.

Pursuant to the Basic Law, Macau's top official is selected by an electoral college consisting of 400 people, versus the approximate 307,000 people entitled to vote in the Legislative Assembly election.

The voting will take place via a dedicated website made for this purpose. As explained by the association, the website will only contain one question: "Do you agree that the Chief Executive of the Macau SAR should be elected by universal suffrage?"

ANM provided its understanding of the term "universal suffrage", namely that "the Chief Executive shall be elected directly by all Macau voters in their free and equal exercise of the right to nominate candidates and the right to vote."

In 2014, a similar voting activity was held to assess the public's response to the popularity of then-candidate Chui Sai On. The administration promptly cracked down on the activity and arrested several vote organizers for unlawfully handling personal data.

Two journalists were also arrested for the misuse of the police's official emblem. The logo had been published in a photograph related to a news report about a police officer who had participated in the activity.

When questioned as to whether he expects a similar response with this latest voting activity, association member and lawmaker Sulu Sou said the ANM is not in a position to comment on the 2014

activity "because we were not the organizer."

Nonetheless, the lawmaker recalled that the association has organized its own "referendum" at least twice. The first was in 2012 to collect responses on the political reform package, while the second in 2016 was to nominate nicknames for the new pair of pandas sent to Macau from the mainland.

He added that it might not be necessary to always think negatively about the government. For the purpose of goodwill, the association holds there is no need for the government to fear this voting process. In contrast, it should "see the vote positively and humbly." It is the exercise of the rights of free speech and democracy, the ANM notes.

Sou elaborated that there are different activities happening every day. This one just happens to be focused on universal suffrage. "The government should respect all events without fear or favor, as well as the comments they

obtain," said Sou. "These comments should generate the synergy for the next administration's work towards universal suffrage."

Even so, the Electoral Affairs Commission for the CE Election has recently issued a notice, reminding everybody that no poll results should be released from August 10 to 25.

The association emphasized that it will not be a popularity poll. "We purely hope citizens can express their opinion on whether the city should progress towards universal suffrage in the Chief Executive Election," Sou said on the association's behalf. "Therefore, [the question] will not involve any individual or any candidate. [Citizens will] only express their opinion on political reform."

"Theoretically, there is no relationship, direct or indirect, between this activity and the Electoral Affairs Committee," Sou added. "Whereas, this voting has no relationship whatsoever with the Election. Therefore, the previous

announcement by the Committee in no way [concerns] this activity."

Regarding the handling of personal data, the lawmaker stressed that the activity will be collecting the minimal amount of personal data, that is the voter's Macau cellphone number, for the prevention of repeat voting only. Other measures have also been taken to ensure the legality of the activity.

According to the Personal Data Protection Law, any activities that involve the handling of personal data should be announced in written form to the Personal Data Protection Office within eight days of the initial processing of such data. "But it's fully legal to do it in advance," Sou said, adding that no reply has been received from the Office since then.

The organizer will use servers and a telecom service provider outside of Macau to ensure maximum security. Phone numbers collected will be duly eliminated after the activity.

Prior to and during the voting period, the association will conduct community visits to explain to residents the importance of universal suffrage, which the association considers to be the foundation of effective administration.

## EDUCATION

# Fines for private school violations to be reduced

JULIE ZHU

**T**he local government has decided to reduce its fines for private schools that commit administrative violations, the Second Standing Committee of the Legislative Assembly (AL) reported yesterday. The decision came following a meeting with some government representatives, in which the amendment of the bill for Private Schools of Non-Tertiary Education

was discussed.

Chairman of the Committee, Chan Chak Mo, reported the latest amendment to the bill to the media. In total, four amendments have been made to the bill.

The government has suggested imposing a fine on private schools when they fail to fill vacancies on the board of the school within 30 days. The fine will range from MOP10,000 to MOP30,000.

According to Chan's explanation, the proposal aims to prevent the board from operating unlawfully without a full team of seven.

The previous bill proposed a maximum fine of MOP1.5 million for different types of violations. The latest change will reduce that to a maximum of MOP1 million.

The penalties for other violations have also been proposed to be reduced

from 500,000 patacas to between MOP10,000 and MOP100,000, depending on the type of violation.

The previous bill had also suggested that a school should inform a parent with a written document when the concerned student is absent from school.

However, considering the delay in transmitting the information via paper material, the government proposed that the school

should inform a parent through electronic methods on the same day of the relevant student's absence.

The new amendment added another proposal, which suggests the authorities should first ask schools to remedy administrative violations before issuing a fine.

This should occur in the following circumstances: when a school's violation involves less serious

legal matters; when the violation is not repeated and does not involve unsafe risks; and when the school makes promises to correct its violations.

Besides the four changes made to the bill, the government was also requested by the committee to provide further explanations regarding an article that says a non-profitable school can only transfer its assets, both immovable and movable properties, after the school is closed. Lawmakers wanted to know how public assets should be transferred in such a case.

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## PROPERTY PRICES HOLDING STABLE

**R**EAL estate prices are rising in a stable manner, data released by the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC) shows.

The administration released the city's latest property prices yesterday, covering a period spanning from April to June this year.

The data showed that the overall residential property price index for the said period was unchanged compared to the previous trimonthly period (268.4). The index for the peninsula was 271.1, an increase of 0.1%, while that for the islands was 257, a decrease of 0.2%.

The index for existing residential units (289.5) went up by 0.3%, with the indexes for those in the Macau Peninsula (285) and Taipa and Coloane (309.1) rising by 0.4% and 0.1% respectively.

Analyzed by year of building completion, the indexes for residential units completed between six and 10 years ago and for those built five years ago or less increased by 2.2% and 0.7% respectively. The index for those completed more than 20 years ago inched down by 0.1%, meanwhile, the index for pre-sale residential units (275.4) decreased by 0.8%.

The overall residential property price index in the second quarter grew 1.9% from the first. The indexes for existing residential units and pre-sale residential units rose by 2% and 1.2% respectively. **AL**

## GAMING

# MOODY'S BETS CONCESSION RENEWALS A NEAR-CERTAINTY

DANIEL BEITLER

**M**OOODY'S Investors Service says it expects Macau will renew or reissue the concessions for its six gaming operators after they expire in June 2022.

In a report by company analysts released yesterday, Moody's said it saw recent expansion commitments as "a clear sign of confidence that the gaming concessionaires believe they will be able to renew when the time comes."

While there will be changes made to the existing agreements, the analysts wrote that "an outright rejection of concessions is very unlikely."

The gaming sector accounts for about half of Macau's economic output, directly employs about 15% of the city's workforce, and generates more than 80% of the government's fiscal revenues. This economic reality means that the "non-renewal of any of the concessions would pose



significant risk to government finances as well as economic stability," according to the financial services company.

A scenario in which the concessions are not renewed would raise other complications too.

For example, although, the gaming concessions are due to expire in 2022, the building and land use agreements upon which they rely typically expire later. Replacing existing operators with new-

comers would be impractical because it would depend on some measure of cooperation from an existing concessionaire, which could not be guaranteed.

"A newcomer could not simply take over the gaming operations without cooperation from, and possible significant payments to, the land concessionaire."

The analysts also pointed to the recent two-year extension to the gaming conces-

sions of Sociedade de Jogos de Macau and MGM Grand Paradise as a sign of "reassurance about the government's desire for stability and continuity."

A renewal or reissuance of the gaming licenses will likely come at a price, albeit minor.

According to the analysts, further investment into non-gaming amenities will be required. This would help to satisfy the local government's policy goal of economic diversification and build Macau as a travel destination within the greater China region.

However, it is unlikely that operators will be required to pay more in the form of a higher tax rate on casino revenues or as a large, upfront sum. That is because the existing 38% effective tax rate is already considered high relative to other emerging centers for gambling in the Asia-Pacific region, and because Macau is already in a "solid fiscal position."

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## AUTHORITIES SCOUTING BORDER GATE AREA FOR TYPHOON TOURIST SHELTER



JULIE ZHU

**T**HE Public Security Police Force (PSP) and the Social Affairs Bureau (IAS) are looking for a place near the Border Gate to build an emergency shelter for tourists.

According to the Commissioner General of the Unitary Police Service, this emergency shelter is expected to start providing services when the next typhoon hits.

As for other parts of Macau, the local government has reserved spaces to provide emergency shelter for tourists.

In addition to offering a

shelter for tourists during extreme weather events, the PSP and mainland police authority reached an agreement to actively release information at all borders to inform a wider range of tourists about Macau's arrangements for typhoons.

Currently, the Border Gate area has one emergency shelter, which is located at the Macao Federation of Trade Unions Workers' Stadium.

Together with the Border Gate shelter, the city will have a total of 18 emergency shelters.

In addition to the shelters, the IAS also provides

four meeting places or places for people to stay during emergency evacuations.

Besides opening one more shelter, this year, the security authority also plans to add a play point at Coloane's security college, as well as to add more speakers across town in order to be more effective at broadcasting evacuation alarms during typhoons. In total, the number of speakers will be increased to 140 units this year.

The broadcast will be made in four languages: Mandarin, Cantonese, English and Portuguese.



# China targets Philippines in crackdown on offshore gambling

**C**HINA is stepping up a crackdown on gambling activity by its citizens offshore, threatening what has become a lucrative industry for gaming operators in places like the Philippines.

China's embassy in Manila put out a strongly worded statement yesterday, saying that its citizens are being targeted by casinos in the Southeast Asian nation, and that hundreds of millions of yuan are flowing illegally out of its borders to the region.

The statement, which said all forms of gambling by Chinese people in overseas casinos are illegal, follows a run of Chinese state media coverage critical of internet and phone gambling over the past month. In a Xinhua story July 12, China's minister for public security, Zhao Kezhi, said it was necessary to crack down on the "cross-border online gambling problem" because of public concern.

The gaming regulator in Macau has also forbid junket operators licensed there from using the territory as a settling platform for gambling services provided elsewhere, according to people familiar with the matter.

"A conservative estimate shows that gambling-related

funds flowing illegally out of China and into the Philippines amounts to hundreds of millions of yuan every year," said the Chinese embassy statement. "There are analysts who believe that part of the illegal gambling funds has flown into local real estate markets and other sectors in the Philippines."

Online and phone betting in Southeast Asian countries by Chinese punters many miles away has exploded in the last few years and is transforming the developing cities. In the Philippines alone, more than 50 offshore gambling companies have received permits to operate, hundreds of thousands of Chinese workers have surged into Manila to staff the industry, and property prices near gaming sites are booming. Revenue from the offshore gaming industry is projected to reach up to 9 billion pesos (\$172 million) this year, according to the Philippines gaming regulator.

But the flow of Chinese gambling to Southeast Asia has meant slowing growth in Macau, the Beijing-controlled enclave. A desertion by high rollers in particular

- which account for 55% of Macau's \$40 billion in annual revenue - has put pressure on casino operators there and forced them to widen their appeal by building theme parks and concert halls for middle-class tourists.

There are signs that the offsho-

## Online gaming websites are more accessible for lower-income Chinese in rural areas, who do not have the means to go to Macau

re services are penetrating more deeply into China's population than expected. Some online gaming websites offer punters wagers as low as 10 yuan and have round-the-clock live streams, making them easily accessible by lower-income Chinese in rural areas, who do not have the means to go to Macau or other ways of scratching the gambling itch.

The Chinese embassy statement said that the rise of online gambling has resulted in an increase in crimes and social problems in China, and that in con-

nection with telecom fraud has "caused huge losses to the victims and their families".

Offshore gaming is divided into two main categories. In online gambling, small-time bettors gather at cyber tables that can accommodate 500 gamblers

at a time. Then there is proxy betting, its richer, better-dressed cousin, where high rollers communicate with staffers wearing headsets at baccarat tables in offshore casinos. Proxy betting now accounts for 40% of the \$1 billion VIP gaming market in the Philippines, according to brokerage CICC.

The ban on junkets using Macau as a settling platform for overseas gambling services kicked in from August 1, said the people, who asked not to be identified as the order has not been made public. Macau's Gaming Inspection and Coordination Bureau declined to comment on the directive sent to junket operators.

Junkets and Macau-based casinos with operations in Southeast Asia are already starting to halt proxy betting and video gaming services. Concern over the

crackdown has hit Macau casino stocks, with a Bloomberg Intelligence index of the biggest companies down 15% since the first critical media reports were published on July 8.

Suncity Group - the world's biggest junket operator, which works with almost all Macau-based casino operators - ended proxy betting activities last month, said Maggie Tang, a spokeswoman for the company.

The halt reduced the amount of incoming bets, which total about \$230 billion annually, by around 10%, a person familiar with the matter said, asking not to be identified as the information is not public.

Melco Resorts & Entertainment Ltd., one of Macau's biggest gaming operators, asked its junket partners to stop all proxy betting at its Manila resort last month on concern it could face reprisals in Macau, according to people familiar with the move. The regulator is set to renew casino licenses in the territory next year, for the first time in two decades.

Proxy betting is a channel for money laundering, according to a 2017 U.S. government report, because the practice allows players to conceal their identities. Some Philippines lawmakers want casinos to be placed on a list of institutions monitored for money laundering due to high profile incidents, like a 2016 heist of \$81 million from Bangladesh's foreign reserves, which were routed through a Philippine casino, a junket operator and a gaming-room promoter. **MDT/BLOOMBERG**

SHENZHEN

# CHINESE SCIENTISTS DEVELOP CHAMELEON-INSPIRED SOFT ROBOT

CHINESE scientists have developed a chameleon-inspired soft robot with both color-changing and locomotion capabilities, offering a new perspective for future robot-environment interaction.

Soft Robotics is a subfield of robotics dealing with constructing robots from materials similar to those found in living organisms.

Intelligent actuators with the ability to interact with the environment have become an emerging topic.

Scientists from the Shenzhen Institutes of Advanced Technology, Chinese Academy of Sciences were inspired by chameleons, which can adjust their skin color to communicate and disguise during locomotion.

According to Du Xuemin, the leading researcher, chameleons adjust a lattice of light-reflecting nanoparticles in their upper layer of skin cells to adapt to the changing environment. By mimicking



this mechanism, they developed a new material for creating actuators that can sense the changing environment and exhibit vivid color alterations.

Although similar materials have been developed before, the actuator shows faster color changes and longer en-

durance compared with previous prototypes, Du said.

Besides the color alteration, the actuator can perform programmable shape transformations. By mimicking the movements of snakes and earthworms, scientists designed a soft robot that can perform complex motions as

well as change color instantaneously.

Scientists demonstrate the actuation processes of a rotating pinwheel and a flower with color changes, as well as a worm-like walker that can move forward straight and rhythmically with dynamic color changes.

Du said these actuators may provide inspiration for further development in various research fields, including sensors, robotics and smart systems.

"The color-changing material can be used as the skin of a humanoid robot. The face of the robot may turn red when it is shy or angry, which make it more lifelike and interactive," Du said.

As a researcher dedicated to functional materials, Du has also developed several bio-inspired materials, including sensing and actuating materials that mimic the behavior of the plant mimosa. **DB/XINHUA**

# IC CALLS FOR MACAO PAVILION PROPOSALS

THE Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) is calling for proposals for the Macao Pavilion that will be set up at the eighth Biennale of Urbanism and Architecture of Shenzhen and Hong Kong.

Dedicated to the theme "Urban Interactions", this year's Bi-city Biennale will take place in December at Futian Railway Station in Shenzhen and surrounding areas.

The exhibition will consist of two sections, "Eyes of the City" and "Ascending City," exploring the relationship between urban space and technological innovation from different perspectives.

At the same time, several sub-venues will be set up in other districts of the city to interconnect with the main venue, completing an organically interactive network throughout the city.

According to information released by the Biennale organizers, a smart city platform will be built to showcase the possibility of producing brand-new interactive modes through the integration of digital and physical spaces, study the reconciliation between nature and cities driven by technology, and profoundly tap into the big data applied to cities.

"Through its participation in this year's Bi-city Biennale, the IC intends to strengthen cooperation between Macau and Shenzhen, to promote cultural exchange between Macau and the outside world," the bureau said in a statement.

The deadline for proposal applications is September 6. **LV**

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Speakers of Keynote Speech:



Prof. Song Yonghua



Prof. Li Deshun



Prof. Rolf Stürner



Prof. Xiong Chengyu



Prof. Ge Jianxiong



Host:

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### Speaker of Keynote Speech

Prof. Song Yonghua, University of Macau — Network Technology and Modern Human Civilization
Prof. Li Deshun, China University of Political Science and Law — On the Cultural Exchange Mode of "Cooperative Dialogue"
Prof. Rolf Stürner, University of Freiburg, Germany — The Long Road Towards a Balance between Liberalism and Socialism in Europe and Germany - An Attractive Example for Cultures and Societies in Other Parts of the World?
Prof. Xiong Chengyu, Tsinghua University — Cultural Inheritance and Mutual Learning among Civilizations: Cultural Mission of the Guangdong - Hong Kong-Macao Greater Bay Area
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# Beijing rejects one demand that could help ease Hong Kong protests

IAIN MARLOW  
& BLAKE SCHMIDT

**T**HE Chinese authorities acknowledge Hong Kong's unrest is the worst since they regained the former British colony 22 years ago. Yet they have so far denied a key protester demand that even Beijing sympathizers support.

On Wednesday, the head of China's top agency overseeing the city rejected an independent inquiry into the unrest, one of the few protester requests with support from business leaders and others who typically back the government. Hong Kong and Macau Affairs Office Director Zhang Xiaoming told a gathering of city representatives that the disturbances must end before any investigation, according to Michael Tien, a pro-establishment Hong Kong lawmaker who was at the event.

"They spent the whole morning stating the central government's stance: There's no room for any compromise," said Tien, adding that he was hopeful Beijing might eventually reconsider. "This is a long battle."

The response shows how positions have hardened in recent days as some radical protesters focus their attacks on symbols of Chinese sovereignty and opposition figures accuse the government of colluding with stick-wielding mobs. After two months of unrest - including marches of more than 1 million and the ransacking of the city's legislature - Chief Executive Carrie Lam has refused to satisfy the protesters' main requests.

While the largely leaderless demonstrators have circulated numerous lists of demands, calls for some kind of independent inquiry feature high on most. The suggestion has been endorsed by pro-Beijing lawmakers, foreign governments and others sympathetic to the establishment, with the American Chamber of Commerce calling for an "internationally credible" investigation.

The protests initially began in opposition to Lam's legislation that would allow extraditions to mainland China and have since expanded into broad complaints about the Beijing-appointed government. Increasing clashes between demonstrators and police have prompted calls for an investigation into authorities' use of force, while others want a more general probe of the unrest and its causes.

"People are saying and I've

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An arrested woman is taken away by police officers during a face off at Sham Shui Po district

said it publicly, we need an independent inquiry," said Allan Zeman, chairman of Lan Kwai Fong Holdings Ltd. An investigation could help "to settle things down. Because it has morphed into something beyond the bill. The bill is gone. It's now about unhappiness."

Although Lam has declared the extradition legislation "dead," she has refused to formally withdraw the bill, meaning it could be resurrected with little notice. She has said that specific grievances against the police would be reviewed by a complaints council dominated by pro-establishment appointees.

"Some people may not agree with our response, but we have considered every factor involved and come up with the response that we have made," Lam told a news briefing Monday. The police have denied links to groups of men that have attacked protesters in recent days, calling on all sides to refrain from violence.

Protesters argue government intransigence has helped sustain their movement through nine straight weeks of rallies, marches, sieges and strikes, including a successful citywide effort Monday to disrupt train services and commercial flights. Several strike participants told Bloomberg News they decided to join after Lam's briefing, in which she vowed a firm police response, without signaling any new concessions.

The Hong Kong government

has appointed several "commissions of inquiry" before and after its return to Chinese rule, including an investigation into violent labor disputes in Kowloon in 1966. The remarks by Zhang, China's top government official overseeing Hong Kong, came during a gathering of city representatives in Shenzhen, in which the lawmaker Tien advocated an inquiry.

Zhang said that such an inquiry was inappropriate while the disturbances were ongoing, but one could be considered after the protests subsided. He described the unrest as the worst the city had experienced since the 1997 handover, an assertion few would question.

"It won't serve any useful

purpose if it's just to apportion blame or to point the finger at the police," pro-establishment lawmaker Regina Ip said in an interview in her office on Tuesday, a copy of the 1966 inquiry report sitting on the desk. "And if you want reconciliation, it can't be done now, when violence is ongoing."

The refusal to consider an inquiry illustrates Beijing's determination not to show any weakness against the protesters, some of whom have defaced the national emblem, destroyed flags and chanted pro-independence slogans. Still, supporters counter that an inquiry would help Chinese President Xi Jinping buy time - six months or more.

Some, such as Hong Kong

Baptist University President Roland Chin, have suggested a "truth commission" that wouldn't apportion blame. The investigation might at least help deescalate confrontations between protesters and police, supporters say.

Opposition lawmaker Claudia Mo, who has been a prominent participant in several of the largest protest marches, said she worried it was too late to mount an investigation that was viewed with credibility.

"The effectiveness, if any, would be cut by about half, but I personally hope they would do that," Mo said. "It could provide an opportunity for a more decent climb down, without a loss of face." **BLOOMBERG**

## HONG KONG

### US URGES INCREASED CAUTION FOR AMERICAN VISITORS

**T**HE U.S. government yesterday stepped up its warnings to travelers to Hong Kong because of increasing violence surrounding pro-democracy protests in the Chinese city.

The State Department's Level 2 travel advisory issued yesterday urges "increased caution in Hong Kong due to civil unrest" and tells travelers to avoid demonstrations and to "exercise caution if unexpectedly in the vicinity of large gatherings or protests."

The protests, sparked two months ago by proposed extradition legislation, have morphed into calls for broader democratic reforms in the former British colony, along with the resignation of Chief Executive Carrie Lam and investigations into alleged police abuse of force.

The territory's crucial travel industry has suffered as tourists put off their visits, with Australia, Ireland, Britain, and Japan having also issued travel

advisories to their citizens.

Hong Kong police say a total of 589 people have been arrested in the protests since June 9, ranging in age from 13 to 76. They face charges including rioting, which allows for prison terms of up to 10 years.

On several occasions, protesters have also been attacked by unknown persons believed to be linked to organized crime groups, while police took little action to stop them. **MDT/AP**

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# UBER CREATED A \$6.1 BILLION DUTCH WEAPON TO AVOID PAYING TAXES

**UBER** Technologies Inc., responding to a European crackdown on offshore tax havens, created a \$6.1 billion Dutch tax deduction that will help the company reduce a chunk of its global tax bill for years to come.

San Francisco-based Uber generated the outsized deduction before its initial public offering in May because it moved some of its offshore subsidiaries to different countries as a result of new European Union rules governing multinational companies.

The \$6.1 billion deduction came through an increase in the value of intellectual property that Uber transferred between its offshore subsidiaries, according to the company's first quarterly filing. When an intangible asset increases in value, so do the tax deductions that come with its use over time.

"It's safe to say that Uber will not be paying any taxes for the foreseeable future," said Robert Willens, an independent tax and accounting expert in New York.

That \$6.1 billion will be a cushion should the company ever turn a profit, allowing the ride-hailing company, which has offices and subsidiaries in the Netherlands, to winnow down the Dutch portion of its future global tax bill.

The windfall is only applicable to the company's tax bill in the Netherlands, a tax-reducing hub favored by multinational corporations. But it will certainly lower the company's overall global tax bill if it becomes profitable. Meanwhile, the company can use its U.S. losses to lower its U.S. tax bill.

Uber isn't the only U.S. company that has moved operating units around the world in respon-

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se to Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development rules. The OECD requires multinational companies to justify the business purpose of their offshore operations. Low-tax countries like Singapore, Ireland and the Netherlands are becoming more desirable than no-tax Caribbean havens such as Bermuda.

Uber's windfall was created last March when it pulled intellectual property out of a paper entity in Bermuda with no employees and put it into a Dutch entity that's ultimately controlled by a holding company in Singapore. The Dut-

ch entity has dozens of other Uber entities under it, according to Netherlands Chamber of Commerce documents.

But the size of the tax savings took experts by surprise.

Willens, the tax expert, called the \$6.1 billion deduction "unusual" relative to Uber's roughly \$73 billion market value. Another independent tax and accounting expert, Frank Vari in Boston, said he was "surprised" that the deduction was "that large." The benefit reflected the lofty value that Uber had given its IP when it moved its subsidiaries to new locations.

An Uber spokesman said the shuffle was made to "meet the demands" of "the new global tax environment." He referred to the OECD rules that aim to prevent technology and pharmaceutical companies from using paper companies to whisk profits earned in high-tax countries to low-tax and no-tax ones.

The spokesman, who asked not to be named, citing company policy, added that the shuffle also marked an end to Uber's use of a different tax strategy, known as "Double Dutch." That structure, which involves Dutch entities

with no employees that funnel profits to havens, has been popular with multinationals in recent years and is now in the cross-hairs of European regulators.

Technology companies have always worked hard to keep their tax bills low. Amazon.com Inc.'s relatively small annual profits have allowed the e-commerce giant to shrink its tax payments while re-investing in new projects. That strategy has been a recipe for high growth and low tax payments.

In the U.S., Uber has tallied operating losses of more than \$10 billion over the last three years. Those losses will allow it to cut down its future U.S. tax bills. As of the end of last year, it reported U.S. net operating losses for future use of \$5.1 billion for federal purposes and \$4.4 billion for taxes in the states in which it operates.

Those losses, which reduce taxable income, would allow it to save around \$1 billion in federal tax and around \$220 million in state taxes, or a total of around \$1.2 billion, Willens said. They're in addition to the \$6.1 billion Dutch buffer.

Before President Donald Trump's 2017 tax law, companies could fully carry losses back two years and forward 20 years. Now, they can't be carried back, and can offset only 80% of taxable income.

Tax rates in the Netherlands and Singapore fall well below the new 21% US rate. The Netherlands has a top corporate rate of 25%, though income from intangible property, like royalties and licensing fees, can be taxed at 7%. Singapore's corporate rate is 17%, though some companies can winnow that down through incentives and other measures. Uber's Netherlands-based IP is tied to royalties, licensing and trademarks that underpin its business in 63 countries as of last year's end. **MDT/BLOOMBERG**

## CORPORATE BITS

### Sands China prepares community for typhoon season



Sands Cares Ambassadors helped to pack emergency typhoon response kits at the Macau Red Cross headquarters on Aug. 1 and distributed them to residents living in low-lying areas on August 6. The

areas served were selected according to the Macau government's emergency response plan. A second batch of 500 kits is planned for a later stage.

The first 500 kits, costing a total of MOP280,000, were

paid for with donations collected at an employee event. Each kit contains a variety of emergency items packaged in a waterproof bag, including a radio, flashlight, first-aid pack and blanket, whistle, bottled water, biscuits, and other items, including an emergency response leaflet provided by the government.

President of the company, Wilfred Wong, said, "Sands China believes in helping the community, especially in times of need, and this initiative is one of those important efforts. We are thankful to the Macau Red Cross for their collaboration and to the Social Welfare Bureau for their leadership in this area."

### Young Chef Challenge returns to HK for third year



The Young Chef Challenge is back for the third year on September 3-5 2019, when Seafood Expo Asia opens its doors at the Hong Kong Convention and Exhibition Centre.

The Young Chef Challenge, which debuted in 2017, aims to nurture young culinary talents and promote sustainable seafood options.

Seafood Expo Asia is the re-

gion's leading showcase of the world's premium seafood products, equipment and services as well the preferred industry meeting place for buyers and suppliers looking for the latest seafood industry trends. Last year, the exposition attracted over 7580 seafood professionals from 68 countries and over 220 exhibitors from 34 countries.

Hong Kong ranks second in terms of seafood consumption in Asia, and is the world's eighth largest seafood consumption market, consuming 65.5 kg per capita on average each year. This number is more than three times higher than the global average.

The Young Chef Challenge features a cook-off between six of Hong Kong's top rising culinary talents, who are required to use sustainable seafood ingredients that are only revealed to them on the day of the live events. They will be mentored by a panel of judges who will comment on their skills as well as their responsible and sustainable culinary practices.

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# Slain Chinese scholar's dad says her body may never be found

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TERESA CRAWFORD  
& DON BABWIN, URBANA

**T**he father of a slain Chinese scholar who begged his daughter's killer to reveal what he did with her remains said Wednesday that after learning her dismembered body might be in plastic bags buried in a landfill under mounds of garbage, he understood that his family may never get to bury her back home in China.

There is "nothing we want more than to find our daughter and bring her home, [but] we understand that may be impossible," Ronggao Zhang said through an interpreter at his family lawyer's Urbana office. As he spoke to reporters, his wife, Lifeng Ye, sat weeping nearby, unable to bring herself to speak after just learning what had happened to the remains of her daughter, Yingying Zhang.

"We have decided to follow the Chinese custom and create a grave site here in America to honor Yingying's memory," said Ronggao Zhang.

The news conference came days after the family's lawyer, Steve Beckett, announced that he had learned from Brendt Christensen's defense team that Yingying's dismembered body was somewhere in a landfill, giving the family a sliver of hope that it could be found. But Beckett explained in gruesome detail on Wednesday why that might never happen, even suggesting that any remains "could be smaller than a cellphone."

Christensen, 30, was convicted and sentenced to life in prison last month in the June 2017 kidnapping and killing of Yingying Zhang, a 26-year-old University of Illinois graduate student who had recently arrived at the school's flagship Urbana-Champaign campus.

Beckett explained that after Christensen was convicted, pro-

secutors explained to the Zhang family and their lawyers what Christensen's attorneys said he told them about what he had done.

"He told them after killing her, he placed her remains in three separate garbage bags," Beckett said. He said Christensen told his attorneys that he tossed the bags into a dumpster near his apartment before he disposed of her clothes, cellphone and other of her personal items in dumpsters around the area, which is about 120 miles southwest of Chicago.

Sanitation workers emptied the dumpster that purportedly contained the victim's remains a few days later and took the contents to a landfill in the Danville area, where they were compacted "at least twice" before being taken to a private landfill and covered with least 30 feet of trash. He said that although authorities have a general idea of where the remains might be, recovering them would be expensive and difficult. Such an effort would also be complicated by environmental rules regarding digging at landfills and the fact that the remains have certainly decomposed and are believed to be "very small in size."

He said Christensen told his attorneys what he did with the remains last November and the attorneys discussed offering to give the information to prosecutors in exchange for their agreement not to seek the death penalty. Prosecutors decided against it after determining there was no way of knowing if Christensen was telling the truth if the body could never be found.

Beckett also said the defense attorneys had to know that by making that information public, which the Zhang family desperately wanted, would have alerted jurors deciding whether to spare Christensen's life that he not only had decapitated her, he had also dismembered her. AP

## SUMMER ALLURE

From DFS' First Class Beauty campaign to Sands Shoppes' special summer shopping promotion and lucky draw, don't miss out at Sands Shoppes this season.

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Purchase items from any two departments: at least one from Beauty & Fragrances and another from Fashion & Accessories or Watches & Jewellery to play the Gift Catcher game. Prizes include the latest smartphone, a tablet, an instant camera and more.

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Every weekend from 2-6pm enjoy make-up demos; decorate yourself with temporary tattoos with any beauty purchase; and enjoy tunes by a live DJ while you shop. Purchase three beauty items or more to receive a monogrammed pouch or embroidered tote bag.

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Conservative Liberal Party lawmaker Andrew Hastie

## BEIJING REBUKES AUSSIE LAWMAKER FOR WARNING OF CHINA THREAT

ROD MCGUIRK, CANBERRA

CHINA has rebuked an Australian government lawmaker for saying that it threatens to diminish Australia's sovereignty and freedoms.

Conservative Liberal Party lawmaker Andrew Hastie drew parallels in a newspaper column published yesterday between China and Nazi Germany. It has been described in the media as the

strongest condemnation of China by any member of Prime Minister Scott Morrison's coalition.

Hastie, a former Special Air Service officer who chairs an influential parliamentary intelligence and security committee, wrote that almost every strategic and economic question facing Australia in the coming decades would be "refracted through the geopolitical competition" between its most important security partner,

the United States, and its biggest trading partner, China.

"The next decade will test our economic values, our economy, our alliances and our security like no other time in Australian history," he wrote.

He likened Australia's relationship with China to France's failure to recognize the threat posed by Nazi Germany at the outbreak of World War II.

"Like the French, Australia has

failed to see how mobile our authoritarian neighbor had become," he said.

Chinese President Xi Jinping's view of the future is one in which "capitalism will be eclipsed," Hastie wrote.

The Chinese Embassy in Canberra said in a statement that they "strongly deplore" Hastie's commentary "which lays bare his Cold War mentality and ideological bias."

"It goes against the world trend of peace, cooperation and development. It is detrimental to China-Australian relations," the statement said.

"History has proven and will continue to prove that China's peaceful development is an opportunity, not a threat to the world," it added.

Australia has angered China by passing laws that ban covert foreign interference in politics, blocking Chinese investment in critical energy infrastructure and by banning Chinese telecommunications giant Huawei from involvement in its next-generation 5G networks.

Hastie wrote that Australia's "greatest vulnerability lies not in our infrastructure, but in our thinking."

"If we don't understand the challenge for our civil society [...] then choices will be made for us," he wrote.

"Our sovereignty, our freedoms, will be diminished," he added.

Morrison separated his government's China policy from Hastie's views, saying that the lawmaker was not a member of his Cabinet.

Morrison said Hastie's comments did not jeopardize the bilateral relationship.

"Andrew, of course, is not a minister within the government and [...] he's entirely entitled to provide his perspective," Morrison told reporters.

"What's important is that the government maintains, I think, the very consistent approach that we have on these issues. We are very clear about what decisions we've taken in relation to that partnership we have with China," he added. AP

## Trump should court China reformers, ex-Obama official Russel says

SYBILLA GROSS

THE U.S. would stand a better chance of tempering growing trade tensions with China if it tapped forces there who are pushing for economic reform, America's former top diplomat for East Asian issues said.

The Trump administration has prioritized "undercutting" the world's second-biggest economy instead of communicating properly and clouded the chances of China accommodating U.S. interests, Daniel Russel, vice president at the Asia Society Policy Institute who served as Assistant Secretary of State for East Asian and Pacific Affairs



under President Barack Obama, told Bloomberg Television. He emphasized a need for compromise from both sides.

"You can't communicate with your negotiating partner through telepathy, you have to really talk," he said from Sydney.

Washington has only occasionally managed the "appearance of truce" through unsuccessful meetings that favor hard

trade leverage over engagement, he added.

His comments came the week after President Donald Trump said he would impose 10% additional tariffs on the remaining \$300 billion worth of Chinese exports starting next month, after the two sides ended their first face-to-face talks in three months without progress. Beijing said it will retaliate.

Russel also warned that Chinese influence could grow and fill a regional vacuum left by the U.S. should Trump opt out of participating in multilateral meetings in Asia-Pacific.

"That's problematic in part because China is simply not manifesting that kind of commitment to the rules-based order and a fair and open region that countries value," he said.

Australia walks a fine line in the two powers' dispute - it's a key U.S. ally in

the region, but China is its top trading partner.

Reports last year showed the Chinese Communist Party was covertly meddling with media, universities and lawmakers, triggering debate in Australia over the societal costs of increased economic dependence on Beijing. Canberra then passed laws aimed at reducing Chinese meddling in national affairs and barring Huawei from helping build its 5G network.

The country is best off finding its own voice separate from the U.S. if it wants to avoid angering China, Russel said.

"If Australia can stake out a position not based on what the U.S. wants, or tells it, to do, but based on authentic Australian values and interests, I believe it can have the best of both worlds," he said. BLOOMBERG

# Japan OKs 1st export to South Korea under new trade curbs

MARI YAMAGUCHI, TOKYO

**J**APAN said yesterday it has granted its first permit for a South Korea-bound shipment of chemicals to produce high-tech materials under Tokyo's new export requirement that has increased tensions with Seoul.

Trade Minister Hiroshige Seko made a rare announcement of the approval, saying that officials determined that the transaction raised no security concerns. The move is apparently meant to calm South Korean anger over Tokyo's export curbs and show there is no trade ban in place.

Japan imposed stricter controls on three key materials — fluorinated polyimides, photo resists and hydrogen fluoride — that are used mainly by South Korea's semiconductor industry as of July 4. The rules also downgrade South Korea's trade status beginning later this month.

Japanese chemical manufacturers have expressed concerns that case-by-case inspections may prolong the approval process and hold up production for their customers.

The first approval came after about a month, faster than the standard 90 days.

"The permit merely demonstrates that export licensing by the Japanese government is not arbitrary,



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and is granted to any legitimate transactions that pass strict inspections," Seko told reporters. "The step we took recently is not an export ban."

South Korean President Moon Jae-in remained cautious while expressing hope the impact of Japan's measures won't be as severe as Seoul had feared.

"Our government has planned for a worst-case situation since Japan converted its export approvals of the three materials to a case-by-case basis and has been preparing and announcing both short-term and long-term measures," he said.

"Of course, Japan may not proceed with export restrictions and there might not be any actual

damage caused [to South Korean companies]. But what hasn't changed is that uncertainty is still alive."

Yesterday, more than 100 people gathered outside the Japanese prime minister's residence in Tokyo to urge the government to reverse the downgrading of South Korea's trade status and to apologize for wartime atrocities in an

effort fix rapidly souring relations.

Holding up signs that said "No Abe," the protesters, which included Christian groups and pacifists, said they feared for regional peace and stressed Japan has failed to fully apologize and compensate victims for its 1910-1945 colonialization of the Korean Peninsula.

The Japanese government position is that all compensation issues are settled.

Nahoko Hishiyama, one of the protesters, said the hostility between the governments is in contrast to the healthy exchanges between their people, with many Japanese enjoying Korean pop music and cosmetics.

"We must truly repent our past," she said.

Sungjae Kim, a minister and member of the National Christian Council in Japan, said an exhibit in Japan that included a statue representing a wartime Korean sex slave had received threats, when Japanese should have welcomed the exhibit if they were truly sorry.

A suspect in the threats was arrested yesterday, said lawmaker Mizuho Fukushima, who was also at the protest. She expressed hope the exhibit would reopen.

Earlier this month, thousands of people protested outside the Japanese Embassy in Seoul, carrying signs that read "Boycott Japan," as well as "No Abe."

South Korea says Japan is using trade to retaliate for its court decisions ordering Japanese companies to compensate Korean forced laborers before and during World War II. Japanese officials deny the export controls constitute retaliation. AP

## MALAYSIA

# Trackers use mom's voice in London girl's search

SYAWALLUDIN ZAIN,  
SEREMBAN

**M**ALAYSIAN rescuers will play a recording of the voice of the mother of a 15-year-old London girl who mysteriously disappeared from a forest resort, as the search entered a fifth day yesterday and her family made an emotional appeal for support.

Negeri Sembilan state police chief Mohamad Mat Yusop said police have already made voice recordings of Nora Anne Quoirin's mother and family members. He said rescuers will play the recordings over loudspeakers while combing the dense forest surrounding the Dusun eco-resort in the southern state.

"During the search, we will play the recordings as if her mother or the family is



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calling her. This is another method that we will try," he told a news conference, adding it has been used before in other cases.

Indigenous trackers already began calling out the girl's name in their hunt. Armed members of the Senoi Praq, a special police team comprising indigenous tribes famed for their

forest tracking skills, shouted "Nora!" as they waded through the hilly forest terrain.

Quoirin's family discovered her missing Sunday morning from the resort cottage and believes she was abducted. Police are treating her as a missing person but do not rule out a possible criminal element in her

disappearance.

Mohamad said the rescue operation has been increased to more than 260 people working on shifts through the night. He said a police helicopter equipped with thermal imaging cameras joined the search yesterday morning to try and detect the girl, whom police believe is still in the vicinity of the resort.

Drones and police canine teams have also been deployed and divers have searched through the only river running through the hill but so far found nothing, he said. Police received some information from members of the public and are still investigating, he said, without giving details.

"We are still not giving up hope. Her family is also in strong spirits [...] we pray hard that she will be found

soon," he added.

Quoirin's parents are an Irish-French couple and have lived in London for about 20 years, according to the Lucie Blackman Trust, a British charity that supports people involved in crises overseas. Quoirin arrived with her family on Saturday for a two-week stay at the Dusun, a small resort located in a durian orchard next to a forest reserve 63 kilometers south of Kuala Lumpur.

Investigators have questioned 20 people so far and said a forensic team is analyzing fingerprints found in the cottage where the girl went missing.

Police have clarified that a window in the living room downstairs was left open, not one in the bedroom upstairs where the girl was sleeping with her two si-

blings. Her parents were in another room upstairs. Mohamad said the window was big enough for a person to squeeze through.

In a new video released by the Lucie Blackman Trust, the girl's aunt, Éadaoin Agnew, said the family was devastated but still hopeful.

"This is extremely traumatic for the whole family. Meabh and Sebastien are devastated and too upset to speak themselves at this time," she said, referring to the girl's parents.

"But we must remain hopeful. And we ask everyone to keep Nora in their thoughts and to continue to support the ongoing search for her. Nora is still missing, and she is very vulnerable, and we need to do everything we can to bring her home," she added. AP

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# Mayors urge Senate to return to Washington for gun bill vote

MATTHEW DALY & LISA MASCARO, WASHINGTON

**M**ORE than 200 mayors, including two anguished by mass shootings in Texas and Ohio, are urging the Senate to return to the Capitol to act on gun safety legislation amid criticism that Congress is failing to respond to back-to-back shootings that left 31 people dead.

In a letter yesterday to Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell and the Democratic leader, Chuck Schumer, the mayors wrote, "Our nation can no longer wait for our federal government to take the actions necessary to prevent people who should not have access to firearms from being able to purchase them."

The mayors urged the Senate to vote on two House-passed bills expanding background checks for gun sales that passed that chamber earlier this year. It was signed by El Paso, Texas, Mayor Dee Margo, Dayton, Ohio, Mayor Nan Whaley and others where mass shootings have occurred,



AP PHOTO

including Orlando and Parkland, Florida, Pittsburgh and Annapolis, Maryland.

"There is no worse thing that can happen to a city," Whaley said of the weekend shooting that killed nine people in Dayton. "We cannot allow this tragic event to fade from our memories without taking action. Politics has stood in the way of action for too long, and I can tell you politics seems

very petty when it is your friends and neighbors who are injured or dead."

The push comes as McConnell, the Republican leader, resists pressure to recall senators from the congressional recess, despite wrenching calls to "do something" in the aftermath of the shootings.

Instead, the Republican leader is taking a more measured approach, as GOP senators talk

frequently among themselves and with the White House in the face of mounting criticism that Congress is failing to act.

President Donald Trump is privately calling up senators while publicly pushing for an expansion of background checks for firearms purchases, but McConnell knows those ideas have little Republican support. In fact, the White House threatened to veto a House-passed background checks bill earlier this year. Yet, as the nation reels from the frequency of shootings and their grave toll, McConnell's unwillingness to confront the gun lobby or move more swiftly is coming under scrutiny.

"I can only do what I can do," the president told reporters Wednesday as he departed Washington for visits to El Paso and Dayton to comfort victims and families and to praise first responders.

Ohio Democratic Sen. Sherrod Brown made a personal plea to Trump during his visit to "call on Sen. McConnell to bring the Senate back in session this week, to tell the Senate he wants the background checks bill that has already

passed the House."

The politics of gun violence are difficult for Republicans, including McConnell, who would risk losing support as he seeks reelection in Kentucky if he backed restricting access to firearms and ammunition. Other Republicans, including those in Colorado, Maine and swing states, also would face difficult votes, despite the clamor for some changes to gun laws.

"In Congress, we're trying to come up with some answers," Texas GOP Sen. John Cornyn, who is also up for reelection, said after donating blood in El Paso.

In Kentucky, where McConnell is recuperating from a shoulder fracture sustained in a weekend fall, activists have been demonstrating at his home and protesting at his downtown Louisville office.

In the meantime, Trump continues to say there's "great appetite" for background checks legislation.

But that is not the case, for now.

Instead, Republicans are trying to build support for more modest measures, including so-called red-flag bills from Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., and Sen. Marco Rubio, R-Fla., that would allow friends and family members to petition authorities to keep guns away from people deemed a threat to themselves or others. But those efforts are also running into trouble from conservatives, who worry about due process and infringing on gun owners' rights. AP

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16:45	Quem Quer Ser Milionário
17:35	Corpo Clínico
18:05	Amor Maior (Repetição)
18:55	Portuguese In California
19:25	Livros com João Guedes (Repetição)
19:35	Os Nossos Dias Sr.2
20:30	Telejornal
21:15	Viagens em Série
21:45	Vote in the U.S.A
22:15	Amor Maior
23:15	TDM News
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02:45	RTPi Directo

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CRAYON SHINCHAN 2019

ROOM1

2:15pm

Director: Masakazu Hashimoto

Starring: Yumiko Kobayashi, Toshiyuki Morikawa, Miki Narahashi

Language: Cantonese

Duration: 100min



TOY STORY 4

ROOM1

4:00pm

Director: Josh Cooley

Starring: Will Smith, Mena Massoud, Naomi Scott

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Duration: 109min

LINE WALKER 2

ROOM1

4:30pm

Director: Jazz Boon

Starring: Nick Cheung, Peiyao Jiang, Louis Koo

Language: Cantonese (English & Chinese)

Duration: 110min



THE FAST & FURIOUS: HOBBS & SHAW

ROOM 2

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

Director: David Leitch

Starring: Dwayne Johnson, Jason Statham, Idris Elba

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 135min

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NOBITA'S CHRONICLE OF THE MOON EXPLORATION

ROOM 3

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

Director: Jeong-beom Lee, Shinnosuke Yakuwa

Starring: Wasabi Mizuta, Sang Hyun Uhm, Jung-jae Lee

Language: Cantonese (English & Chinese)

THE LION KING

ROOM3

9:30pm

Director: J Jon Favreau

Starring: Donald Glover, Beyoncé, Seth Rogen

Language: Cantonese

Duration: 118min

## this day in history



### 1945 ATOM BOMB HITS NAGASAKI

American forces have dropped an atomic bomb on Nagasaki - the second such attack on Japan in three days.

The bomb was dropped by parachute from an American B29 Bomber at 1102 local time.

It exploded about 1,625 ft (500m) above the ground and is believed to have completely destroyed the city, which is situated on the western side of the Japanese island of Kyushu.

In a statement issued from Guam, General Carl A Spaatz, Commander of the US Strategic Air Forces in the Pacific, said: "The second use of the atomic bomb occurred at noon, August 9, at Nagasaki.

"Crew members report good results. No further details will be available until the mission returns."

American airmen flying many miles from Nagasaki have said smoke from fires in the city was rising 50,000ft (15,240m).

Nagasaki is one of Japan's most important ports providing vital access to and from Shanghai.

Three days ago a similar device was dropped on the city of Hiroshima on Japan's largest island, Honshu.

The extent of the damage caused to Hiroshima is not yet known but Japanese broadcasts indicate that "enormous devastation" has been done.

No reaction to the Nagasaki attack has yet been given by Japan but pressure is growing on the country to surrender. Yesterday the USSR joined forces with the allies and declared war on Japan.

The Americans have also warned the Japanese people that further attacks of a similar nature will be made unless they petition their emperor to surrender.

More than three million leaflets were dropped over the country today from American aeroplanes warning the Japanese people that more atomic weapons would be used "again and again" to destroy the country unless they ended the war forthwith.

Courtesy BBC News

## Offbeat

### GIANT EMOJI PAINTED ON HOUSE ROIL CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY

AP PHOTO



A Southern California seaside community is in an uproar after a home was given a new paint job featuring two huge emoji on a bright pink background.

Manhattan Beach residents railed against the makeover during a City Council meeting Tuesday night, citing problems with spectators and asserting that it was done with bad intent.

One speaker called the paint job graffiti and another said it was an attack on neighbors.

The new paint job appeared after neighbors reported the home was being used for short-term rentals and the homeowner was fined \$4,000.

"This all got started because a neighbor was trying to help the city enforce the rules," resident Dina Doll told the council.

The home in the city's El Porto neighborhood stands out dramatically on a steep street that descends toward a pleasant beach usually filled with surfers. Both bright yellow emoji are cross-eyed and have distinctly big eyelashes. One has a goofy expression with its tongue hanging out. The other has its mouth zippered shut.

Owner Kathryn Kidd told KABC-TV she didn't realize short-term rentals weren't allowed and she denied the redecoration is retaliation.

"Oh no, no. Never," she told the station, while acknowledging that it may not fit in the neighborhood.

"Some people may like it," she said. "Some people don't like it."

## IN CONTEXT

About 30% of Nagasaki, including almost all the industrial district was destroyed by the bomb and nearly 74,000 were killed and a similar number injured. The bomb, nick-named "Fat Man" in a reference to Winston Churchill, measured just under 3.5m (11ft 4in) in length, had the power of 22 kilotons of TNT and weighed 4,050kg (9,000lbs).

The attacks on Hiroshima and Nagasaki were the first time atomic bombs had been used in warfare.

Residents of both cities are still suffering the physical and mental consequences of radiation to this day.

On 14 August Japan surrendered to the Allies.

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**YOUR STARS**



**ARIES**

Mar. 21-Apr. 19

Commerce is not an ideal thing to be involved in right now, especially if you are interested in selling some of your possessions. Your personal goods will not move as quickly as you think.



**TAURUS**

Apr. 20-May. 20

Using flattery in order to get what you want in life is a completely legitimate tactic, there is no doubt about it. But if you use it too often, it will lose its value. Today, use flattery only as a last resort.



**GEMINI**

May. 21-Jun. 21

The recent developments in your romantic or private life will be right at the top of your mind today, which could negatively affect your ability to focus on the work at hand.



**CANCER**

Jun. 22-Jul. 22

Your kookiest ideas are just so crazy that they might work today, so try not to edit yourself. Censoring what you contribute to the group at large might be your idea of protecting your reputation.



**LEO**

Jul. 23-Aug. 22

Red tape is sticky stuff, so if you are in the midst of dealing with any type of bureaucracy, beware: You could get stuck in the system. Diligence is your best bet, so keep calling the numbers you have.



**VIRGO**

Aug. 23-Sep. 22

Having more harmony in your life will help even out the tumultuous energy that's been circling you for a few days. Aim for less tug of war, and you'll have a lot less stress.



**LIBRA**

Sep. 23-Oct. 22

An exciting person comes back into your life today, and they have a special type of invitation for you. It involves an unusual cultural experience, and it's one you should accept if you can.



**SCORPIO**

Oct. 23-Nov. 21

There are developing issues in one of your non-romantic relationships, and you need to focus your energies on them before you can go off and play.



**SAGITTARIUS**

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Don't let them claim they are a generous person when they are merely manipulative. Helping other people must be done for its own sake - let them find someone else to use.



**CAPRICORN**

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

It represents the chance for an important opportunity, and should be your top priority right now. Your love life can wait. Today, you've got to take care of your own best interests first.



**AQUARIUS**

Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Learning takes time - you have to hear new things and experience new things over and over again before they sink in. You want to internalize this, down to your core.



**PISCES**

Feb. 19-Mar. 20

Beautiful words will hold extra entertainment value for you today, so do whatever you can to get into conversations with people who have wit and poetic abilities.

**The Born Loser by Chip Sansom**



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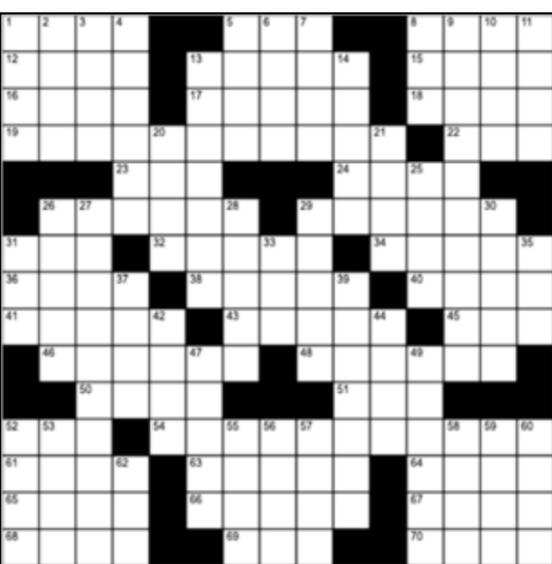
**WEATHER**

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<b>CHINA</b>			
Beijing	25	30	thundershower
Harbin	17	22	thundershower
Tianjin	26	32	thundershower
Urumqi	24	37	clear
Xi'an	22	28	drizzle
Lhasa	10	22	cloudy
Chengdu	24	32	shower
Chongqing	26	33	cloudy
Kunming	17	25	shower
Nanjing	28	34	shower
Shanghai	28	32	moderate rain
Wuhan	27	36	clear
Hangzhou	27	31	moderate rain
Taipei	26	27	heavy rainstorm
Guangzhou	28	37	cloudy
Hong Kong	28	35	cloudy
<b>WORLD</b>			
Moscow	11	17	moderate rain
Frankfurt	16	26	clear
Paris	19	28	drizzle
London	18	24	moderate rain
New York	21	32	drizzle

**CROSSWORDS**

**ACROSS:** 1- Wound cover; 5- Air rifle ammo; 8- Porn; 12- Alas!; 13- Tough tests; 15- Roll-call response; 16- Yacht spot; 17- Aired again; 18- Sicilian sight; 19- Hand tool; 22- They appear before U; 23- Service charge; 24- First name in architecture; 26- Diner; 29- Soldiers; 31- Sun or moon; 32- Caterpillar rival; 34- Fur scarf; 36- Tick off; 38- Intimidate; 40- Often; 41- Indian, e.g.; 43- Bite-the-bullet type; 45- Give \_\_\_ rest; 46- Sudden; 48- Condiment; 50- Nobel Peace Prize city; 51- How Dry \_\_\_; 52- Down in the dumps; 54- Member of a French foreign corps; 61- Pennsylvania city; 63- Unspoken; 64- Growl; 65- Recognizes; 66- \_\_\_ evil...; 67- Ages; 68- "No Ordinary Love" singer; 69- Inquire of; 70- Loretta of "M\*A\*S\*H";

**DOWN:** 1- Drains; 2- In vogue; 3- From the U.S.; 4- Grief-stricken; 5- Uncle Remus title; 6- Adriatic port; 7- Eastern European; 8- Cow or doe; 9- Large city; 10- Coffee dispensers; 11- Nipple; 13- Commanded; 14- Facial expression used by Elvis Presley; 20- Undesirable plant; 21- Classic cars; 25- Roster used to assign duties; 26- Writer Jong; 27- Physically fit; 28- Brewer's need; 29- Pavarotti; for one; 30- Laziness; 31- Treasure of the Sierra Madre; 33- Groove; 35- Airport abbr.; 37- Facial features lacked by snakes; 39- Connect with; 42- Void partner; 44- Family; 47- Writers of verse; 49- Likenesses; 52- Cong. meeting; 53- Field; 55- Greek goddess of the earth; 56- Frozen treats; 57- Sty cry; 58- \_\_\_ pronounce you...; 59- Title bestowed upon the wife of a raja; 60- Formerly, formerly; 62- Jargon suffix;



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## CASE DISMISSED AGAINST MAN ARRESTED NEAR TAYLOR SWIFT'S HOME



**T**HE case of a man arrested near Taylor Swift's beachfront mansion in Rhode Island for carrying burglary tools has been dismissed by prosecutors.

A spokesman for the Rhode Island attorney general's office tells WJAR-TV that they've "declined to pursue filing charges" against 32-year-old David Page Liddle.

The Des Moines, Iowa, man was charged

with possession of burglary tools and possession of a weapon other than a firearm after his arrest in Westerly on July 19.

Liddle told police he was looking to "catch up" with the singer because he knew her personally.

Swift's security personnel said Liddle is on their watch list and had previously been accused of stalking her.

AP PHOTO



## FOX CHIEF SAYS EMMY AWARDS WON'T HAVE A HOST THIS YEAR

**T**HE Oscars did it, and now the Emmys will too. There will be no host at the ceremony honoring TV's best next month.

Fox Entertainment CEO Charlie Collier said Wednesday that going hostless allows more time to salute departing shows, including "Game of Thrones."

The HBO fantasy saga, which ended its run this past season, is the top nominee with a record-setting 32 nominations.

Collier said producers

would have considered possible hosts and checked on their availability for the Sept. 22 ceremony. The Fox executive didn't directly address whether anyone had declined.

The Emmy show rotates among the top broadcast networks.

The Oscars ran into trouble when last year's planned host, Kevin Hart, stepped down following a backlash over his past homophobic tweets. The search for a replacement proved fruitless.

## DANNY TREJO HELPS SAVE BABY TRAPPED IN CAR IN LOS ANGELES

**A**CTOR Danny Trejo played a real-life hero when he helped rescue a baby trapped in an overturned car after a collision at a Los Angeles intersection.

Authorities say two cars crashed Wednesday in the Sylmar neighborhood.

Video aired by KABC-TV shows Trejo at the crash scene. Trejo says he crawled into the wrecked vehicle from one side but couldn't unbuckle the child's car seat from that

angle. He says another bystander, a young woman, was able to undo the buckle.

Together they pulled the baby safely from the wreckage.

The Los Angeles Fire Department says three people were taken to a hospital, and there were no life-threatening injuries.

The 75-year-old Trejo, an L.A. native, is best known for playing the character Machete from the "Spy Kids" series.

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**T**IGER Woods' first vacation to Thailand was a lot different from when he goes there for work.

"No one knew who I was," Woods said Wednesday with a smile.

That might be true when no one's trying to bother him at a resort with his mother, children and girlfriend. Still, there's no question Woods is one of Thailand's most lauded sports heroes.

His mother was born and raised in Thailand. Since his first Masters win in 1997, Woods' face has been plastered across Bangkok's newspapers and television stations throughout his highs and lows.

Woods identified himself "Cabinasian" — Caucasian, Black, American Indian and Asian — on "The Oprah Winfrey Show" in 1997. Even so, he has always reciprocated the special kinship he has with his Thai roots.

"We wanted to have at least one time where the kids got a chance to experience Thailand with my mom, and so it was special for all of us," Woods said. "The fact that my kids got a chance to be with my mom in her home country was pretty special considering that that may never happen again."

Woods has won his share of tournaments in the Southeast Asian country — he won the 1998 and 2000 Johnnie Walker Classics in Phuket and Bangkok. The 1998

## Tiger Woods has effect on Thai sports like few others



victory was the most memorable — he started the final round eight shots behind Ernie Els, shot 65 and beat him in a playoff. That remains his greatest final-round comeback.

And it was at the 1998 tournament in Phuket that Chuah Choo

Chiang, senior director of communications for the PGA Tour who has spent most of his career involved in Asian Tour golf, truly realized the impact Woods had on the region.

"As Tiger was about to win the tournament, one of the Thai

players said, 'Hey, it's no problem, it's a win for Thailand as well,'" Choo Chiang said. "And this was a professional on the Asian Tour."

It was like that beyond the borders of Thailand, stretching all over the world. Woods has

played in every continent except Antarctica — and returned with a trophy from each. His appeal is massive, and it is particularly strong across Asia.

Woods has played in Thailand, Japan, Taiwan, China, Malaysia, Turkey, Abu Dhabi and Dubai. The two tournaments he hosts have title sponsors from South Korea and India. He returns to Japan in October for an exhibition and for the Zozo Championship, the first PGA Tour event in Japan.

He played in his mother's home country for the first time in 1997. According to a Sports Illustrated story, Woods landed in Bangkok after a 20-hour flight from Los Angeles. The plane's first-class cabin was bombarded by cameras and journalists from four of the five national TV stations, who began broadcasting live. This was two months before he won the Masters, which set off the first phase of "Tigermania."

To this day, Thailand's frenzy for Tiger continues. According to Choo Chiang, the excitement levels are the same — if not higher — especially since Woods won the Tour Championship at the end of last season and the Masters in April. It was his first major in 11 years.

"You see young kids in Thailand having the same reaction as to what kids had 20 years before," Choo Chiang said. "They're emulating his swing. They're just in full awe of Tiger." MDT/AP

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VULNERABLE EXPATRIATES IN CRISIS

Beyond the glamour and the rewards of an expatriate life there are inevitable difficulties caused by stresses of adjusting to a strange environment. Where personal stress and insecurities meet lack of support and ignorance of the local context, there can lie the dark side of overseas work.

This Dark Side is the subject of a paper published in the Journal of Global Mobility this week by four global authorities in expatriate research. The title suggests that when mismanaged and poorly understood, expatriation can be a "highway to hell" for the expatriate, their families and the organisations they work for.

McNulty, Luring, Jonasson and Selmer take examples of expatriates in Singapore who have lost their way onto pathways of crisis. In newspapers and online between 2013 and 2018, the writers found stories of poorly behaving expatriates which ended badly, often with more than one tragic outcome: death, injury, imprisonment, job loss, deportation, statelessness, forced repatriation, destitution, and separation or divorce. Excluding non-preventable crises such as cancer and accidents, an analytical review of 85 cases suggest that there are unique sets of characteristics that can cause problems specifically for expatriates.

There are many cases similar to that of the German CEO who attacked a taxi-driver for refusing to drive him because he was drunk: assaulting providers of public transport services in Singapore is a jailable offence. The CEO was charged, convicted and sent to jail.

The tragic story of an attempted murder-suicide which ended in the death of a five-year-old and the jailing of the Belgian father for culpable homicide is a reminder of how badly acrimonious divorces and family law cases across borders can go. The stresses of drawn-out and emotive legal battles, more so in jurisdictions far from home, can impact so detrimentally on psychological health.

In all 85 cases, the crises are man-made and could have been avoided. These are the kinds of stories, even in Macau, that are told of drunken colleagues with a "he should have known better" post-script. Oftentimes, however, expatriates really do not know any better. They are uninformed or remain blissfully ignorant of appropriate behaviours and responses, or worse, arrogantly and presumptively take the position that the local way makes no sense, or the normal requirements do not apply to them and they can get away with bad or even illegal acts. Euphemistically known as moral flexibility, morals that people at home would abide by are relaxed when expatriates are under stress and presented with temptations and that may temporarily relieve day-to-day stresses. Illicit relationships or abusive consumption of alcohol and drugs - that in these cases triggered other greater and far reaching consequences - are easier to justify when people become aware through exposure to other cultures that the morals they grew up with are not absolute.

These expatriate crises are said to be problems born of poor person-environment fit: it could be a lack of knowledge of or poor adjustment to the local place, or even a new-found awareness of not being able to act as a fully functioning adult given the cultural and/or linguistic differences. This then can trigger a series of events leading to shattering crises.

The main sources of support are the people that expatriates have day-to-day contact with. These can, however, also be the causes of conflict: a family can sense problems early and support the expatriate, but just as easily become dysfunctional. The social tendency to live in "expatriate bubbles", while offering comfort, can further isolate expatriates from local knowledge. Companies could offer numerous forms of support, but may relinquish any duty of care, choosing to protect their own reputations.

Recognition by those around of an expatriates' initial small errors and stressors, and timely intervention before they turn into maladaptive behaviours may be key to minimising expatriate crises.

FANS RECREATE BEATLES' ABBEY ROAD COVER SHOT 50 YEARS ON

THE BUZZ

It was 50 years ago yesterday, that The Beatles caused a traffic delay. And hundreds of fans of the Fab Four gathered yesterday at a crosswalk in London's St. John's Wood neighborhood immortalized on the "Abbey Road" album to recreate the cover photo half a century after it was taken.

At 11:35 a.m. on Aug. 8, 1969, Iain Macmillan photographed John, Paul, George and Ringo striding single-file across the black-and-white "zebra" crossing outside Abbey Road Studios while a police officer stopped traffic.

Used as the cover of the band's penultimate studio album, it became one of the most famous images in music history.

The spot remains a place of pilgrimage for Beatles fans from around the world.

"Every hour of every day there are fans on the crossing," said Beatles tour guide Richard Porter, who organized yesterday's commemoration. "I've seen lots of different sights on the crossing, too, from couples having their wedding photos taken to people going across naked."

FOX'S CARLSON CALLS WHITE SUPREMACY 'A HOAX'

AP PHOTO



FOX News Channel host Tucker Carlson faced criticism Wednesday for declaring white supremacy "a hoax," the same day President Donald Trump visited El Paso, Texas, after a white gunman who had written an anti-Hispanic rant killed 22 people.

Carlson has faced criticism before for his commentary, including a statement that immigration has made America dirtier. His remarks Tuesday came with the nation rubbed raw by two weekend mass shootings and increased concerns by law enforcement officials about violence attached to white nationalism.

"He has used his platform to push out prejudice," said Jonathan Greenblatt, CEO and national director of the Anti-Defamation League. "I think it's disgusting and I don't think it deserves a place on a major news network."

Fox News Channel representatives did not immediately return messages seeking comment on Wednesday.

Carlson's prime-time show routinely draws more than 3 million viewers on weeknights, second only to Sean Hannity on Fox News. Episodes of his program landed among the Nielsen company's list of Top 20 shows last week for both broad-

cast and cable television.

On Tuesday, he dismissed the concept of white supremacy as a serious problem for the country.

"The combined membership of every white supremacist organization — would they be able to fit into a college football stadium?" Carlson said. "I mean, seriously. This is a

**"It's a conspiracy theory used to divide the country and keep a hold on power."**

TUCKER CARLSON

country where the average person is getting poorer, where the suicide rate is spiking."

Adopting a low, mocking voice, he said, "White supremacy, that's the problem.' This is a hoax, just like the Russia hoax. It's a conspiracy theory used to divide the country and keep a hold on power. That's exactly what's going on."

He said he'd "never met anybody who ascribes to white supremacy. I don't know a single person who thinks this is a good idea. They're making this up. It's a talking point that they can use in this election cycle."

The ADL's Greenblatt said that it was "incredibly

irresponsible to even make such a statement while we are still burying people who were gunned down by a white supremacist."

In congressional testimony recently, Michael McGarrity, the FBI's top counterterrorism official, said that his organization was conducting roughly 850 domestic terrorism investigations. White supremacists and other domestic terrorists were being arrested more often, and causing more deaths, than international terrorists, he said.

On Sunday after the shootings in El Paso and Dayton, Ohio, a group of former National Security Council counterterrorism directors issued a statement calling on the government to address domestic terrorism with the same dedication it used to attack international risks following the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks.

Three of 65 killings committed in the United States in 2016 by people associated with bigoted or extremist ideologies were by white supremacists or the far right, according to the Center for the Study of Hate and Extremism at Cal State-San Bernardino. Last year, 17 of 22 such killings involved white supremacists or the far right. The numbers will be higher this year, the center said. MDT/AP

**Russia** The Defense Ministry said two people died and four others were wounded yesterday when a rocket engine exploded during a test.

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**France** Workers in full protective gear began yesterday to decontaminate some Paris schools tested with unsafe levels of lead following the blaze at the Notre Dame Cathedral, as part of efforts to protect children from risks of lead poisoning.

**Turkey** An earthquake with an estimated magnitude of 6.0 hit western Turkey yesterday, damaging homes and causing some injuries.

**Poland** The speaker of the Polish parliament said yesterday that he is resigning after a scandal erupted over his and his family's frequent use of government planes.

**Spain** A Spanish humanitarian boat that has been carrying 121 migrants for a week in the central Mediterranean awaiting a safe port to dock has asked Spain, France and Germany for help.

**UK** A teenager accused of throwing a 6-year-old French boy from a 10th-floor viewing platform at London's Tate Modern art gallery will undergo psychiatric assessment before he stands trial next year.

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**USA** With one hand resting on the mane of a sturdy Mongolian horse, U.S. Defense Secretary Mark Esper invoked the name of one of America's great soldiers as he sought to strengthen the military bonds between the U.S. and this landlocked democracy sandwiched between Russia and China.