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China-North Korea Top military leaders from North Korea and China have recommitted themselves to strengthened exchanges between their armed forces during a meeting in Beijing.

China Teams have begun recovering bodies at a railway repair site in southwestern China where 17 workers were buried by rocks.

Singapore The economy would suffer if relations worsen between the U.S. and China, but the city-state must stay independent in the conflict between its two biggest trading partners, Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong said yesterday.



North Korea Leader Kim Jong Un supervised another test-firing of an unspecified new weapon, seen as an attempt to pressure Washington and Seoul over slow nuclear negotiations and their joint military exercises. More on p13



Afghanistan Official says at least 63 people have died when suicide bomber detonated explosives in packed wedding hall.



Iran Foreign minister Mohammad Javad Zarif says he's praying for the "speedy recovery" of Kuwait's ruling emir (pictured), though there has been no public word on the 90-year-old ruler being ill or injured.

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PROPERTY MARKET ACTIVE AS TRANSACTION VOLUME DOUBLES

ACCORDING to the stamp duty record, the number and value of property and parking spaces sold in Macau during the second quarter of this year has nearly doubled compared to the first.

The number of properties sold increased 94.2% compared to the first quarter, while the value of the assets grew 90.1% quarter-to-quarter, according to the latest data released by the Statistics and Census Service.

In the second quarter, some 3,593 building units and parking spaces were traded, with a combined monetary value of 20.05 billion patacas.

A total of 2,725 units were traded at the total value of MOP16.9 billion (up 103.2%), of which MOP13.76 billion (up 113.8%) went to the 2,375 finished units. Some 368 pre-sale units emerged onto the market, generating 67% more value to MOP3.14 billion.

In terms of square meter of usable area, the overall average price, MOP110,263, of residential units increased by 7.5%. Those on the Macau peninsula (MOP109,987) and Coloane (MOP128,871) rose by 11.4% and 1.6% respectively, while those in Taipa



(MOP101,515) dropped 3.4%.

The average price per square meter of usable area of existing residential units (MOP105,575) rose by 9.7%, led by a 13.7% increase in premium residential units five years old or younger.

Most of the purchased units were in the New Land of Areia Preta (NATAP), numbering 785 units. Meanwhile, 247 units were in Central Taipa and 179 in other parts of Areia Preta and Iao Hon. The average prices per square meter were MOP146,481, MOP98,455 and

MOP91,401 respectively.

For pre-sale residential units, the average price per square meter grew by 3.2% quarter-to-quarter to MOP136,022. There were 235 units purchased in Coloane, 44 in Móng Há and Reservoir and 36 in central Taipa, while their respective average prices per square meter were MOP131,981, MOP156,766 and MOP140,931.

Industrial units are on the rise, seeing their values rise 7.5%. Commercial property prices edged up 0.4% to

MOP102,390 per square meter.

In the second quarter, 2,445 transaction contracts concerning 44.5% more premises were signed. Meanwhile, 2,516 mortgage contracts involving 62.2% more units were signed.

In the private sector, 8,176 residential units were being designed, 7,377 under construction and 302 under inspection. During the quarter, construction permits were issued for 96 residential units, while license of use were issued for 69 residential units. **AL**

IPIM-APPROVED RESIDENCY PERMITS DROP IN FIRST HALF OF 2019

THE Macao Trade and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM) approved just six residency permits for technical immigration (mainly in the financial services and education sectors) during the first half of 2019, according to new data released by the Statistics and Census Service.

The number of approved applications markedly dropped after some of the institute's top officials were removed from their roles last year during an anti-corruption probe.

Among the cases handled in the first half of 2019, six applications in the category of "management and technical personnel" were approved, while one was rejected or cancelled.

Meanwhile, no applications in the category of "major investment" were approved.

Former IPIM head Jackson Chang was placed under investigation in October 2018 for allegedly relaxing the requirements of his bureau for approving technical and investment residency applications. At the same time, investigations into several other high-ranking IPIM officials were opened, including former IPIM director Glória Batalha Ung.

Chang was placed under preventive custody in July, after the Commission Against Corruption concluded he had committed acts of "passive corruption" by falsifying documents and abusing his power.

According to data provided by IPIM, for the year of 2018, 25 applications for technical immigration residency were approved, while no applications were approved for major investment purposes. In 2017, there were 231 technical immigration residency applications approved and 10 major investment applications approved. **DB**

ASK THE VET

by Dr Ruan Du Toit Bester

CANINE BLOOD SUGAR GUIDELINES FOR DIABETIC DOGS

MONITORING canine blood sugar on a regular basis is a critical part of caring for a diabetic dog in order to ensure the dog's diabetes is under good control. Maintaining good blood sugar control helps keep the diabetic dog healthy and avoids potential complications such as vision loss and kidney failure.

Recommended canine blood sugar levels
Blood sugar levels are measured in milligrams per decilitre of blood or mg/dL. Maintaining a good balance allows your dog's systems to function well and avoids the potential damage that elevated blood sugars or low blood sugars can cause. In caring for a diabetic dog, optimal blood sugar range is between 100 to 180 mg/dL. These levels of blood sugar are within the normal range for dogs and help keep your diabetic dog healthy.

Hypoglycemia or low blood sugar
Hypoglycemia can be just as problematic as elevated blood sugars in a diabetic dog. 90

mg/dL is considered to be the safe low end of canine blood sugar levels. As the blood sugar continues to fall, you risk your dog becoming disoriented and unable to function. Low blood sugars can also cause seizures and various systems, such as vision and bladder control, to fail. If the low blood sugar is not resolved by feeding quick sugars, your dog is at risk of death. Once a proper blood sugar level is achieved, your dog should return to normal function.

Hyperglycemia or high blood sugar
Hyperglycemia or high blood sugar levels are readings of 180 mg/dL or higher. If your dog is consistently above this level, there are various systems within his body that are at risk of failure if they continue to have to fight the high blood sugar levels. When your dog's blood sugars are high, he will be lethargic, drink a lot of water and urinate frequently. The excessive thirst and high volume of urine are his body's way of trying to rid itself of the extra sugars in his system. These high levels of sugar put added stress on his kidneys

as they try to flush the high sugar levels out of his system. High sugar levels also make his heart work harder and put a strain on his cardiovascular system. High sugar levels also draw in sugars to the eye, causing the lens of the eye to crystallise and form cataracts.

Frequency of blood sugar testing
Testing your diabetic dog's blood sugar is an important part of maintaining good control of his diabetes. Depending on your dog, his activity level and his overall health, your veterinarian may recommend testing anywhere from once daily to once a week. A dog who is highly active, such as a hunting dog or a dog competing in agility may require once a day testing to ensure his blood sugars are remaining at a healthy level, where a dog who spends most of his days just relaxing around the house may only require testing once a week as his blood sugars will remain at a more consistent level. Maintaining proper blood sugar levels is a balance of proper medication, proper diet and appropriate exercise. Each of these elements



are part of the equation in caring for a diabetic dog and helps him to lead a long healthy life.

Hope this info helps
Till next week
Dr Ruan Bester

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Lawmaker and New Macau Association member Sulu Sou

New Macau faces cyberattacks, threats due to voting activity

LYNZY VALLES

LOCAL pro-democracy group New Macau Association (ANM) said that the website where it has been conducting its voting activities on universal suffrage has been subject to cyberattacks and that the association has received threats.

The website, which contains only one question: "Do you agree that the Chief Executive of the Macau SAR should be elected by universal suffrage?" had received 4,756 answers as of 4 p.m. yesterday.

Speaking to the press yesterday, association member and lawmaker Sulu Sou said that the numbers had matched their expectations for the week.

Additionally, Sou said that since August 15, the website has been experiencing technical issues due to a cyberattack.

The lawmaker said that although it has been fixed, the website showed that the IP ad-

resses related to the attacks were from the SAR and mainland China.

"We cannot confirm the actual source of the cyberattack, but we know that their main objective is to damage the system so that other citizens won't be able to enter the website," said Sou.

"These incidents of cyberattacks are still happening now, but we will try our best to protect all personal data for safety and integrity," the lawmaker added.

The association has long been fighting for universal suffrage, arguing that local citizens should form the core of the city's democratization.

Meanwhile, the lawmaker also said that last Wednesday afternoon, the association received threats from people who tried to surround their site, insulting them due to their different political opinion.

According to Sou, police authorities are aware of this and

have taken videos of the threats.

"They [the attackers] tell us that if we keep promoting civil voting, they will continue to surround us and insult us. They added that they don't want someone to damage the local society," Sou said.

Although the association has no plans to press charges against those who threatened and insulted the association and its activities, Sou said that they are still monitoring the level of threats they are receiving.

"Some police also took videos of that. We also have communication with them, but we just wanted to let them know the situation. [We are not] pressing charges," he stressed.

The voting activity will take place until August 25, to assess public opinion on how Macau's top official should be chosen.

Meanwhile, when commenting on police authorities' rejection of today's supposed silent protest at Senado Square to oppose the conduct of Hong

Kong's police during the demonstrations in the neighboring SAR, Sou said that rejecting the protest affects freedom of assembly.

The lawmaker said up to now, he was still not aware of who the organizers were, but clarified that although the protest will be ongoing, he will still not attend, arguing that the core problem in the neighboring SAR does not lie with police authorities.

However, he expressed regret that the police authority rejected the request for protest.

"This is not just an individual case [so] it affects the freedom of assembly seriously. I think it's not reasonable to [reject] the assembly only because of possible violence," said Sou.

"As an observer in this case, I think the police should take responsibility to protect, but not to directly [reject] the assembly. I hope the organizers considered appealing the [authorities'] decision."

LAWMAKER CALLS FOR SHIFT TO ELECTRONIC TEXTBOOKS

Lawmaker José Maria Pereira Coutinho has proposed that public schools should start using electronic textbooks instead of traditional textbooks. "In the modern era, it is unacceptable to use [traditional] textbooks and not electronic textbooks," he wrote in his interpellation to the government. "Electronic textbooks are not only good for the environment, but can also avoid having us spending money on medicine for children as a result of heavy textbooks." He proposed other measures to reduce students' physical burdens. "Will the education authority encourage schools to arrange each class [to be] in the same classroom in order to avoid having students running around with their backpacks, and to use storage?" Coutinho asked. "Currently, many advanced countries are using electronic textbooks inside secondary schools. When will the education authority adopt electronic textbooks in public schools, introduce information technology across all schools, and especially reduce the use of paper by using digital teaching products?" Coutinho asked.

SKY21 MOUSSE CAKE TESTED POSITIVE FOR SALMONELLA

Nam Wan SKY 21 was ordered by the Municipal Affairs Bureau (IAM) to suspend sales of a mango mousse cake, after the IAM detected Salmonella in a sample. The case has been reported to the Health Bureau (SSM). Currently, no incidents related to the product have been reported. The IAM will continue to follow up on the case and will re-examine the premises to ensure food safety. In addition, the IAM interviewed the person responsible from SKY21 to understand the details behind the food production process, after requesting a comprehensive review and rectification at the premises to strengthen food hygiene management.

COMMISSION OF AUDIT FINALIZING NEW ELECTRONIC SYSTEM

The Commission of Audit (CA) has nearly completed research and development for the new version of the electronic audit system for the supervision of public departments, according to Ho Veng On, commissioner of the CA. In accordance with the implementation of the budget outline law, the audit system needs to be adjusted or updated. The first step is to issue a notice signed by the commissioner of audit that lists the documents which all departments need to submit for audit, according to Ho. Ho said that because of the development of the economy and the use of financial expenditures, the amount of information and data submitted by various governmental departments has become cumbersome. Ho added that the most important thing when using the new electronic system is speed and accuracy.

Sulu Sou urges charging for domestic refuse

LAWMAKER Sulu Sou has urged the Macau SAR government to establish a system for charging for domestic refuse, according to his interpellation to the government.

"Regarding domestic

refuse, which should not be ignored, has the government already completed the relevant consultation draft? And when will the government launch a public consultation, as well as the legislative procedure?" Sou asked.

"In view of the large amounts of refuse produced by tens of millions of tourists each year, does the government have a specific plan to reduce waste?"

"Judging by neighboring regions' experience,

more than 10 years are needed to prepare for [such a system]." Sou wrote.

Sou went on to question whether the government will select groups, such as gaming operators, SMEs, restauran-

ts and old buildings, to carry out voluntary tests where the government will provide trash bags and gather statistics for the establishment of a system for charging for domestic refuse in the future. **JZ**

Administrative reform is priority for Ho Iat

RENATO MARQUES

MACAU'S administrative reform is the top-most priority for the incoming government, said the sole Chief Executive candidate, Ho Iat Seng, on Saturday in an interview with Macau's non-Chinese language media. This is one of his major campaign initiatives ahead of the Chief Executive election on August 25.

In his reply to the Times on how he had prioritized the measures drafted in his political program, Ho said, "from my political program, the number one priority is administrative reform [...] which will work like the construction of a building in which administrative reform becomes the foundation [of the building]."

Ho explained that through administrative reform, the government could improve administrative efficiency, resulting in an improvement to economic development.

For the upcoming Chief Executive, administrative reform would have a snowball effect, where progress in economic development will consequently "improve the livelihood of the population."

But this snowball effect, Ho explained, will not end with just quality of life improvement. It also affects another initiative promised by the candidate – the "attraction of talent."

Ultimately, after this sequence

of interlinked events, Ho says the final goal, which is the development of culture and economic diversification, will be attained.

"With all these areas improved, then we can think about the development of culture and [economic] diversification," Ho concluded, establishing an order of the issues he proposed addressing when he forms the next government.

'GAMING SECTOR IS IRREPLACEABLE'

Questioned on the challenges posed in the attainment of economic diversification, Ho said, "the gaming sector represents a percentage of Macau's economy that is irreplaceable," adding, "I don't think that any [other] sector in Macau can replace it. This is a fact, this is the reality."

Ho noted that the gaming industry has another important and relevant aspect, due to the fact that the industry is also the main contributor of tax revenue for the government. He noted that the government's high expenditure in infrastructure and other areas is only possible due to the taxes that come from the casinos.

Concurrently, he also noted that the gaming industry has attempted to help reduce the existing gap between the rich and the poor through a "redistribution [from the government] of the revenues granted, especially to the families of lower social classes."

RENATO MARQUES



On this note, Ho remarked that the achievements of so-called "economic diversification" do not promote any drastic changes in economic terms, but instead, continue to assist other sectors

that represent smaller percentages of the Macau's gross domestic product. Some examples include real estate, finance, and insurance and retail, which are cumulatively accountable for around 24%

of the GDP. This is in addition to the industrial sector, which accounts for another 1.5%, and the Meetings, Incentives, Conferencing, and Exhibitions (MICE) which he noted had a low percen-

LIVING STANDARDS

Ho agrees better quality housing should be built

ANTHONY LAM

CHIEF Executive election candidate Ho Iat Seng said at his second public hearing yesterday that he will aim to improve the quality of subsidized housing.

The candidate held two public hearing sessions over the weekend. Yesterday, he took questions from 20 members from the audience.

One middle-aged lady, who identified herself only as Mandy, elaborated extensively on political reform and subsidized housing.

"Almost all residents are sandwich-class buyers now. I have talked with them, and they [have] said they don't want to become

slaves of subsidized housing." Mandy expressed that both living and eating in Macau is expensive, making life very difficult. She questioned the candidate as to why the prices of subsidized housing could not be lowered.

"Don't forget this subsidized housing will definitely lead to a loss [to the owner]. As such, why can't you push down the price to MOP1,500 per square foot? It can ease public anger," she said. "Or you can reform the harsh social housing mechanism with the income ceiling at MOP8,600."

Ho said lowering the price to MOP1,500 per square foot was irrational, as it would not even cover the cost of the housing.

He explained that a rational price makes reasonable quality housing, but agrees subsidized housing with better quality should be built. "Some 50-year-old buildings still look very nice, but others are dilapidated. It is related to the quality of construction," said Ho.

"We want quality housing for our people, so that they can live there for life," said Ho. "We don't want to see falling tiles and dripping drains," he added, in an apparent reference to falling tiles reported at the Seac Pai Van subsidized housing some years ago.

Another member of the audience, who identified himself as Chio, asked Ho about the necessity and possibility of implemen-

ting citywide medical insurance.

Chio mentioned that the current healthcare system in Macau covers the elderly, children and teenagers, civil servants, teachers and patients with chronic illness or infectious diseases. However, he did not think this coverage is sufficient.

"For example, my kid used to feel discomfort in the head. Eventually, [my child] was diagnosed with sinusitis. The problem is that it takes a patient half a year to be transferred from general to specialist medicine. As a result, even though there is free healthcare, not many citizens can enjoy it."

Chio mentioned further that commercial insurance may not cover certain

illnesses or does not cover patients' existing illnesses. The audience member then brought up the fact that medical insurance for all exists in the mainland and Taiwan. He also cited that the annual spending on National Health Insurance in Taiwan accounts for 6.3% of the island's gross domestic product. In 2017, 85.8% of Taiwan's citizens felt satisfied with the insurance program.

"You [Mr. Chio] pointed out spending on National Health Insurance in Taiwan accounted for 6.3% of its GDP. In Macau, last year we had a GDP of MOP440 billion and spent MOP8.4 billion on medical care, which is around 2%," said Ho, adding that the jurisdictions could not be

directly compared. "If we need to reach the 6.3% in Taiwan, it will mean that we need to expand to spending of [between] MOP25 billion to MOP26 billion."

Ho suggested it would bring a deficit to Macau, which violates the provision in the Basic Law. The Law requires the government to spend within its means. Nonetheless, he said he would study how Taiwan achieved this level of spending and see whether there are lessons that can be applied to Macau.

Ho also explained that even though Macau does not spend as much as Taiwan in percentages, in the MSAR the spending is well-designed to target certain vulnerable groups.

"We focused on citizens above 65 years of age and below 18 years, and we made that spending," he said. "It isn't a small amount."

Seng's incoming government



tage contribution.

Questioned by the Times on if work on the renewal of gaming licenses poses any particular challenges or difficulties to the upcoming government, as they

may be the first major decisions to make, Ho said, "the work on the renewal of gaming licenses already started about two years ago. At the time, the issues encountered were mostly related to the review

of the laws on this matter."

"As Chief Executive, my competence is to act according to the existing laws, so there is no such thing as a difficult or easy task. It's just a process that will evolve within the laws [that rule it]," he concluded, noting, "no problems are expected on the matter."

TECH AND SCIENCE ARE SAFE BETS

Questioned on which sectors the government would put extra effort in to in order to stimulate alternative development, Ho said, "we want to accelerate the development of the technological and scientific sectors through the introduction of talent in these two fields."

"We hope to attract talent, as well as professionals and investors in the areas of manufacturing and production [of technology and science] from the Greater Bay Area to establish themselves in Macau."

Other areas in which the Chief Executive candidate said he wants to work include development of Chinese traditional and Western medicine production. He gave the example of a Portuguese company in the pharmaceutical sector that has been in Macau for many years, and hopes that others of the same kind, "could join and also invest in Macau, and through Macau enter the market in mainland China."

POLICIES ON NON-RESIDENTS TO HOLD STABLE

Responding to several topics involving non-resident workers (TNR) and the policies to be expected from the upcoming government on this topic, Ho defended that little will change in the upcoming times.

"At the moment, we have a [healthy] ratio between TNR and local residents in terms of the working population. I think this is a very reasonable ratio," he said, adding that the issue at the

"As Chief Executive, my competence is to act according to the existing laws, so there is no such thing as a difficult or easy task."

HO IAT SENG

moment is not on creating restrictions, or opening up to receive more foreign manpower, but instead, "on how we can better apply the policies that we have regarding these workers. Maybe in some sectors, there is no need for the existence of such a high number of these [TNR] workers [while in others they might be needed]."

Nevertheless, the Chief Executive candidate left a clear message that he is not thinking

of facilitating more access to foreign manpower, but instead, better managing the resources that Macau already has.

MACAU NEED NOT FOLLOW HONG KONG

The economic impact of the events occurring in the neighboring region of Hong Kong was brought up during the interview with Ho, who refused to comment specifically on the Hong Kong government's attempt to solve the problem.

Commenting only on the HKD20 billion financial package the Hong Kong government recently launched, Ho said, "I think that [... the stimulus] package is something that has already been a reality in Macau for some time. We launched that a few years ago. Now Hong Kong has done the same, as they suffered pressure to enforce similar policies."

According to Ho, the measures mostly aim to "protect against an international economic situation that is not so good. This financial package comes as an economic preventive measure."

"On our side, I can say that we do not need to follow Hong Kong's policies. Neither do I think that such policies can produce any impact in Macau," said Ho.

"What we need to do is our work and, in the future, if something happens [that justifies it], we can for sure balance the economic development of Macau."

YOUTH AFFAIRS

Ho commends youngsters' judgment, independent analysis

JULIE ZHU

CHIEF Executive candidate Ho Iat Seng believes that Macau's youth are capable of resisting the influence of Hong Kong's protesters.

Late last week, Ho attended a talk with local youth. During the talk, one representative of a local youth club asked Ho about his opinion on Hong Kong's recent protests, which she described as "violent incidents."

The representative said that Hong Kong's "violent incidents" had been spread to Macau by "insidious" people. In her opinion, thanks to the internet and tech-

nology, the local youth can constantly receive information that positively reports Hong Kong's "violence," and negatively and wrongly about the Hong Kong police authority.

These situations pose a threat to Macau and to the country's security. The questioner thought that the government should organize for the police department to carry out promotional campaigns in schools and to eliminate threats at their source.

"I want to ask how you are going to guide the youth towards establishing correct values and preventing the seduction of bad [influence]," the

young woman asked.

In response, Ho said that he had already discussed the topic with the education sector, which had proposed that patriotic education be enhanced. The sector had also suggested guiding the youth to learn more about the experiences of modern China.

Ho said that the education sector's proposal should not only be adopted to prevent Hong Kong's situation from taking root in the Macau SAR, but should also serve as a long-term project for other reasons too.

Ho commended Macau's local youth for their independent analysis of information.

"Not only are they able to see the information on the internet, but also, if you turn on the TV, this news is present every day. They [the youth] have the ability to analyze and they will analyze right and wrong," said Ho.

In addition to the aforementioned topics, Ho was also questioned on Macau's "ghost associations."

Another representative from a local youth association said there was an association for every 70 residents in Macau, with many of these being "ghost associations," where non-locals can participate. She further criticized the fact that one person can belong to

multiple associations simultaneously.

The questioner said that the government cannot receive opinions from the majority of the Macau public nor can it pass governmental information to the public.

Ho said that it is difficult to determine Macau residents' participation in associations. Moreover, because Macau is a society of associations, many people form organizations to stay in touch with each other. However, these associations do not have the right to vote and the government does not subsidize them.

"They are neither supervisory nor beneficiary. Music and ope-

ra associations are just about singing, the government does not subsidize them," commented Ho. "I think that, putting aside these [kinds of] associations, what's left are political associations and 'Love the Country and Love Macau' associations."

Meanwhile, last Thursday, during his visit to a youth entrepreneurship center, Ho said that he hopes to introduce more angel funds in Macau to support youth entrepreneurship. The Chief Executive candidate also claimed he would clearly and transparently explain to the public youth entrepreneurship fund expenditure.



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Property of the Week



One Central - High Floor 2 Bedroom Apartment
HK\$13,900,000 1,269 ft² 2 2

High floor two bedroom apartment in One Central Residences. Overlooking Nam Van Lakes and the famous Praia Grande, the apartment has spectacular views over Macau and China. The development is one of the leading projects throughout Macau, One Central has full club facilities including a swimming pool, gym, function rooms etc, and 24/7 security and management of the complex. Central location and easy access to downtown Macau, must be seen to be appreciated.

Property Hotlist



Large 3/4 Bedroom Apartment, Coloane
\$13,800,000
2,530 ft²
3 2



Va Fat, Taipa
\$4,530,000
725 ft²
2 1



The Manhattan, Taipa
\$23,800/mth
1,720 ft²
3 2



Spacious One Grantai, Taipa
\$23,000/mth
2,122 ft²
3 3



More Listings

For Sale

- [Macau] Keng Ou Office 3 2,352 ft² **\$17,500,000** (ref: n/a)
- [Taipa] The Manhattan 3 2 1,720 ft² **\$13,600,000** (ref: n/a)
- [Coloane] 3 Bedroom 3 2 1,665 ft² **\$8,500,000** (ref: 19070001)
- [Macau] One Central 2 2 1,269 ft² **\$13,950,000** (ref: 19070000)
- [Taipa] Pearl on the Lough 125 ft² **\$2,300,000** (ref:19065012ST)

For Rent

- [Macau] Keng Ou office 3 **\$38,000/mth** 2,352 ft² (ref: n/a)
- [Taipa] Ocean Gardens 4 4 **\$35,000/mth** 3,700 ft² (ref: 18040674)
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Rented Manhattan, Taipa 3 beds

Rented Pacifica Gardens, Taipa, 3 beds



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Riot police disperse protesters near the Legislative Council complex in Hong Kong

What Hong Kong's 1960s chaos could teach city's besieged leaders

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It was a 5-cent fare hike for Hong Kong's iconic Star Ferry that set off the protests. Cars and buildings were set on fire. Riot police patrolled the streets. Tear gas was fired—and still the crowds kept coming.

That was Hong Kong in the spring of 1966. And the violence didn't end there. A year later, leftists inspired by Mao Zedong's Communist Party launched a series of riots and bombings that killed 51 people in the then-British colony.

The Hong Kong Police Force—and the British military—employed emergency laws, sweeping raids and mass arrests, sometimes facing accusations of excessive force. Yet, what followed was a broader set of policies that ushered in one of the city's golden ages.

The colonial administration embarked upon an infrastructure-building spree that included public housing to address underlying social tensions. They undertook a more collaborative approach to defuse tensions with demonstrators—building trust and eventually helping restore the peace.

Now, as Hong Kong reels from more than two months unrest—with hundreds of thousands of protesters filling the streets, besieging the airport, setting fires

outside police stations and hurling petrol bombs at officers—the similarities to the 1960s upheaval are hard to miss.

So far, though, there's been little more than a general acknowledgment of the need for reconciliation from the Beijing-backed administration of Chief Executive Carrie Lam. "That is my very serious political commitment and responsibility to the people of Hong Kong," Lam told reporters last week, saying she would act "after the violence has been stopped."

Hong Kong's return to Chinese rule in 1997 altered the delicate balance between the public and the police established after the 1960s. That's making it increasingly difficult for Lam to engineer a peaceful end to the current unrest.

In recent weeks, the police have increasingly leaned on a harsh rioting statute rarely used since it was passed at the height of the 1967 chaos, charging dozens of protesters with crimes carrying a sentence of up to 10 years in prison. That's inflamed tensions between protesters and police still recovering from clashes during the pro-democracy Umbrella Movement in 2014.

"By the end of British colonial rule, policing had become fairly

community-based and cooperative, rather than confrontational," said Andreas Fulda, an assistant professor at the University of Nottingham and author of "The Struggle for Democracy in Mainland China, Taiwan and Hong Kong."

Recent years have seen a "move away from restrained British colonial policing strategies aimed at de-escalation and toward a swift politicization and militarization of the Hong Kong Police Force," he said.

It's all a long way from the days of the 1990s, when police officers would store their riot gear in trucks around the corner and hand out water to protesters

A senior police official told reporters that the agency could handle law-breaking behavior by protesters but not address deeper grievances. Political issues need a political solution, in addition to the police, the official said.

This year's protests began in June over a controversial bill that would have enabled extraditions to mainland China. Still, protes-

ters often cite the other worries driving them, including the world's most expensive home prices and rising inequality.

While Lam has since put the proposed legislation on hold, she has refused to formally withdraw it. Beijing and Hong Kong's administration have also refused to concede to any of the protesters demands, which include an inquiry into police tactics—and more broadly the root causes of the discontent.

Regina Ip, a pro-establishment legislator, joined government in the 1970s after she said the authorities "decided to increase local recruits to be closer to the people." The governor, Murray MacLehose, launched an ambitious program that transformed the city—and could serve as inspiration for Hong Kong now, she said in her office.

"He launched a massive housing program, music offices all over the territory, cultural centers, recreation and sports programs, you know, responding actively to social ills, and that restored Hong Kong," she said, a copy of a government report on the 1966 riots on her desk. "That should be what we do now."

In the absence of a political solution, a vicious cycle has emerged whereby aggressive responses fuel

further protests that are sometimes exclusively about police tactics. Clashes have only escalated.

The demonstrators have brandished iron poles, flung bricks into police stations with catapults and last weekend injured a police officer with a Molotov cocktail. The protesters also caused Hong Kong's airport, one of the world's busiest, to briefly shut down.

The police, meanwhile, have come under international condemnation from the U.S., U.K. and the United Nations for increasingly aggressive moves. Most recently, they fired tear gas in the enclosed confines of a train station, dressed up as demonstrators and were filmed making a tense arrest kneeling on a protester's bloody face.

The police have argued that they're merely responding to violence from radical protesters, and have received staunch support from Lam's government—as well as Beijing.

It's all a long way from the days of the 1980s and 1990s, when police officers would store their riot gear in trucks around the corner from demonstrations, and hand out water to protesters in the summer heat, said Steve Tsang, director of the China Institute at London's School of Oriental and African Studies and the author of numerous books on Hong Kong.

Although there were incidents of police brutality in the colonial period, commanding officers didn't condone the violence, and ordered investigations, Tsang said. The post-handover government has overseen "a shift to a more mainland China style of policing," he said.

There is at least some sign that the government, which has stressed the damage the unrest is doing to the economy, is also worried about the underlying causes. On Aug. 15, the government announced a \$2 billion stimulus plan to revive the economy, which included measures for low-income families such as student subsidies and extra payments to social security recipients.

Yang Guang, a spokesman for China's top agency overseeing Hong Kong, told a briefing on July 29 that Beijing would work with the local government "and various industries in the Hong Kong society to create better conditions for them."

Nonetheless, the government rejects one of the key demands of the protesters—an independent investigation into police conduct—on the grounds that such an inquiry is impossible while the protests continue.

"We should do what the British have done—rather than look back we should look forward," said Ip, the lawmaker. "We should be moving on, and look how we can tackle the really deep rooted social and economic problems in Hong Kong." **BLOOMBERG**

CHINA FLEXES MUSCLE IN SHENZHEN AMID MORE WEEKEND RALLIES

MEMBERS of China's paramilitary People's Armed Police marched and practiced crowd control tactics at a sports complex in Shenzhen across from Hong Kong in what some interpreted as a threat against pro-democracy protesters in the semi-autonomous territory.

The sound of marching boots and synchronized shouts echoed from the grounds on Friday. Officers in green camouflage stood guard at closed entrances. A stadium security guard said "it wasn't clear" when the paramilitary police would leave the grounds.

Chinese state media have only said that the Shenzhen exercises were planned earlier and were not directly related to the unrest in Hong Kong, though they came shortly after the central government in Beijing said the protests were beginning to show the "sprouts of terrorism."

From a distance, police could be seen conducting drills in military fatigues, using shields, poles and other riot-control gear. In one exercise, two groups marched in formation with those in front raising shields as if to protect themselves from projectiles.



Members of China's paramilitary People's Armed Police are seen at Shenzhen Bay Stadium

Others behind held red flags and banners. The words "the law" and "prosecuted" could be seen on one.

Outside, dozens of armored carriers and trucks sat in the parking lot of the Shenzhen Bay

Stadium, close to a bridge linking mainland China to Hong Kong.

Asked if Hong Kong police could maintain order or if mainland Chinese intervention is becoming inevitable, Hong Kong police commander Yeung Man-pun said that while they face tremendous

pressure, "I can tell you we're confident the police have the capability to maintain law and order."

Weeks of protests in Hong Kong have been marked by increasing violence and a shutdown of the Hong Kong airport earlier this week. The demonstrators are

demanding expanded political rights and the scrapping of legislation that could have seen criminal suspects sent to mainland China.

A weekend of protests began Friday night with a university student-led "power to the people" rally in Chater Garden, a public square in the financial district. Then protesters ignored police at a major pro-democracy rally yesterday, even after the force denied permission for the march.

China has pressured foreign and Hong Kong companies to support the ruling Communist Party's position against the protesters.

On Friday morning, Frenchman Alain Robert, who has been dubbed "spiderman" for his unauthorized climbs of skyscrapers, hung a banner appealing for peace as he scaled the 62-story Cheung Kong Center, a landmark Hong Kong building that is the base for property tycoon Li Kashing's business empire.

The banner showed the Chinese and Hong Kong flags over a handshake and a small yellow sun with a smiley face.

"The banner is to give joy and smile to the people of Hong Kong," he told the AP as he sat in a taxi about to leave for his climb. He added that he didn't want to get "mixed up in the political situation." MDT/AP

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Former Cathay Pacific Chief Executive Officer Rupert Hogg

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Cathay CEO quits after airline caught in Hong Kong protests

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CATHAY Pacific Airways Ltd.'s Chief Executive Officer Rupert Hogg resigned, a week after the carrier was rebuked by China for staff involvement in the anti-Beijing protests rocking Hong Kong.

Hogg, 57, quit to take responsibility for the way the airline has responded to recent events, he said in an email to staff obtained by Bloomberg. Hong Kong's flagship carrier appointed Augustus Tang, 60, as Cathay's new CEO, according to a statement released Friday.

The CEO has been "at the forefront of this crisis and must take responsibility for the way it has been managed," Hogg said. "Could we have managed things differently? In hindsight, 'Yes'."

The shock exit comes after one of the worst weeks in Cathay's recent history. The move had added symbolic significance given the historical roots of the Swire

Group, the airline's biggest investor and one of Hong Kong's great business houses, or hongks.

The airline has emerged as the most visible corporate victim of the political unrest in Hong Kong, with demonstrations against an extradition bill morphing into a full-scale, months-long pushback against China's grip on the city.

Cathay is the biggest airline in Hong Kong and its airport, which was shut down earlier this week by protesters, is the carrier's hub. After Cathay pilots and attendants took part in strikes and protests, China's aviation regulator levied a swathe of curbs on the airline, which is increasingly reliant on mainland traffic. Chinese state-owned firms have started boycotting Cathay, telling their workers not to fly with the carrier. The company was also excoriated by the nation's biggest bank, sending its shares to a 10-year low on Tuesday.

"This is the right step to repair the relationship with China," said

K. Ajith, an analyst at UOB Kay Hian Pte in Singapore who covers the stock. "Someone is taking responsibility - they are acknowledging the importance of China and its shareholders."

The resignation was first reported by China's state broadcaster CCTV, which said Hogg had quit without saying where it got the information.

Hogg took the helm at the 72-year-old carrier just over two years ago, tasked with one of the toughest turnaround jobs in Asian commercial aviation. He was previously an executive with Swire. Cathay counts state-run Air China Ltd. as its second-largest investor, with a stake of about 30%.

As Hong Kong's dominant local airline, Cathay was initially affected by the protests because the unrest put off tourists. But its troubles deepened after Cathay staff unions took part in a general strike on Aug. 5. Four days later, China's civil aviation regulator issued a major aviation safety risk

warning to Cathay, and issued a detailed list of demands.

Merlin Swire, chairman of the Swire Group, went to Beijing to meet with aviation officials on Monday, and Cathay fired two pilots who'd been suspended in relation to the protests. In a message to employees this week, the carrier said it is obliged to comply with regulations from the nation's aviation authorities. Cathay also said it won't tolerate illegal activities.

On Thursday, China's authorities said Cathay had complied with its demands.

Once a dominant player in Asia's premium air travel market with few serious rivals, Cathay brought in Hogg in 2017 after the airline reported its first loss in eight years. It saw challenges from intensifying competition, with budget carriers and deep-pocketed, state-owned Chinese carriers moving into its turf. Incursions into Asia from Middle Eastern rivals such as Emirates Airline and Etihad Airways PJSC, which targeted business travelers, also had an impact.

Through cost reductions - including hundreds of job cuts - Hogg managed to revive the airline's earnings potential. This year, he spearheaded the takeover of Hong Kong's only budget airline to enter the no-frills market, after more than a decade resisting such a move to focus on premium services.

Hogg joined the Swire Group in 1986 and steadily rose through the ranks with overseas stints in Southeast Asia and Britain, before being tagged as Cathay's chief operating officer in 2014. As part of the senior management team, Hogg helped pull together a restructuring plan that the company is still executing.

Cathay also said Friday its Chief Customer and Commercial Officer Paul Loo resigned, and will be replaced by Ronald Lam, currently head of the Hong Kong Express budget business.

The airline is fully committed to Hong Kong under the "One Country Two Systems" principle, Cathay said in Friday's statement.

"The company is confident that Hong Kong will have a great future." **BLOOMBERG**

WHAT CHINA ASKED CATHAY TO DO

From Aug. 10, Cathay should suspend all staff who participated in or supported the "illegal" demonstrations from flying to the mainland or performing any official activities related to air transport on the mainland.

From Aug. 11, Cathay should submit for approval a manifest of all crew members flying to

and across mainland China's airspace. Otherwise, the relevant flights won't be accepted by the Chinese authorities.

On Aug. 15, Cathay should submit plans for how management will improve flight safety and security to relevant authorities on the mainland. Source: Civil Aviation Administration of China.

Flight attendants unions regret Hogg's departure

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CATHAY Pacific Airways Ltd.'s flight attendants unions said they were "saddened" and "regret" the departure of CEO Rupert Hogg and Chief Customer and Commercial Officer Paul Loo.

In a Facebook post published Sunday, the unions representing flight attendants of Cathay Pacific and sister firm Hong Kong Dragon Airlines said the resignations were made to "take up the collective responsibility and accountability for the damage of the brand due to the external

factors." The statement also called new rules set by China's civil aviation regulator a "radical change," but noted that the airlines have to comply with them.

New requirements from the Civil Aviation Administration of China on Aug. 9 includes suspension of staff supporting demon-

strations in Hong Kong from flying to the mainland and other related activities.

"It is grievous but true that none of us including the company has experienced such radical change," the unions said in the post. "Our workplace is now and shall continue to be greatly

influenced by many unforeseeable elements."

The unions also asked members to be cautious and not to discuss any political or religious topics while flying, to be careful when posting on social media or commenting outside of working hours on topics which could "cause signi-

ficant effect on everyone of us now." The statement also said that thorough checks on all personal items including electronic devices was now happening at some airports, and that the members should "be well prepared to avoid undesirable consequences." **BLOOMBERG**

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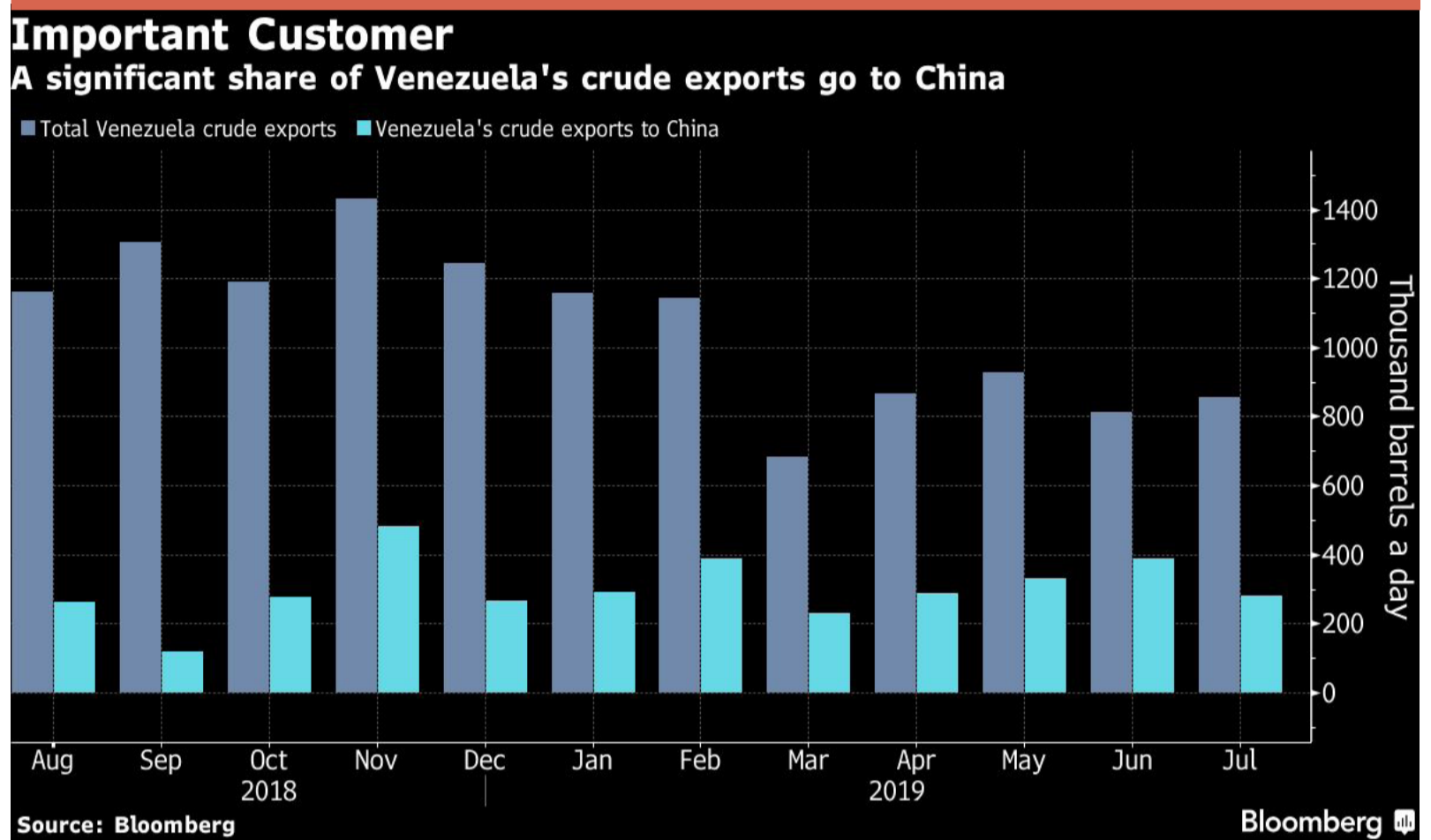
LUCIA KASSAI

CHINA'S biggest energy company is backing away from direct purchases of Venezuelan crude as the Trump administration tightens sanctions against the South American nation.

China National Petroleum Corp. has canceled plans to load about 5 million barrels worth of Venezuelan oil onto ships this month in the aftermath of the latest executive order by President Donald Trump, according to people with knowledge of the situation who asked not to be identified discussing proprietary information.

CNPC joins Turkey's largest bank, Ziraat Bank, which severed its relationship with Venezuela's Central Bank following sanctions. The moves represent a setback for Venezuelan President Nicolas Maduro, who has been counting on both China and Russia to keep the country going amid a humanitarian crisis, food shortages and hyperinflation.

China became the top destination for Venezuelan crude after U.S. sanctions against state-owned Petroleos de Venezuela SA were announced at the end of January. Venezuela may run low on options without the help of CNPC to export oil, a main source of revenue that bankrolls the Maduro regime. The three August-loading cargoes canceled by CNPC's subsidiary PetroChina Co. Ltd. haven't so far attracted another



buyer, according to reports seen by Bloomberg.

PetroChina's press office declined to comment on market speculation, citing company policy.

On Aug. 5, Trump signed an executive order authorizing sanctions on anyone who provides support to Maduro. Opposition leader Juan Guaido, recognized by the Trump administration as

the country's leader, is backed by more than 50 countries.

PetroChina's pullback doesn't mean China will completely turn away from Venezuelan oil. Other companies can continue to supply China's independent refiners known as teapots with the South American nation's crude, according to people familiar with the matter.

China has been a staunch supporter of the Venezuelan government since its first oil-backed loan to late president Hugo Chavez. The Asian nation has loaned USD50 billion in the past decade in exchange for oil. China, along with Russia, is one of 14 nations that support Maduro.

This will be the first time in more than a decade that Petro-

China forgoes Venezuelan crude, according to data compiled by Bloomberg. China has imported 339,000 barrels a day of Venezuelan oil this year. Most of the barrels come via PetroChina, but in the wake of U.S. sanctions, Russia's Rosneft Oil Co PJSC has stepped up to supply Venezuelan oil to the country's independent refiners. **BLOOMBERG**

Beijing blames India for Kashmir tension as UN action blocked

DAVID WAINER

CHINA'S ambassador to the United Nations blamed India for stoking tensions with Pakistan and called on both sides to exercise restraint after a rare closed-door Security Council meeting on the situation in Kashmir that failed to produce concrete action.

The Security Council met on Friday to discuss Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi's decision to scrap autonomy for Kashmir, though the body was divided on how to proceed, with the U.S. and France blocking a Chinese attempt to get the 15-member body to publicly urge parties to refrain from actions that exacerbate tensions along the line of control, diplomats said.

"It's obvious that the



constitutional amendment by India has changed the status quo in Kashmir, causing tensions in the region," Chinese Ambassador Zhang Jun told reporters after the closed-door meeting. "China is deeply concerned about the current situation and opposes

any unilateral action that complicates the situation and we call upon the relevant parties to exercise restraint."

China is a historic ally of Pakistan. Underscoring rising tensions between nuclear powers India and Pakistan over Kashmir, it

was the first full Security Council meeting to discuss the disputed region since 1965.

One Western diplomat, who asked not to be identified discussing the closed meeting, said even though no decision was reached, holding the meeting hel-

ped calm tensions because it showed Pakistan that the international community is engaged on the issue.

India has called the Kashmir decision an internal matter with no bearings on its international borders with Pakistan and China. Yet Beijing issued a strongly worded statement last week questioning the impact on the mainly Buddhist region of Ladakh - an area of strategic importance nestled between Tibet and Pakistan.

Friday's discussion came after Pakistan's Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi urged the Council earlier this week to hold an urgent meeting, arguing that India's moves pose "a threat to international peace and security, willfully undermine the internationally recognized disputed status

of Jammu & Kashmir," and violate the human rights of the Kashmiri people.

India says its decision to convert Jammu and Kashmir into two federally administered regions would usher in prosperity for the region where as many as 42,000 people, including civilians, army, police and militants have died in violence in the last three decades.

"The recent decisions taken by the government of India are intended to ensure that good governance is promoted and social economic development is enhanced," Syed Akbaruddin, India's ambassador to the UN, said. "We are saddened that terrorism is being fueled while language and incendiary talk of Jihad are being mentioned by people who should know better." **BLOOMBERG**



Beijing lines up lower borrowing costs with revamped rate system

CHINA'S central bank said it'll start releasing a new reference rate for bank loans, a further step in a long-awaited reform to interest rates that's set to bring lower borrowing costs to the economy.

The People's Bank of China will announce the new loan prime rate, or LPR, at 9:30 a.m. on the 20th of every month, starting this month, according to a statement on Saturday. The central bank will require commercial lenders to set the price for new loans to businesses and households "mainly" with reference to the LPR, while the pri-

ce for outstanding loans can stay unchanged for now, it said.

The use of the new reference rate signals policy makers are completing the last mile of an overhaul to the country's rates system, which still bears some hallmarks of the Communist command system. If successful, the revamp can stimulate demand for new credit and aid growth in the world's second-largest economy as it remains embroiled in a protracted trade war with the U.S.

The central bank said Saturday that commercial lenders submitting prices for the calculation of

the new LPR will report in terms of basis points added to the interest rate of the PBOC's medium-term lending operations, the most recent of which was at 3.3%. The number of banks participating in the pricing will be increased to 18 from 10, with the types of lenders expanded to include city and rural commercial lenders, foreign lenders with operations in China, and privately-owned lenders, it said.

As the current benchmark 1-year lending rate stands at 4.35%, new loans priced from the LPR could carry a significant discount.

The reform will make the "overall lending rate for the real economy move downward, which will achieve an effect similar to that of cutting interest rates," Li Qilin, chief economist at Lianxun Securities Co., wrote in a note. Its effectiveness can only be seen in the pricing on Tuesday, he said.

China's economy weakened more than expected in July after a brief bounce in the previous month, and the trade war with the U.S. is expanding into financial and currency areas. While the PBOC has been providing liquidity to the banking system to reduce inter-

bank borrowing costs, the easing has only passed through into the real economy to a limited extent.

A key reason preventing the effective transmission of cheaper market rates to the economy is that banks set the price of loans with reference to the old benchmark lending rates, the PBOC said. Some banks have even taken concerted actions to "set a hidden floor" for loan prices, it said.

The reform of the LPR can "achieve the effect of lowering the real interest rate for loans," the central bank said.

Initiating the interest-rate reform to lower borrowing costs for the economy, rather than cutting existing interest rates straight away, signals a continuation of China's targeted approach to easing. The PBOC called for a "rational" view on current headwinds in a key policy report earlier this month, signaling that large-scale stimulus isn't the first option as it tries to fend off rapid debt growth and asset bubbles.

The changes will eventually enable the PBOC to influence the entire economy and financial markets via the price of its short-term loans in the open market, similar to other major central banks.

Most central banks govern the price of money in an economy via the rate which banks are charged to borrow cash over short periods. In China, that approach has long divided into two steps. Currently, the PBOC sets a rate that prices mortgages, business loans and other commercial lending -- the one-year lending rate. Separately, the 7-day reverse repo rate is considered the benchmark for short-term inter-bank borrowing.

BLOOMBERG

US backs F-16 sale to Taiwan, drawing warning from China

THE Trump administration has informally told Congress that it supports a potential sale of F-16 fighter jets to Taiwan, drawing a preemptive warning from China at a critical moment in trade talks with the U.S.

The State Department has informally told key House and Senate committees that it supports the USD8 billion sale of 66 F-16s, according to two congressional aides with knowledge of the decision. Even with congressional support, it will be years before any of the Lockheed Martin Corp. jets are delivered, assuming Taiwan signs an actual contract.

It's unclear whether the administration's support for the sale would be used as a bargaining chip in the still-fluid trade talks with the Beijing government or



whether it represents additional support for a government long seen as a bulwark against Chinese expansion in the Asia-Pacific region. China considers Taiwan as part of its territory, and regards any American involvement there as an intrusion.

On Friday, a spokeswo-

man for China's Foreign Ministry told reporters that "the U.S. arms sales to Taiwan severely violate the one-China principle."

The spokeswoman, Hua Chunying, said that her government was urging the U.S. to "refrain" from selling the "fighter jets to Taiwan and stop arms sales

to and military contact with Taiwan. Otherwise, the Chinese side will surely make strong reactions, and the U.S. will have to bear all the consequences."

Last month, China's Foreign Minister Wang Yi warned the U.S. not to "send a wrong signal to separatist forces in Taiwan, don't re-

peat mistakes and don't play with fire on Taiwan-related issues."

President Donald Trump on Thursday said he planned to speak with Chinese President Xi Jinping "soon." The U.S. has a new round of tariffs scheduled to go into effect on Chinese imports Sept. 1, a move authorities in Beijing has warned will spark a retaliatory response.

The U.S. hasn't sold advanced fighter jets since then-President George H.W. Bush announced the sale of 150 F-16s to Taiwan in 1992. The Obama administration rejected a similar Taiwanese request for new jets, agreeing in 2011 to upgrade the island's existing fleet.

Normally, the informal 30-day notification process to Congress that started Thursday night would be

followed by a formal, publicly released notification to congressional committees that lawmakers have another 30 days to approve or disapprove. A U.S. official said the formal notification is likely to occur sooner, however.

After that it could take months or years before Taiwan and the U.S. actually sign a contract and possibly years after that before deliveries begin. The "Block 70" F-16s offered for sale are common to those sold to other U.S. allies.

The Taiwan F-16s, however, would be equipped with top-line fire control radar made by Northrop Grumman Corp. that would allow precision-guided munitions to be fired at greater distances, said an official familiar with the details.

BLOOMBERG

RESTRICTIONS CONTINUE IN KASHMIR DESPITE SECURITY EASE

RESTRICTIONS continued in much of Indian-administered Kashmir yesterday, despite India's government saying it was gradually restoring phone lines and easing a security lockdown that's been in place for nearly two weeks.

Soldiers manned nearly deserted streets and limited the movement of the few pedestrians who came out of their homes in Srinagar, the region's main city.

The security crackdown and a news blackout were installed following an Aug. 5 decision by India's Hindu nationalist government to downgrade the Muslim-majority region's autonomy. Authorities started easing restrictions on Saturday.

But the Press Trust of India news agency said authorities re-imposed restrictions in parts of Srinagar after violence was reported on Saturday.

About 300 Kashmiris returned to Srinagar from a Hajj pilgrimage in Saudi Arabia. Many of them became emotional while reuniting with their family members who met them at the city's airport. Due

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to the security and communications lockdown, many travelers were unable to contact anybody in the Kashmir region.

"Neither us nor our relatives here knew if we were dead or alive," Muhammad Ali said after returning from the annual Islamic pilgrimage to Mecca.

Public transport buses started operating in some rural areas in Indian-controlled Kashmir on Saturday. Cellphone and internet services resumed in some districts, but news reports said that happened only in the Hindu-dominated Jammu region, which was not threatened

by anti-India protests.

The New Delhi government's decision on Kashmir's status has touched off anger in the region and raised tensions with Pakistan. Kashmir is divided between Pakistan and India, but both claim the region in its entirety. The nuclear-armed archrivals have fought two wars over the territory.

Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan demanded that United Nations observers be deployed to the troubled region.

"This threatens 9 million Kashmiris under siege" in Kashmir, "which should have sent alarm bells ringing across the world with UN Observers being sent there," Khan said on Twitter.

Indian Defense Minister Rajnath Singh dismissed the idea, and said that if talks are held between New Delhi and Islamabad they would only be on Pakistani-administered Kashmir, not on India's part of the region.

An exchange of gun and mortar fire between Indian and Pakistani forces was reported on Saturday across the militarized Line

of Control that divides Kashmir between the countries. India said one of its soldiers was killed in the exchange.

Meanwhile, ordinary people in the region continue to feel the impact of the restrictions.

Nazir Ahmad, a retired engineer who lives in Srinagar, said Saturday that residents were still facing difficulties in buying items such as vegetables, milk and medicine. He said his father is sick and needs a constant supply of medicine, which the family is finding difficult to procure.

"There is no internet, no telephone, no communication, no transportation," said Ahmad, describing the situation as living through a "siege."

"We are living like animals," he said. "So I request everybody, please come and solve this situation. Nobody is coming out" of their homes.

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi has defended the Kashmir changes as freeing the territory from separatism, and his supporters have welcomed the move. One of the constitutional revisions allows anyone to buy land in Indian-controlled Kashmir, which some Kashmiris fear could change the region's culture and demographics. Critics have likened it to Israeli settlements in Palestinian territories. **AP**

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NORTH KOREA

Kim expresses 'great satisfaction' over weapons tests

KIM TONG-HYUNG, SEOUL

NORTH Korea said Saturday that leader Kim Jong Un supervised another test-firing of an unspecified new weapon, seen as an attempt to pressure Washington and Seoul over slow nuclear negotiations and their joint military exercises.

Pyongyang's Korean Central News Agency, or KCNA, said that following Friday's launches, Kim expressed "great satisfaction" over his military's "mysterious and amazing success rates" in recent testing activity and vowed to build up "invincible military capabilities no one dare provoke." The report did not mention any specific comment about the United States or South Korea.

The launches were North Korea's sixth round of tests since late July that revealed developments

of a new rocket artillery system and two separate short-range mobile ballistic missile systems that experts say would expand its ability to strike targets throughout South Korea, including U.S. bases there.

KCNA did not describe what Friday's weapons were or how they performed, but said that the tests were successful and strengthened the military's confidence in the reliability of the system.

North Korea's official Rodong Sinmun newspaper published photos that showed what appeared to be a missile soaring from a launcher installed on a vehicle and striking what appeared to be a coastal target. Kim is seen jubilantly raising his fist while celebrating with military officials.

"[Kim] said everyone should

remember that it is the [ruling] party's core plan and unwavering determination to build a powerful force strong enough to discourage any forces from daring to provoke us and to leave any opponent defenseless against our Juche weapons of absolute power even in situations of physical clashes,"

Kim said everyone should remember that it is the ruling party's core plan to build a powerful force

KCNA said, referring to the North's national ideology of self-reliance.

In a separate statement on Saturday, KCNA berated the ongoing U.S.-South Korea military drills as an invasion rehearsal that compels North Korea to constantly de-

velop "powerful physical means and their deployment for an actual war."

The United States has downsized its major military exercises with South Korea and halted dispatches of strategic assets such as long-range bombers and aircraft carriers to the region since the first summit between Kim and President Donald Trump last year. But North Korea says even the smaller drills violate agreements between the leaders.

South Korea's military said earlier that two projectiles launched from the North's eastern coast flew about 230 kilometers before landing in waters between the Korean Peninsula and Japan. The U.S. and South Korean militaries were analyzing the launches but didn't immediately say whether

the weapons were ballistic missiles or rocket artillery.

Experts say Trump's repeated downplaying of the North's recent launches allow the country more room to intensify its testing activity and advance its short-range weaponry while it seeks to build leverage ahead of nuclear negotiations with Washington, which could resume after the end of the military drills later this month.

The U.S. envoy for North Korea, Stephen Biegun, will visit Japan and South Korea early next week for talks on how to "further strengthen coordination on the final, fully verified denuclearization" of North Korea, the U.S. State Department said.

North Korea has ignored South Korean calls for dialogue recently and is seen as trying to force Seoul to make stronger efforts to coax major concessions from Washington on its behalf.

Hours before the latest launches, an unidentified North Korean government spokesperson used unusually blunt language to criticize South Korean President Moon Jae-in for continuing to hold military exercises with the U.S. and over his rosy comments on inter-Korean diplomacy, and said Pyongyang has no current plans to talk with Seoul.

Moon said in a televised speech on Thursday that momentum for dialogue remains alive despite the series of "worrying actions taken by North Korea recently" and called for Pyongyang to choose "economic prosperity over its nuclear program."

The spokesperson also criticized South Korea's recent acquisition of advanced U.S.-made fighter jets and said it would be "senseless" for Moon to believe that inter-Korean dialogue will automatically begin after the end of the U.S.-South Korean drills.

The North had recently said it would talk only with Washington and not Seoul, and that inter-Korean dialogue won't resume unless the South offers a "plausible excuse" on why it keeps hosting military drills with the United States. Seoul's Unification Ministry, which deals with inter-Korean affairs, criticized the North Korean statement, saying it wouldn't help efforts to improve relations. AP

PHILIPPINES

Defense secretary calls for shift of gaming centers

DITAS LOPEZ

PHILIPPINE Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana has called for online gaming operations that carry out activities close to military camps to be relocated on security concerns.

Lorenzana said he was worried that Chinese em-

ployees working in these online casinos could be tapped for intelligence gathering by their home country. The government estimates that most of the about 138,000 employees of online casinos are Chinese and the businesses cater mainly to people from China.

"Knowing that Chinese

companies are mandated by the Chinese government to assist in intel collection for their government, it is not far-fetched that individuals, likewise, could be compelled to do so," Lorenzana said in a statement yesterday.

Presidential spokesman Salvador Panelo said Chi-

na's ambassador to Manila Zhao Jianhua had sent him a message saying that if Chinese workers in the Philippines are accused of being spies, the same can be said of Filipino workers in China.

Lorenzana said the diplomat's statement was "preposterous" and the

two situations weren't comparable. The gaming centers are very near military camps and naval bases, he said, adding that he believes that the Chinese workers are here as workers, not spies. Lee-chiu Property Consultants estimated in July that the sector employs about

345,000 people.

"What I am alarmed about is the potential that they could be tapped for info gathering purposes," the defense chief added. "That is why I support the relocation of the centers to economic zones that are not proximate to military camps." AP



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ELAINE GANLEY

FRANCE

THREE riot police officers, a police commander, a police academy teacher — all are among eight French police officers who have killed themselves recently. That makes 64 so far this year — and the number just keeps on climbing.

Deaths by suicide for French police now outnumber deaths in the line of duty. The protectors need protecting, say police unions, which are demanding more help to stop the problem.

Those who choose to end their lives are from everywhere in France and of all ages, many with young children. The latest death came Wednesday in the Ardeche region in southeast France. Why they step across what one police union calls the “thin blue line” remains a question that French authorities have so far been unable to answer.

A parliamentary inquiry made public in July lists a multitude of reasons for the stress and despair among French police, including overwork since a series of terrorist attacks that started in January 2015 and the weekly, often extremely violent, anti-government protests since November by the yellow vest movement seeking more economic and social justice. It does not single out any one reason.

“Given the situation today, 2019 could be the worst in the last 30 years,” said Denis Jacob, head of the Alternative Police CFDT union.

A Senate report last year said the French police suicide rate was 36% higher than the rate for France’s general population, but also uncovered no single reason behind the suicides.

“We don’t have an understanding” of why, Interior Minister Christophe Castaner conceded in April as he announced yet another prevention plan, the third minister in a row to do so, underlining authorities’ failure to solve the public

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health problem.

Significantly, Castaner acknowledged that police suicides must not be considered “external to work,” and seen as only the result of personal problems. And National Police Director Eric Morvan broke a taboo, sending a letter to all officers encouraging them to talk “without fear of being judged” and saying discussing distress “is never a weakness.”

While psychological trauma, including encounters with violence, is a risk factor for suicide, there are 10-15 factors that can feed the “acute crisis” which leads to taking one’s own life, Catherine Pinson, a psychologist in charge of the police support service, told the Senate inquiry.

The “hypervigilance” of police in the face of potential terror attacks is a clear stress factor that keeps police in their “bubble” even at home, Amelie Puaux, a psychologist with the support service, told the French senators.

“ Given the situation today, 2019 could be the worst in the last 30 years.

DENIS JACOB

HEAD OF THE ALTERNATIVE POLICE CFDT UNION.

And the 2016 deadly attack on a police couple in front of their small child at their home in Magnanville, west of Paris, dramatically impac-

ted police officers fearful for their families, she said. Some moved, changed services or resigned to protect their loved ones.

Sebastian Roche, a research director at the National Center for Scientific research who specializes in comparing police systems, says there are simply no studies to understand the causes of the French suicides or impact studies to evaluate prevention measures, which he calls a “huge weakness” within the Interior Ministry.

He doesn’t believe that PTSD — with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder — is at the root of the problem, noting the dip in police suicides in 2015 when deadly Islamic State attacks in France

began in January and culminated in November with the Paris massacres that left 130 people dead.

“All of a sudden, their mission made sense,” he said by telephone. “The population judged them as useful.”

French citizens applauded police as heroes during that stretch in 2015. That image lost its shine over time, then collapsed, as French police matched exceptionally violent yellow vest anti-government protests with harsh containment tactics that maimed some protesters.

At one point, yellow vest protesters, picking up on the suicide wave, even chanted “Kill yourselves! Kill yourselves!” at lines of police.

While suicide among police is a problem in many countries, France’s rate appears exceptionally high. AP

Leaked UK memos warn of food, drug shortages in Brexit chaos

RAPHEL SATTER,
LONDON

SECRET British government documents have warned of serious disruptions across the country in the event that the U.K. leaves the European Union without a trade deal on Oct. 31, according to The Sunday Times.

The newspaper published what it said were three pages worth of “planning assumptions” detailing what the British government expects in the case of a sudden, “no-deal” exit from the EU. Among the most serious: “significant” disruptions to the supply of drugs and medicine, a

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decrease in the availability of fresh food and even potential fresh water shortages due to possible inter-

ruptions of imported water treatment chemicals.

Although the grim scenarios reportedly outlined in

the government documents have long been floated by academics and economists, they’ve been repeatedly dis-

missed as scaremongering by proponents of Britain’s departure from the EU.

British Prime Minister Boris Johnson has said he is ready to leave the EU regardless of whether he is able to renegotiate the exit Brexit deal struck with Brussels by his predecessor, Theresa May.

His own officials, however, have warned that with a no-deal Brexit, the sharing of law enforcement data and the health of Britain’s crucial financial services industry could be in jeopardy after Oct. 31.

The documents published by the Times also quote officials as warning that up to 85% of all trucks

would not be ready for French customs at the critical Channel crossing on Oct. 31, causing lines that could stretch out for days. Some 75% of all drugs coming into Britain arrive via that crossing, the memos warned, “making them particularly vulnerable to severe delays.”

The officials foresee “critical elements” of the food supply chain being affected that would “reduce availability and choice and increase the price, which will affect vulnerable groups.”

The Sunday Times did not explain how it got the documents. Britain’s Cabinet Office did not return a message seeking comment. AP

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Offbeat

WOMAN THOUGHT SHE HAD KIDNEY STONES, GAVE BIRTH TO TRIPLETS

A South Dakota woman who recently gave birth to triplets says she didn't find out about her pregnancy until she went to the hospital with what she thought were kidney stones.

KOTA-TV reports Dannette Giltz, of Sturgis, gave birth to the healthy triplets on Aug. 10.

Giltz says that despite having two other children, she did not know she was 34 weeks pregnant. She says that when she started having pains, she thought it was from kidney stones, which she has had before. Doctors told her she was actually in labor — with multiple babies.

The triplets were born within four minutes. Each weighed about 4 pounds (1.8 kilograms).

The babies' names are Blaze, Gypsy and Nikki.

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Director: Jeong-beom Lee, Shinnosuke Yakuwa

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

Language: Cantonese (English & Chinese)

BODIES AT REST

ROOM1

9:30pm

Director: Renny Harlin

Starring: Nick Cheung, Richie Jen, Zi Yang

Language: Cantonese (English & Chinese)

Duration: 94min

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ROOM2

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

Director: Wing-Cheong Law

Starring: Allie Chan, Ming Hu, J.J. Jia

Language: Cantonese (English & Chinese)

Duration: 107min



TOY STORY 4

ROOM2

4:30pm

Director: Josh Cooley

Starring: Will Smith, Mena Massoud, Naomi Scott

Language: Cantonese

Duration: 109min



THE ANGRY BIRDS MOVIE 2

ROOM3

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

Director: Thurop Van Orman

Starring: Jason Sudeikis, Josh Gad, Leslie Jones

Language: Cantonese (English & Chinese)

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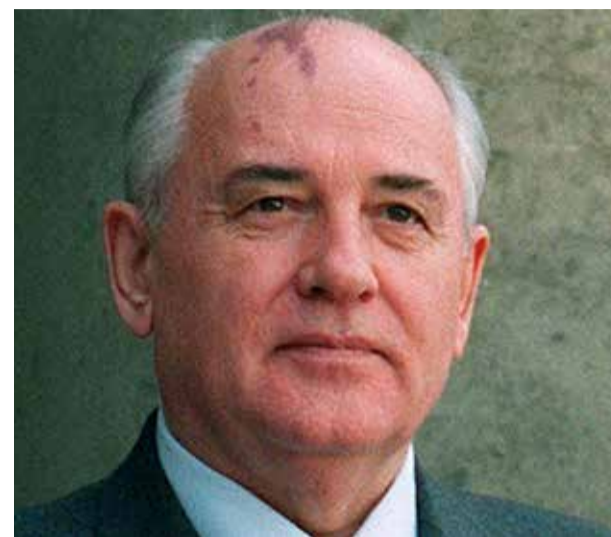
Director: Masakazu Hashimoto

Starring: Yumiko Kobayashi, Toshiyuki Morikawa, Miki Narahashi

Language: Cantonese

Duration: 100min

this day in history



1991 HARDLINERS STAGE COUP AGAINST GORBACHEV

Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev has been overthrown after a coup by Communist hardliners. Mr Gorbachev is reported to be under house arrest at his holiday home in the Crimea.

News of the coup was broken in an announcement on state radio earlier on Monday.

It said Mr Gorbachev was "unable to perform his presidential duty for health reasons".

Soviet television has since been broadcasting regular condemnations of Mr Gorbachev's policies.

The new leaders, headed by former vice-president Gennady Yanayev have declared a state of emergency.

In a televised broadcast, the eight coup plotters, who include the heads of the army, the KGB and the police, said they were saving the country from a "national catastrophe".

Tanks are now patrolling the streets of Moscow but in spite of their presence thousands of people have come out to demonstrate against the takeover.

They included the president of the Russian Federation, Boris Yeltsin.

Mr Yeltsin climbed on to a tank outside the Russian parliament building to confront the troops and appeal to the army not to turn against the people.

He said the coup was a "new reign of terror" and called for civil resistance.

Despite a ban on demonstrations, several hundred demonstrators gathered outside the Kremlin calling for the reinstatement of the legal government.

Nearby troops made no move to break up the demonstration but the army is reported to have warned hospitals to be ready for "casualties".

US President George Bush has called the coup a "disturbing development" and cut short his holiday to return to the White House.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

The coup suffered from an apparent lack of planning. None of the opposition leaders was arrested and they continued to whip up public opinion and turn the army against the new regime.

Less than three days after the coup its leaders attempted to flee the country.

Mikhail Gorbachev was freed from house arrest and returned to power.

Seven of the eight coup plotters were arrested - one committed suicide.

The coup attempt brought to the surface widespread dissatisfaction with the Communist system.

By the end of 1991 the Soviet Union has been replaced by the Commonwealth of Independent States - with many republics eventually gaining full independence.

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Mar. 21-Apr. 19
 Sometimes, acting in a traditional way is not terribly rewarding. Luckily, you've got more than a few bright and fresh new ideas swimming around in your head, and today is a great time to try a few.

TAURUS
Apr. 20-May. 20
 There might be a bit of a power struggle going on early in the day, but it will be a playful one. Someone has an agenda, but you will have a good suggestion that can help folks come together.

GEMINI
May. 21-Jun. 21
 You might not be the smartest person in the room today, but your intellectual prowess will distinguish you. Speak up when a bad idea is being offered up for a vote.

CANCER
Jun. 22-Jul. 22
 You already realize that just doing what feels right in life is not the best way to run your life—but today, you really need to focus on staying rooted in reality.

LEO
Jul. 23-Aug. 22
 Has your pride recently suffered a bit of a blow? The best way to build your ego back up is to get right back up on the saddle. Go back to the scene of the crime and try, try again.

VIRGO
Aug. 23-Sep. 22
 If you keep doing the same things over and over again, you're not going to learn anything new. So today, you owe it to yourself to mix up your usual routine and delve into some foreign territory.

LIBRA
Sep. 23-Oct. 22
 Get ready for a major surge of creativity today! Sharpen your pencils, free up some memory on your computer, and stretch those brainstorming muscles!

SCORPIO
Oct. 23-Nov. 21
 Take a look around your home today and identify the rooms or areas that could use some improvement, either structurally or decoratively. Your creativity is bubbling over right now.

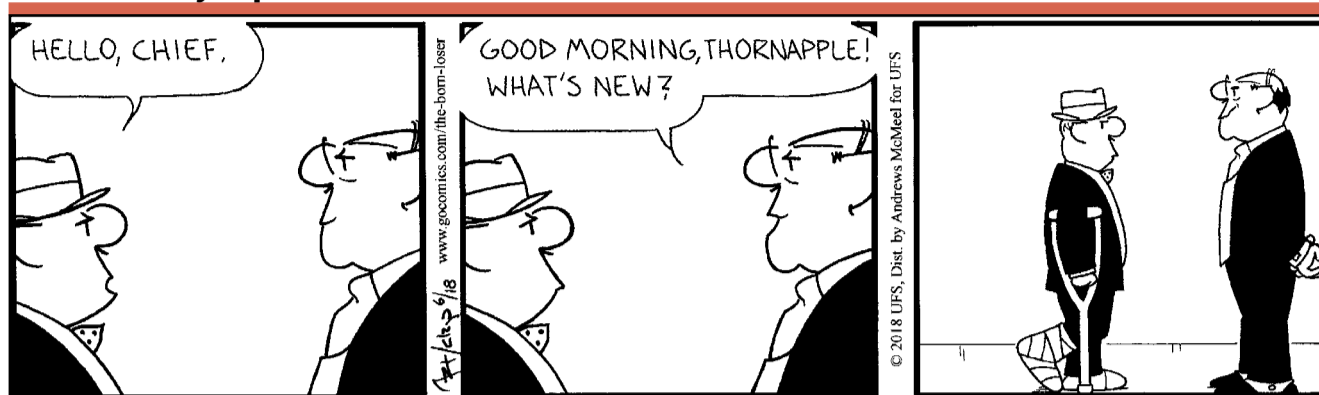
SAGITTARIUS
Nov. 22-Dec. 21
 Having a healthy debate with a person you don't usually connect with very well should be a goal for you today. This type of discussion can challenge your intellect and offer you a great deal of satisfaction.

CAPRICORN
Dec. 22-Jan. 19
 You should be prepared to take over for a floundering group today. The members of this group are not quite as mature as you are, and they need to be led along like children.

AQUARIUS
Jan. 20-Feb. 18
 You will be perceived as being as attractive as you feel you are today! So take a good long look in the mirror this morning and remind yourself that while you might not be the hottest person on earth.

PISCES
Feb. 19-Mar. 20
 Right now things are getting a bit stale, and you need to make some room in your life for new ideas and people—so get cleaning! You know deep down inside that in your heart there are more than a few old exes.

The Born Loser by Chip Sansom



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| Tianjin | 24 | 33 | cloudy |
| Urumqi | 24 | 36 | clear |
| Xi'an | 22 | 33 | overcast |
| Lhasa | 9 | 21 | drizzle |
| Chengdu | 24 | 33 | shower |
| Chongqing | 25 | 33 | cloudy |
| Kunming | 17 | 25 | shower |
| Nanjing | 26 | 34 | cloudy |
| Shanghai | 27 | 33 | drizzle |
| Wuhan | 27 | 36 | cloudy |
| Hangzhou | 26 | 33 | drizzle |
| Taipei | 26 | 30 | heavy rain |
| Guangzhou | 28 | 37 | cloudy |
| Hong Kong | 28 | 34 | cloudy |
| WORLD | | | |
| Moscow | 18 | 25 | drizzle |
| Frankfurt | 15 | 25 | drizzle |
| Paris | 17 | 26 | drizzle |
| London | 15 | 24 | cloudy |
| New York | 23 | 32 | moderate rain |

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Final notice?; 5- Whizzes; 9- Cut, old-style; 13- Laugh loudly; 14- Small house; 16- "Hud" Oscar winner; 17- Prolonged unconsciousness; 18- Ham it up; 19- Rowing implements; 20- Irish island group; 21- Lair, often for wild animals; 22- Persons in general; 24- Clipper feature; 26- Word that can succeed dance, foot and door; 27- Smell, usually a pleasant one; 29- Game of chance; 33- Bridge feats; 34- Boxer Spinks; 35- Lively dance; 36- Riled (up); 37- Best of the best; 38- Where some vets served; 39- Home solo; 41- Umpteen; 42- Replay feature; 44- Deceive; 46- Consumers; 47- Literally, "I forbid"; 48- Res ___ loquitur; 49- Finally; 52- Hail, to Caesar; 53- Recognized; 57- Bank transaction; 58- Have dinner at home; 60- Flying start?; 61- Camaro model; 62- Challenged; 63- Paraphernalia; 64- Freedom from need, labor, or pain; 65- X-ray units; 66- Major ending?;

DOWN: 1- "Jaws" boat; 2- Rude dude; 3- ___ Rock; 4- Crosspiece above a door; 5- Apathy; 6- Humped ruminant; 7- Black, in poetry; 8- Join a poker game; 9- Meddling person; 10- Kind of tide; 11- Jurist Warren; 12- What ___ is new?; 15- Eighth planet; 23- Moray; 25- Early hrs.; 26- Like a chimney sweep; 27- Olds model; 28- Rate; 29- Freshen, as a stamp pad; 30- Pavarotti, e.g.; 31- Crews; 32- Sailor's saint; 33- Old Iranian ruler; 34- Grassy plain; 37- Sent out; 40- Move forward; 42- Leaky tire sound; 43- Escaping liquid; 45- "Rushmore" director Anderson; 46- Overturns; 48- Like Wrigley Field's walls; 49- I cannot tell ___; 50- When said three times, a 1970 war movie; 51- Vientiane is its capital; 52- Gillette product; 54- Depilatory brand; 55- QED middle; 56- Sported; 59- Swiss river;



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'AFTER THE WEDDING' WAS A FAMILY AFFAIR FOR JULIANNE MOORE

JULIANNE Moore is accustomed to working with her husband, director Bart Freundlich, on set, but it was a real family affair when their daughter joined them for their latest collaboration. Liv Freundlich, 17, was a production assistant on "After the Wedding," which was released earlier this month.



"We loved having her around more than she loved being around," laughed Freundlich. "The best part of it was just getting to be with each other constantly."

The film, written and directed by Freundlich, is a remake of director Susanne Bier's hit Dutch movie of the same name. To put his own stamp on it, Freundlich swapped the gender of the two leads to women, using Moore and Michelle Williams. Billy Crudup plays a role that was portrayed by a woman in the original.

In the movie, Williams plays Isabel, an orphanage volunteer living in

India who comes to the United States to ask Moore's character, Theresa, to fund her organization. She ends up attending a wedding for Theresa's daughter and meets Theresa's husband, played by Crudup, whom she has a history with.

Moore also served as a producer. Freundlich said it helps to be married collaborators because they don't compartmentalize their home life and work life. Moore joked it "might've been more fun for him."

"I'm usually used to going home and dropping it," said Moore.

"It's sort of a relief for me to get in my car and be like, 'Phew, that's the end of my day and I'll think about tomorrow later,' but for a director it's constant. The amount of work that they have to do is really extraordinary. So, we would talk about it in the car on the way home, we would talk about it before we would go to bed, we would talk about it first thing in the morning. But, like I said it was a shared passion, too, so that was wonderful."

This is the fourth time the couple has worked together.

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FCC FINES NETWORKS FOR WRONGFULLY USING EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM

JIMMY Kimmel has learned an expensive lesson: don't mess with the government's emergency alert system.

Kimmel's network, ABC, was one of four media organizations fined by the Federal Communications Commission this week for improper use of the emergency signal that is sent over television, radio and mobile phones to warn people of danger like floods and fires. The \$395,000 fine to ABC was by far the stiffest.

FCC rules prohibit the

use of the signal for any purpose other than an actual emergency. The idea is to prevent confusion, the agency said Friday.

Kimmel used the signal three times as part of a skit on his show on Oct. 3, 2018. ABC has signed a consent decree agreeing to pay the fine and promising not to improperly use the emergency tones again, the FCC announced Thursday.

AMC network agreed to pay a \$104,000 fine for improper use of the signal in an episode of its

most popular show, "The Walking Dead," in February, the FCC said.

Discovery's Animal Planet was fined \$68,000 when an actual emergency signal sent to a mobile phone was picked up by cameras during a filming session for its show, "Lone Star Law." The show was filming Texas game wardens making rescues in the wake of Hurricane Harvey.

Los Angeles radio stations KDAY and KDEY were fined \$67,000 for using the signal in show promotions.

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FOOTBALL | LA LIGA

Without Messi, Barcelona loses first league opener in 10 years

TALES AZZONI, MADRID

BARCELONA lost its opening Spanish league match for the first time in a decade on Friday, falling at Athletic Bilbao 1-0 as Antoine Griezmann couldn't make up for Lionel Messi's absence.

Veteran striker Aritz Aduriz scored from a spectacular overhead kick a minute after coming off the bench in the 88th minute, handing Barcelona the loss after 10 straight opening league wins.

Griezmann, Barcelona's biggest offseason signing, was held scoreless in his competitive debut after joining from rival Atlético Madrid for 120 million euros (\$133 million). It was a lackluster performance for the France forward whose only significant scoring chance came with a header in the final minutes.

"The ball didn't go in, and



in the end that's what matters the most," Griezmann said. "We have to keep working hard to improve and to rebound as soon as possible."

Griezmann didn't have

Messi by his side because the Argentina star is nursing a right calf injury, and he couldn't count on Luis Suárez either after the Uruguay striker had to be replaced in the first half

because of an apparent muscle injury at San Mamés Stadium.

Philippe Coutinho couldn't play because of a pending move to Bayern Munich on a loan, but youngster Frenkie de Jong made his competitive debut with the Catalan club after joining from Ajax.

Barcelona had most of the significant chances, being denied by the woodwork a few times, including with a shot by Suárez just before he had to be replaced.

"We weren't ourselves," Barcelona defender Gerard Piqué said. "It happens. We are coming off a preseason, we have a lot of new players in the team. This will be good for us going forward, it's better to lose now than in the end of the season."

The match seemed headed to a draw when the 38-year-old Aduriz, in his final season before retiring, came off

the bench and scored with his amazing overhead kick from a right-flank cross by Ander Capa. The cross went over the Barcelona defenders and Aduriz reached high with his right foot to send the ball into the far corner and ignite the crowd of more than 47,000 at San Mamés.

"Football is so beautiful sometimes because of things like this. It gives you chances like this," said Aduriz, a former Spain international. "It will be impossible not to miss this. I'm just incredibly happy to be able to choose how I'm ending my career, and to be able to do it at the place that I love the most."

Barcelona's last setback in a Spanish league opener was in 2008, a 1-0 defeat at Numancia in Pep Guardiola's coaching debut with the Catalan club.

Real Madrid, trying to rebound from one of its worst seasons in the last decade, opens at Celta Vigo on Saturday without new signing Eden Hazard because of a left thigh injury.

Atlético Madrid, runner-up the last two seasons, hosts Getafe on Sunday without Griezmann but with 19-year-old Portuguese sensation João Félix likely in the squad. AP

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OPINION

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CHANGING THE GAME

No need to resort to the disclaimer of “noblesse-oblige” to give credit where credit is due. And the credit goes to the solo runner to take over Chui Sai On’s seat, or the Chief Executive in-the waiting, who became the first CE candidate to meet with pro-democracy representatives from the New Macau Association. Believe it or not, nobody before Ho Iat Seng cared to exchange ideas with the pro-democracy association which represents a substantial slice of the SAR voters for the directly elected legislators in the Legislative Assembly. The slice should be fatter without that hybrid Hondt safety-pin shrinking the liberal vote.

We deem Ho Iat Seng’s stint at the helm of the Legislature to be controversial, authoritarian and faulty in dealing with in-house political stuff, with a rubber-stamping eagerness to the stuff from the Executive branch. We also acknowledge him to be a political heavyweight given his national-level credentials and being a seasoned entrepreneur; so much of his credibility hinged on the conservatives and the pro-business elite vouching for his candidature. The outcome of the 400 participants in the small circle step, prior to the actual voting, gave Ho the local political credentials at this level of democratic credibility. You might call it democratic, but it will not answer to the name.

The former president of the Legislature could easily make his case from the small-circle endorsement, and - calling upon that blind tradition to marginalize pro-democracy militants, while also harking to an exogenous environment we describe as the oppressive heat in Hong Kong - pure and simply ignore Sulu Sou and the New Macau Association. Ho Iat Seng decided differently and took a leap of faith towards normalization with his nemesis at the Legislative Assembly. It worked well for both Sulu and the next Chief Executive.

Not quite I scratch your back, you scratch mine, but both the legislator and the future Chief Executive agreed on the groundwork for democratic development. On one hand, Beijing’s authority in political reform is a given; on the other, the responsibility to initiate and promote change is with the Macau Special Administrative Region.

The mere formalities leave both Ho and Sou with no strings attached: the CE-to-be is not ruling out political reform and universal suffrage in his tenure; Sulu is not ruling out a relentless drive towards that objective.

Ho Iat Seng told ANM that perhaps political reform would be initiated by the younger generations, in what could be taken as an apparent logical device to delay political reform. Sulu Sou ignored the antics and allegedly replied: if we keep waiting, we cannot tell whether we can realize universal suffrage on or before 2049.

Anyway, an immediate consequence of Ho Iat Seng’s compromise on the principle of political development may be a political casualty: Secretary for Administration and Justice vis a vis the casting of the next government.

This consensus between the CE-to-be and the democrats should not diminish other proposals the New Macau Association presented under the auspicious eight requests. NMA wants the government to submit major expenditure for AL approval, this way shifting the exclusive prerogative for the budget that the Basic Law gives to the Executive; they want the CE to attend sessions more frequently - Ho agrees. Sulu sees Ho as strategic to gain space and time for public debates.

We choose the invitation to “safeguard the autonomy and fundamental rights” as the ultimate political maneuver. If you agree, NMA wins; if you disagree, NMA wins.

Finally, we highlight that Ho Iat Seng said that Macau will have a trade union law, including the right to strike. Believe it or not, Macau is the only place in China without trade union legislation.

For reasons everyone knows, that law should be called, unofficially, the Pereira Coutinho Law.

FEMINIST ICON STEINEM BLASTS ISRAEL PM OVER TRAVEL BAN

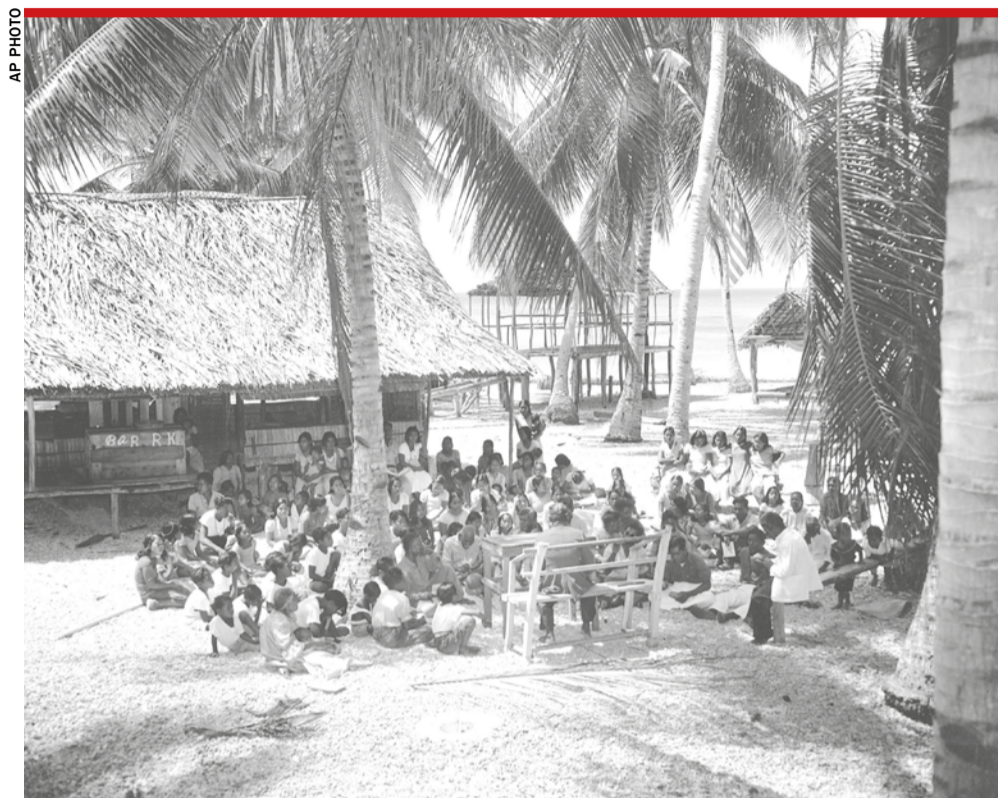
THE BUZZ

Feminist icon Gloria Steinem has called Israel’s prime minister a “bully” and says she won’t visit as long as he remains the country’s leader.

In a statement posted online Saturday, she said Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu’s decision to bar a visit by two Democratic congresswomen was “a welcome sign that I never have to enter any country or place under your authority.”

At the urging of President Donald Trump, Israel denied entry to Reps. Rashida Tlaib and Ilhan Omar last week over their support for the Palestinian-led boycott movement. Israel later granted permission for Tlaib to visit her grandmother in the occupied West Bank, but she declined, saying its preconditions were designed to humiliate her.

Steinem also criticized Trump, calling him the “accidental occupant” of the White House.



In this March 16, 1946, file photo, the natives of Bikini Atoll, Marshall Islands, gather in the open for their last church service before being transferred by the U.S. Navy to Rongerik Atoll, 109 miles away

BEER NAMED FOR PACIFIC ISLAND NUKE TEST SITE DRAWS CRITICISM

A Texas-based company is facing criticism for naming a beer after the location of nuclear tests that resulted in the contamination of a Pacific island chain, a report said.

Manhattan Project Beer Company is under scrutiny by Marshall Islanders who were exposed to high levels of radiation by U.S. government research from 1946 to 1958, The Pacific Daily News reported last week.

The government and residents of the Republic of the Marshall Islands have objected to the company’s beer named Bikini Atoll, an area of the island chain that remains uninhabitable.

The name is insensitive to people still dealing with the impacts of radiation decades later, islanders said.

The company has several beers with nuclear-themed names including Half-life, Plutonium-239, Particles Collide, and 10 Nanoseconds.

“Our beer named Bikini Atoll was not created to mock or trivialize the nuclear testing that took place in the Marshall Islands,” the company said in a social media post.

The company is “creating awareness of the wider impacts and implications” of U.S. nuclear research programs, the statement said.

The company’s website does not mention nuclear testing in a description of Bikini Atoll beer.

Following what it described as “significant harassment and death threats” the company said it will take no further action or make additional statements.

Marshall Islands Health and Human Services Secretary Jack Niedenthal wrote a letter to Manhattan Project Beer co-founder Misty Sanford Thursday saying she should consider the suffering caused by the nuclear testing.

“The bottom line is your product makes fun of a horrific situation here in the Marshall Islands—a situation that I promise you is still ongoing—to make money for your company,” Niedenthal wrote. “This is unacceptable to us.”

The beer is not the first commercial product named after the atoll.

In 1946, French designer Louise Reard named his two-piece swimsuit the bikini, four days after the U.S. detonated the first

bomb at the atoll in 1946. The popular animated television series “SpongeBob SquarePants” was set in “Bikini Bottom.”

Many people in the Marshall Islands don’t know about either connection.

Ariana Tibon, education and public awareness coordinator for the National Nuclear Commission, told The Associated Press that no one wears bikinis in the Marshall Islands where it goes against customs and culture to show too much skin. She said most people wear basketball shorts and a T-shirt to the beach.

Rachel Hoffman, a Marshallese woman who grew up in Washington state, said she was hurt and offended to learn the cartoon’s mutated marine creatures represented Bikini when Marshallese women exposed to the radiation had children with birth defects or were unable to bear children.

Various commercial uses of Bikini were “really depressing,” Hoffman told the AP. But she said she wants to “utilize our voices and make it known to the public that this is wrong.” AP

Russia Prominent Russian opposition figure Ilya Yashin has been detained by police immediately after leaving a jail where he had served two sentences connected to protests in Moscow.



France Deaths by suicide for French police now outnumber deaths in the line of duty. The protectors need protecting, say police unions, which are demanding more help to stop the problem.

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Spain Seeking to end a humanitarian crisis, Spain says a Spanish rescue boat with 107 migrants in the southern Mediterranean can sail to Spain and disembark its passengers in Algeciras.



UK Secret British government documents have warned of serious disruptions across the country in the event that the U.K. leaves the European Union without a trade deal on Oct. 31, according to The Sunday Times. More on p15

UK A well-known left-wing British journalist says he was pushed to the ground and kicked in the head in what he described as a “blatant premeditated assault.”



USA The Trump administration is aggressively pursuing economic sanctions as a primary foreign policy tool to an extent unseen in decades, or perhaps ever. Many are questioning the results even as officials insist the penalties are achieving their aims.