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China reported 49 new coronavirus cases yesterday as the capital Beijing reinstated measures to contain a resurgence. Of the new cases, 36 were reported in Beijing, traced to a wholesale market that supplies much of the city's meat and vegetables. Ten of the other cases were brought from outside the country and three were found in Hebei province just outside Beijing.

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South Korea reported 37 new cases, bringing its caseload to 12,121 infections, including 277 deaths. 25 of the cases came from the Seoul area, where health authorities are scrambling to trace infections linked to entertainment and leisure activities, church gatherings, warehouse workers and door-to-door sellers. At least 1,346 infections are linked to international arrivals, mostly South Koreans returning home from abroad.

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Philippines

In a case seen as a test of the country's media freedom, journalist Maria Ressa (pictured) has been found guilty of libel. The former CNN journalist is the head of a news site that's critical of strongman President Rodrigo Duterte. A writer for the site, Rappler, was also convicted. Both have been released on bail pending appeal, but could face six years in prison. She denied the charges and claimed they were politically motivated.

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CRIME

PSP CRACKS ORGANIZED FAKE EMPLOYMENT BUSINESS

JULIE ZHU

A total of ten Macau local residents are suspects in an organized fake employment business, the Public Security Police Force (PSP) said during yesterday's joint police press conference.

Earlier, the subdivision of non-local workers of the immigration investigated blue-card approvals between February of 2019 and May of 2020. During the reviewing process, PSP spotted a group of uncommon employment cases.

The unusual situation led to PSP cracking down on a group of ten people who were involved in a fake employment operation.

This case, which was reported yesterday, extends beyond the ten current suspects, as PSP has forwarded more than five other individuals to the prosecution authority over the course of the last two years for related matters.

In this specific case, the key suspect is Iu, a worker in his 50's in the logistics sector.

Over the last two years, Iu has

been assisting foreigners in becoming employed, presumably as domestic helpers. However, their employment was falsified. In reality, the working identity was constructed to help the foreigners stay in Macau.

Iu would visit public parks and lure middle age or senior citizens to work with him to hire foreigners, allegedly as domestic helpers. However, the employment would not be in effect.

During PSP's vetting of the old domestic helper employment re-

gistration, the bureau discovered that a total of eight Macau middle-aged individuals and seniors had simultaneously applied to the local government for a blue-card for domestic helpers.

Working in cooperation with the Labour Affairs Bureau (DSAL), PSP traced this back to Iu.

Iu's confession revealed that not only himself and the other suspects were involved, but also that more individuals had been participating in the organized fake employment scheme.

Iu told PSP that another person, surnamed Chan (58), was the mastermind behind the operation. Previously, the police department had found Chan accountable for other fake employment cases.

Chan is allegedly Iu's mentor. Chan persuaded Iu to search for suitable candidate employers in public gardens. Later, Iu convinced two other people to be employer scouts.

There are two people on the run who, like Iu, had the role of finding employers.

Iu got into contact with a Vietnamese woman who would arrange the employees.

In total, Iu was charging between 500 and 1,000 patacas per successful employment as commission to help individuals apply for the blue card. In turn, employees would pay between 6,000 and 17,500 patacas to the employers.

On June 12, PSP forwarded the group of people to the prosecution authority.

CIVIL SERVANT LOST OVER MOP40,000 TO 'MESSAGE SCAM'

A local man has fallen victim to an online scam, the Judiciary Police (PJ) reported yesterday.

The victim, in his 50s, is a civil servant. On June 9, he became WeChat friends with a stranger who claimed to be a female student. After engaging in WeChat communications for a short period, the stranger told the victim that "she" could provide him a two-hour massage for 800 patacas. The two reached an agreement to meet in a building located in the Fai Chi Kei area.

The victim arrived at the rendezvous point, however, the "female student" failed to show up. Instead her "manager" called the victim, instructing him to buy game cards worth 800 patacas in order to pay for the massage in advance. The victim followed the order.

Later, the "manager" requested another game card worth over 7,000 patacas in order to prove the victim's authenticity as a customer and to show that he was not a policeman. The victim obeyed the instruction.

On the third and fourth instances, the scammer asked for 16,000 patacas each time, also in game points, providing various reasons. The victim, once again, bought the cards.

Later on, the man reported the case to the police authority, suspecting that the massage was only a scam.

Organization 'distressed' with IC reply on Guia Lighthouse

ANTHONY LAM

A local non-governmental group working to protect the Guia Lighthouse was "distressed" with the Cultural Affairs Bureau's (IC) response to their appeal to UNESCO for help, the group has noted in a statement.

On June 10, The Concern Group for the Protection of the Guia Lighthouse issued an urgent appeal to UNESCO to request assistance from the global body in safeguarding views to and from the lighthouse.

In its statement, the group states, "The Historic Centre of Macau is once again on the verge of vandalism."



On June 13, the IC issued a reply on the matter, stating, "The IC pays much attention to the protection

of the views of the Guia Lighthouse."

The government plans to build a 90-meter tall high-

rise building on a land plot nearby Guia Light House. However, the IC pointed out that the height of the pro-

ject is in accordance with the limits prescribed by the Chief Executive's Order No. 83/2008.

Not convinced by the reply, the concern group pointed out that the World Heritage Committee had issued a note to the Macau government back in 2017 to "urge the [government] to institutionalize 'Heritage Impact Assessment' and to provide to the World Heritage Center the opportunity to review any irrevocable decision."

Furthermore, the concern group described the IC's reply as contradictory to its previous assessment of an abandoned construction next to Hotel Royal.

The construction, initially approved for a height of 52.5-meters, was called off by the IC because of the impact it would have had on the view of the Lighthouse.

The concern group stressed that the IC's "attention on the view of the lighthouse" should not be treated as a mere slogan. "The bureau should not be an ostrich when faced with threats to the Guia Lighthouse," the concern group urged.

In the same statement, the group also expresses its gratitude to the mass media for their coverage on the matter, which, in its opinion, is "a sign of bravery to speak up for Macau residents."

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PATRIOTIC BUS

Police report 'festive parade' to prosecutor

ANTHONY LAM

THE undeclared double-decker parade on June 5 in support of the national security legislation in Hong Kong has been "reported" to the Public Prosecutions Office (MP), Ma Chio Hong, head of the Division of Operation and Communications of the Public Security Police Force (PSP), announced yesterday.

Normally, the police authorities use the word "transfer" when they conclude investigation and hand a particular case to the MP to commence judicial procedures.

Ma admitted that the case has generated much public attention and concern. The allegation attached to the incident, which occurred on June 5, is that it might have violated the law on assembly and protest.

Official information provided by Ma determines that on the date, about a dozen people participated in a double-decker parade hosted by an unnamed association. They held banners and placards with slogans in support of the national legislative move.

The parade started at the Macau Science Center and ended in Iao Hon District, with stops at Macau Tower, the A-Ma Temple and the Kun Iam Temple.

At the Novel Coronavirus Response and Coordination Center's press conference following the incident, Ma was asked why

the law-enforcement authority did not take action. He explained that his bureau had only just learned about the incident from the mass media. Yesterday, the police officer reiterated that reason.

The incident and the police reaction have prompted an online petition urging the police to govern with fairness, which has attracted several thousands of signatures.

Consequently, the PSP initiated an investigation. Ma confirmed that the participants took photos holding placards and banners in their hands before the commencement of the event. Over the course of the parade, they also "expressed their opinions by means of showing placards and banners."

The decision to report the case to the MP was the result of "comprehensive analysis on the goal of the incident, as well as on the objective ambience and facts," Ma explained. The police eventually determined that there is evidence of a violation of Law 2/93/M, which oversees civil assembly and protest.

Ma explained that, according to the law, any civil protest or assembly has to be declared to the police prior to the event taking place. Ma added that both the Basic Law and Law 2/93/M protect local people's rights to civil activities, "provided that the event abides with laws in effect."

Article 2 of the Law stipulates that "[without] prejudice to the right of criticism, assembly or protest of which the aim is to violate the law are not permitted."

In addition, an allegation of illegal protest on June 4 has been brought against the two daughters of lawmaker Au Kam San, and was reported to the MP in line with the assembly and demonstration law.

The decision to report the case to the MP was the result of 'comprehensive analysis on the goal of the incident'

ZHUHAI TO HAVE THE FINAL DISCRETION FOR WAIVER APPROVALS

With regards to the waiving of quarantine in Zhuhai for Macau residents without a Zhuhai Residence Card who need to travel to Zhuhai for public or business purposes, Ma disclosed that the government has received a new directive from its Zhuhai counterpart.

Unlike previous announcements by the Macau government, the latest directive has excluded Macau residents who need to cross the border for "special purposes", such as to attend a funeral or visit a relative in critical condition.

From 8 a.m. today, a maximum of 1,000 eligible Macau residents can be exempted from the quarantine in Zhuhai after being reviewed by the Macau government, with confirmation from the Zhuhai government.

Having said that, the Zhuhai government will have the final discretion as to who and which conditions will be accepted for the waiver. This therefore implies that the Macau government only has the authority to shortlist applications. The validity of each waiver is seven days.

Applicants can view the results of their application on the two WeChat accounts of the Zhuhai government.

In order to get an approval, applicants must at least satisfy several criteria. First, they must have stayed in Macau or the mainland in the past 14 days without visiting elsewhere. Second, they should not show or be tested positive for fever or respiratory symptoms.

Third, they should possess a Green Macau Health Code. Finally, they should possess an effective negative Covid-19 nucleic acid test result.

Furthermore, the Zhuhai government will require Macau residents to use their home-going pass to cross the border. In other words, a Macau ID holder visiting Mainland China with a foreign passport is not eligible for the waiver.

Considering previous alterations, eligible Macau residents should keep updated on the latest announcements from both governments.

Most importantly, approved Macau residents can only stay within Zhuhai. They should also hold a cellphone with a mainland number and it should be connected to the network at all times.

GOV'T TO SUBSIDIZE LOCAL GROUP TOURS

The Macao Government Tourism Office also announced that it would commence the joint operation of local tour groups with local tourism associations and travel agencies. The plan is part of the Chief Executive's first policy address.

The government will subsidize all Macau residents MOP560 for two group tours, capping at MOP280 for each tour. Non-local residents are also eligible for the tour, but they will not get a subsidy from the government. Interested people can register at participating travel agencies.

The price of the tour, which might be higher than the subsidy, should include tour, meals, tour guide and insurance charges. The plan has been inaugurated to foster deeper understanding of local communities and sites.

There are 15 routes available. Six of them focus on communal familiarization, and the other nine on leisure. The former type will include tours to local relics, technological hubs, and the backend of airline operations. Meals will be offered via an e-voucher for a value of MOP100, to be used at small to medium sized caterers. The latter type of tour will include the public and backend facilities of the six resort operators, as well as nocturnal tour of the city. Meals will be offered at the concerned resorts with Michelin starred restaurants being among the choices.

Tour guides will offer explanations in four languages: Cantonese, Mandarin, Portuguese and English.

Other details will be announced today at a dedicated press conference.

TWO CASES OF DROWNING IN MACAU WATERS, ONE FATAL

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RENATO MARQUES

TWO cases of people drowning were reported by police authorities over the weekend. Although the cases seem to be unrelated, they happened on two consecutive days, only a few hours apart.

In the first case, a 63-year-old male mainland resident who was the captain of a ship was found dead after having fallen in the waters of Inner Harbor.

According to the report from the Judiciary Police (PJ), the captain and five other crewmembers docked at the Inner Harbor around 4 a.m. on Friday (June 12) to unload cargo. Around 8:30 a.m., one of the crew members claims to have heard a loud noise that sounded like a heavy object landing in the water. He soon discovered that the captain was missing and called the police.

With the help of a team of divers from the Customs Service (SA), the body of the captain was retrieved from the water within 20 minutes, however no vital signs were detected, and the captain was sent to the hospital.

After a preliminary examination

of the body, the PJ said that no suspicious wounds were found which could indicate signs of a fight or struggle.

For the time being, the police have classified the incident as a case of corpse discovery while waiting for the coroner's report and forensic examination to reveal the cause of death.

In the second case, which occurred on Saturday afternoon (June 13), a 23-year-old woman from Macau reportedly fell from the Governador Nobre de Carvalho Bridge into the water. She was rescued in a joint operation between the SA and the Fire Services Bureau (CB).

According to information provided by the Public Security Police Force (PSP), the woman was found alive and conscious and she was rushed to the hospital for emergency treatment.

Eyewitness reports say they saw the event unfolding and recorded it on camera, cited by Chinese-language media Macao Daily News.

Investigations into the incident to clarify its causes are ongoing while the woman is recovering in the hospital.

MAN FOUND DEAD IN COLOANE

In an unrelated case, a 32-year-old local male was found dead inside a vehicle parked outside the A-Ma Cultural Village Temple, located at Coloane's Hilltop.

According to the report by the CB, which attended the call for help at 1:41 p.m., the man was found dead inside a private car along with burned charcoal inside the vehicle.

According to PJ's preliminary report, a passerby spotted the body inside the car, which still had its engine on, and called the emergency services.

The PJ investigators found the lifeless body in the driver's seat.

Further inspection revealed an iron basin filled with burnt charcoal in the front passenger seat of the car.

PJ called the firefighters as soon as they arrived, as all the doors were locked. The passenger-side window was broken open, but the man was already deceased.

After investigation, the PJ officers found two packs of charcoal in the back seat of the car, one of which was opened.

An inspection of the body did not reveal any scars or signs of a fight, nor a suicide note.

For the time being, the police have classified the incident as a case of corpse discovery while waiting for the coroner's report following a forensic investigation.

Moody's gives 'B1' rating to Wynn's notes offering

LYNZY VALLES

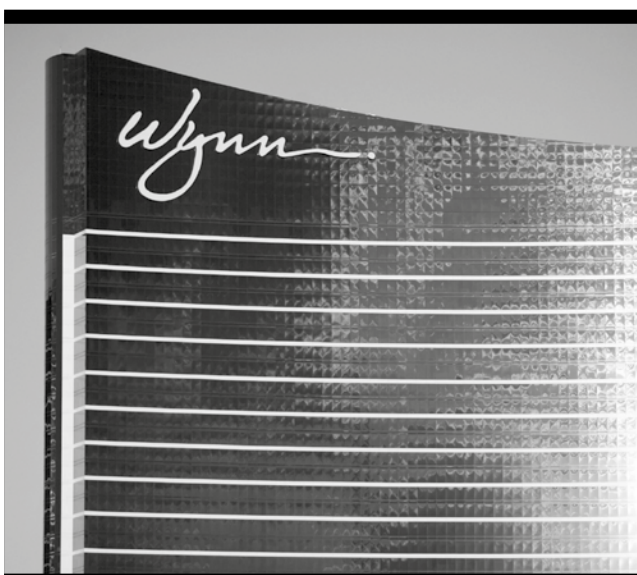
WYNN Macau Ltd is expecting to raise some \$743.1 million after it entered into a purchase agreement with Deutsche Bank – through its Singapore branch – which will be the “initial purchasers” of company notes to support the loan.

The gaming operator earlier submitted a filing to the Hong Kong Stock Exchange, which outlined that the senior notes will mature in 2026 and carry an interest rate of 5.5%.

Moody's Investors Service Inc. has given a 'B1' rating to Wynn Macau Ltd's \$750-million in senior unsecured notes.

“The additional liquidity is beneficial to improve flexibility to manage in the current weak operating environment [which has led to] reduced visitation levels, but the incremental debt is a credit negative increase in leverage to help further cover the company's current cash burn,” the rating agency said.

“Although there is an ini-



tial increase in leverage on a gross basis, the transaction enables the company to reduce the secured debt in its capital structure once business conditions improve,” Moody's added.

Wynn Macau said in a filing that the company intends to use the net proceeds from the proposed offering for general corporate purposes until business recovers from the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic.

It would also “facilitate

the repayment of a portion of the amounts outstanding under the Wynn Macau credit facilities.”

MGM China Holdings is also considering extending an offer of \$500 million in senior notes in order to give it more liquidity.

According to reports, Bank of America Securities will coordinate the effort, as well as participate in the purchase of the notes. Moody's gave the offering a rating of “Ba3”.

TOUR GUIDES CALL FOR INCLUSION IN SALARY SUBSIDY

JULIE ZHU

THE city's tour guides have purportedly complained about their illegibility for the government subsidies for employees, according to a report by Cheng Pou.

The President of the Macau Tour Guide Promotion Association, Zhu Ming Xia, recently said that approximately 1,000 tour guides are disappointed as they have not been approved to receive the 15,000 patacas subsidy designated for local employees.

According to Zhu, among the 1,000 local tour guides, only roughly 10% have been granted the subsidy, particularly with the help of other entities.

Zhu explained that these approximately 900 tour guides were disqualified because they had not been employed by a third party.

Speaking on behalf of the majority of the complaining tour guides, Zhu said that the Macao Government Tourism Office (MGTO) had collected the



information of tour guides who had worked for travel agencies. The information, which was collected in April, concerned the year of 2019.

Zhu believes that MGTO is obligated to explain to the tour guides why 900 people are still not entitled to the money.

MGTO is launching a series of local group tours targeting Macau residents. According to Zhu, over 700 tour guides have already signed up for the program.

At the end of May, the government announced the details of a subsidy grant for local employees.

Eligible taxpayers would be entitled to a monthly grant of 5,000 patacas for a period of three months. The number was based on the median monthly income in 2019 of employed Macau residents of 20,000 patacas. The subsidy was designed to cover 25% of the 2019 median monthly income.

Two categories of taxpayers are definitely ineligible for the subsidy: those who are entitled to receive a rebate of 20,000 patacas – the ceiling of rebate on personal income tax – for the 2018 fiscal year; and civil servants.

MACAU'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

DSPA attributes 'Green Hotel Awards' to 31 local units

RENATO MARQUES

A total of 31 local hotel units have been awarded accolades under the "Macau Green Hotel Awards" program, organized by the Environmental Protection Bureau (DSPA).

This was the thirteenth iteration of the awards, which were first presented in 2007 with the aim of recognizing advances made by hotels regarding environmental protection and the adoption of new technologies aiming to improve their environmental performance in several fields.

According to information from DSPA, the 2019 edition of the awards established a new high in the number of units awarded, which demonstrated the improvements made in terms of waste reduction and recycling, food waste management, energy conservation, and emissions reduction.

In the 2019 edition, eight hotels have received gold awards. This number repre-



sents an exponential increase from the previous edition, in which only three hotels have reached such status.

Silver awards were also given to 11 hotels and another six received bronze awards.

Last year, two hotels received excellence awards and a total of four budget hotels also received awards, raising the total number of currently-awarded hotels to 56. This represents nearly half the total number of hotels in Macau.

The awards are valid for a period of three years.

The DSPA also acknowledged in a statement that in recent years, the hotel industry has improved its environmental performance by adopting advanced environmental protection technologies, including the installation of water bottling stations, solar panels, and other environmental protection equipment.

Additionally, to reduce the use of disposable plastic, some hotels no longer provide plastic bottled water in guest rooms and have installed drinking water dispensers

in several public areas.

One of the most significant changes noted is food waste management.

"As of 2019, about 75% of the 56 award-winning hotels have undergone food waste recycling, an increase of about 18% compared with 2018, and the total amount of food waste recovered has exceeded 6,500 tons," DSPA said, adding that over 50% of the award-winning hotels have now installed kitchen waste machines to handle food waste.

GOV'T UPDATES VEHICLE EMISSIONS TO AN OBSOLETE 15-YEAR-OLD NORM

THE government has published a new standard table and method for measuring the pollutants coming from the exhaust of gasoline-powered vehicles in the government Official Gazette (BO) yesterday.

According to the dispatch of the Chief Executive Order No. 131/2020, published in the BO, as well as with a statement issued by the Environmental Protection Bureau (DSPA), the new standards are compliant with the Chinese National Norm GB18285-2005. This norm establishes limits and measurement methods for exhaust pollutants from vehicles equipped with an ignition engine under two-speed idle conditions, and simple driving mode conditions.

This norm, dated from 2005, has been long-considered obsolete by the mainland authorities who issued a replacement one in 2018, in which the standards regarding the pollutants have been updated with added restrictions (GB18285-2018).

In the statement from DSPA, the bureau says that the enforcement of the new rules seeks to "continue to improve the air quality of Macau, to reduce pollutant exhaust gas emissions from vehicles and to encourage vehicle owners to carry out periodic maintenance and repair of their vehicles, as well as to carry out the work outlined in the Five-year Development Plan of the Macau Special Administrative Region (2016-2020) and the government's Policy Address for 2020."

The new standards now published will enter into force from July 1 this year. RM

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HONG KONG

RICH ARE PREPARING FOR A WORST-CASE SCENARIO

ONE Hong Kong businessman moved \$10 million to Singapore and plans to transfer more. Another is eyeing London property, worried that prices in Hong Kong are too high. Well-to-do families across the city are opening offshore bank accounts and applying for alternative passports.

While it doesn't add up to an exodus just yet, Hong Kong's rich are increasingly hedging their bets as the financial hub suffers its worst economic and political crises since at least 1997.

Many high-net-worth investors are either reducing their Hong Kong exposure or taking steps to ensure they can withdraw assets at a moment's notice, underscoring the challenge for Chief Executive Carrie Lam as she tries to maintain the city's status as magnet for Asian wealth. Rich individuals are major players in Hong Kong's equity and real-estate markets as well as big buyers of Chinese corporate bonds issued in the city.

Private bankers say their clients accelerated contingency planning efforts after China announced last month it would impose controversial national security laws on Hong Kong. The legislation threatens to erode the former British colony's judicial independence, provoke sanctions from the U.S. and revive street protests that battered the tourism and retail industries even before the coronavirus outbreak plunged the economy into its deepest recession on record.

"What we're basically seeing is a bit like a slow-moving train wreck," said Richard Harris, chief executive of Port Shelter Investment Management in Hong Kong. "People who haven't moved their money out may be tempted to think: 'Well, maybe I should be moving my money out.' That process is likely to continue."

To be sure, there's little evidence so far of widespread capital flight. Hong Kong bank deposits increased to a record in April and the city's currency has continued to trade at the strong end of its permitted band against the dollar, a sign of persistent inflows.

Lam's government has said the security laws will help make Hong Kong a "safe, stable and welcoming city" and won't affect the "legitimate rights and freedoms enjoyed by Hong Kong residents and international investors under the law and independent judicial power." Hong Kong's wealthiest billionaires have publicly endorsed the legislation and expressed confidence in the city's future.

In private, however, many Hong Kong entrepreneurs and high-earning professionals are sounding a more pessimistic note.

Cheng, the businessman who



moved \$10 million to Singapore, also secured his permanent resident status in the city-state this year and has been selling his Hong Kong properties. He has no concrete plans to emigrate yet, but is considering his options. He and his family have passports from the U.S., Canada, Australia and France.

Cheng, who was born in Hong Kong, said he worries about China's tightening grip on the city and the prospect for more unrest.

Like several of the people quoted in this story, he asked not to reveal his full name because of the political sensitivity of the subject.

Sam, a senior investment banker in Hong Kong, has decided to leave the city. The 43-year-old is emigrating to Australia with his wife and two young boys in about three months, the second time he will have left Hong Kong during a period of political turmoil. Sam grew up in the city, but moved to Brisbane when he was 12 after his

parents got spooked by China's crackdown on protesters in Beijing's Tiananmen Square in 1989. He came back to Hong Kong 20 years ago for his career but now sees no upside to staying.

"Things are looking bad and deteriorating," he said. "We may as well pack our bags and move to Australia so that the kids can have a better environment growing up."

Margaret Chau, a Hong Kong-based immigration program director for Goldmax Immigration

Consulting Co., said inquiries at her firm have jumped about five-fold after news of the national security legislation. For now, most of her wealthy customers are more interested setting up an escape route than leaving right away.

"They see this as a backup plan," Chau said.

Kerry Goh, chief executive officer of multi-family office Kamet Capital in Singapore, said his clients have shifted from asking generic questions about moving out of Hong Kong to making detailed inquiries about everything from schools to visas and bank accounts.

"What's happened in Hong Kong has really sped up the timing of 2047," Goh said, referring to the expiration date of China's 50-year pledge to preserve Hong Kong's autonomy after the handover from Britain. "As Hong Kong's troubles shoot up, the benefits of Singapore have become more self-explanatory."

Other more far-flung locales are also attracting increased interest from investors in Hong Kong. Puerto Rico's Standard International Bank, a so-called International Financial Entity that expanded its footprint in Asia last year, has seen its deposits more than triple since December 2019, according to general manager Maria Diaz. "Turbulence in Hong Kong has changed the landscape," she said. **MDT/BLOOMBERG**

SECURITY LAWS MAY NOT BE RETROACTIVE, BEIJING SAYS

SWEEPING new national security laws being imposed on Hong Kong might not be retroactive, a Chinese official said, potentially limiting the scope of controversial legislation that's currently being drafted in Beijing.

Deng Zhonghua, deputy director of the Hong Kong and Macau Affairs Office, made the comments yesterday at an event in the mainland border city of Shenzhen. The conference was organized by the Chinese Association of Hong Kong & Macau Studies and was attended by several officials responsible for affairs in the former British colony.

"It needs to be clarified that, even though there are differences in the Hong Kong and mainland legal systems, the principles used in the mainland with regard to criminal laws are not fundamentally different from those in Hong Kong," Deng said. "They all include principles such as the laws will not be applied retrospectively, presumption of innocence, suspects and defendants will have right to defense."

Deng added: "All these principles can be stipulated

in this legislation."

The Chinese government and its appointed leaders in Hong Kong have been seeking to reassure local residents, foreign officials and overseas investors about the looming legislation. Pro-democracy activists and their supporters have expressed alarm about the security laws, which would criminalize the harshest criticism of Beijing after a year of unprecedented and often violent anti-government protests.

For months last year, protesters chanted "Liberate Hong Kong! Revolution of our times!" in marches that drew more than a million people. One band of radicals broke into the Legislative Council on the anniversary of the handover, ransacking the chamber and defacing the city's emblem.

Deng's comments echo remarks by Hong Kong Justice Secretary Teresa Cheng, who said in a blog post Sunday that the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region's Common Law legal system had much in common with China's system.

"There are a number of com-

monalities between the civil and common law systems respectively in the Mainland and the HKSAR, such as retrospectivity, presumption of innocence, burden of proof and standard of proof, legal certainty, etc.," she wrote.

At the same time, she said it was "impracticable and unreasonable to expect that everything in a national law, the National Security Law, will be exactly as what a statute in the HKSAR common law jurisdiction would be like."

In his remarks, Deng said that Hong Kong should remain in charge of most enforcement and legal processes surrounding the security legislation, but mentioned that China "should also reserve the right to have jurisdiction over cases that seriously endanger national security under very rare circumstances." That reference could raise the specter of extradition - an issue that sparked last year's protests - or trials by Communist Party-controlled judges.

"For this law to be effective, the key is the establishment of strong enforcement mecha-

nisms, including setting up agencies to safeguard national security and to grant them necessary enforcement powers," Deng said. "Of course, there are only few cases where China will have jurisdiction over. It will not replace the responsibilities of Hong Kong's relevant departments, nor would it affect judicial independence and final adjudication that Hong Kong enjoys under the Basic Law."

It is not yet clear when China will finalize its plans for the new security laws.

The National People's Congress Standing Committee, the top decision-making body of China's rubber-stamp legislature that had originally unveiled Beijing's plan to impose the new laws, will hold its bi-monthly session from Thursday to Saturday. The Hong Kong national security legislation is not on a proposed agenda published last week.

The Hong Kong security issue could be added in a last-minute change to the agenda, or the committee could also hold an interim meeting if there's a special need to do so. **BLOOMBERG**

KEN MORITSUGU, BEIJING

China's new virus outbreak underscores continued threat

CHINA'S capital was bracing yesterday for a resurgence of the coronavirus after more than 100 new cases were reported in recent days in a city that hadn't seen a case of local transmission in more than a month.

The United States, meanwhile, continued to struggle with an outbreak that appeared ready to stretch on for months or even years, and the governor of hard-hit New York state threatened to reinstate business closings.

China, where the virus first appeared late last year, reported 49 new coronavirus cases yesterday, 36 of them in Beijing. All have been traced to a wholesale market that supplies much of the city's meat and vegetables.

Beijing has closed the Xinfadi market, ordered testing of all its workers and is requiring anyone who traveled there to self-isolate for two weeks.

Chinese health authorities said the strain of virus was similar to that seen in Europe, but there was no immediate evidence of a connection.

In response, Beijing has suspended the restart of some classes and reversed the relaxation of some social isolation measures. Neighborhoods close to the market have been put on lockdown and more than 76,000 people tested.

China's authoritarian communist political system and tight social controls enable tracking of residents' movements through the use of social media. Entry to office buildings and grocery stores requires proof on a smart phone that the person has not traveled to areas where the virus is still active.

India's Health Ministry reported a jump of more than 11,000 new infections nationwide for a third consecutive day yesterday.



A resident wearing a face mask browses meat products at a supermarket in Beijing yesterday

The country's home minister offered 500 train carriages for use as makeshift coronavirus hospital wards as New Delhi struggles to contain a spike in cases.

The Indian capital has about 9,000 beds dedicated to COVID-19 patients in public and private hospitals, but a state government panel of experts has said it will need at least 15,000 beds by the end of June.

In the U.S. cases in nearly half of states are rising. The U.S. already has recorded more than 2 million confirmed coronavirus cases and upward of 115,000 deaths, according to data compiled by Johns Hopkins University.

Upset by "rampant" violations of New York's pandemic-fighting restrictions, Gov. Andrew Cuomo threatened to reinstate closings in areas where local governments fail to enforce the rules.

Manhattan and Long Island's tony Hamptons were singled out as problem areas by Cuomo, who cited 25,000 complaints statewide of reopening violations. The large gatherings, social-distancing violations and lax face-covering enforcement endanger the state's fragile progress in the fight against the coronavirus, Cuomo said, adding that many complaints involve bars and restaurants.

"We are not kidding around with this. You're talking about jeopardizing people's lives," Cuomo said yesterday [Macau time] at his daily briefing.

New York officials are trying to avoid the fate of states seeing a surge in new cases after reopening. New York's coronavirus-related hospitalizations are declining and the state recorded 23 deaths Saturday, the lowest one-day coronavirus death toll since the early days

of the crisis.

Russian President Vladimir Putin blamed America's lack of centralized authority for its inability to stem the spread of the virus, while saying Russia was "working quite steadily and getting out of this situation ... with minimal losses."

In the U.S., "this is not happening," Putin said, noting the central and regional governments work more closely in Russia.

Russia, nevertheless, has recorded more than half a million infections and nearly 7,000 virus deaths, according to the Johns Hopkins University count.

South Korea is also among countries seeking to prevent a resurgence of the outbreak, reporting 37 new cases of COVID-19 yesterday. The Korea Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said 25 of the cases came from the Seoul area, where health authori-

ties are scrambling to trace infections linked to entertainment and leisure activities, church gatherings, warehouse workers and door-to-door sellers.

In Peru, a Catholic Mass was held for the thousands who have died in the pandemic that is burning across Peru and South America as a whole.

Archbishop Carlos Castillo used his broadcast homily to criticize a health system he said "is based on egotism and on business and not on mercy and solidarity with the people."

COVID-19 has taken at least 6,400 lives in the nation of some 32 million people — a toll second only to that of Brazil within South America.

In France, restaurants in the Paris region will be allowed to join those in the rest of the country in opening indoor seating starting this week. From June 22, all nursery schools, primary schools and junior high schools will be open and mandatory for all students.

France is reopening its borders with other European countries and will start allowing visitors from other continents on July 1st.

In Africa, where the virus continues to spread, Ghana's Health Minister Kwaku Agyemang-Manu has contracted COVID-19 and is undergoing treatment at a hospital.

Ghana has one of highest number of confirmed cases in Africa because of its robust testing, with more than 11,400 cases. Health authorities have reported 51 deaths. AP

Salmon shunned after link to Beijing outbreak

THE \$700 million market for imported salmon in China is at risk after the fish was implicated in a new outbreak of coronavirus cases in Beijing, potentially dealing a blow to major exporters like Denmark, Norway and Australia.

Salmon has been taken off the shelves in supermarkets and grocery delivery platforms across major Chinese cities, while top experts are warning people not to consume the omega-3 rich seafood. The boycott came after the chairman of a major fruit and vegetable market called Xinfadi, the site of nearly 100 newly-detected infections, said that the virus was traced to the chopping board used by a seller

of imported salmon.

Zeng Guang, a senior expert with the National Health Commission, said in an interview with state media on Sunday that "we have yet to find out whether human beings transmitted the virus to salmon, or salmon contracted the virus first." He warned Beijing residents not to eat raw salmon or purchase imported seafood for the time being.

Wu Zunyou, chief epidemiologist of China's Center for Diseases Prevention and Control said that the virus can survive on the surface of frozen food for up to three months and that the agency "highly suspects" contaminated goods as the source of the latest outbreak.



Chinese police guard the entrance to the closed Xinfadi market in Beijing

break.

While it is unclear if the virus can be actually be transmitted through frozen food that's later thawed, the swift shunning of salmon reflects China's growing fears over the abrupt resurgence of cases in its capital

city - the cultural and political center of the country where 20 million people reside. About 20 housing compounds have been placed under lockdown and some schools closed while local officials race to track down people who've visi-

ted or had contact with the Xinfadi market.

The salmon boycott is another blow to exporters of the seafood to China, after the coronavirus pandemic caused sales in the first four months of the year to plunge over 30%. Prior to the crisis, the four biggest exporters according to China customs data - Chile, Norway, Australia and Denmark's Faroe Islands - had seen demand steadily grow to \$686 million last year due to rising middle-class incomes and a shift to healthier diets.

The situation drove stocks of pork producers up yesterday, with Jiangxi Zhengbang Technology Co. jumping 6.9% as of the midday break in Shenzhen

and Wens Foodstuffs Group Co. climbing 3.8%. Both are set to log their biggest daily gain since April. The gains were likely fueled by expectations that demand for the meat will rise as consumers shun seafood, said Ken Chen, an analyst with KGI Securities Co. in Shanghai.

In a study published in April, researchers with the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations concluded that the coronavirus is not known to infect aquatic food animals or contaminate their products.

The risk "should be negligible" with "proper food handling and sanitation," although their surfaces might potentially become contaminated when handled by people who carry the virus, scientists including Melba G. Bondad-Reantaso wrote. **BLOOMBERG**

AP PHOTO



Sen. Thom Tillis, R-N.C., speaks during a campaign rally for President Donald Trump in Charlotte, N.C., in early March

GOP candidates balance pros, cons of running with Trump

ALAN FRAM
& JONATHAN LEMIRE,
WASHINGTON

PRESIDENT Donald Trump is hitting the road again. And while a campaign event with a president who draws TV cameras and raucous crowds can be gold for down-ballot candidates, these days its value can be debatable.

Republican Sen. Thom Tillis, facing a competitive North Carolina reelection contest, "is looking forward to campaigning" with Trump, Tillis' spokesperson said. GOP Sen. Steve Daines tweeted, "Montana can't wait to have you back, Mr. President!" after Trump promised to help him battle a strong Democratic challenger.

Yet a spokesperson said Sen. Susan Collins, R-Maine, in the reelection fight of her life, "was at work in Washington" recently as Trump visited her state to open a marine conservation area to commercial fishing. The Senate wasn't in session that day.

And while GOP Senate candidate John James appeared with Trump in May in Michigan, where polls have trended against the president, James demurred when asked about his 2017 comment that he backs Trump "2,000%." James said he supports Trump, adding, "I'm looking forward to running my own race, being my own man."

Trump is the GOP's unrivaled beast, commanding the unswerving fealty of nearly all its voters. While some Republican candidates yanked their support late

in his 2016 campaign after a decade-old video showed him boasting about groping women, he's since proved that crossing him can be politically fatal.

Yet Trump's divisive law-and-order response to protests against police killings of African Americans, the untamed coronavirus pandemic and the worst economy in decades have wounded him. His job approval rating dipped to a dangerously low 39% in the latest Gallup poll.

That's jeopardized his November reelection, endangered the GOP's Senate control and made a Republican House takeover highly unlikely. It's also left nervous Republicans debating whether congressional candidates in tight races should link hands with him or create distance.

For most, there's little question that homage to Trump is smartest. Sens. John Cornyn, R-Texas, and Joni Ernst, R-Iowa, seeking reelection in states Trump will likely carry, have no incentive to rebel.

Sen. David Perdue, R-Ga., is also not straying. "Bring it on," Perdue spokesperson Casey Black said of any efforts to attack his closeness with Trump.

Distancing from Trump would be "a stupid strategy," said GOP pollster Neil Newhouse. "If the base sees you're turning your back on the president, they will cut you off."

Others Republicans face tougher choices. Tillis, Collins, and Sens. Cory Gardner in Colorado and Martha McSally in Arizona are from states Trump could well lose.

Republican candidates are "hostages," said Trump critic Tim Miller, an aide to past GOP presidential contenders including Jeb Bush. But he said Trump's recent problems, like retweeting a false conspiracy theory about an elderly Buffalo, New York, protester shoved to the ground by police, offer an opening.

"I'm not asking them to become Twitter trolls," Miller said. "But I don't see why they don't take opportunities to put a little distance between themselves and the president."

Trump has pushed his Capitol Hill allies to keep rank-and-file Republicans in line and vowed to retaliate against defectors, said three White House and campaign officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they weren't authorized to publicly discuss private conversations.

White House aides bridled when Sen. Lindsey Graham, R-S.C., a Trump ally, tweeted support for Gen. Mark Milley. The chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff had publicly defied Trump, saying it had been a "mistake" to participate as the president was photographed holding a Bible outside a church after peaceful demonstrators were forcibly cleared away.

After GOP Sens. Mitt Romney of Utah and Lisa Murkowski of Alaska criticized Trump's tweet about the manhandled Buffalo demonstrator, he unleashed his wrath at them on Twitter. Neither is running for reelection this year.

Colorado's Gardner and Sen. Kelly Loeffler of Georgia, both in tough races, were

among Republicans who didn't answer reporters' questions about Trump's tweet.

"Anyone who wants to win in November should be running with the president," said Trump campaign spokesperson Erin Perrine.

As Trump continues prodding the country to a partial reopening from coronavirus restrictions, he's announced live rallies in Oklahoma, Florida, Texas, Arizona and North Carolina.

The White House will watch whether candidates attend and look for other signs of discontent, such as coded distancing in ads saying they'll stand up to both parties.

No one expects Republicans to break drastically with Trump because of the price they'd pay with the party faithful. But some may feel freer to strike contrasts with him once they clear primaries, which Trump voters dominate. More candidates could stray if polling shows his prospects are bleak as Election Day nears.

With swelling public sympathy for the Black Lives Matter movement, some Republicans have opposed Trump's refusal to remove Confederate leaders' names from military bases. And some are preparing legislation changing policing practices, despite uncertainty over his support.

In the House, Democrats hope to use allegiance to Trump that GOP candidates touted in primaries against them in general elections. That's likely in suburban districts in states like California, Pennsylvania and Texas, in which voters tend to be more moderate. AP

this day in history

1989 HUNGARY REBURIES FALLEN HERO IMRE NAGY

Former Communist prime minister Imre Nagy, the man who symbolises the 1956 Hungarian uprising, has been given a formal public funeral 31 years after he was executed.

The capital, Budapest, came to a standstill as thousands came to pay their respects to Nagy who in 1956 formed a government dedicated to freeing itself from Soviet communism.



Buildings were draped in black, church bells pealed and there was a one-minute silence across the country.

His coffin was placed on the steps of the Exhibition Hall in Heroes Square, alongside four of his comrades and one empty coffin symbolising the Unknown Revolutionary.

Among the mourners who placed wreaths and flowers were a handful of the 200,000 exiles who had fled the country after Soviet tanks crushed the revolution in November 1956.

General Bela Kiraly a commander of the 1956 uprising paid tribute to Hungary's fallen hero and said the reburial opened "a new epoch".

The ceremony comes at time of political moves away from Soviet influence.

Multiparty elections due to take place next year will see the end of the Communist Party's leading role in Hungary.

Imre Nagy was prime minister of Hungary from 1953 till 1955 when the Communist Party expelled him for, among other things, wanting to release political prisoners and liberalise the economy.

In October 1956 students revolted against the state and demanded the reinstatement of Mr Nagy and he returned to power.

Encouraged by an apparent promise of outside help, Nagy appealed to the UN and Western governments for protection from Soviet troops.

But with the Suez crisis in full swing and no real appetite for fighting the USSR over a crisis in Eastern Europe, the West did not respond.

The Soviet military's response was swift and devastating. Some 30,000 people were killed in Budapest alone and thousands more sought political asylum in the West.

Mr Nagy took refuge in the Yugoslav embassy. He had been assured safe passage by the newly appointed Hungarian leader Janos Kadar but was abducted by Soviet agents while on a bus home.

He was executed exactly 31 years ago on 16 June 1958 after a secret trial in Budapest in which he was accused of high treason.

His body was dumped face down in an unmarked grave in the Kozma Street Cemetery and his relatives were harassed by police whenever they went to lay flowers.

Now he has been reburied there with full honours and Kadar, who remained in power until last year, has been forced into retirement.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

On 6 July 1989 the Hungarian Supreme Court acquitted Imre Nagy of the charges of high treason for which he had been executed.

Janos Kadar, the man who took over from Nagy and ruled the country for the following 30 years died in hospital on the same day.

Although many Hungarians never forgave him for his role in the crushing the 1956 uprising and his support for the Soviet repression of Czechoslovakia in 1968, Kadar's policy of "consumer socialism" turned Hungary into the most economically liberal and modern states of the Eastern Bloc. In August 1989, two months after Nagy was reburied, Hungary played an important part in accelerating the collapse of Communism when it opened its border with Austria, allowing thousands of East Germans to escape to the West. In June 1990 the country withdrew from any participation in Warsaw Pact military exercises and the following year the pact itself was dissolved.

In 1994 former communists and liberals formed a coalition following elections. Gyula Horn, the leader of the reform communists, pledged to continue free-market policies.

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YOUR STARS



ARIES

Mar. 21-Apr. 19

You might have to grab this attention soon, though. Your window of opportunity will be closing by the end of the day. So speak up now or forever hold your peace.



TAURUS

Apr. 20-May. 20

If you need to run errands or take care of routine tasks today, set aside any personal worries for a while and remember that every day can be as enjoyable as you want to make it.



GEMINI

May. 21-Jun. 21

Chance are, they just want to hear from you. You can rest assured that they will return the favor when you need something, because that's what friends do.



CANCER

Jun. 22-Jul. 22

There is no question that this partnership has legs, so take any insecure energy and channel it toward confidence. You're on equal footing and things look promising.



LEO

Jul. 23-Aug. 22

Get ready for some fun conversations today! Due to a rare combination of positive feedback, confidence, and coincidence, you'll be able to hold your own with a wide variety of people.



VIRGO

Aug. 23-Sep. 22

Your recent achievement was wonderful, but it isn't as recent as you might think it is. You can't go on resting on these laurels for much longer. It's time to pick a new challenge and conquer it!



LIBRA

Sep. 23-Oct. 22

If it's possible today, avoid driving or operating any heavy machinery. Just think of it as a prescription for your day. The big problem is your energy. It may not be dependable.



SCORPIO

Oct. 23-Nov. 21

It's totally out of your hands, so focus on future prevention instead. Choose your words and your audience wisely, and don't say more than you absolutely have to.



SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Yes, things have been a blur lately, but since your emotions are finally starting to settle down, your body should, too. Relaxation and comfort are more important than speed.



CAPRICORN

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Any extra time you have today should be spent doing some research. Are you thinking about making a big purchase soon? Get online and search for the pros and cons about what you're considering.



AQUARIUS

Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Any business deals you take part in today, whether it's buying groceries or signing papers for a home loan, deserves your focused attention. Check the receipt.



PISCES

Feb. 19-Mar. 20

If you want more romance in your life, one of the hardest tasks is coming up with a list of likes and dislikes, which are often a part of the conversation when you first talk to someone.

The Born Loser by Chip Sanson



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Harbin	12	23	thundershower
Tianjin	20	28	cloudy
Urumqi	22	33	cloudy
Xi'an	22	37	clear
Lhasa	10	20	drizzle
Chengdu	19	34	cloudy
Chongqing	21	33	clear
Kunming	15	29	shower
Nanjing	22	28	moderate rain
Shanghai	22	26	heavy rain
Wuhan	23	31	drizzle
Hangzhou	22	25	heavy rain
Taipei	25	30	drizzle
Guangzhou	25	31	moderate rain
Hong Kong	28	32	cloudy
WORLD			
Moscow	13	18	drizzle
Frankfurt	9	18	drizzle
Paris	11	18	drizzle
London	9	19	drizzle
New York	21	31	moderate rain

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Bring into existence; 5- Tic ___ Dough; 8- Low-___ diet; 12- Not "fer"; 13- Choreographer Alvin; 15- Follow orders; 16- Encounter; 17- Unrefined; 18- H.S. exam; 19- Promotion in rank; 22- It's past due; 23- Chit; 24- Anklebones; 26- Spatter; 29- Nautical; 31- Second sequel tag; 32- Piles; 34- Snow conveyances; 36- Bald eagle's relative; 38- Part of LED; 40- Actress Swenson; 41- Staggers; 43- Basic monetary unit of Denmark; 45- Animation frame; 46- Capital of the Bahamas; 48- Fashions; 50- Fountain of jazz; 51- History book chapter; 52- Sugar amt.; 54- Witches; 61- Tar; 63- Scandinavian; 64- Lacking; 65- Between ports; 66- Lieu; 67- Hostleries; 68- Take ten; 69- Cinque follower; 70- Supplements, with "out";

DOWN: 1- Baby's cry; 2- Ripened; 3- Capital of the Ukraine; 4- Involve; 5- Grow weary; 6- Homecoming guest; 7- Sign over; 8- Dirty Harry, e.g.; 9- Self-denial; 10- The back end of something; 11- Unit of computer memory; 13- Charged with a crime; 14- Gossipmonger; 20- Flood survivor; 21- Swabbies; 25- Taylor of "Mystic Pizza"; 26- Femme fatale; 27- Tropical fruits; 28- Japanese three-line verse; 29- Windows predecessor; 30- Borders; 31- Occupational suffix; 33- ___ favor; 35- Gal of song; 37- Different; 39- Went in; 42- Fast fliers; 44- Bronte heroine; 47- Ages; 49- Timmy's dog; 52- Boris Godunov, for one; 53- Freelancer's encl.; 55- Goes bad; 56- Canadian tribe; 57- Morales of "NYPD Blue"; 58- Dropped; 59- Feminine ending; 60- Flat sound; 62- Make lace;

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GAMING

SOME TRIBES REOPEN THEIR CASINOS DESPITE STATE OPPOSITION

DRIVERS heading down state roads leading to Foxwoods Resort Casino and Mohegan Sun in Connecticut are greeted by flashing warnings: "Avoid Large Crowds" and "Don't Gamble With COVID."

Despite having authority to shutter thousands of businesses during the coronavirus pandemic, Connecticut Gov. Ned Lamont has been constrained when dealing with the sovereign tribal nations that own two of the world's largest casinos. After pleading with tribal leaders to not reopen and even raising the possibility of pulling their state-issued liquor licenses, he ultimately settled for ordering state transportation workers to put up the signs.

"People over the age of 65 should not be in large, congregated settings. We think that's dangerous, even now," said Lamont, a Democrat, after the casinos partly reopened on June 1, weeks ahead of the state's timetable for large indoor events. "So, we tried to put some good, strong advice



in place as people are on their way to taking a gamble."

Connecticut's two federally recognized tribes, the Mashantucket Pequot Tribal Nation and the Mohegan Tribe are not alone in reopening doors early as the nation reemerges from the shutdown — though both say they are being careful about

reopening. Facing pressure to bring back employees and start generating revenue, tribes in Washington, Oregon, California, Florida, North Carolina, New York and elsewhere have decided to welcome back gamblers even though their states haven't allowed large gatherings.

Other businesses have brist-

led at shutdown orders and restrictions, and some have pushed the limits. But the tribes that run the casinos are different because the U.S. Constitution recognizes them as sovereign nations with full authority within their reservations — so state and local leaders have no say in reopening their casinos.

"Tribal nations are just that, they're nations. So they are not bound by state laws," New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo said recently.

New York state officials haven't decided yet when to allow commercial casinos to reopen, but the Oneida Indian Nation announced it will partly reopen three casinos last Wednesday, and the Cayuga Nation reopened its casino on May 15. Both are upstate, where similar large gathering places are not yet open.

In California, Democratic Gov. Gavin Newsom, wrote a letter to tribal leaders pleading with them to align their plans with the state's, warning that people

crowding in casinos could spark a new wave of infections.

The "virus does not recognize jurisdictional boundaries," he said.

In Florida, Miami-Dade Mayor Carlos Gimenez took to social media after the tribal casino Miccosulkee Resort & Gaming reopened early. Last month, he urged residents to follow federal health guidelines if they decide to go and gamble.

That same tribe resisted pleas from state and local officials in late March to close entirely, as other tribal casinos, restaurants, movie theaters, parks and beaches had. At the time, Gimenez resorted to issuing a video message, urging elderly residents to "take personal responsibility" and stay away from any large gatherings, including the casino.

Miccosulkee tribal officials, known for being strongly independent, had insisted they were following federal health recommendations. But days later, the tribe announced it would close the casino, while noting it was "under no legal obligation" to do so as a sovereign nation.

As of last Tuesday, the American Gaming Association website identified 280 tribal casinos that have so far reopened, while 244 remained closed. AP

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FOOTBALL

A club-by-club guide ahead of the resumption of the Premier League:

1. LIVERPOOL (82 POINTS)

At stake: A maximum of two more wins are needed for a first league title in 30 years, though no fans will be inside a stadium to witness the moment.

Look for: Will motivation still be there after clinching the title? Liverpool still has some records to break, like Manchester City's 100-point season in 2017-18, and is not involved in any other competition.

2. MANCHESTER CITY (57 POINTS)

At stake: FA Cup and Champions League could take priority with Liverpool well clear in the league and City's top-four spot virtually assured.

Look for: Will it even matter where City finishes? The club will not be in the Champions League next season unless a sports court overturns a two-year ban for serious breaches of UEFA's financial fair play rules.

3. LEICESTER (53 POINTS)

At stake: In a strong position to secure Champions League qualification for the second time in five seasons.

Look for: Can Jamie Vardy win the Golden Boot? He tops the scoring chart with 19 goals, two more than Arsenal's Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang.

4. CHELSEA (48 POINTS)

At stake: Clinging on to the final automatic Champions League qualification place after a run of poor results before the suspension.

Look for: Tammy Abraham's response to the potential signing of a rival striker for next season, Timo Werner from Leipzig.

5. MANCHESTER UNITED (45 POINTS)

At stake: Fifth place could be enough to qualify for the Champions League after Manchester City's ban, which has been the subject of an appeal. Fourth place would make absolutely sure.

Look for: How fit-again Paul Pogba and January signing Bruno Fernandes link up in central midfield.

6. WOLVERHAMPTON (43 POINTS)

At stake: Having qualified for the Europa League after a first season back in the Premier League, reaching the Champions League the following season would be a major achievement.

Look for: Wolves manager Nuno Espirito Santo prefers to operate with little rotation in his tight squad. That policy will be tested with the pile-up of fixtures.

Club-by-club guide to the Premier League's resumption



7. SHEFFIELD UNITED (43 POINTS)

At stake: A chance to become England's most unlikely Champions League representative ever.

Look for: With 10 league games to play in 5 1/2 weeks and the team also involved in the FA Cup, will a small squad be stretched too far?

8. TOTTENHAM (41 POINTS)

At stake: Jose Mourinho took over in November with Tottenham in 14th place and still has a chance to lead the team into Champions League positions.

Look for: Harry Kane, Son Heung-min, Moussa Sissoko and Steven Bergwijn have recovered from long-term injuries that were sidelining them before the suspension.

9. ARSENAL (40 POINTS)

At stake: Still only outside shot at Champions League qualification, despite having a game in hand — against Manchester City — over most of its rivals for the top four.

Look for: These might be the final games of Pierre-Emerick Aubameyang in an Arsenal jersey. With his contract expiring at the end of next season, the club might cash in on the striker in the off-season.

10. BURNLEY (39 POINTS)

At stake: A four-game unbeaten run before the season was halted has lifted Burnley into the group of teams capable of qualifying for Europe. It is the big outsider, though.

Look for: Burnley is a well-drilled, pragmatic team under Sean Dyche. Safe from relegation again, will the game plan be more expansive in the final games of the season?

11. CRYSTAL PALACE (39 POINTS)

At stake: Virtually assured of staying up but unlikely to earn enough wins to realistically join the race for European qualification.

Look for: If this is the off-season when Wilfried Zaha finally leaves Palace, the winger's performances in the run-in may be crucial in determining which teams come in for him.

12. EVERTON (37 POINTS)

At stake: Three games without a win before the suspension ended a good run of form and leaves Everton as one of the teams with little to play for.

Look for: The developing relationship up front between Brazil forward Richarlison and England hopeful Dominic Calvert-Lewin.

13. NEWCASTLE (35 POINTS)

At stake: Steve Bruce was widely regarded as an underwhelming hire as the replacement for Rafa Benitez in the last off-season. Yet Newcastle might already be within one more win of staying up.

Look for: The fallout if the club finalizes its proposed takeover by Saudi Arabia's sovereign wealth fund. It would be one of the most controversial deals in Premier League history.

14. SOUTHAMPTON (34 POINTS)

At stake: The break came at a good time for Ralph Hasenhuttl's team, which lost four of its last five games and is still looking over its shoulder at the relegation fight.

Look for: Can Danny Ings keep up the career-best form that brought him 15 goals before the league was stopped? That leaves him fifth in the scoring chart.

15. BRIGHTON (29 POINTS)

At stake: Without a win in 2020 and just two points above the relegation zone as the team looks to secure a fourth straight season in the Premier League.

Look for: Brighton is under pressure to perform at home after fighting so vocally against neutral venues. The remaining games at

the Amex Stadium are against Arsenal, Manchester United, Manchester City, Liverpool and Newcastle.

16. WEST HAM (27 POINTS)

At stake: Out of the relegation zone only on goal difference. It is little surprise that the club's vice-chair, Karren Brady, led the early calls to null and void the season after the league was suspended.

Look for: The first three games back are against Wolverhampton, Tottenham and Chelsea, after which West Ham could easily be in relegation zone.

17. WATFORD (27 POINTS)

At stake: Ending Liverpool's unbeaten run this campaign just before the season's suspension has helped to keep Watford out of the bottom three, but currently only on goal difference.

Look for: Watford was a vocal critic of the proposal for neutral venues. No wonder, with favourable and potentially decisive home games against Southampton, Norwich and Newcastle to come.

18. BOURNEMOUTH (27 POINTS)

At stake: Potentially the end of a fairytale five-year stay in the Premier League for the smallest club in the division.

Look for: Young midfielder David Brooks was a revelation last season but hasn't played a minute this campaign because of injury. He's fit and available now, and could be crucial for Bournemouth.

19. ASTON VILLA (25 POINTS)

At stake: On a run of four straight losses, Villa was the worst team in the league before the shutdown and is heading for relegation after just one season back unless the team arrests that slide.

Look for: Villa captain Jack Grealish might just be striving to keep his boyhood team in the Premier League. He may also want to put on a show for potential suitors in the off-season.

20. NORWICH (21 POINTS)

At stake: Six points adrift of safety so may need at least five wins from its last nine games to stay up. The team only has five wins from its first 29 games.

Look for: Teemu Pukki started the season strongly but had regressed by the time the league was suspended. Norwich will need its top scorer, with 11 goals, to be back in form to stand a chance of survival. AP

OPINION

Our Desk

Julie Zhu



**FUN MANDARIN 3:
JIÀN PÁN XIÁ
(KEYBOARD MAN)**

As with all my previous opinion pieces, what follows is solely to provide entertainment.

Today marks the third installment of the Fun Mandarin series. The highlight of today's column will be some of the new mandarin words that have emerged following the widespread use of mobile phones, computers and, of course, the internet.

The mandarin phrase mentioned in the title of this article may or may not have originated from mainland China. And, since even the English translation of the terms certainly varies from individual to individual, my own translation should not be referred to in order to defend an argument, fuel a discussion, or even officially start a conversation.

键 Jiàn 盘 Pán 侠 Xiá is a word roughly tracking back to the internet in mainland China in 2014, purportedly based on a People's Daily article written by a mainland commentator.

键 Jiàn is a key on a keyboard. 盘 Pán is a plate. When together, 键 Jiàn 盘 Pán means keyboard. 侠 Xiá means people who defend, stand up, fight against anything unfair.

键 Jiàn 盘 Pán 侠 Xiá is thus Keyboard Man. In real life, there may be some individuals who, despite being spineless, timid, and spiritless, act extraordinarily boldly when surfing on the internet, and make non-stop remarks and comments, especially to demonstrate their allegedly impeccable noble conscience, which plays against their behavior in real life. This term, 键 Jiàn 盘 Pán 侠 Xiá, particularly depicts a person who, in real life, simply watches things unfold but, once they turn to the internet, it's likely they could be awarded a Nobel Prize in literature, given the implicit perfect morality embedded in the words they have typed on a keyboard.

Before I get to the second term, I will need to explain 妖 Yāo 精 Jīng. 妖 Yāo 精 Jīng is a spiritual fad, and can be related to an evil character, similar to witch. However, due to the cultural background, 妖 Yāo 精 Jīng is not the same as a witch. They look different, they act differently, they dress differently, they talk differently. 妖 Yāo 精 Jīng will help me explain the third word. I would not recommend translating 妖 Yāo 精 Jīng into English, because they are not the same, just like a Bao is not a bread, a tng is not a soup. After all, I believe it will met with strong objection if I started to refer to a 'monk' when telling a mainland friend that a priest is a western monk who works for a western temple. The second term for today's lesson is 柠 Níng 檬 Méng 精 Jīng. 柠 Níng 檬 Méng is a lemon. Jīng has various meanings, including detailed, smart, thorough, the purest part after a refining process, energetic, very, perfect, best, clear, and 妖 Yāo 精 Jīng.

柠 Níng 檬 Méng 精 Jīng, as we have already grasped, combines the terms 'lemon' and 'Yo Jng'. The superficial meaning of the term is that a lemon became a Yo Jng.

However, 柠 Níng 檬 Méng 精 Jīng portrays precisely those individuals who are resentful and can't bear to see other people being better than themselves in any aspect, such as in terms of beauty, talent, wealth, and even personal relationships. At the same time, this kind of person labels themselves as being the most righteous, ethical, principled, innocent, guiltless, blameless, honorable, and faultless.

The level of a 柠 Níng 檬 Méng 精 Jīng's jealousy is massive.

AMERICAN SENTENCED TO 16 YEARS IN RUSSIA ON SPYING CHARGES

A Russian court sentenced an American to 16 years in prison on spying charges a sentence he rejected as political.

The Moscow City Court yesterday read out the conviction of Paul Whelan on charges of espionage and sentenced him to 16 years in a maximum security prison colony.

Whelan has insisted on his innocence, saying he was set up. The U.S. Embassy has denounced Whelan's trial as unfair, pointing that no evidence has

been provided.

Whelan's brother David said lawyers will appeal the verdict that he denounced as political, adding in a statement that "the court's decision merely completes the final piece of this broken judicial process."

"We had hoped that the court might show some independence but, in the end, Russian judges are political, not legal, entities," the statement said. "We look to the U.S. government to immediately take steps to bring Paul home."

THE BUZZ



India's home minister has offered 500 railway carriages for use as makeshift coronavirus hospital wards as New Delhi struggles to contain a spike in cases. The capital has about 9,000 beds dedicated to COVID-19 patients in public and private hospitals, but a state government panel of experts has said it will need at least 15,000 beds by the end of June.

Hong Kong Disneyland will reopen Thursday after being closed since January. It will limit the number of visitors and will require masks and health forms and use social distancing. Activities that require close interaction such as photo sessions with Disney characters will remain suspended, the park said.



Africa Tens of thousands more children younger than 5 could die in the next six months in North Africa and the Middle East because of the knock-on effects of the coronavirus pandemic, the U.N. agency for children said yesterday. Young children face growing risks because the virus disrupts their access to primary health care, including treatment for severe malnutrition, pneumonia and neonatal sepsis, Ted Chaiban, the regional director of UNICEF, told The Associated Press.



USA Atlanta police yesterday quickly released body-camera and other footage that captured the shooting death of a black man by a white officer who was swiftly fired — moves that policing experts said could help defuse anti-racism protests that were reignited by the shooting. The police announced that an officer, Garrett Rolfe, had been fired after he fatally shot Rayshard Brooks, 27, on Friday night, and another officer, Devin Brosnan, had been placed on administrative duty.

ONE GOOD THING

THAI ENTREPRENEUR CONNECTS MICHELIN BISTROS TO THOSE IN NEED

JERRY HARMER, BANGKOK

NATALIE Bin Narkprasert's business was in Paris. But she was locked down by COVID-19 restrictions and stuck in Thailand.

Her heart was in Thailand, too — and it ached for her compatriots who were suffering in the pandemic. She thought of her own grandmother.

"She's 94 years old, and then I really worried about her during COVID, like how is she going to cope and do things, so I just thought about all the people who are struggling during this time who might not even have a family or a home," she said.

So she recruited a network of volunteers, including Michelin-starred chefs, to help those in her homeland whose already modest incomes were shattered by the pandemic restrictions.

Her group, COVID Thailand Aid, says it has reached more than 30,000 people in more than 100 locations with care packages and freshly cooked food.

On a recent afternoon, the 28-year-old was front and center in the Bangkok heat, helping distribute meals in a small, low-income community beside a railway line.

In bright blue T-shirts, she and her volunteers pressed boxes of spicy minced chicken and rice into the hands of residents. They also gave essential items like clothing, hand sanitizers and face masks.

Most residents are employed as maids, street vendors or shop assistants, and many haven't worked for around two months.

"It means a lot to us. We



Natalie Bin Narkprasert, founder of COVID Thailand Aid

are facing difficulties," said Jintana Jantornsri, one of the community elders. "We can't even pay rent. Many have no jobs and can't sell anything. Everything is tough."

Narkprasert decided to help after flight bans stopped her returning to France, where she runs property and e-commerce businesses.

In bright blue T-shirts, Natalie and her volunteers pressed boxes of spicy minced chicken and rice into the hands of residents

She started out small, buying groceries for neighborhoods in need, but now has more than 450 volunteers who pull together food donations and care packages in more than 32 provinces.

Narkprasert is kept busy making appeals and fielding requests for help, then matching skills with needs, and sourcing goods, facilities and transport.

The results are impressive. Included in her network is a string of top-rated Bangkok restaurants.

For this day's mission, chefs from five eateries gathered at Bo.lan, which offered up its kitchen.

They prepared 300 servings of pad krapow gai, spicy minced chicken, for the rail-side community.

Three of the restaurants involved have earned Michelin stars, though that isn't the point, said Megan Leon, a Mexican-American cook and food writer who is the project leader for the food donation drives.

"It's just about getting together to try to feed people and make sure people have access to good food and that will make them feel good about themselves and help families that are in need," she said.

Narkprasert's business career has come to a sudden halt, and she hasn't seen her husband for months. But she says she has no regrets.

She even thinks returning to her old life may be a challenge. This is, she said, "a really hard time to go back to it just because I still have this goal of helping more people."

"I can always make money later, but I just want to keep helping people for now and then we will see how it goes," she said. AP