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PAKISTAN Hundreds of followers and relatives of Pakistan's most feared Islamic militant leader attended his burial yesterday, a day after he was gunned down in an assault on a police convoy. Many among the mourners were members of Malik Ishaq's militant Lashkar-e-Jhangvi group and chanted anti-government slogans calling for revenge. Ishaq's Lashkar-e-Jhangvi has links to the Taliban and to al-Qaida, and allegedly masterminded the killing of scores of minority Shiites across Pakistan.



TURKEY Kurdish rebels have attacked Turkish security forces in two separate assaults in southeast Turkey, killing five people, officials said. One rebel was also killed. The military said rebels from the Kurdistan Workers' Party, or PKK, launched an attack yesterday on soldiers protecting a military convoy in Sirnak province, near the border with Iraq. Three soldiers, including an officer, died. The military responded with a counter-offensive that killed one PKK rebel.

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FAR FROM WHERE

3 Jews are sitting in a DP [Displaced Persons] camp after the war.

Says the first Jew, "I'm going to settle in England." The second Jew states, "I'm going to Canada." And the third Jew declares: "I'm going to Australia!" Asks the first Jew: "Isn't that too far?" "Far from where?!", replied the third Jew...

This kind of tragic joke, which precedes the establishment of the State of Israel, in 1948, is a pretty good illustration of the stateless Jewish dilemma and, hence, of the great Jewish diaspora.

For the survivor Jews of the anecdote, the Promised Land was nowhere to be found.

Times have changed, and nowadays there are millions and millions, from a panoply of origins, displaced in the world: due to wars, famine, or more prosaic economic reasons.

Macau has long been a place of and for migrants: those who come here to take refuge, work or get a piece of the trade pie of the moment – be it silver and silk, opium, rice, gold, coolies or gambling – the old entrepot always lived in a kind of 'rite of passage' mode. The population is mostly young, fairly detached from local traditions and politics, with a constant share of floating people that come and go.

Most of the Macanese people – born-here, long timers or later arrivals – feel that being in Macau is an unsaid deal between the person and the place: we borrow time from Macau and Macau borrows time from us.

For years, this was quite a fair deal. We've felt safe here; we belong to a certain extent, the same exact way we care to a certain extent. Macau, on its side of the bargain, makes us feel safe, makes us feel needed and takes care of us. And in this way, a sense of belonging grew inside of us, insidiously, like my good friend Eduardo Flores so astutely said the other day: "Under the skin, like dirt on a coal miner."

Lately, however, in its quest for progress the city has spawned an unbearable array of burdens. High pollution, chaotic traffic, a housing bubble, rampant inflation, health-care issues, a growing sense of inequality; a declining living standard.

What's worse is that the solutions that are being presented to us usually show a tremendous lack of vision and common sense; lack of respect both for the people and the cultural heritage. The master plans for the new reclamation zones look more like a road map to growing inequality and exclusion. It creates ghettos in the city; it erects walls of concrete that will obliterate the sights of historic Macau for good.

It looks like Macau isn't living by its side of the bargain anymore.

Therefore, every other day, I hear people saying "I'm leaving." And every other day people are actually leaving. From all walks of life, people are leaving Macau to a place more or less distant. And one day they will be living like the Jew of the anecdote: more or less distant to... where?

GAMING

As city heads toward Vegas-style makeover, MGM seeks to adapt

Stephanie Wong

RUNNING a casino in Macau used to be a simpler affair: build a world-class hotel, have junket agents bring in high rollers from China and design attractions to draw the crowds in.

Now, as Macau's casino bosses face the worst downturn they've ever seen, MGM China Holdings Ltd. Chief Executive Officer Grant Bowie is focusing on adapting his company to the Portuguese enclave's transformation into a family-oriented venue – more of a Las Vegas, less of an Atlantic City. He'll also need to cater to Chinese tastes.

"We are living in Macau in one of the biggest economic consumer experiments in the world," the 57-year-old New Zealand native said in a recent interview. "The length of stay, building capacity, building a reason to be here, building a destination of appeal – those are the challenges."

Local casinos for years have ridden a boom driven by Chinese hard-core gamblers, whose bets turned the city into the world's largest gambling hub. In the past year, gaming revenue plunged back to 2010 level as China's anti-graft crackdown kept those big spenders at bay.

Operators are spending USD27 billion to build new resorts, ramping up hotel rooms, retail shops and designing attractions that they hope would get Chinese tourists to stay longer and spend more than the \$7.7 billion last year.

At MGM's only casino in Macau, revenue dropped 33 percent in the first quarter, and a third of its junket operators, the middle-men who arrange gambling trips and lend money for the high rollers, closed their VIP rooms, Bowie said.

Las Vegas had experienced its own transformation. Over the past century, it changed from a deserted railroad town to a four-mile Strip that is home to seven of the U.S.' top 10 grossing nightclubs and has restaurants that rival those in New York and Los Angeles, according to Macquarie Capital (USA) Inc.

In Las Vegas, MGM China's parent MGM Resorts International, which controls more land on the Strip than any other operator, is a leader in non-gaming, according to Macquarie. It held in May a boxing match between Floyd Mayweather and Manny Pacquiao with fans spilling out to its 10 casinos there, dri-



Customers sit at a restaurant at the Grande Praça of the MGM Macau casino resort

ving bets to a record.

It gets two-thirds of its revenue from non-gaming amenities, while MGM China, like most of Macau's casinos, gets less than 10 percent. Bowie plans to accelerate growth there, without giving a target.

With fewer customers, gambling houses "have to be creative and think out of the box to come up with ways of luring in new customers to Macau," said Richard Huang, an analyst at Nomura Holdings Inc.

Hotel prices also need to come down to make the market more attractive, Bowie said. Macau has the priciest Asia's hotel rooms costing \$203 on average, compared with USD149 in Las Vegas, according to HRS, a hotel reservation company.

MGM China, which according to Barclays Plc has the smallest share of VIP gambling in the second quarter at about 9.9 percent, is building a HK\$23 billion (\$3 billion) new project in Macau's developing Cotai gambling district. The company also has among the smallest share of the mass market.

The resort, with an exterior designed to look like a stack of Chinese jewel boxes and due to open in the fourth quarter next year, will almost triple MGM China's number of hotel rooms.

Everything in China is on steroids, everything goes faster

GRANT BOWIE

One big challenge Bowie faces is how to adapt to the fast-changing tastes of the Chinese consumers, who demand more unique experiences as they travel more around the world. MGM China will enlist Chinese artists and marketers to help, said the former president of Steve Wynn's Macau unit.

"Everything in China is on steroids, everything goes faster," Bowie said at a restaurant in his Macau resort, overlooking an 8-meter tall cylindrical aquarium, a Chinese symbol for good luck.

The one thing he's sure of is that directly importing Western shows wouldn't work. Cirque du Soleil – a Canadian theatrical circus – pulled its Sands China-based show in Macau in 2012 due to disappointing ticket sales.

"Some of this is trial and error – you can't afford to put all your eggs in one basket," said the former tourism professor at the University of Queensland in Australia.

MGM China's parent has one weapon that might put it ahead of other foreign casino operator: a working partnership with Beijing. It has teamed up with the Chinese Foreign Ministry's Diaoyutai State Guesthouse to build luxury hotels together in some of the nation's richest cities and is hosting an international lion dance competition in Beijing in collaboration with the Macau casino.

In a country where advertising of gambling is banned, the partnership helps improve exposure for its brand, Bowie said.

"There's no question that working in China is about building relationships," Bowie said. "We should always be sensitive and you should never feel comfortable." **Bloomberg**

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ALMOST all local casino operators have allegedly turned a blind eye to their staff members' personal security, which has long been at risk working under an increasingly insecure environment, said Kelvin Choi, director-general at the Macau Gaming Enterprises Staff's Association during a press conference yesterday.

Accompanied by two victims who work as guards for the same casino in the Cotai Strip, Choi accused the local authorities of being incapable of maintaining order inside the casino premises, despite officers from the Judiciary Police (PJ) and Gaming Inspection and Coordination Bureau being stationed on site.

The association reported that mainland thieves have been rampant in gaming venues over the past two months, which, according to the association head, even resulted in physical violence inflicted on the security personnel. Deemed by the security personnel as "casino rats," the perpetrators are capable of immediately retaliating against the guards with violence upon being caught scouting for targets.

Alternatively, perpetrators could also easily come back at the security personnel for revenge in the following few days, despite being blacklisted by the casino operators with denied access.

Casinos accused of downplaying assaults on staff



Kelvin Choi speaks in a press conference attended by two of the alleged victims

"Where has the on-site authorities' efficiency and ability to function gone? We have so many doubts about this. The wounded staff even told us many times that they intended to hold those attackers responsible for their violence, but they were told by the PJ officers not to do so," said Choi, recalling a case where a PJ officer had blamed a wounded security guard for being "too responsible and conscientious" on duty.

Having been subjected to an

unexpected attack, victims who approach casino management for compensation or interference largely ended up being given a cold shoulder, according to Choi.

A female guard, who has been suffering from health problems after her head was severely struck by an ashtray twice last October, has told the media that her company failed to either protect her from potential revenge from the thief whom she had caught, or offer her any form of compensation to date.

"The 'casino rat' said he would beat me to death even if he were to be sent for execution," said the victim who refused to be identified. "Almost one year after the incident, no one has ever asked me if I needed any assistance." The company declined to give me legal assistance, citing the reason that the case has entered a judicial process, she continued.

The blow has reportedly cost her around MOP40,000 so far in medical treatment, which is not covered by the occupational insurance until a court verdict. To fund those expenses, as well as her family, the victim in her early fifties continued working, despite her doctor's disapproval.

Another victim, a male who suffered a blow a fortnight ago from a pickpocket he had caught, received his compensation after he decided not to take the case to court. Also in his fifties, the man just wished to "get his money as soon as possible" to pay for his medical treatment required for his hurt right eye and neck.

The association head, who considered meeting with related authorities in the near future, hoped that the government could ramp up its efforts to combat the rising illegal activities inside casinos. He also urged local gaming companies to attach greater importance to their long-threatened employees' security. **Staff reporter**



Chan Meng Kam reacts to vote-buying arrests

"The law has been selectively applied," said Chan Meng Kam yesterday, reacting for the first time to the recent arrest of two members of his 2013 electoral campaign on charges of vote-buying. The lawmaker said that there is no evidence of vote-buying and that the law "should be the same for all." He also said that he had talked with the two who have been charged: "They are two elderly members, aged over 70 years. One of them has been a teacher for 40 years and told me that she doesn't believe in the law anymore. Two elderly people saying this? This must make us think about how laws are applied."

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Hác-Sá Youth Hostel reopens

The Health Bureau will no longer use the Hác-Sá Youth Hostel as a temporary quarantine camp, since there have been no new cases of Middle East Respiratory Syndrome in Korea since July 6. The Hostel will reopen to the public on August 1.

India extends e-tourist visas facility to China, HK, Macau

The Indian government has extended the issuing of e-tourist visas to passport holders of China, Hong Kong and Macau, according to an announcement made by the Ministry of Home Affairs. "It is expected that this move will boost tourist arrivals from these regions and strengthen bilateral ties between people from these territories," the announcement read. The total number of regions covered under the e-tourist visa scheme will increase from 74 to 77.

Sands China beckons to local suppliers in its support program

SANDS China revealed a new procurement program for burgeoning local enterprises, inviting them to be their long-term suppliers.

The gaming operator expressed its intention to partner local companies as part of their corporate social responsibility efforts. Roughly 200 items covering a broad range of categories were made available for tendering; namely operating supplies, food and beverage, furniture and lighting, facilities, gaming, marketing as well as external services and technology.

"This long-term program supports the Macau government's initiative to 'buy local,' and it demonstrates Sands China's commitment to supporting local business," said Ben Toh, executive vice-president of the group.

The statistics provided by the group itself reveal 83 percent of its MOP 12.5 billion operational expenditure was devoted to local service suppliers last year, amounting to MOP 10.4 billion in total.



Ben Toh

During Wednesday's presentation, some participants from the garment-manufacturing sector suggested the group rely more on local producers, given that the region has grown over 50 years of experience in making apparel.

"They have hired executives from overseas, who have no passion for the Macau industry and who have their own

vendor bases," said Jose Tang, managing director of four local garment factories. "When they come to work here, they bring their own vendors."

He was pleased to see the launch of a "double-win program", which might facilitate the development of local small and medium-sized enterprises. This is a practice seldom seen among the six gaming giants in the last

decade because of their "business politics" that only favored "their people."

"Evidently this is a very encouraging program, as a major gaming house tells us they're going to buy from Macau's middle and small management companies," he continued.

"I believe there are still lots of local small and middle-sized enterprises not yet in a business partnership with us. However, with our development, I wish more procurements could be done in Macau," said Toh.


Chui Yuk Lum, vice president at the Macao Chamber of Commerce, which assisted with the bidding, urged the eligible entrepreneurs to seize the opportunity, saying that the group was "indeed sincere" this time.

Interested parties must submit advance registration before August 14 and attend the open day on August 31 in order to meet the group's procurement team. For more details, consult www.sandschina.com/procurement.html. **Staff reporter**

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GAMING

Wynn Palace to open on March 25

BILLIONAIRE Steve Wynn finally feels confident enough to set an opening date for his second casino in Macau, months after complaining that uncertainty plagued the Chinese city amid a gambling downturn.

Wynn Palace resort will open March 25 next year along the Cotai Strip in the world's largest gambling hub, Wynn Resorts Ltd. chairman and founder said Wednesday, after the casino operator's Hong Kong-listed unit reported earnings slumped 44 percent in the second quarter.

"We're pretty sanguine at the moment, although anything is subject to change," the 73-year-old Wynn said in a conference call. "The government happily gave us 100 percent of our last and final request for construction labor."

The casino tycoon in April called for clarity from Macau's government on its plans for the gambling industry, and on the number of workers he could get to finish building Wynn Palace. The city's casino operators are struggling with a yearlong downturn after China's crackdown on graft hurt gambling by high rollers, with June casino revenue plunging 36 percent.

Operators are betting new re-



Steve Wynn

sorts in Macau would pull them out of the doldrums by integrating more attractions to lure Chinese tourists. Melco Crown Entertainment Ltd., a joint venture between billionaires Lawrence Ho and James Packer, will announce an opening date for its new project Monday.

Wynn Macau Ltd.'s adjusted

property earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization fell to USD173.4 million in the second quarter, in line with a median estimate of \$173.5 million from six analysts surveyed by Bloomberg.

The parent, which relies on Macau for about 60 percent of revenue, reported a 72 percent

drop in second quarter net income to \$56.5 million as betting fell in both the Chinese city and Las Vegas. Wynn Macau shares fell 1.5 percent to HK\$15.46 as of the mid-day break in Hong Kong trading.

The announcement of Wynn Palace's opening date is "another small positive for the group," said Tim Craighead, a Bloomberg Intelligence analyst. "This may be an indication that

some of the policy challenges are starting to soften."

Macau's government relaxed visa rules for Chinese nationals last month allowing them to stay in the territory longer and more frequently. The government is also considering whether to ease smoking restrictions on gambling floors.

"We don't expect the market to show any signs of momentum until we get a few new properties opened," Aaron Fischer, an analyst at CLSA Ltd., said in a note yesterday. "We believe the focus should be on getting Wynn Palace opened on time" with less focus on the VIPs and more on tourist attractions.

The company has seen a very rich stream of customers in the business class of the mass segment after the easing of travel restrictions, Wynn Macau Executive Director Ian Coughlan said on the conference call.

Still, Wynn the founder sounded a note of caution on Macau. "Macau continues to be more of a question than a certainty as we head through 2015 and toward our opening," he said. **Bloomberg**

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STEVE WYNN

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MACAU GOVERNMENT TOURIST OFFICE

NOTICE

The Macau Government Tourist Office hereby announces an invitation to tender for the **Production of Macau Promotional Videos and TV Commercials**, in accordance with the approval of the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture dated 10th July, 2015.

From the date of publication of the present notice, interested parties may visit the Macau Government Tourist Office Reception Counter, located in Alameda Dr. Carlos d' Assumpção, no. 335-341, "Hotline" Building, 12th floor, Macau, to view the Tender Process within the working hours, and pay MOP 200.00 (two hundred patacas) to obtain the copies, including Terms of Tender, General Conditions of the Bid and other relevant attachments; or visit the Macau Government Tourist Office website (<http://industry.macautourism.gov.mo>) to download.

The explanation meeting will be held at Alameda Dr. Carlos d' Assumpção, no. 335-341, "Hotline" Building, 14th floor, Macau, at 15:30, on 31st July, 2015.

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According to the article no. 27 of Decree-Law no. 63/85/M, of 6th July, the legal representatives of the Bidder should be present during the tender opening session for any complaints and/or to explain any doubts regarding their respective tender.

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Film production fair calls for Macau project submissions

The 2015 Guangdong-Hong Kong-Macau Film Production Investment and Trade Fair is calling for Macau film project submissions from today until August 14. The event will be held from September 23 to 24 in Macau, with the aim of providing a communication platform for film investors and producers of the three regions. Applicants responsible for selected film projects will meet up with investors at the fair to seek venture capital and opportunities for collaboration. According to a statement issued by the Cultural Affairs Bureau, each applicant may submit one unfinished film only, and must have directed one feature film or two short films that have already screened to the public. A maximum of ten film projects will be chosen for the fair. The event is co-organized by the Cultural Affairs Bureau, the Hong Kong Film Development Council and the Guangdong Administration of Press, Publication, Radio, Film and Television.

Over 80 road parking meters to increase fares



At least 80 parking meters across the Taipa, Nam Van and ZAPE areas will be subject to a plan to implement fare increases, said Lam Hin San, the new Transport Bureau head, after his first meeting with the Transport Services Committee. "Such parking meters are convenient for citizens who have urgent errands to run," stressed Lam, who believes that the approach is targeted at those commercial areas or others where there is a limited amount of space for parking, despite public opposition against the official decision.

Traffic planning in the reclaimed Zone A was the major subject of the advisory body's meeting. One of its members, Kou Kun Pang, told journalists that the committee had demanded more "solid figures" from the bureau that could justify its design and described their preliminary evaluation as "insufficient," requiring the bureau to give the proposal more meticulous consideration. "We are absolutely concerned with whether or not the current road network can really support [that huge population]," he said. The government's initial plan

also triggered concerns among the committee members over whether the heavily populated land would have optimal transportation ready in time, if the light rail transit was yet to be operational. Speaking of the authorities' much-criticized U-turn in their decision to retain the existing monthly pass scheme, Kou clarified that previous proceedings show a coherent stance from the government in making the current passes stay. "I think there are lots of misunderstandings involved in the process for everyone, including me," Kou explained, also stressing that the authorities did not change their plan.

Separately, the proposed vehicle tax update mandates that tour buses will no longer be exempt from taxation. This measure drew flak from the travel sector, who argued that it could deal a blow to small-sized tourist agencies. Responding to this accusation, both Lam and Kou insisted that the tax update was "fair" in many senses. "All judgment or decisions must be based on some scientific considerations and logical thinking; we have to strike a balance facing different demands from society," said the bureau head in English. "In my own opinion, I think it's fair. When you purchase a car, the government cannot just charge more tax if you are rich, or less tax if you're poor," Kou added. According to the authorities, the pilot bus-only lane along the carriageway in the inner harbor precinct will not be in place before next month. **Staff reporter**

LAM HAPPY WITH NEW POSITION AND NEW COLLEAGUES

ONE WEEK after he took office, Lam has expressed his delight with his new team, which he claims is "very energetic and eager to work for citizens." The

new bureau head says he was welcomed with great support. Kou believes his diligence will make him a good fit for his managerial position.

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POLICY RESEARCH

Report suggests for non-resident workers to live elsewhere

THE coordinator of the Policy Research Office, Lau Pun Lap, has revealed that Macau could accommodate a total of 750,000 inhabitants by 2025, but suggested that measures must be taken to encourage non-resident workers to live outside of Macau. The office presented its report on Macau's demographic policies at a press conference yesterday. "Macau currently has 180,000 non-resident workers, of which most come from mainland China. According to 2014 statistics, before borders started working around the clock, 60 percent of non-resident workers lived in Macau," he recalled.



Lau Pun Lap (center)

Changes to border regulations have encouraged more non-resident workers to live in Zhuhai and other neighboring regions. Lau added that, "with new border policies, more non-resident workers have decided to live in Zhuhai. In the future we might be able to reduce the number of non-resident workers living here to 50 or 40 percent," he said at a press conference yesterday.

While presenting the report's main findings, the office head said that they would be suggesting that the government promote accommodation for non-resident workers outside the region. "In cooperation with gaming

operators and larger enterprises, the government should work toward reducing the need for non-resident workers to live here [in Macau], and encourage them to settle outside Macau," it reads.

Mr Lau called it "inter-regional cooperation" and recalled that even residents might choose to live in neighboring regions, where apartment rents, food and other goods are considerably cheaper.

Research fellow Un Kin Chong went even further to suggest that gaming operators should be more responsible and provide accommodation to non-resident

workers outside Macau.

He nevertheless recalled that the region still needs the help of foreign labor, particularly among SMEs and emerging industries. The Policy Research Office estimates that the local population will reach 750,000 by 2025. Mr Lau said that non-resident workers could make about 200,000 of the total by then. However, he said he could not confirm this figure since demo-

graphic changes will depend on policies and the city's economic development.

The report also stressed the need for better use of the current human resources available, such as: affording residents more professional training opportunities; launching measures to encourage Macau talent living overseas to return and further advance their careers here; or even encouraging elderly people and more women to start working again.

The report provides suggestions on social security, health, housing, and education measures. It also suggests that the government needs to optimize and improve the city's road networks, while planning a more effective public transportation system.

Population to reach 750,000 in 2025

THE region's total population will reach 750,000 in 2025, according to a report on Macau's demographic policies drafted by the Policy Research Office.

The office's coordinator, Lau Pun Lap, told a press conference yesterday that the annual average population growth rate between 2020 and 2025 will be 1.1 percent. Macau's population will continue to increase but at a slower pace.

According to estimations, by 2020 the region's population will reach 710,000 inhabitants, with an annual average growth rate of 1.9 percent.

The ageing population trend will remain, the

report says. By 2025, average life expectancy is due to reach 84.6 years. The elderly will make up 16.3 percent of the total population.

Mr Lau said that Macau has the capacity to accommodate 750,000 inhabitants by 2025, considering that five new reclaimed land areas are now under development. In addition, he recalled that, with borders operating around the clock, a higher number of non-resident workers will choose to live in Zhuhai or other neighboring regions. He estimated that, by 2025, Macau's population density would reach 21,700 people per square kilometer.

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REAL ESTATE MATTERS

The rental process for tenants part 3

- Moving In

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Hopefully you read last week's article about securing an apartment.

Once you have paid all deposits, fees and rental as outlined in last week's article, the process of moving should be fairly straightforward.

Firstly you should receive a copy of the sign tenancy agreement, and this can be kept in a safe place for future reference.

At JML you also receive a welcome letter giving useful information and tips for living in Macau. For example; 'How to cope with humidity' and 'How to cope with an insect invasion'.

On the contract the utility readings should have already been entered for you. As soon as you arrive at the property do double check these are the same

or very similar to prevent any future disputes or incorrect payments.

If there is a problem with the utility readings you should raise this with your property agent immediately. Modern technology can be handy, taking a photo on your phone can be very useful.

On move in day you can follow the check-in process set out by your landlord or their property agent for the hand over of the apartment to you.

Usual practice is to walk around with the landlord's representative and sign it immediately upon moving in.

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move in at their own pace with minimum stress and hassle.

They also receive a copy of the apartment inventory to check, agree or raise any issues with and sign.

JML's policy is to give tenants 7 days in their own time to review the inventory and settle in. During this 7 days they can raise any queries on the inventory for resolution. For example a marked wall or missing cutlery. The inventory can then be altered or notes made on it as necessary.

In part 4 of this series we will look at the "first week in your new property."

(Part 3 of the 5 part article about the renting process for tenants. Based on a similar article originally published March 2014)

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By Alfred Liu and
Elena Logutenkova

HANG Seng Bank can offer some advice to its ailing parent, HSBC Holdings: Stay local, stick to retail and commercial banking, and serve your customers snake soup. From its base in Hong Kong, Hang Seng tops Bloomberg Markets' ranking of the world's strongest banks for the second year in a row—by being everything HSBC isn't. While the two share roots in Hong Kong, HSBC embarked on a global expansion to become Europe's largest lender. It moved its headquarters to London in 1993 and set up shop in almost every major country.

Now, HSBC is struggling to reduce costs. The 150-year-old bank, which bought its first stake in Hang Seng in 1965 and today owns 62 percent, has announced about 87,000 job cuts since 2011. "The time of the global financial conglomerates is coming to an end," says Ismael Pili, a Hong Kong-based analyst at Macquarie Group who rates Hang Seng underperform. "What you should really be doing is trying to be strong in your domestic market." Gareth Hewett, an HSBC spokesman in Hong Kong, declined to comment.

Hang Seng is embracing that strategy, Bloomberg Markets magazine reports in its September issue. It has peppered Hong Kong's subway stations and malls with its lime-green signage. More than half of residents 18 and older bank at its 240 outlets in Hong Kong. That presence makes Hang Seng Hong Kong's No. 2 bank in terms of branches and provides a solid base of deposits from which to expand corporate lending and wealth management. CEO Rose Lee, 62, caters to her most-valued clients in the company's 24th-floor dining room over a broth infused with five kinds of finely chopped snake meat. Hong Kongers swear the brew nourishes their blood.

The invigorating powers of snake soup aside, Hang Seng is benefiting from rising wealth in Hong Kong and mainland China. It's one of six Asian banks in Bloomberg's top 20—five of them in the top 10. Japan's Norinchukin Bank repeats in second place, after having tied for that spot a year ago. Singapore's Oversea-Chinese Banking is No. 3. Two other Singapore banks are ninth and 10th.

Across Asia, the IMF expects gross domestic product growth to average 5.6 percent this year, triple the European Union's 1.8 percent. And Asia's rich are getting richer. The 4.69 million individuals

Hang Seng repeats as world's strongest bank with HK focus



Pedestrians walk past Hang Seng Bank headquarters in Hong Kong.

■ Hang Seng is HK's No. 2 bank in terms of branches and deposits from which to expand corporate lending and wealth management

in the Asia-Pacific area with at least USD1 million in assets boosted their combined wealth 11 percent last year to a total of \$15.8 trillion, the fastest pace in the world, Royal Bank of Canada and Cap Gemini say. "Asian banks stand out because of the huge wealth creation in the region," says Arthur Kwong, head of Asia-Pacific equities at BNP Paribas Investment Partners in Hong Kong. "A lot of the banks are well capitalized."

Asia's strongest lenders, and their global counterparts, are improving the quality of their capital. Cooperative bank

Norinchukin lost 572 billion yen (\$4.6 billion) in the fiscal year that ended in March 2009 when it bet the cash of its members, mostly farmers and fishermen, on toxic U.S. mortgage-backed securities. Today, CEO Yoshio Kono is investing in high-grade bonds at home and abroad, including sovereign debt. "Our goal is to keep capital at a level that's sufficiently above what is required globally," says Shiniichi Saitoh, a senior managing director at Norinchukin. The bank has a 17.6 percent ratio of Tier 1 capital to risk-weighted assets for the ranking period, putting it fifth in the high-quality-capital category that includes equity and some subordinated debt.

The Basel Committee on Banking Supervision has been pushing all banks to improve capital standards. The latest measures, known as Basel III, more than triple the minimum amount of core capital lenders need to at least 7 percent of their risk-weighted assets. National regulators can set stricter rules. Bloomberg's ranking considers capital strength among its five ranking criteria. The others are nonperforming assets, loan-loss reserves, deposits, and efficiency. Bloom-

berg is displaying a bank's assets in the chart for the first time this year.

If Hang Seng has a weakness, it's mainland China. Its Shanghai-based unit has about 50 outlets in major cities. The bank focuses largely on Hong Kong companies that want to do business on the mainland rather than on retail customers. Those companies are facing slowing growth: China's GDP increased 7.4 percent last year, down from an average of 9.8 percent during the past four decades. Chinese banks' bad loans surged in the first quarter by the most since at least 2004, with defaults spreading to state-owned giants. Because of China, Hang Seng more than doubled its provision for bad loans last year to HK\$1.14 billion (\$147 million). Even so, it isn't retreating from the world's second-largest economy. "We won't scale back our China business," Lee said during an earnings press conference in February. "Instead, we will focus more on customers that are doing business in both China and Hong Kong." She declined to comment for this story.

Oversea-Chinese Banking Corporation, Southeast Asia's

second-largest lender by market value, has ambitions beyond plain banking in Asia. It operates in 18 countries and territories from Malaysia to China and was among the first to reopen a branch in Myanmar this year after 49 years of military rule. "Our strategic direction is to become a leading, well-diversified Asian financial services group with a broad geographical footprint," CEO Samuel N. Tsien says. He says the ability to get funding and revenue from both developed and emerging Asian markets helps stabilize the bank's capital base when regional economies fluctuate.

Yet top banks in Asia face undeniable risks. Sluggish credit growth, rising competition, nonperforming loans, and the challenge of maintaining high-quality capital are potential problems, BNP's Kwong says. Macquarie's Pili attributes his underperform rating on Hang Seng to its declining interest margins and shrinking market share in non-consumer loans, among other things.

For Rose Lee and Hang Seng, such issues might mean it's time to reach out to clients over a few more bowls of strength-promoting snake soup. **Bloomberg**

British Embassy grants limited visa to Ai Weiwei



The British Embassy in Beijing has restricted a visa for dissident artist Ai Weiwei, alleging that he failed to declare a criminal conviction, a claim that his lawyer disputes. An embassy letter Wednesday to Ai said the artist applied for a six-month stay in Britain but would be allowed only a three-week visit. The letter stated: "It is a matter of public record that you have previously received a criminal conviction in China, and you have not declared this." The letter appears to refer to a tax case in which his company was fined, shortly after Ai himself was detained for unspecified reasons. Lawyer Liu Xiaoyuan said yesterday that the tax case was an administrative one, not criminal.

Nephew of blind lawyer-activist Chen released from prison

The nephew of lawyer-activist Chen Guangcheng has been released from prison after serving a three-year, three-month sentence widely seen as retribution for his uncle's daring escape from house arrest. Chen said in an email from the United States that Chen Kegui had returned to his home in eastern China on Wednesday and was seeking treatment for appendicitis and stomach ailments that had gone untreated in prison. Chen Kegui, 35, was sentenced in 2012 after he fought with local officials storming his house in the wake of his uncle's escape and eventual flight to the United States after tense, high-level talks that nearly sparked a diplomatic crisis. Chen, a blind, self-taught lawyer, is known for his activism against forced abortions and in the U.S. has redoubled his condemnation of China's leadership.

Gov't accuses US of 'militarizing' South China Sea

Christopher Bodeen, Beijing

CHINA'S Defense Ministry yesterday accused the U.S. of militarizing the South China Sea as Beijing makes increasingly bold moves to assert its claim to virtually all of the sea's waters, islands and reefs.

Spokesman Yang Yujun's remarks were prompted by comments last week from the head of the U.S. Pacific Command, Adm. Harry Harris, criticizing Chinese projects to build up islands in disputed waters.

Harris warned such work could undermine international norms that have long supported the global economy and political order.

Speaking at a monthly news conference, Yang said China rejected such claims totally and accused the U.S. of ulterior motives.

"The U.S. side disregards and distorts the facts and plays up China's military threat to sow discord between China and the littoral states in the South China Sea. We firmly oppose such actions," Yang said.

U.S. close-in reconnaissance of the Chinese armed forces, strengthened military alliances with the Philippines and others, and frequent military exercises are raising tensions and creating risks of incidents in the air and at sea, Yang said.

"The Chinese side expresses its serious concern over U.S. activities to militarize the



Protesters shout slogans during a rally at the Chinese Consulate

South China Sea region," he said. "Such actions taken by the U.S. side would inevitably arouse suspicion from others that, does the U.S. want nothing better than chaos in the region?"

China and five other claimants have competing claims to all or part of the South China Sea, home to rich fishing grounds, potentially significant mineral

reserves and some of the world's most crucial shipping lanes.

Harris said last week the South China Sea was now "front and center in the tug-of-war between the majority of regional nations that want to maintain the status quo and China that wants to change it to suit its narrow self-interest."

China accuses the U.S. of maintaining a double standard

by not criticizing work by other countries on their South China Sea holdings.

However, Harris said the amount of land reclaimed by Vietnam, Malaysia, the Philippines and Taiwan over the last 45 years totaled a mere 40 hectares, a fraction of the more than 1,200 hectares reclaimed by China in the last 18 months alone. AP

Beijing favorite in IOC vote for 2022 Winter Olympics

Stephen Wilson, Sports Writer

WHEN it comes to votes on Olympic host cities, geopolitics can play a crucial role in determining the victor.

That's likely to be the case more than ever today when the International Olympic Committee chooses between Beijing and Almaty, Kazakhstan, for the 2022 Winter Games.

It's a contest between China, the world's most populous nation and a rising global giant with a huge economy, against a young country and former Soviet republic in Central Asia that is hoping to establish itself as a player on the world stage.

Against that backdrop and after a low-key campaign, Beijing goes in as the strong favorite as it bids to become the first city to host both summer and winter games.

"The general feeling is that Almaty may do a little better than most people would have thought," IOC vice president Craig Reedie told The Associated Press yester-

day. "You have to believe the sheer weight of Chinese influence on a worldwide basis may be enough to swing them over the line."

If today's vote among 86 IOC members were strictly on technical merits, Almaty would have an advantage because of its winter sports history and setting, surrounded by mountain peaks covered by plenty of natural snow — hence the slogan "Keeping it Real." Almaty boasts 70 percent of venues in place and a compact layout with all venues within a 30-kilometer radius.

"We have a lot of challenges in Kazakhstan," Prime Minister Karim Massimov said. "But snow is our advantage."

Beijing would use several venues from the 2008 Summer Olympics, including the 'Bird's Nest' stadium and 'Water Cube' arena.

"Legacy is everything," former NBA star and Beijing bid team member Yao Ming said. "Beijing 2008 allowed us to experience the Olympic spirit, and 2022 gives us a



Retired Chinese professional basketball player Yao Ming smiles during a press conference for the Beijing 2022 Olympic bid

chance to carry on the spirit."

Beijing's mountain events would be held at venues in Yanqing and Zhangjiakou, 60 and 140 kilometers away from the city. A planned high-speed rail line to Zhangjiakou is designed to cut travel time to 50 minutes.

In contrast to Almaty, Beijing would rely heavily on artificial snow. Chinese officials said they have plenty of water supplies and snow-making equipment to provide excellent conditions. AP

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In this his image taken from video, police officers look at a piece of debris from a plane



A piece of debris from the washed-up plane in Saint-Andre, Reunion

Greg Keller and Sylvie Corbet,
Paris

FLIGHT MH370 POSSIBLY FOUND

Malaysian premier: washed up plane debris to be sent to France

A sea-crusted wing part washed up on an island in the western Indian Ocean may be the first trace of Malaysia Airlines Flight 370 since it vanished nearly a year and a half ago, and a tragic but finally solid clue to one of aviation's most perplexing and expensive mysteries.

Malaysia's prime minister said yesterday the debris found on the French island of Reunion will be sent to the French city of Toulouse for investigation.

"We have had many false alarms before, but for the sake of the families who have lost loved ones, and suffered such heartbreaking uncertainty, I pray that we will find out the truth so that they may have closure and peace," Najib Razak said on his personal blog.

Najib promised to make any new information public quickly.

Air safety investigators — one of them a Boeing investigator — have identified the component as a "flaperon" from the trailing edge of a Boeing 777 wing, a U.S. official said. Flight 370, which disappeared March 8, 2014, with 239 people on board, is the only 777 known to be missing.

"It's the first real evidence that there is a possibility that a part of the aircraft may have been found," said Australian Transport Minister Warren Truss, whose country is leading the search for the plane in a remote patch of ocean far off Australia's west coast. "It's too early to make that judgment, but clearly we are treating this as a major lead."

Flight 370 had been traveling from Kuala Lumpur to Beijing, but investigators believe based on satellite data that the plane turned south into the

Indian Ocean after vanishing from radar. If the wing part is from the Malaysian plane, it would bolster that theory and put to rest others that it traveled north, or landed somewhere after being hijacked.

The wing piece is about 2 meters long. Investigators have found a number on the part, but it is not a serial or registration number, Truss said. It could be a maintenance number, which may help investigators figure out what plane it belongs to, he said.

A French official close to an investigation of the debris confirmed Wednesday that French law enforcement is on Reunion to examine it. A French television network was airing video from its Reunion affiliate of the debris. U.S. in-

vestigators are examining a photo of the debris.

The U.S. and French officials spoke on condition that they not be named because they aren't authorized to speak publicly.

Flaperons are located on the rear edge of both wings, about midway between the fuselage and the tips. When the plane is banking, the flaperon on one wing tilts up and the other tilts down, which makes the plane roll to the left or right as it turns.

The piece could help investigators figure out how the plane crashed, but whether it will help search crews pinpoint the rest of the wreckage is unclear, given the complexity of the currents in the southern Indian Ocean and the time that has elapsed since the plane disappeared.

A massive multinational search effort of the southern Indian Ocean, the China Sea and the Gulf of Thailand has turned up no trace of the plane.

The last primary radar contact with Flight 370 placed its position over the Andaman Sea about 370 kilometers northwest of the Malaysian city of Penang. Reunion is about 5,600 kilometers southwest of Penang, and about 4,200 kilometers west of the current search area.

It was well understood after the aircraft disappeared that if there was any floating

debris from the plane, Indian Ocean currents would eventually bring it to the east coast of Africa, said aviation safety expert John Goglia, a former member of the U.S. National Transportation Safety Board. But the debris is unlikely to provide much help in tracing the ocean currents back to the location of the main wreckage, he said.

"It's going to be hard to say with any certainty where the source of this was," he said. "It just confirms that the airplane is in the water and hasn't been hijacked to some remote place and is waiting to be used for some other purpose. ... We haven't lost any 777s anywhere else."

In a statement yesterday, the prefecture of Reunion emphasized that the source of the debris has not been identified, nor has it been definitely found to be from a Boeing 777. Reunion authorities have asked France's aviation investigative agency, known as the BEA, to coordinate with international investigators, notably the Malaysian and Australian authorities.

The discovery is unlikely to alter the seabed search, said Australian Transport Safety Bureau Chief Commissioner Martin Dolan, who is heading up the hunt. If the find proved to be part of the missing aircraft, it would be consistent with the theory that

the plane crashed within the 120,000-square-kilometer search area, 1,800 kilometers southwest of Australia, he said.

"It doesn't rule out our current search area if this were associated with MH370," Dolan told The Associated Press. "It is entirely possible that something could have drifted from our current search area to that island."

Dolan said search resources would be better spent continuing the seabed search with sonar and video for wreckage rather than reviving a surface search for debris if the part proved to be from Flight 370.

Robin Beaman, a marine geologist at Australia's James Cook University, said there is precedence for large objects traveling vast distances across the Indian Ocean. Last year, a man lost his boat off the Western Australia coast after it overturned in rough seas. Eight months later, the boat turned up off the French island of Mayotte, west of Madagascar — 7,400 kilometers from where it disappeared.

"I don't think we should rule anything out, that's for sure," Beaman said.

Beaman believes experts could analyze ocean currents to try to determine where the plane entered the water, though given the time that has elapsed and the vast distance the debris may have traveled, it would be very difficult.

If the part belongs to Flight 370, it could provide valuable clues to investigators trying to figure out what caused the aircraft to vanish in the first place, said Jason Middleton, an aviation professor at the University of New South Wales in Sydney. The nature of the damage to the debris could help indicate whether the plane broke up in the air or when it hit the water, and how violently it did so, he said. AP

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WARREN TRUSS
AUSTRALIAN TRANSPORT MINISTER

INDIA

Gov't hangs only man sentenced to die for 1993 Mumbai blasts

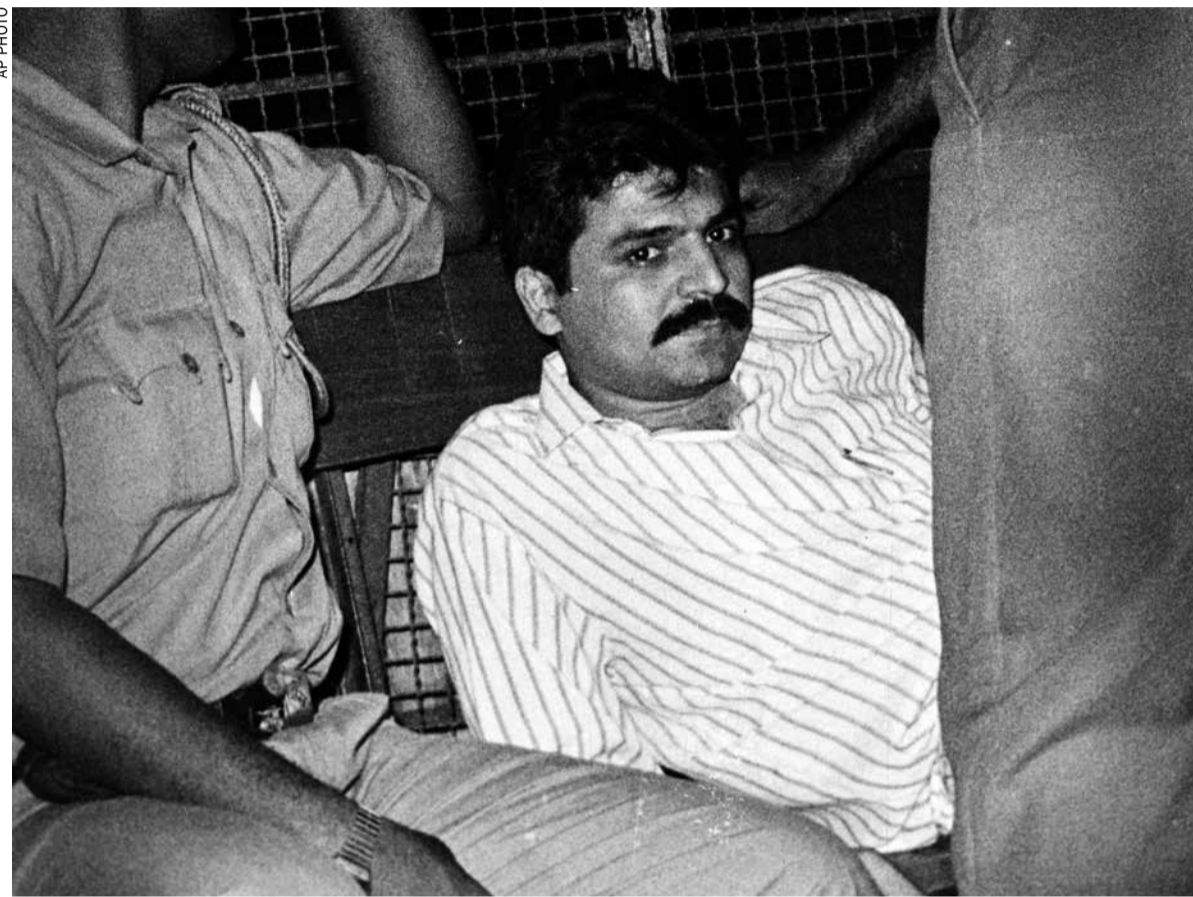
Muneeza Naqvi, New Delhi

AN Indian accountant and the only person sentenced to death for his role in the 1993 Mumbai bombings that killed 257 people — the country's worst terrorist attack — was hanged yesterday on his birthday, after the president rejected a last-minute mercy plea amid a debate over the capital punishment.

Yakub Abdul Razak Memon, 53, was executed inside a prison in western India where he had been incarcerated since 1994.

His lawyers mounted a last-ditch effort to save him, including arguments at the Supreme Court just two hours before the sentence was carried out.

Prominent citizens, including retired Supreme Court judges, had urged President Pranab Mukerjee to commute Memon's sentence to life in prison. That appeal reflected both opposition to the death penalty as well as fresh claims by his lawyers that he freely surrendered to Indian authorities in Kathmandu, Nepal, and that



Yakub Abdul Razak Memon

his direct links to the bombings had not been sufficiently established.

Indian investigators, along

with the main public prosecutor in the case, Ujjwal Nikam, say he was arrested in New Delhi.

"I have exhausted my remedies," lawyer Anand Grover told reporters after the Supreme Court heard Memon's final

plea. "I only hope that Yakub Memon will have a dignified death."

Attorney General Mukul Roh-tagi said: "There's no question of victory. I've just done my job."

Memon was convicted in 2007 of helping raise funds for the blasts that struck the Bombay Stock Exchange, Air India offices, a state transport office, three hotels, a gas station and a movie theater over two hours on March 12, 1993. The attacks were seen as revenge for the demolition of a medieval mosque in northern India by Hindu nationalists.

The demolition sparked religious riots in many parts of the country, leaving more than 800 people dead, most of them Muslims.

Yakub's older brother Ibrahim — also known as "Tiger" Memon — and Dawood Ibrahim, both leading gangsters in Mumbai in the 1990s, are the main suspects in the bombings and have fled the country. A total of 100 people have been convicted. Ten of them had also received the death penalty but it was commuted to life in prison. **AP**

AFGHANISTAN

Taliban confirm leader's death, choose Mullah Omar successor

Lynne O'Donnell and
Kathy Ganon, Islamabad

TWO high-ranking Afghan Taliban officials have confirmed the death of their leader, Mullah Mohammad Omar, and say the group's council has elected a successor.

The two told The Associated Press that the Taliban Shura, or Supreme Council, has chosen Mullah Akhtar Mansoor as the new leader. He has been acting as Mullah Omar's deputy for the past three years.

The two Taliban officials say the seven-member-council has been meeting in the Pakistani city of Quetta.

They spoke on condition of anonymity because they are not authorized by the council to talk to the media.

They also said the group chose Sirajuddin Haqqani as their new deputy leader.

Meanwhile, also yesterday, Pakistan said the second round of peace talks between the Kabul government and the Taliban, which was due to take place today, has been postponed after a statement from the Afghan insurgents indicated they were



Zafar Hashemi, a deputy spokesman for Afghan President Ashraf Ghani, speaks during a press conference in Kabul

pulling out of the negotiations.

Yesterday's development is likely a significant blow to the peace process. It follows Kabul's announcement the day before of the death of the death of Omar.

A Pakistani Foreign Ministry statement says the talks were postponed because of the "uncertainty" caused by the death announcement. It says Afghan Taliban leadership also requested the postponement.

The ministry gave no new date for the talks. The first official face-to-face talks between the two sides were held earlier in July near Islamabad. **AP**

MYANMAR

Junta pardons almost 7,000 prisoners

Aye Aye Win, Yangon

MORE than 150 Chinese workers sentenced to life in prison for illegal logging were freed in Myanmar yesterday under a massive presidential pardon that saw nearly 7,000 prisoners released.

Others included former military intelligence officials purged by their army colleagues more than a decade ago.

An Information Ministry statement said 6,966 prisoners, including 210 foreigners, will be freed across the country "on humanitarian grounds and in view of national reconciliation."

It was not clear if pro-democracy activists were among them, and the vast majority were common criminals. No official lists of pardoned prisoners are issued, so the names usually come from the pri-



A released prisoner, center, is welcomed by his family members outside Insein Prison

soners themselves or their families.

The pardons issued by President Thein Sein were timed to coincide with a Buddhist religious holiday and come ahead of a November general election. The polls have triggered criticism that the government is backsliding on political reforms it promised upon taking power in 2011, after almost five decades of repressive military rule. Past governments have re-

leased political prisoners as a way of assuaging criticism from abroad.

The released included 155 Chinese loggers, most of whom received life sentences earlier this month in connection with illegal logging in northern Myanmar. Their jail terms drew much ire in China, which is a top ally of Myanmar. The punishment seemed largely to serve as a warning not to make business deals with Myanmar ethnic rebel groups, as the Chinese logging company was believed to have done.

China's Foreign Ministry said Myanmar authorities had notified Chinese officials that the 155 would be handed over to their custody today.

Those pardoned included eight former senior military intelligence officers, who since 2004 have been serving jail terms of 80 years or more, according to their families. One of them is former Brig. Gen. Than Tun, who served as a liaison officer between the former military government and Aung San Suu Kyi. **AP**

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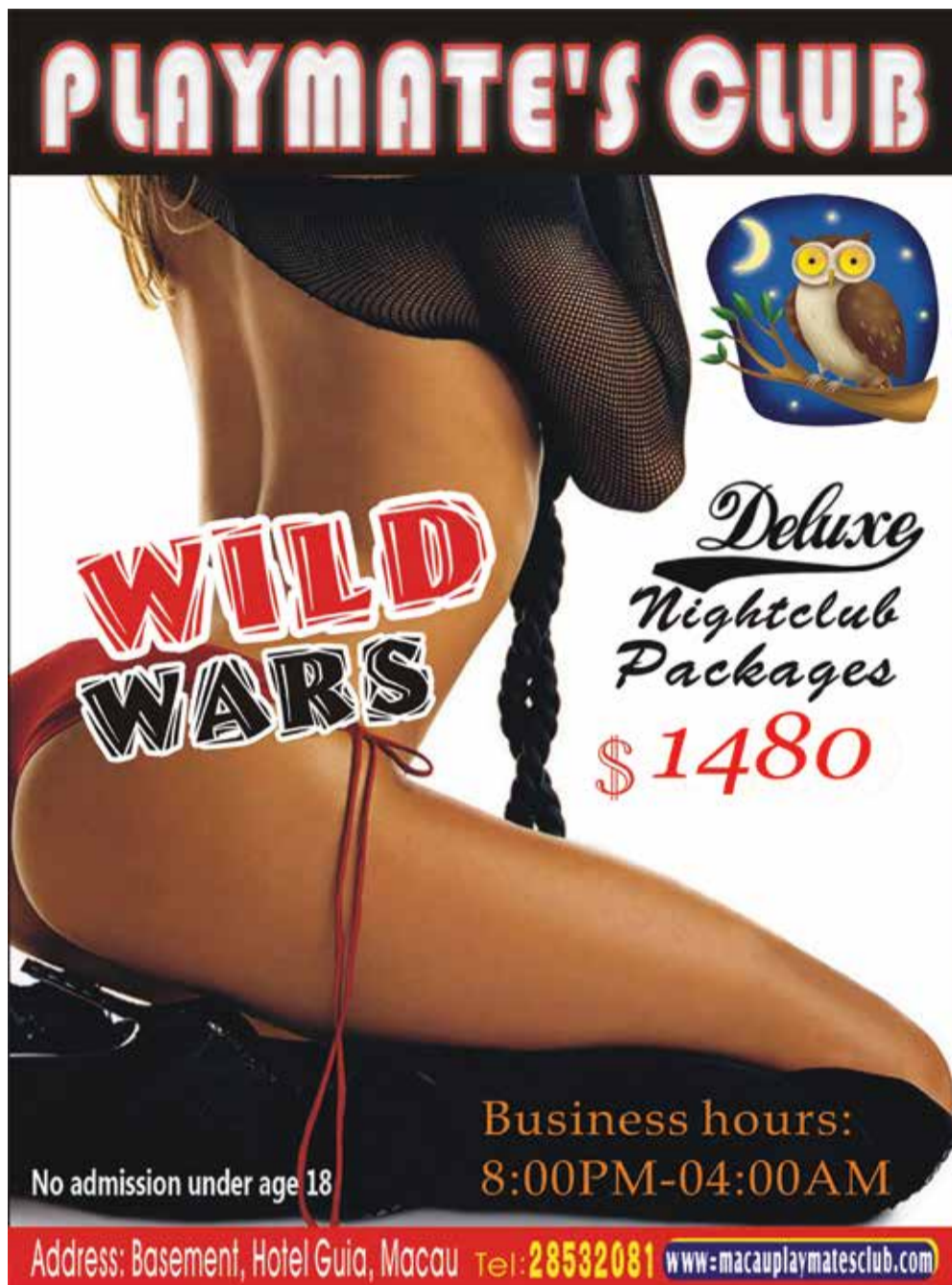



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RUSSIA on Wednesday (early yesterday, Macau time) vetoed a U.N. Security Council resolution that would set up an international criminal court to prosecute those responsible for shooting down a Malaysia Airlines plane over Ukraine a year ago.

The foreign ministers of the Netherlands, Australia and Ukraine attended a meeting over the downing that killed all 298 people on board Flight MH17. The countries are among the five nations investigating the incident, along with Malaysia and Belgium.

Ukraine and the West suspect the plane, traveling from Amsterdam to Kuala Lumpur, was hit by a surface-to-air missile fired by Russian soldiers or Russia-backed separatist rebels on July 17, 2014. Russia denies that, and state media have alleged the plane was shot down by a Ukrainian missile or warplane.

"Russia has callously disregarded the public outcry in the grieving nations," U.S. Ambassador Samantha Power said, adding that the United States was among the 18 countries that lost citizens in the disaster.

Foreign Minister Julie Bishop of Australia, which lost 39 citizens, said, "The veto only compounds the atrocity." Three countries abstained from the vote: China, Angola and Venezuela, whose ambassador said victims' suffering shouldn't be used politically.

Wednesday's vote followed a last-minute effort to lobby Russian President Vladimir Putin, who has said setting up a tribunal would not make sense while the investigation continued.

The Dutch ambassador to the U.N., Karel van Oosterom, tweeted a statement saying Prime Mi-



U.N. Security Council members vote on a draft resolution, vetoed by Russia, that would have created a tribunal to prosecute those found responsible for the downing of Malaysia Airlines Flight 17 over eastern Ukraine

FLIGHT MH17 DOWNING

Russia vetoes Security Council proposal on criminal tribunal

nister Mark Rutte told Putin that "it was preferable to make a decision about the tribunal before the facts and charges have been established precisely in order to avoid politicizing the prosecution process."

But the Kremlin quoted Putin as saying a tribunal would be "inexpedient" because Russia still has "a lot of questions" about the investigation to which it had little access.

Russia had offered its own draft that demanded justice for those responsible for the crash without calling for a tribunal. Russian Ambassador Vitaly Churkin told the council after the vote that such a tribunal risked not being impartial and being subject to media "propaganda," and he called past tribunals for the Rwanda genocide and the violence in the former Yugoslavia "expensive."

Ministers from the five inves-

tigating countries, along with allies in the 15-member council, later stressed that other legal options are available, but some acknowledged that a tribunal established by the council remains the best option. Some indicated they might pursue it again.

"We will very quickly agree on the next step," Dutch Foreign Minister Bert Koenders told reporters. "I assure you we haven't lost time."

The foreign ministers also met Wednesday morning with U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon, who called for justice and accountability.

A preliminary report released in the Netherlands last year said the plane had no technical problems in the seconds before it broke up in the sky after being struck by multiple objects — a conclusion that experts said likely pointed to a missile strike. **AP**

ZIMBABWE LION HUNTING

Minnesota man who killed Cecil keeps low profile amid outrage

Brian Bakst and Farai Mutsaka, St. Paul, Minn.

A Minnesota dentist who killed a well-known, protected lion while on a hunt in Zimbabwe has advised his patients to seek care elsewhere since becoming a target of outrage from across the world.

Walter James Palmer remained secluded in the face of protests Wednesday at his suburban Minneapolis clinic and intense condemnation online. He has not appeared in public since being identified Tuesday as a party to the lion's death but has said in a statement that he was unaware the lion was pro-

tected and that he relied on his guides to ensure a legal hunt.

Palmer, whose practice offers general and cosmetic dentistry, is an active big-game hunter, with many kills to his name, some of them registered with hunting clubs.

The North Dakota native "enjoys all outdoor activities," according to the biography page on his now-dark clinic website. "Anything allowing him to stay active and observe and photograph wildlife is where you will find Dr. Palmer when he not in the office."

In Zimbabwe, a hunting guide and a farm owner

appeared in court Wednesday on allegations they helped Palmer kill the lion, named Cecil. And the head of Zimbabwe's safari association said the big cat with the black mane was lured into the kill zone and denied "a chance of a fair chase."

The Zimbabwean men were accused of aiding Palmer, who reportedly paid USD50,000 to track and kill a lion. Zimbabwe police have said they are looking for Palmer, whose exact whereabouts were unknown.

Palmer, 55, referenced the situation in a note to his patients. "I understand and respect that not

everyone shares the same views on hunting," he wrote in the letter, which was obtained by the local Fox television affiliate, KMSP.

Palmer added that the matter had disrupted his ability to see patients. The letter said the practice would "resume normal operations as soon as possible," according to KMSP.

The married father of two was the subject of a 2009 New York Times article about big-game hunting in which he said he learned to shoot at age 5. The article said Palmer had a reputation for being capable of "skewering a playing card from 100 yards" with a compound bow and ha-



Protestors gather outside Dr. Walter James Palmer's dental office in Bloomington, Minn.

ving "a purist's reputation for his disinclination to carry firearms as backup."

During the nighttime hunt, the Zimbabwean men tied a dead animal to their car to draw the lion out of a national park, said Johnny Rodrigues, chairman of the Zimbabwe Conservation Task Force.

The American is believed to have shot the lion with

a crossbow. The wounded cat was then tracked for 40 hours before Palmer fatally shot him with a gun, Rodrigues said.

A professional hunter named Theo Bronkhorst was accused of failing to "prevent an unlawful hunt." Court documents said Bronkhorst was supervising while Palmer shot the animal. **AP**

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13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
14:30	RTPi Live
18:20	The Illusionist (Repeated)
19:10	TDM Talkshow (Repeated)
19:40	Soap Opera
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:20	Revenge S2 - Final
22:00	Publicity
22:10	The Illusionist
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Portuguese Film
01:00	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)

SATURDAY

10:45	Boonie Bears
11:35	Documentary Serie
12:00	Cooking
13:00	TDM News (Repeated)
13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
14:30	Soap Opera
18:10	Non-Daily Portuguese News
19:00	Contest
20:00	Miscellaneous
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:10	Drama
22:45	Documentary Series
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Shorts
00:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)

SUNDAY

10:45	Young Children
11:10	Miscellaneous
13:00	TDM News (Repeated)
13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
14:30	Animation
16:20	Miscellaneous
17:15	Documentary Series
17:45	Non-Daily Portuguese News
18:10	Miscellaneous
19:40	Comedy
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:00	Cougar Town S.3
21:45	The Legendary Tiger Man
22:00	Fracking: The New Energy Rush
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Documentary Series

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OWL WITH AN ATTITUDE WINS
FACE-OFF WITH DEPUTY

A Boulder County sheriff's deputy got into a face-off with an owl with an attitude, and the owl won.

Deputy Sophie Berman came across the raptor on a dirt road this week as Berman patrolled an area near a campground west of Boulder.

Berman crouched down to take video of the owl and spoke to the owl, which answered Berman's words with clicks.

The owl stared wide-eyed at the deputy for a few minutes before turning around and flying away.

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ROOM 1

2.15, 4.45, 7.15, 9.45 pm

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Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 131min

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ROOM 2

(2D) 2.30, 7.15 pm

Director: Peyton Reed

Starring: Paul Rudd, Michael Douglas

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 117min

(1-2 AUG) TO THE FORE

ROOM 2

4.45 pm

Director: Dante Lam

Starring: Eddie Peng, Siwon Choi

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 117min

INSIDIOUS: CHAPTER 3

ROOM 2

4.45, 9.30 pm

Director: Leigh Whannell

Starring: Dermot Mulroney, Stefanie Scott,

Angus Sampson

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 97min

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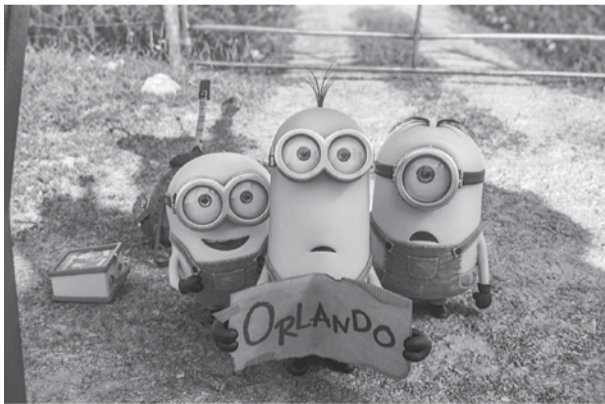
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Director: Pete Docter

Language: Cantonese (Chinese)

Duration: 94min



MINIONS

ROOM 3

4.00, 9.30 pm

Director: Pierre Coffin, Kyle Balda

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Duration: 91min

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30 JUL - 19 AUG

MISSION IMPOSSIBLE ROGUE NATION

2.30, 4.45, 7.15, 9.30 pm

Director: Christopher McQuarrie

Starring: Tom Cruise, Jeremy Renner, Simon Pegg,

Rebecca Ferguson

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 131min

this day in history

1962 VIOLENCE FLARES
AT MOSLEY RALLY

Former fascist leader Sir Oswald Mosley has been assaulted at a rally in London's east end.

He and members of his anti-Semitic Blackshirt group were punched to the ground as soon as his meeting opened at Ridley Road, Dalston.

Police were forced to close the meeting within three minutes and made 54 arrests - including Sir Oswald's son Max.

A crowd of several thousand had gathered in the area, where Sir Oswald, leader of the Union Movement formerly known as the British Union of Fascists, planned to speak from the back of a lorry.

As soon as he appeared from between two police buses the crowd surged forward and knocked Sir Oswald to the ground.

He tried to fight back from the cobbles, before police helped him to climb on the lorry prepared for his address.

He was met by a hail of missiles including rotten fruit, pennies and stones and people tried to storm the platform.

His speech was drowned out by continuous boos and a chorus of "down with the fascists".

Scuffles continued as Sir Oswald was shepherded to his car and his vehicle was punched and kicked as it drove off though a gangway cleared by mounted police.

Trouble started long before the meeting began as over 200 police - including 10 on horseback - attempted to clear an area around the lorry-platform.

It took the authorities another hour after Sir Oswald left to clear people from nearby Kingsland High Road.

Those arrested will appear in court tomorrow charged with public order offences.

Amongst the injured were last year's Mayor of Hackney, Alderman Sherman, and his wife.

They both received medical treatment after being struck with an iron bar.

Sir Oswald, a former Labour MP and junior minister, became leader of the British Union of Fascists in 1932.

During the war, he and his wife Diana Mitford, were interned for being a threat to national security. Then in 1948, Sir Oswald formed the Union Party but failed to get a seat in the 1959 general election.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

Four years later Sir Oswald Mosley failed to get elected to parliament once more and he retired from politics.

Sir Oswald Mosley died in France in 1980.

In November 2002 the Public Records Office in the UK released documents revealing details of the British intelligence services' surveillance of Sir Oswald and his wife and the threat they posed. According to the evidence his wife, Diana Mitford, was regarded as more dangerous than her husband, because she had much closer ties with the Nazis in Germany.

YOUR STARS

Aries
Mar. 21-Apr. 19
You've got deeply held emotional business bubbling up to the surface today. Things may get a little weird later in the day, but you still need to keep focused on what's most important to you.

Taurus
April 20-May 20
Speak from the heart — as soon as possible! Your energy is just right for communicating difficult feelings, and you should get the best possible reception, especially from close family members.

Gemini
May 21-Jun. 21
Your ability to work magic with numbers is enhanced today, which could mean that it's a good time to look at your budget or retirement accounts. Your mental state isn't exactly creative, but it is flexible.

Cancer
Jun. 22-Jul. 22
You should try to broaden the scope of your interests — you've got twice the energy of a regular day, and that could mean that you're ready for a whole new lifestyle. Go for it!

Leo
Jul. 23-Aug. 22
You are totally under wraps today — in a good way, of course! Your energy is just right for difficult meetings or awkward encounters with exes, so get out there and have fun with it all.

Virgo
Aug. 23-Sept. 22
Once again, it's up to you to organize the troops. It could be family, coworkers or volunteers, but your ability to get them all working together smoothly is essential to success.

Libra
Sep. 23-Oct. 22
Your daily routine is trashed a little today — so you may as well scrap the whole thing and improvise! It's a good day for you to ask yourself what you really want to see happen, anyway.

Scorpio
Oct. 23 - Nov. 21
Your ambitions are strong today — and that's a good thing! You should be able to make some great progress as you plow through your checklists and defeat all opposition. Enjoy the rush!

Sagittarius
Nov. 22-Dec. 21
You and a friend or colleague are at odds with each other — but it all turns out to be a big misunderstanding! See if you can just ride this phase out, as the situation doesn't clear up for a few days.

Capricorn
Dec. 22-Jan. 19
Your biggest issues are impossible to ignore today — but you've got the right kind of energy to handle them, so it ends up counting as a win! You should find that your people are in awe of you.

Aquarius
Jan. 20-Feb. 18
Your emotional side is dominant right now — which may cause some discomfort, but overall is for the best. Try to ensure that you stay positive, but when things get dark, be brave!

Pisces
Feb. 19-Mar. 20
Your inner romantic is fully engaged with the world — you just see things differently! If you're involved, make sure you spend time with your beloved, and if not, get out there and get noticed!

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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Lhasa	13	26	shower/cloudy
Chengdu	23	33	thundershower/cloudy
Chongqing	27	37	cloudy
Kunming	17	24	moderate rain
Nanjing	27	34	cloudy
Shanghai	28	37	clear
Wuhan	26	34	clear
Hangzhou	26	37	cloudy/clear
Taipei	26	31	drizzle/cloudy
Guangzhou	25	32	cloudy/thundershower
Hong Kong	27	32	cloudy
WORLD			
Moscow	13	24	cloudy
Frankfurt	10	21	cloudy/clear
Paris	9	20	clear/cloudy
London	7	16	cloudy
New York	26	32	cloudy/clear

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Hackneyed; 6- Skilled; 10- Auntie of Broadway; 14- Actor's parts; 15- Observed; 16- Cries of discovery; 17- This is only ___; 18- Frat party purchases; 19- Hire; 20- One who lives in a small cozy house; 22- Discomfort; 24- Somewhat; 25- Flourish; 26- Move unsteadily; 29- Bone to pick; 30- Girder type; 31- Proprietor of a bookstore; 37- Watering hole; 39- Aussie hopper; 40- Children's refrain; 41- Unforeseen; 44- Liquid measure; 45- Small batteries; 46- ___ Pieces; 48- Maintains; 52- Bust maker; 53- Sickness at the stomach; 54- Deliberate damage; 58- Nights before; 59- Latvian, e.g.; 61- Like some stadiums; 62- Got on; 63- Secular; 64- Abrasive mineral; 65- Affirmative votes; 66- O.T. book; 67- Units of force;

DOWN: 1- ___ Il (razor brand); 2- ___-Rooter; 3- Belinda Carlisle's "Should ___ You In?"; 4- Woman who makes a will; 5- Executor's concern; 6- Inquired; 7- Ale, e.g.; 8- Lower limb; 9- Guarantees; 10- Female horses; 11- Lots; 12- Parsonage; 13- Organic compound; 21- Attire; 23- Like some checking accounts; 25- Black tea; 26- Ten C-notes; 27- Israeli statesman Abba; 28- Facilitate; 29- Heavy footwear; 32- Killer whales; 33- Surgical removal of fatty tissue; 34- Hula hoops?; 35- ___ kleine Nachtmusik; 36- Spoils; 38- Extra; 42- OK to consume; 43- Dull; 47- Wore away; 48- The end of ___; 49- Place for "stompin'"; 50- Kid leather; 51- Fussy couple?; 52- "Of course!"; 54- Split; 55- "So be it"; 56- Richard of "Chicago"; 57- Breyers rival; 60- Small batteries;



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BASKETBALL

NBA in Africa? 'Stay tuned' for regular-season game

THE NBA is in Africa for an exhibition, and NBA Commissioner Adam Silver expects more important games to come.

"Stay tuned," Silver said yesterday as 20 NBA stars, including Chris Paul and Luol Deng, prepare to play at a small arena in downtown Johannesburg — the first NBA game of any kind in Africa. "This is an experiment of sorts."

Although he didn't give an exact time frame, Silver said a pre-season game and then a regular-season game on the continent was the logical progression for the NBA, which is on a "fast track" to build a brand in soccer-crazy Africa.

"Part of why I'm here is to continue to investigate new facilities," Silver said. "We would want a larger, more modern arena for a regular or pre-season game here. And it's also to test the response here. These things just take time, but I'm very confident that in the not-too-distant future we will be playing, to begin with, a pre-season game on the continent of Africa."

Having already explored possibilities in China and Europe, Africa's next for the NBA, which has brought some big names — coaches as well as players — to Johannesburg for tomorrow's exhibition game at Ellis Park Arena.

There's Paul, an eight-time All Star, who will captain Team World. Deng, a two-time All Star, will lead a Team Africa. Pau and Marc Gasol have also made the trip, as has San Antonio Spurs coach Gregg Popovich and coach of the year Mike Budenholzer of the Atlanta Hawks. Also on the rosters are Al-Farouq Aminu and Giannis Antetokounmpo, who both have parents from Nigeria.

This game's the next step in

AP PHOTO



NBA Commissioner Adam Silver

the league's links to Africa that began with the first-round draft of Hakeem Olajuwon by the Houston Rockets in 1984, Silver said. Olajuwon, who is from Nigeria and is part of this trip to South Africa as an NBA ambassador, went on to become a two-time NBA champion and 12-time All Star.

The NBA's presence in Africa, and particularly southern Africa, is still comparatively small. On Saturday, the stars

will play at an old, 4,000-seat arena, tiny for NBA standards. But it's sold out and it's a start, Silver told a small group of reporters at his hotel.

"What I'd like to see is a group of some of our very best players showcasing the game, demonstrating how fun and exciting the game is," Silver said. "The players are bringing their talents direct to Johannesburg as opposed to people getting it off media."

The low profile of the NBA in South Africa can also work in players' favor for now, with some of the NBA's top names walking around their hotel lobby in suburban Johannesburg unnoticed by locals.

Some of them will use the offseason trip to go on a safari and visit the foundation of late South African president Nelson Mandela, Silver said, among other excursions. There will also be visits to mu-

■ **Having already explored possibilities in China and Europe, Africa's next for the NBA**

seums, and coaching clinics in poorer neighborhoods around Johannesburg. Even Silver, who got married recently, said he was taking the opportunity for a honeymoon after the game. He and his wife will go to the Seychelles, off the east coast of Africa.

Silver said there was a large amount of "symbolism" to the NBA's visit to Africa and its first game on the continent, comparing it in some ways to President Barack Obama's recent trips to Kenya and Ethiopia.

"(It's) so much more than just a game," Silver said.

Adding to the symbolism, the Team World versus Team Africa exhibition will take place at the same stadium complex where the late Mandela famously wore a South African rugby jersey to a game in 1995 to help unite the country as it emerged from apartheid, the story told in Clint Eastwood's "Invictus" movie.

The NBA players were aware of that connection, Silver said, after they attended talks this week by members of the league's Africa office. **AP**

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THE SEDUCTIVE STORY

“The best speakers are good storytellers. The best writers are good storytellers. The best leaders are good storytellers.” – Rodger Dean Duncan

Power and influence can come from unexpected sources. The generally accepted five bases of power, both formal and personal are well documented: legitimate power per virtue of an official position; coercive power to reprimand or punish, as an employer may of a subordinate; reward power to bestow incentives such as pay increases; expert power that comes from an individual’s expertise and knowledge in an area of activity or profession; and referent power through being respected and admired as is wielded by charismatic athletes, entertainers and public figures or gained through social capital and connections. The first three formal powers are explicit in a society like Macau, but the last two are the most effective and, in combination, enduring. People are drawn to people with these latter qualities and are happy to be led by them.

A visit to my alma mater and a seminar on storytelling for use in change management suggested ways to increase personal power and persuasion. Aristotle’s appeals of logos, pathos and ethos describe ways to persuade others. Western business schools overwhelmingly (and, I believe, short-sightedly) base their curricula on logos: students are given the tools to collect data and through a process of analysis and delivery of findings aim to develop a logical argument to support their business ideas. The business world is supposed to be based upon this rationality but ignoring the other two appeals can be a career and status death knell in a place like Macau where logos is not necessarily the prevalent mode. We are more readily persuaded by the people we know, like and trust. The credibility that comes from social capital, connections and the development of referent power puts ethos standing taller than logos. Interestingly those with ethos-based power are often also bestowed with legitimate formal positions of power in our SAR. The last mode of pathos, an appeal to a follower’s emotion, has been and still is formally distained in professions. It is, however, a very strong motivator: it relies upon the speaker and listener having values in common; it dangerously doesn’t rely on educational and intellectual parity.

We remember that which touches the heart, and even better if we can connect with those events, ideas and the speaker at a personal level. We forget and are often not sold on cold hard evidence or reams of data. Stories offer us all a way to persuade and build personal power through imbuing logos (facts) with ethos (credibility) and pathos (emotion). In turn, knowing these methods also opens our eyes to purposeful attempts to persuade us.

Stories are captured, told and listened to, and then create their own acts. Authentic springboard stories explain why something should be done: they build a case, triggering a response for listeners to act. They encourage people to take a leap into the unknown, which is an important mechanism in change management. Some stories build trust and connection through sharing something of ourselves, putting us in a favourable light – these are the personal stories, building ethos, often starting with a “let me share something about myself”. Stories are effective because they produce a chemical response. A good story starts with tension that hooks us in, engaging the listener. We make some connection with the protagonist. We want to hear how it turns out and that resolution at the end of the story, that moment of closure, releases the tension and delivers a dopamine hit – a story fix.

Stories are addictive. Stories are powerful. We need more leaders with stories as through the telling of them they inspire and show their values, depth of experience, understanding, and character. It goes to partly explain why we love a good storyteller.

THE BUZZ TO OPEN FIFA EXHIBIT

The Mob Museum in Las Vegas is setting up an exhibit dedicated to the FIFA corruption scandal.

The permanent display entitled “The ‘Beautiful Game’ Turns Ugly” will open at the National Museum of Organized Crime and Law Enforcement in downtown Las Vegas on Sept. 1.

It will feature photos, media clippings and narratives about accusations of bribes and other criminal activity in FIFA.

A U.S. indictment citing the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, a federal law known as RICO, was filed against senior FIFA officials in May.

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Branded Products Fair brings tastes of Cantonese culture



Brook Yang

THE four-day Guangdong and Macau Branded Products Fair was lived up by mass consumers not long after opening yesterday, as families strolled among the booths and sampled ethnic foods that represent the Cantonese culture.

On the exhibition floor of Fisherman’s Wharf, a total of 289 booths are laid out by Macau and Guangdong enterprises that showcase a variety of local specialty products ranging from food products and household appliances, to souvenirs.

Displaying dried tangerine peel (known as “chenpi”) and refined herbal teas in bamboo-woven trays, Mr Wu Diyuan told the Times that his hometown, Xinhui – today a district of Jiangmen city, exports more than 500 tons of chenpi and its byproducts each year with 2 percent of those exports coming into Macau.

“It’s used in traditional

Chinese medicine and is a common seasoning in Cantonese cuisine,” introduced the manufacturer, adding that although his company hadn’t previously participated in any trade fairs in Macau, he was already seeing satisfying sales.

“I expect our presence at this fair will drive up our sales volume to Macau by 10 to 20 percent, because we can come into contact with more local dealers and buyers. And that is just a conservative expectation, considering our annual growth is up to 30 percent in the mainland markets,” he remarked.

Across the aisle, Mr Chen Yongde enthusiastically recommended his products of different-flavored peanuts to consumers as they flocked to the booth. “You can’t buy this elsewhere, we only export a small amount to Macau. Most of our customers are the folk chambers of commerce who use this to entertain guests,” he told the Times, adding that his sales

volume at the fair reached over MOP50,000 in the past edition, nearly doubling the company’s annual export volume to Macau.

“The fair aims to build a good business platform by highlighting various branded products of good quality at competitive prices, enabling people to buy branded products from different places in Guangdong without travelling,” said the president of the Macao Trade and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM), Jackson Chang. “It not only provides tremendous business opportunities, but also showcases a wealth of cultural and entertaining elements,” he added.

“This event creates a convenient channel for Macau and overseas consumers and buyers to have a better understanding of Guangdong’s branded products,” also stated the Deputy Secretary General of Guangdong’s Provincial Government, Wu Ken, at the opening ceremony.

“We hope exhibitors are able to interact with a wide range of customers, explore new markets, improve the quality of the products, and strengthen the branding effects. Also that Macau residents and overseas buyers will have the opportunity to experience Cantonese culture and discover business opportunities,” he said.

Station	Air quality
Roadside	20-40 Good
High Density Residential Area	20-40 Good
Ambient	20-40 Good

SOURCE: DSMG

WORLD BRIEFS

USA Ray Tensing, 25, a white police officer who shot a black motorist after stopping him over a missing license plate pleaded not guilty yesterday to charges of murder and involuntary manslaughter. The July 19 death of 43-year-old Samuel DuBose in Cincinnati, Ohio, comes amid months of national scrutiny of police dealings with African-Americans, especially those killed by officers. Officer appeared at his arraignment yesterday wearing a striped jail suit, with his hands cuffed behind him.



USA Four rebel Confederate battle flags were found on the grounds of a church near the Martin Luther King Jr. Center in Atlanta yesterday, and police and federal authorities were investigating. Police said a maintenance worker discovered the flags at 6 a.m. yesterday and notified the National Park Service, which operates The King Center, a resource center and memorial near the late civil rights leader’s childhood home.

NEPAL Landslides caused by heavy rains buried several mountain villages in Nepal yesterday, killing at least 30 people, and bad weather was hampering the search for others, authorities said. Rescuers pulled out 19 bodies after the landslide in the village in Lumle, about 200 km west of Kathmandu, according to the National Emergency Operation Center.

SOUTH SUDAN Soldiers believed to be with the South Sudanese army and allied militia stole relief supplies and killed seven people in an attack on a rebel-held part of Unity state, a local official said yesterday. Monday’s attack on the village of Dablual forced some 35,000 civilians to flee into the bush and humanitarian workers to evacuate, said John Riek, the head of a local relief commission.

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