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THAILAND Police in Bangkok say they have identified a man whose body parts were found floating in the city's Chao Phraya River as a Spanish consultant, surnamed David, and also have identified suspects in his killing. Police said yesterday that they are gathering more evidence and searching for the suspects, and believe they can solve the case within 48 hours.



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NORTH KOREAN leader Kim Jong Un presides over a meeting of senior ruling party officials aimed at rooting out corruption and abuses of power ahead of a major congress to be held in May, state media report, calling the gathering the first of its kind. Meanwhile, China, Northeast Asia is reacting to the latest 'act of war' threat from Kim. More on p11,13

AUSTRALIA A newborn Down syndrome baby left by his Australian biological father with his poor surrogate mother in Thailand was one of several cases of surrogate children abandoned because of defects, an expert tells a parliamentary inquiry.



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GERMANY More than 91,000 asylum seekers arrived in Germany last month, the government said yesterday, underlining the pressure the country faces to diminish the influx of migrants.

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Local publications continued to climb last year

ACCORDING to the registration records of the International Standard Book Number (ISBN) regarding the number of requests by the local ISBN agency of Macau, 722 books and 26 periodicals were slated for publication in 2015. The figures represent an increase of 82 books and 8 periodicals over 2014.

In addition, 541 publications were submitted to the Central Library collection under the Legal Deposit Regime, of which 477 titles had applied for an ISBN registration.

The institution reports that a total of 93 publishers submitted new applications to join the ISBN system, including one school, five commercial organizations, 36 civic organizations, 47 individuals and four other special groups. The 93 new publishers have taken the cumulative total to 811 since the local ISBN agency was founded in 2000.

According to the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC), the data reflects the solid development of publishing in Macau and a growth in the awareness of ISBN application for publishers. The international standardization of book publication has



greatly strengthened the ability for Macau books to break into the international market.

To apply for an ISBN, applicants are required to complete an application form together with a copy of the finalized cover page, title page and copyright page of the publication, and send it to the Macau

ISBN agency address.

The IC added that first-time applicants are required to submit a copy of supporting documents of commercial registration or non-profit organization registration, whereas individual publishers are required to present their Macau Resident Identity Card.

The ISBN agency in Ma-

cau will reply to applicants within three working days from the time at which all necessary documents are received.

Alternatively, publishers can submit their publications in person to the ISBN agency located in the Sir Robert Ho Tung Library or to the Central Library in Tap Seac Square. **Staff reporter**

COOPERATION

Trade between Macau and Zhongshan increases by 13.9 pct

TRADE between Macau and the city of Zhongshan in 2015 increased 13.9 percent over the previous year and reached USD230 million, the Macau Trade and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM) announced.

The announcement was made after a meeting in Macau between a delegation from Zhongshan headed by the vice president of the Chinese municipality Yang Wen Long, the president and executive member of the IPIM, Jackson Chang and Glória Ung, respectively, to discuss bilateral cooperation agreements signed in 2015.

IPIM's statement said the two sides discussed the development of relations between the two cities and agreed to strengthen measures to provide better services to entrepreneurs and investors and jointly organize missions to study the Portuguese-speaking countries.

An agreement was also reached to organize visits this year by Macau businesspeople to Zhongshan and vice versa to strengthen the complementarity of the commercial and industrial sectors of the Chinese city, located in Guangdong Province, and the Macau Special Administrative Region.

During the meeting, the president of IPIM invited representatives of city of Zhongshan to be present at the 5th Ministerial Conference of the Forum for Economic and Trade Cooperation between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries (Macau), to be held next November in Macau. **MDT/Macauhub**

CNY

Albergue SCM wishing well opens



THE wishing well at Albergue SCM will have its protective glass cover removed and be opened to the public today, allowing visitors to throw a coin in and make a wish. The well, situated under the romantic Marriage Trees, collects funds that are donated to the Society for the Protection of Animals (Macau) to ensure the well-being of animals in the MSAR.

The trees have been intertwined for more than a century, said the Creative Albergue event organizers, and have been witness to countless marriage proposals made in the romantic courtyard. The wishing well will remain open to the public in the courtyard of Albergue SCM until March 5.

ARTS

Album celebrates UNESCO listing

THE Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) has launched a photo album titled "Where the World Heritage Shines - Photographs of the Historic Centre of Macau" to celebrate the tenth anniversary of the inscription of the city's Historic Centre on UNESCO's World Heritage List.

According to a press release, the album places emphasis on the photographs of the Historic Centre of Macau, but also includes descriptions of the images, introductions for the historic heritage sites and interviews with the author.

Chan Hin Io, a renowned local pho-



tographer, has focused on festivities and religious activities relating to the sites featured in the album. The

photos not only depict the city's mix of Eastern and Western cultures, but also reflect the community's close connection with the historic center.

The book intends to show the richness of Macau's World Heritage and its charm through various angles, shooting times and backgrounds, featuring a range of concepts and compositions. Aside from gaining a new perspective of the city's world heritage sites, readers of the album can now better grasp the changes that the Historic Centre of Macau has gone through and discover the stories behind the photographs.

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Sands announces CNY bonus and salary increase



Wilfred Wong, president of Sands China

SANDS China Ltd has announced that it will pay staff a Chinese New Year (CNY) bonus today.

In addition, the company is increasing the salaries of all eligible team members effective March 1, benefiting roughly 96 per cent of the gaming operator's employees.

In a press release issued yesterday, Sands China informed that from among the company's 26,000 eligible employees, those who have completed at least one full year of service will receive a bonus equivalent to at least one month's salary.

All full-time team members of eligible grades who joined the company before October 1, 2015, and are still employed on February 5, 2016, are eligible for the February bonus.

In addition, the gaming operator will again distribute a "special award" to over 25,000 eligible

full-time team members who are at manager grades or below, to be paid in July. The award, equivalent to one month's salary, was first announced and distributed in 2014. It is paid each year together with the July payroll through 2017.

The company's salary increase takes effect March 1. Eligible full-time employees earning salaries less than or equal to MOP12,000 per month will receive a pay increase of MOP500 per month, resulting in a 4-6 per cent salary increase. Eligible team members earning monthly salaries above MOP12,000 will receive an average of a 2 per cent pay rise, with a monthly salary ceiling of MOP45,000 after the pay rise.

"Sands China is pleased to announce this bonus and salary increase during such a challenging business environment," said Wilfred Wong, president of the company.

"We are committed to rewarding our greatest asset – our dedicated employees, who have been working hard amid challenges. I look forward to having another successful year in 2016 with the continuous dedication from our team members," he added.

Other gaming operators have also announced a staff bonus for this year. In most cases, bonuses will be roughly equivalent to the respective one-month's salary for non-senior management staff.

GAMING

Sydney's casino packed over CNY with Chinese clientele



A large number of Chinese customers have booked out the Sydney casino, The Star, over the Chinese New Year period. According to the resort's managing director, Greg Hawkins, there is a "significant demand for its restaurants, hotel rooms and casino facilities with more than 4,000 room-nights booked over the next fortnight."

"From a business point of view, within the tourism economy, that China market is very critical to us and there's now a far greater understanding here in Australia of that Chinese guest experience," Hawkins said, cited by the Sydney Morning Herald.

The Star has also added some new VIP gaming salons, The Darling and Astral Tower, as China's high-roller gamblers continue to boom.

"We've got a wide range of gaming rooms for both direct and junket customers and they are all booked out over the next couple of weeks because of the high demand we are seeing at the top of that gaming space," added Mr Hawkins.

According to him, a multi-year expansion and renovation program at The Star helped lift the quality of the venue and close the gap with its rival, James Packer's Crown Resorts.

The news report indicated that part of The Star's success may be attributed to the fact that many Chinese gamblers have been continuing to stay away from Macau over corruption concerns. "There are expectations Australian and New Zealand gaming operators will bulk up their share of VIP clients this year," the report concludes.



IACM staff disinfects the Nam Yue Wholesale Market and culls live poultry in an attempt to control the influenza virus



The heads of the Health Bureau, Lei Chin Ion (2nd from left), and of the IACM, Alex Wong (2nd from right), held a press conference to explain the measures implemented

H7 BIRD FLU

Live poultry sales halted until tomorrow

SALES of live poultry in Macau are suspended until at least tomorrow after authorities detected the avian influenza subtype H7 in a local market on Wednesday.

According to a statement issued yesterday by the Government Information Bureau, in order to safeguard public safety and minimize the risk of having the virus spread, authorities culled more than 15,000 chickens at the wholesale market in Macau, where birds imported from the mainland are kept before being put onto the local market.

The action was carried out shortly after an environmental sample taken from a live poultry stall at the Patane Temporary Market tested positive for the H7 subtype virus.

Representatives from Ci-

vic and Municipal Affairs Bureau (IACM) confirmed at a press conference that the chickens suspected of being infected with the virus came from a farm in Gaoming District in Guangdong. IACM informed the

A public health contingency mechanism was implemented once the virus was detected

mainland authorities about the case.

An IACM official stated that the local government

decided to temporarily suspend live poultry sales for three days.

A public health contingency mechanism was implemented once the virus was detected, including suspending imports from the suspected farm and a thorough cleaning and sanitization of all the poultry wholesale outlets including live poultry stalls in local markets.

The health bureau said that three employees who were in contact with the live poultry would be placed under a 10-day medical surveillance at the Conde S. Januário Hospital.

The authorities urge those who have been to the infected stall and the Patane Temporary Market on Wednesday to contact the Health Bureau or call the enquiry hotline (2870 0800) should symptoms such as fever or cough develop.

ONE SHOT NEWS



The Chief Executive toured the CNY fair at Tap Seac Square. During yesterday's visit, Chui Sai On talked with some young stall operators and shared thoughts on how to run a business. He said young entrepreneurs considering starting their own enterprise need to have a good business plan and adequate financing. In addition, they should be mentally prepared to bear potential losses. In the end, the most important reward would be the knowledge gained from the experience, he added.

Macau Foundation subsidies double in 2015



THE Macau Foundation (FM) granted subsidies worth MOP1.8 billion during 2015, more than double what it distributed in 2014. According to a notice published in the Official Gazette this week, the Macau University of Science and Technology Foundation received the largest share of subsidies in 2015.

The tertiary education

institution received a total of about MOP295 million throughout last year, of which over 54 percent (MOP160.3 million) was only allocated during the fourth quarter of the year.

In fact, tertiary education organizations received the most funds from the FM during 2015 with several tertiary institutions topping the list of

subsidies. One of these cases is the Foundation of the City University of Macau, the second most supported institution during Q4 with a total financial sum reaching MOP157.1 million.

Also during the last quarter, the Catholic Foundation of University Education (which runs the University of Saint Joseph) received a share of MOP109

million of which MOP90 million was designated for the construction of the second phase of its campus.

The report also states that the total financing for Q4 reached the sum of about

■ Tertiary education organizations received most of the funds

MOP770 million which represents an increase of about MOP233 million when compared with the previous quarter.

The total amount granted during Q4 of 2015 represents a growth of over three times of that in 2014. The total amount granted in the last quarter of 2014 was MOP217million. **RM**

TOURISM

MGTO to present 'Valentine's Day Fantasia'

THE Macau Government Tourist Office (MGTO) is set to present "Valentine's Day Fantasia 2016 - The Fairytale of Lights" at the Taipa Houses-Museum, and at attractions nearby, from February 7 to 29.

MGTO is offering another choice for leisure and entertainment to local residents during the festive season, according to its press release issued yesterday.

Beautiful fairytales will be brought to life through an extravaganza of lights, creating a dazzling dreamland for fairytale fans this Valentine's Day and also for the Chinese Lantern Festival. A 3D mapping show will be unveiled at an opening ceremony on February 12.

The bureau promises a "heart-warming and memorable" February, as the event will be seen in the upcoming festive seasons. Light installations include 9,999 rose illuminations scattered across the Taipa Houses-Museum and Carmel Parish, with 14 groups of light installations adding color to the area and adjacent attractions. These can be seen from 6 p.m to 10 p.m.

Visitors can weave a fairytale with a five-minute 3D mapping and interactive game called "Cinderella's Glass Slipper," which will be staged at the Taipa Houses every 30 minutes from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m from February 12 to 22. The last show will take place at 9:55 p.m. each night.

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Photographer opens studio, says market faces challenging times

Renato Marques

THE Portuguese photographer António Mil-Homens recently opened his new working studio in Macau.

The photographer with a career of over 40 years in professional photography, having held over 15 individual and 20 collective photography exhibitions as well as having many works published by the media, decided to take the next step in his career.

To learn more about this new place and António Mil-Homens' ambitions for it, the Times spoke to the photographer in his new place of work.

"This is a little bit of a crazy investment," he admitted, alluding to the fact that he is aware that sooner or later we will have to leave the building where the studio is now installed since many landlords tend not to rent to the same person for a long period of time, or, in case they do, the rents tend to climb during that period.

"But I think that this is a positive craziness and an alternative to what is currently happening to the photography market in Macau. There are more and more people entering the market; very young



António Mil-Homens

people, barely equipped and offering works at very low prices without understanding that they are jeopardizing their own future and those of others working in the same field," the photographer said.

That is the main reason he decided to invest in a new studio and switch his field of work since "magazines and newspapers are

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ANTÓNIO MIL-HOMENS

disinvesting in photography and in professional photographers, requesting journalists and editors to do that job too," António Mil-Homens said.

With this studio António Mil-Homens hopes to be able to "create a new market" in a field that he has always nurtured, targeting mostly "advertising, product and commercial photography," as well as high-end productions that do not "easily find space in Macau due to the fact that we usually work in tiny places."

The 115 sqm studio offers multifunctionality and conditions for bigger productions. Life experience has taught the photographer to "have space in Macau for niche markets in terms of creative industries, design products, fashion creators and people from abroad that want to create artistic productions in Macau."

But the new studio has potential to also be a "space of arts and culture" that can include several forms and with the purpose of being "a gathering space for people who share the same interests."

Education and training is another field that the photographer hopes the studio can be used for, adding that "there are fantastic conditions here for workshops and courses too."

Driver training school to have new rules

The Executive Council concluded the discussion concerning the draft of the Administrative Regulation regarding driving examinations and the operation of the driver training center. The document aims to establish the center's working schedule, internal rules and fines. The purpose is "to improve operation's management and ensure effective functioning." According to the proposal, trainees will only be able to use the center when they are in the learning-to-drive phase or when undertaking a driving examination.

MSAR passport holders visa-free to Armenia

Local authorities and the Government of the Republic of Armenia have officially signed the agreement for the Mutual Abolition of Visa Requirements yesterday. Residents of Macau holding a valid Macau SAR Passport or a valid SAR Travel permit will be exempt from visa requirements when entering Armenia for a stay of a maximum of 90 days after the agreement comes into force, the timing of which will be announced later.

TOURISM

Macau promoted at Sapporo Snow Festival

THE Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Alexis Tam, is heading a delegation that is taking part in the Sapporo Snow Festival for the first time.

The famous event, which kicks off today, attracts around two million visitors to the Japanese city every year. Macau will be promoted during this year's festival through an ice sculpture of the iconic Ruins of St Paul that will be on display. A video mapping show will be projected onto the sculpture.

According to a statement issued yesterday by the Macau Government Tourism Office (MGTO), a local café will be set up in the festival grounds and several promotional activities will be organized in order to attract more international visitors.

The 67th edition of the Sapporo Snow Festival will take place in the city located in Hokkaido prefecture until February 11, featuring more than 200 ice sculptures at three display locations across a 1.5 kilometer-long exhibition area.



Alexis Tam (center) and other guests pictured during the ceremony that marked the delivery of the Macau sculpture

The central point of the display is in Odori Park. Alexis Tam attended a ceremony yesterday marking the delivery of the Macau sculpture where he said that he was confident that this promotion of the city through the Sapporo Snow Festival would attract more Japanese citizens and international visitors to the territory. **RM**



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CENTRAL

A study issued yesterday by the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission says the yuan is likely to gain prominence over rival international currencies, the Japanese Yen, British Pound and the Euro, over the next decade.

In addition the study stipulated that, although the rise of the yuan "may slightly erode" the leading status of the U.S. dollar, it is unlikely to supplant the latter as the number one reserve currency.

Cornell University economist Eswar Prasad wrote in the report that China is likely to undertake a reform process of its financial and monetary system to "become largely open within the next three to five years."

The elevation in status of the yuan has pulled into question whether the Hong Kong dollar

REPORT

China's yuan to erode, not end, dollar's dominance



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(and subsequently the Macau pataca) should remain pegged to the U.S. dollar.

The peg has caused problems in the past as Hong Kong and Macau move through different parts of the economic "boom and bust" cycle out of synchronization with the U.S. economy. The dependency reduces the ability for Macau and Hong Kong's Monetary Authorities to take the necessary steps to curtail recessionary pressures.

John Greenwood, the architect behind the pegging of the HKD, has said that the small,

open economy of Hong Kong would not be stable if its currency were to float freely against others, because of large capital flows that make the SAR vulnerable to market volatility.

Yet a case could be made for both the MOP and HKD to be linked to the Chinese yuan, given the level of economic dependency both SARs face in relation to the mainland.

However, economist Prasad warned in the report that Beijing must yet enact a broader liberalization of its currency system before it can be regarded as a "safe haven" currency. **Staff reporter**

Yuan-dollar rate bolstered ahead of CNY

ACCORDING to a Bloomberg article, the People's Bank of China strengthened its fixing by 0.16 percent to a four-week high of 6.5419 per dollar. The offshore rate traded in Hong Kong rose 0.05 percent, having surged 0.26 percent on Wednesday as weakening prospects for U.S. interest-rate increases led to a further decline in the dollar.

The move comes ahead of a financial market close next week due to the arrival of the Chinese New Year holiday.

"The central bank is trying to dampen market expectations of a depreciation before the holidays," said Irene Cheung, a foreign-exchange strategist at the Australia & New Zealand Banking Group in Singapore told Bloomberg. "It's sending a strong signal."

HKD PEG PROVIDED STABILITY

HONG KONG pegged its currency with the USD on October 17, 1983. Over thirty years ago, the decision provided stability as China and the United Kingdom initiated discussions on Hong Kong's handover to mainland rule. Today, the two currencies remain pegged. Macau's currency is also indirectly pegged with the USD.

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China eases rules on foreign funds in bid for MSCI inclusion

CHINA relaxed restrictions on foreign funds as policy makers seek to gain entry to MSCI Inc.'s global stock indexes and bolster the nation's financial markets after record capital outflows.

The State Administration of Foreign Exchange said fund managers approved under its Qualified Foreign Institutional Investor program will no longer need to apply for quotas, with maximum allocations instead being linked to assets under management and subject to a ceiling of USD5 billion. Open-ended funds will also be able to shift money in and out of the nation's stocks on a daily basis.

Chinese authorities have been pushing for an MSCI endorsement - sending a delegation of regulators to Europe and the U.S. last year to make the case for inclusion - as President Xi Jinping's government seeks to elevate the status of mainland markets on the world stage and make the yuan a more international currency. Attracting foreign capital has taken on greater urgency in recent months after the yuan weakened and local shares tumbled, though analysts cautioned that yesterday's rule change is unlikely to attract major inflows any time soon and doesn't guarantee MSCI inclusion.

"They want more dollars to come into China," said Tim Condon, head of Asian research at ING Groep NV in Singapore. "China risk aversion is elevated due to uncertainty about foreign-exchange poli-

AP PHOTO



Chinese stock investors look over a newspaper in a brokerage house in Beijing

cy so I expect little short-run impact from the measure. As currency uncertainty fades, the move will be positive for equities and fixed income."

While the easing addresses some of the issues highlighted by MSCI, remaining curbs include limits on the repatriation of assets. SAFE also said it retains the authority to adjust rules for outflows based on market conditions.

The index provider decided to leave China's domestic shares out of its equity gauges in June, saying it would work with the country's regulators

to establish policies that resolve the "remaining accessibility issues." Those included giving investors quotas commensurate with the size of their assets under management, improvements in liquidity and further clarification of share-ownership rules.

Chia Chin-ping, a Hong Kong-based managing director at MSCI, didn't immediately respond to calls.

Volatility in China's stocks and currency is likely to be another obstacle, according to Xia Le, Hong Kong-based chief Asia economist at Banco

Bilbao Vizcaya Argentaria SA.

The benchmark Shanghai Composite Index has tumbled 22 percent this year, making it the world's worst performer, as traders unwound bullish bets on concern valuations were too high given the economic slowdown. The central bank has stepped up intervention in the foreign-exchange market over the past month and tightened capital controls after the yuan slumped to a five-year low. The cost of insuring Chinese sovereign debt against default climbed to the highest level on Wednesday

since a record cash crunch in June 2013.

"The new rule makes it easier for foreign institutions to move their funds in and out of China, which was one of the hurdles thwarting an inclusion last year," Xia said. "However, the chance for an inclusion is not significant this year, even though this change is in place, because China's financial markets will likely continue to be highly volatile in the near term."

Attracting foreign capital has taken on greater urgency after the yuan weakened and local shares tumbled

The previous cap on institutional investments was \$1 billion, although officials had already allowed that limit to be breached when they gave Fidelity Investments Management (Hong Kong) Ltd. a \$1.2 billion quota in 2015. QFII funds can now be pulled from China after three months, down from a year previously, provided the net withdrawal in a month doesn't exceed 20 percent of assets held at the end of the previous year, SAFE said.

For Meng Xiaoning, president of Tianfeng Securities Co.'s Hong Kong unit, more work needs to be done to satisfy international money managers.

"I don't think the new rule will directly promote A shares' inclusion into the MSCI index," Meng said. "There are still a lot of things to be done in terms of legal framework and market infrastructure." **Bloomberg**

corporate bits

TAG HEUER OPENS IN STUDIO CITY

Swiss avant-garde watchmaker TAG Heuer made its first debut at Studio City, Macau yesterday. With over 156-years' experience in watch-making, TAG Heuer is showcasing TAG Heuer Connected, for the first time in the city, for the appreciation of watch enthusiasts in the entertainment hub of Asia.

TAG Heuer has collaborated with Intel and Google to create the TAG Heuer Connected smart watch, a watch that represents a combination of classic wristwatch artistry, electronic intelligence and cutting-edge technology.

"It features an Intel® Atom™ processor Z34XX, 4GB RAM, scratch-resistant sapphire crystal screen, Bluetooth, Wi-Fi, IP67 splash-proof re-



sistance, running on Android Wear platform with Google voice control," the press release reads.

To commemorate the grand opening of the boutique, a Wall Challenge game will be held everyday at Macau Times Square at Studio City from today to February 22.

SINA WEIBO AWARDS SANDS CHINA

Sands China Ltd. was awarded as The Most Popular Complex for Traveling and Entertainment by Sina Weibo as part of their "Travel 10 Years Sina Travel Annual Awards" yesterday. Sands was the only prize winner for this category in Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan.

The company's nine Weibo accounts were honored for the way they used the platform to create interesting Weibo events and engaging hashtags. The Venetian's Weibo account and related Weibo hashtags reached a read-through-rate of 45 million last year, putting it in the top three among all tourism complexes that operate on Weibo. The resort's Weibo accounts have also been an effective



communication platform with travellers, especially those in mainland China.

According to a press release, during the "Travel 10 Years Sina Travel Annual Awards" campaign, the official Weibo hashtags were read over 1.11 billion times while the main hashtag #Travel10Years was read over 890 million times and remains as one of the most popular hashtags on Weibo.

NEW RECRUITS TO WYNN EMPLOYEE VOLUNTEER TEAM

To welcome the Chinese New Year, the Wynn Employee Volunteer team has called a special group of about 200 newly-joined volunteers from the gaming division to visit elderly recipients of the Peng On Tung Tele-Assistance Service.

From January 18 to 21, the activity gathered 200 volunteers who were divided into 15 teams to visit over 180 households across Macau and Taipa. Aside from cleaning the elderly citi-

zen's homes and transforming them into comfortable retreats, volunteers have also helped set up decorations to welcome the New Year of the Monkey and have given healthy food packages to each household to wish them health and good fortune throughout the year. According to a press release, "Wynn Macau supports local charitable activities and will continue to fulfill its commitment to corporate social responsibility."



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REAL ESTATE MATTERS

What Will Influence Property Prices In 2016?

This three part article explores the different factors that affect the market

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We have explored four factors that influence the Macau property market over the past two weeks. In the final part of this article we look at another three factors, and remind readers that Macau property prices are influenced by at least 7 variables and may potentially be affected by many more. As a reminder, the more variables there are, the more complex the equation. The more complex the equation, the higher chance of inaccuracy. In no particular order and carrying on from last week:

General / Global Economy

As we saw in 2008, the global economy can knock the wind out of the most aggressive property market in earth. The banking industry is fundamental to the property market, and when banks tighten lending policies and investors stop making investments, the supply of capital dries up and affects the general sentiment. Alternatively, aggressive lending tends to create growing confidence, and investors are eager to place funds where they see bigger returns. There certainly seems to be a degree of turmoil in world markets right now, and there is speculation that the global economy is more 'fragile' when markets are linked closely with each other rather than operating independently. In other words, a downturn in part of the world triggers a downturn in another. Will 2016 see another market decline

similar to 2008? It is unlikely. It would also be difficult to argue that all factors are in place for massive growth this year. Consequently the most likely outcome for 2016 is something closer to neutrality than sensationalism.

Interest Rates

Interest rates have been at an all time low for a long time. It is easy to discount this phenomenon and forget that loans are susceptible to rate fluctuations. As interest rates rise and fall, so do loan repayments, and a rise in rates of 1% will increase payments of a 20 year mortgage loan on \$1,000,000 by just under \$6,800 per year. In a typical example, someone owing \$3,000,000 on property with a 20 year mortgage would experience an increase in interest payments alone of over \$80,000 per year if interest rates returned to a more historical average of 7% than the current level of 3%. The US has just had the first interest rate rise for almost one decade. It's not likely that there will be big rises this year, but it could be the start of slow creep upwards.

Purchasing & Lending Guidelines

In a combination of efforts between government and banks, guidelines on property loans and loan ratios make it easier or harder to speculate on property prices. Simply put, it is easier to buy a property

when the bank will loan you 90% of the property value than when they will only lend you 50%.

However, the obvious point here is that it only affects those people with limited cash reserves, allowing people who have an abundance of cash easier access to properties that may be on the market because of;

- a) The decrease in competition / demand for property and
- b) the corresponding difficulty of a person to obtain a loan they need even if they have the 50% of the purchase price at their disposal, but require the timely cooperation of the bank to be able to make a successful bid / purchase of the property.

Will banks change their policy this year? If business is slow, they may be forced to relax lending guidelines and restrictions.

In conclusion, it is no wonder that property value predictions are really for the brave hearted folks.

They have to be blessed with a crystal ball allowing them to see all of these factors with absolute clarity, as well as the required intellect or computerized models to run the corresponding equation that calculates the sum of all of these factors with a high degree of accuracy. They might also try their hand at weather forecasting as we have yet to find anyone that can tell us with any degree of certainty whether it will rain tomorrow or not.

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CCTV

Famous Monkey King actor omitted from New Year show



A woman looks at New Year's wish cards written by visitors on display at the Sanlitun Village shopping mall in Beijing

CHINA'S biggest televisual spectacle of the year, the hours-long Spring Gala show, is courting criticism because it hasn't included the man best known for playing the Monkey King.

Zhang Jinlai portrayed China's most famous monkey character in a TV series in the 1980s. As the coming Chinese New Year is the Year of the Monkey, his fans across generations thought he would be a natural fit for this year's show.

But state broadcaster CCTV didn't invite him and hasn't said why, causing his fans to take to social media to criticize the omission. CCTV's gala department didn't immediately respond to a request for comment yesterday.

Zhang's agent said that the actor was now making a last-minute appearance in Chinese New Year concert at the PlayStation Theater in New York instead.

"He had always said that he would be on stand-by and go on the Spring Festival Gala immediately if he was asked to," said Zhang's agent and brother Zhang Jinyan. "But he heard nothing from CCTV."

Zhang Jinlai, whose stage name is Liu Xiao Ling Tong, is arguably China's best known TV face because of his starring role in the 1986 "Journey to the West," the first TV production of the supernatural Chinese classic novel about a Monkey King who accompanies a monk on a pilgrimage. It was repeatedly shown in the years that followed.

CCTV's live Spring Festival Gala is China's most watched program and is often mocked for cheesy performances from singing to sketches. AP



Troupe performs a lion dance at a shopping mall ahead of the Lunar New Year celebrations in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

Lion dance tradition thrives overseas

THE traditional art of the Chinese lion dance is nowhere near perishing in Muslim-majority Malaysia.

As Lunar New Year approaches, lion dance troupes here are practicing their coordinated movements in the noisy routine that is believed to ward off evil spirits and garner good luck.

It's a centuries-old tradition dating back the Han Dynasty, when lion dancers were mostly from martial arts schools who

used their acrobatic kicks and jumps to ring in the new year.

These days, it is kept alive by an ethnic Chinese minority that makes up 22 percent of Malaysia's 30 million people — and by people like master craftsman Siow Ho Phiew.

The 61-year-old Siow has been making the colorful, intricately designed lion's heads — an essential component of the dance — for more than three decades.

He started his endeavor because it was expensive

and difficult to import the lion heads from China. After he produced some, his friends started asking him to craft the heads for their lion dance troupes, too.

Siow taught himself the three-step process: making a wooden frame, covering it with papier-mache and painting it to give the lion a personality, depending on the request of the customer.

He also makes the lion's tail, another key component, and the colorful leggings worn by troupe members who form the

animal's body that writhes during the dance.

It became his full-time job and today Siow exports the beautifully crafted lion costumes all over the world and trains a group of artisans in the art form.

Siow isn't worried that the tradition will die out.

"This lion dance is a culture. It's not something new, it dates back for thousands of years," he said. "I believe that if it is good and beautiful art, I'm sure there will be people who will continue it." AP



An artisan paints intricate designs on a lion head at a warehouse outside Kuala Lumpur



An artisan prepares the frame of a lion head at a warehouse



An artisan trims the eyebrows of a lion head at a warehouse outside Kuala Lumpur



A completed lion head (below), and a lion head frame are photographed at a warehouse

Christopher Bodeen, Beijing

ANALYSIS

North Korea's rocket plans seen as disrespectful of Chinese

THE timing couldn't have appeared worse. North Korea announces it will launch a long-range rocket smack in the middle of a top Chinese envoy's visit to Pyongyang. In diplomatic terms, it was yet another sign of disrespect for North Korea's chief ally.

Adding to the indignity: The launch window for the rocket falls during the Lunar New Year, casting a shadow over China's most important seasonal holiday.

The announcement again places China under pressure from the U.S. and others to use its influence with Pyongyang to rein in its communist neighbor, despite Beijing's protestations that such influence is overestimated.

In Washington on Tuesday, top diplomat for East Asia Daniel Russel said a launch "would be an unmistakable slap in face to those who argue that you just need to show patience and dialogue with the North Koreans but not sanctions," in an apparent reference to China.

Russel called for tough new sanctions, including what are believed to be a ban on selling the North oil or buying its minerals, excluding banks doing business with it from accessing the dollar-based economy, or even barring its flagship airline from entering other countries' airspace.

Those are exactly the sort of regime-destabilizing steps that China fears, and Beijing, a veto-wielding permanent member of the United Nations Security Council appears to be pushing back. China already appears to be dragging its feet on a response to North Korea's purported first H-bomb test on Jan. 6.

Following four hours of talks with U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry in Beijing last week, Foreign Minister Wang Yi reiterated China's support for a tough new U.N. resolution but appeared to pour cold water on the idea of new penalties.

"Sanctions are not an end in themselves," Wang said. "The new resolution should not provoke new tension in the situation, still less destabilize the Korean Peninsula."

Chinese state media have been even blunter, laying the blame on Washington for provoking

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■ The launch window for the rocket falls during the CNY, casting a shadow over China's most important seasonal holiday

troops occupying what it sees as a crucial buffer with South Korea, where 28,000 troops are based as a legacy of the war that ended with a truce, not a peace treaty.

Additionally, Chinese state companies, private businesses and financial institutions are the chiefly beneficiaries of other countries' shunning North Korea, dealing in fields from tourism to mineral extraction. Harsher measures would affect their bottom line, along with the economy along 1,420-kilometer Chinese-North Korean border.

Still, China's patience with North Korea's snubs and provocations has its limits, said Jin Linbo, a Korea expert at the China Institute of International Studies.

Jin said China would like to try additional steps before tough sanctions are imposed, mainly using inducements to persuade the North to return to six-nation nuclear disarmament talks hosted by Beijing that have been stalled since 2009.

However, if North Korea insists on pushing ahead, "there will be no reason for China to persuade other countries to mitigate the sanctions," Jin said.

"The space remaining for China to maneuver diplomatically will become smaller and smaller and the possibilities for China to help North Korea will become fewer and fewer." AP

Pyongyang and accusing it of maintaining a "Cold War mentality."

Sanctions have thus far included bans on weapon sales, dealing with blacklisted individuals or enterprises and other targeted measures. Although Beijing has supported those measures, it points to North Korea's continuing nuclear tests and missile launches as proof of their ineffectiveness.

North Korea this week informed international organizations of its plans to launch an Earth observation satellite on a rocket between Feb. 8 and 25. The launch declaration, meant to warn civilians, shipping and aircraft in the area about the rocket and falling debris, follows North Korea's disputed claim on Jan. 6 to have tested a hydrogen bomb, the country's fourth nuclear test.

A visit by China's chief North Korean envoy, Wu Dawei, to

Pyongyang this week had been primarily an attempt to sound the North out on its intentions, and, as in the past, Beijing was probably not informed of the announcement beforehand, said Liu Ming, an specialist in Korean issues at the Shanghai Academy of Social Sciences

North Korea's most important ally, chief trading partner and a key source of economic assistance, China may adopt limited unilateral steps to express its dissatisfaction, including stepped inspections on North Korean ships docking in China and reducing oil exports.

Those steps could show China is taking action, although support for tough new U.N. sanctions remains unlikely, Liu said.

"In order to maintain a normal relationship, China won't adopt all-around sanctions against North Korea. To do so would plunge the relationship into a hostile state and China is

unwilling to go as far as that," Liu said.

So far, China's entirely state-controlled media has provided only limited coverage of the North's announcement and remained mum on Wu's mission, possibly to limit the effect on public opinion that has grown increasingly critical of Pyongyang.

China has strong historical, political and financial concerns that factor into its opposition to sanctions that could undermine or even topple reclusive leader Kim Jong Un's hardline communist regime.

China fought against South Korea, the U.S. and their allies in the 1950-53 Korean War and, for years, described their relationship as being "as close as lips and teeth." Beijing fears that political turmoil could send refugees streaming across the border into northeastern China and, ultimately, see U.S.

Yum's sales mixed in China, climb in US

YUM Brands yesterday reported mixed quarterly results for its troubled China unit, which the company is spinning off.

The Louisville, Kentucky company said sales

rose 6 percent at established KFC restaurants in China, while its Pizza Hut sales fell 8 percent. Jonathan Blum, Yum's chief public affairs officer, attributed the drop at the pizza chain to

the country's economic slowdown.

"The marketplace has affected casual dining sales in general, which has had an impact on Pizza Hut," Blum said. As such, he said

the company planned to sharpen its focus on value to boost results.

Yum has been trying to fix its business in China ever since sales there were slammed by food scares. Executi-

ves have also conceded they made marketing missteps. In October, Yum announced plans to spin off the business into a separate, publicly traded company.

Back at home, Yum said KFC and Pizza Hut both showed improved sales figures, with the two chains undergoing

a turnaround push to reverse slumping sales. KFC's sales were up 3 percent at established locations, and Pizza Hut's were up 2 percent.

Yum's strongest chain in the U.S., Taco Bell, delivered a 4 percent sales increase at established locations. AP

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Seoul, Tokyo threaten to intercept N. Korean rocket debris

SOUTH Korea and Japan vowed to shoot down any debris that falls on their territories from a long-range rocket that North Korea plans to fire this month, with Seoul saying yesterday that it has detected launch preparations by Pyongyang.

North Korea has informed international organizations that it will launch an observation satellite aboard a rocket between Feb. 8 and 25. South Korea, the United States and others say such a move would be a cover for a banned test of a missile that could strike the U.S. mainland.

The launch announcement follows an outpouring of global condemnation over the North's fourth nuclear test on Jan. 6. If North Korea's past patterns are any clue, angry warnings by Seoul, Washington and their allies probably won't dissuade a coming launch.

South Korea's Defense Ministry said that the North is pushing ahead with the launch plans at its west coast Tongchang-ri launch site. Spokesman Moon Sang Gyun said South Korea is using Aegis-equipped destroyers, aircraft, sophisticated radars and other surveillance assets to monitor the North's launch preparations but refused to provide further details.

Recent commercial satellite images showed an increased number of vehicles at North Korea's Sohae launch station on Feb. 1, compared to a week earlier. This suggests that the North is preparing for a space launch in coming weeks, according to 38 North, a North Korea-focused website run by the U.S.-Korea Institute at Johns



U.S. Army soldiers stand guard at Taesungdong freedom village near the border village of Panmunjom in Paju, South Korea

Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies.

However, the website said it was impossible to tell from the satellite imagery whether a space launch vehicle was present.

South Korean and U.S. officials said a launch would threaten regional security and violate U.N. Security Council resolutions that ban the North from engaging in any nuclear and ballistic activities.

Diplomats at the U.N. Security Council have already pledged to pursue fresh sanctions on Nor-

th Korea over its recent nuclear test.

South Korea's president yesterday called for strong U.N. sanctions that will make North Korea realize it cannot survive if it does not abandon its weapons programs.

There are questions, however, over whether any sanctions will force real change in the North because China, the North's last major ally and a veto-wielding U.N. Security Council member, is reluctant to join in any harsh punishment against the North.

Satellite images showed an increased number of vehicles at N. Korea's Sohae launch station on Feb 1, compared to a week earlier

Beijing on Wednesday urged restraint over North Korea's announcement of its launch plans, and expressed skepticism over the U.S. calls for tough new sanctions.

U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon said the North Korean announcement "will further aggravate the profound concerns that the international community already has in the wake of the recent nuclear test," a spokesman said.

In South Korea and Japan, there are fears about falling debris, although nothing landed in their territories during the North's most recent launches. Seoul officials estimated the first stage of the rocket would

fall off the west coast of South Korea, more debris would land near the South's Jeju Island, and the second stage would land off the Philippines' east coast.

Moon, the South Korean military spokesman, said that South Korea would fire missiles to intercept the North Korean rocket or its fragments if they threaten to fall on its territories. Japan's defense minister said Wednesday he issued a missile-shoot-down order and deployed Aegis destroyers and PAC-3 missile defense units to around Tokyo and Okinawa in case debris fall on the Japanese territory.

Seoul and Tokyo issued similar plans before North Korean rocket launches in recent years.

North Korea has spent decades trying to develop operational nuclear weapons along with missiles capable of striking the mainland United States.

North Korea's last long-range rocket launch, in December 2012, was seen as having successfully put the country's first satellite into orbit after a string of failures. Each new rocket launch improves North Korea's missile technology, which is crucial for its goal of developing a nuclear-armed missile capable of hitting the U.S. mainland.

North Korea, an autocracy run by the same family since 1948, is estimated to have a handful of crude nuclear devices and an impressive array of short- and medium-range missiles, but it closely guards details about its nuclear and missile programs. This means there is considerable debate about whether it can produce nuclear bombs small enough to place on a missile, or missiles that can reliably deliver their bombs to faraway targets. **AP**

AUSTRALIA

Canberra resists pressure to allow asylum seekers to stay

AUSTRALIA is resisting mounting international pressure not to deport child asylum seekers, with a minister warning yesterday that allowing them to stay could attract more refugees to come by boat.

Australia's three-year-old policy of paying the tiny Pacific nation of Nauru to accommodate asylum seekers who attempt to reach Australian shores by boat survived a challenge in the High Court on Wednesday.

The test case ruling means 267 asylum seekers, most of whom came from Nauru to Aus-

tralia for medical treatment or to support a family member who needed treatment, face potential deportation back to Nauru.

Immigration Minister Peter Dutton said that asylum seekers, including children, would be returned to Nauru once their medical needs had been met.

"We have to be compassionate on one hand, but we have to be realistic about the threat from people smugglers," Dutton told Australian Broadcasting Corp. radio. "We're acting in the best interests not only of the-

se children, but children that would follow them."

The government has all but stopped the trafficking of asylum seekers from the Middle East and Asia in rickety Indonesian fishing boats during the past two years by refusing to allow new arrivals to ever settle in Australia. The government argues that the policy has saved lives because asylum seekers were no longer drowning at sea during long and treacherous voyages from Indonesian ports.

Human rights agencies have called for the asylum seekers to be allowed to

stay, with most focus on the 54 children and 37 Australian-born babies among them. Several churches around Australia have declared themselves places of sanctuary for asylum seekers facing deportation, a symbolic gesture that carries no legal consequences for authorities.

The U.N. High Commissioner for Human Rights, Rupert Colville, said amendments legislated by the government last year to safeguard its deal with Nauru against the High Court challenge "significantly contravenes the letter and spirit of in-



Protestors against asylum seekers being deported, gather for a rally in Sydney

ternational human rights law."

The United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child reminded Australia that under the terms of the Convention on the Rights of the Child, the best interests of the asylum seeker children should be a primary consideration in deciding whether to deport them.

The Australian Human Rights Commission, a government-funded in-

dependent agency, reported that a medical team that had examined children held an immigration detention center in the Australian city of Darwin found that many had been severely traumatized by their experiences on Nauru.

The government said this week it was investigating a doctor's report that a five-year-old boy currently in Australia had been raped on Nauru. **AP**

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Cairo

EGYPT

Official: Signs of torture on body of Italian student

THE body of a missing Italian student was found with signs of torture, including multiple stab wounds and cigarette burns, by the side of a highway on the outskirts of the Egyptian capital, an investigating prosecutor told The Associated Press yesterday.

Giulio Regeni, a 28-year-old graduate student, went missing in Cairo on Jan. 25, the fifth anniversary of the uprising that toppled longtime autocrat Hosni Mubarak.

His body was found along the Cairo-Alexandria Road in the 6 October suburb in western Cairo and was positively identified by his roommate, said the prosecutor, Ahmed Nagi, who leads the investigation team on the case.

Nagi said the cause of death was still being investigated but said "all of his body, including his face" had bruises, cuts from stabbings and burns from cigarettes. He said it appeared to have been a "slow death."

Another person with knowledge of the case told the AP that the body was "partially burned" and also said his body was found on the same highway. The person spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to media. An employee at Cairo's central morgue confirmed that Regeni's body was brought there.

Italy's Foreign Ministry said it has urgently summoned the Egyptian ambassador over the death of an Italian student on the outskirts of Cairo, seeking maximum cooperation in the investigation. The ministry said in a statement yesterday that Italy renewed its request to launch an immediate inves-

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A car belonging to the Italian ambassador is parked outside of Cairo's central morgue where the body of Giulio Regeni, a 28-year-old graduate student, is held

tigation and include Italian experts. The statement also requested that the body be returned to Italy as soon as possible.

The deputy head of criminal investigations in Cairo's twin province of Giza, Alaa Azmi,

said Regeni's body found on Wednesday morning with "bruises and cuts."

An initial investigation showed it was a road accident, he said, adding that the preliminary forensic report hadn't mentioned any burns.

"We have to wait for the full report by forensic experts. But what we know is that it is an accident," Azmi said.

The University of Cambridge lists Regeni as a student of its Department of Politics and International Studies. Regeni's

body was found following an online campaign searching for him after he went missing.

The Egyptian authorities had intensified a crackdown on dissent ahead of the Jan. 25 anniversary, with police raiding apartments in downtown Cairo seeking signs of plans for organized protests and checking people's social media accounts.

Egypt has seen years of upheaval since Mubarak's ouster in 2011, ending with the election of former Defense Minister Abdel-Fattah el-Sissi as president in 2014, after he led a 2013 military ouster of Islamist President Mohammed Morsi amid massive protests against his rule.

Following Morsi's ouster, el-Sissi launched one of the harshest crackdowns in years, jailing of thousands of Islamists and scores of liberal, pro-democracy activists.

In addition, Egypt has been battling a local Islamic State affiliate in the northern Sinai Peninsula, where Islamic militants stepped up attacks on security forces after the military ousted Morsi in 2013.

While mainly contained in northern Sinai, militants have carried out a series of attacks in more central parts of the country, including the bombing of the Italian Consulate in Cairo and the kidnapping and beheading of a Croatian oil surveyor who was working in the capital in August last year. **AP**

GERMANY

New Year attacks overshadow start of Cologne street Carnival

REVELERS streamed onto the streets of Cologne yesterday for the start of the city's annual street Carnival, amid heightened security following an unprecedented series of robberies and sexual assaults mostly targeting women at New Year.

The five-day Carnival kicks off with the traditional "Weiberfastnacht" festivities — a day when women symbolically take charge of the city. Organizers have urged revelers to report any harassment to security personnel, and the number of police patrolling the streets has been doubled compa-

red with last year to over 2,000.

Josef Sommer, who heads the city's tourism agency, said he was confident the measures would prevent a repeat of the New Year's assaults and allay latent fears of Paris-style attacks by extremists.

"Everyone can celebrate Carnival the way they're used to, with the exception perhaps that people should follow police advice to refrain from wearing costumes that include realistic replica weapons," Sommer told The Associated Press.

The New Year assaults prompted a nationwide

uproar, the removal of Cologne's police chief and a heated debate about integration at a time when Germany has seen huge numbers of refugees come into the country. Almost 1.1 million asylum seekers arrived in Germany last year and most of the attackers in Cologne were described as being of "Arab or North African" origin.

Cologne prosecutors say they have received 1,037 criminal complaints over the New Year events, including 446 allegations of sexual assault, three of them rape.

Criminal proceedings have begun against 50 in-

dividuals, of whom 11 are in custody, said Cologne prosecutor Ulrich Bremer. Most of the suspects are from Algeria, Morocco and Tunisia, he said. Several are asylum seekers.

Cologne authorities have put in place additional video surveillance and street lighting to deter attackers and make it easier to catch any perpetrators. The city's new police chief Juer-gen Mathies said, however, that it would probably be impossible to prevent all crime, noting that last year's Rose Monday Carnival parade also saw 50 allegations of sexual assault, from groping to rape.

Underlining tensions in Germany, police in Berlin said they had conducted raids in an investigation of four Algerian men suspected of planning attacks in Germany and having ties to the Islamic State group. And the government said more than 91,000 asylum seekers arrived in the country last month.

In Cologne, social workers have conducted training sessions for migrants to enjoy and understand the boisterous celebrations without overstepping the mark.

Munef Alyousef, a 36-year-old Syrian who has been in Cologne for

nine months, said he was looking forward to the celebrations, which usually involve outrageous costumes, dancing in the streets and heaps of sweets for children.

"Yes, I like it," he told reporters during a training session. "All smiling, looking to dance."

Sommer, the tourism chief, said Carnival is a lucrative event for Cologne, but more importantly the city has an image to protect.

"Cologne has an image as an international and tolerant city, where people from all cultures celebrate and have fun together," he said. **AP**

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19:30	Soap Opera
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:15	Documentary Serie
21:45	Miscellaneous
22:10	Trail of Lies
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Portuguese Movie
01:15	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)

SATURDAY

10:20	Boonie Bears - Sr.2
11:20	Young Adult
12:00	Miscellaneous
13:00	TDM News (Repeat)
13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
14:30	Soap Opera
18:25	Contest
19:20	Miscellaneous
19:50	Documentary Serie
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:00	Drama
22:00	Intelligence S.1
22:45	Documentary Series
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Movie
01:15	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)

SUNDAY

10:30	Young Children
11:00	Sunday Mass
12:10	Miscellaneous
13:00	TDM News (Repeat)
13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
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23:45	Miscellaneous
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WESTERN RETIREES AT THAI RESORT BUSTED FOR PLAYING BRIDGE

Almost three dozen mostly elderly bridge-playing Westerners have found themselves the surprise targets of a vice crackdown under Thailand's military government.

Police in the resort city of Pattaya — a hive of prostitution and popular vacation spot for gangsters all over the world — said they raided the Wednesday afternoon gathering of 32 foreigners in an apartment above a restaurant after receiving a tip that illegal gambling was taking place there.

The bridge players, mostly British but also from Scandinavia, the Netherlands and elsewhere, were held until the wee hours of yesterday, when they were released on bail of 5,000 baht (USD140) each. Police said they would not be charged with gambling, but might be charged under a 73-year-old law limiting individuals to possession of 120 unregistered playing cards.

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ALVIN AND THE CHIPMUNKS: ROAD CHIP
ROOM 1
2.30, 4.30, 6.00, 9.45 pm
Director: Walt Becker
Starring: Jason Lee, Jesica Ahlberg, Josh Green
Language: Cantonese (Cantonese/English)
Duration: 92min

FROM VEGAS TO MACAU III

ROOM 1
7.30, 9.30 pm
Director: Andrew Lau, Wong Jing
Starring: Chow Yun-fat, Andy Lau, Nick Cheung, Jacky Cheung
Language: Cantonese (Cantonese/English)
Duration: 112min

THE LAST WOMEN STANDING

ROOM 2
2.30, 4.30 pm
Director: Luo Lu
Starring: Shu Qi, Eddie Peng Yuyan, Hao Leie
Language: Mandarin (English and Cantonese)
Duration: 100min



THE MONKEY KING 2
ROOM 2
7.15, 9.30 pm
Director: Pou-Soi Cheang
Starring: Aaron Kwok, Gong Li, Feng Shaofeng
Language: Cantonese (Cantonese/English)
Duration: 120min



THE GOOD DINOSAUR
ROOM 3
2.30, 4.30, 9.30 pm
Director: Peter Sohn
Language: English (Cantonese)
Duration: 93min

ALL'S WELL END'S WELL

ROOM 1
9.30 pm
Director: Clifton Ko
Starring: Leslie Cheung, Stephen Chow, Raymond Wong, Maggie Cheung
Language: Cantonese (Cantonese/English)
Duration: 100min

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this day in history



1994 MARKET MASSACRE IN SARAJEVO

A mortar bomb has exploded in the main market square in Sarajevo killing 68 and wounding 200 people.

It is the worst single atrocity in the 22-month old conflict between Bosnia's Serbs, Muslims and Croats.

UN inspectors are examining the crater left by the bomb to determine where it came from, but it is widely believed the Serbian forces besieging the city launched it.

The single 120mm shell landed on a stall in the packed open-air market just before noon leaving Muslims and Serbs dead and injured.

"Some people were literally torn apart. Heads and limbs were ripped off bodies," said one eyewitness.

Kosevo hospital was inundated with victims carried by ambulance, car and lorry, some of them wrapped in the canvas used on the market stalls.

The attack came on the day Bosnian Serb, Muslim and Croatian leaders were meeting in the city to discuss its future.

Peace envoy David Owen said: "We had reached the point where Bosnian Serbs were ready to take Sarajevo outside an overall peace settlement to try to demilitarise it.

"I am absolutely determined it is not aborted."

The mainly Muslim Bosnian Government immediately accused the Serbs of the shelling.

Information minister for the self-styled Bosnian Serb Republic, Miroslav Toholj, denied the charges and blamed the Muslims, saying, "Serbs don't kill civilians".

The Bosnian Serb army has threatened to prevent UN aid distribution unless accusations against them are dropped.

This latest attack came after allied peacekeepers - under new commander General Sir Michael Rose - have taken a stronger line against Serbian aggression.

Altogether 200,000 people have died so far in the war. Food queues and markets have already been targeted.

A mortar killed 16 people queuing for bread in Sarajevo in May 1992.

The western response will be decided at meetings of Nato and the UN over the next few days.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

The UN could not prove where the mortar came from and the US was unwilling to strike against the Serbs without evidence. On 10 February Nato - with UN authorisation - gave the Bosnian Serbs a 10-day ultimatum either to withdraw their artillery to 12.5 miles (20 kilometres) outside Sarajevo or place it under UN control or face air strikes.

Shelling by the Serbs decreased and Nato lifted their threat even though the Serbs had failed to fully meet the deadline.

By the end of the year former US president Jimmy Carter brokered a fragile ceasefire.

But it took until December 1995 for a final peace to be agreed at Dayton, Ohio.

In 2007 an independent study, funded mainly by the Norwegian government, reported that at least 97,207 people were killed in the Bosnian war, fewer than had been estimated - 65% were Bosnian Muslims, 25% were Serbs and more than 8% were Croats.

YOUR STARS

Aries
Mar. 21-Apr. 19
It goes without saying that you put your personal needs aside while at work, but today it seems almost impossible to do. If you need inspiration, look to someone else in the office.

Taurus
April 20-May 20
A weekday might not seem like a good day to spend on yourself, but it is, and you don't even need to spend annual leave. There are plenty of ways to squeeze self indulgent activities into your work day if you look.

Gemini
May 21-Jun. 21
A good idea won't get off the ground without the consent of your partner. Now that the intellectualizing is done, focus on the romantic side. That's right, woo them.

Cancer
Jun. 22-Jul. 22
It's not the right time for new ventures. Sit tight, no matter how boring your usual projects may have become. Until you smooth out the rough edges, new endeavors can wait.

Leo
Jul. 23-Aug. 22
Your naive side is showing. Raindrops on roses and whiskers on kittens -- these may be a few of your favorite things, but try coming up with some good combinations that are more appropriate for the office.

Virgo
Aug. 23-Sept. 22
Indulge in impulse buys. The right suit of clothes, the sharp briefcase, the perfect stapler -- none of those things will get the job done, but they will help you feel good about doing it.

Libra
Sep.23-Oct. 22
A burst of effort is what's called for. Why settle for fantastic? You're flirting with super, and all you have to do is give the day that one extra push.

Scorpio
Oct. 23 - Nov. 21
It's beginning to look like management is being passive, but they're just wrestling with some hard decisions. Give everyone a chance to toss ideas back and forth before you start agitating.

Sagittarius
Nov. 22-Dec. 21
Time to put on your robes. Others look to you for answers, and that makes you feel like quite the judge. Put some fun and laughter into the day while you're meting out justice.

Capricorn
Dec. 22-Jan. 19
The culture of the office is everything. Well, close to it. There are a few other things to take into consideration when wondering if it's the right time for a raise, but you already know what they are.

Aquarius
Jan. 20-Feb. 18
A personal issue is keeping you from working. The best medicine is socializing, so spend some time by the coffee pot. You'll be surprised by the connections you make there and their motivating ability.

Pisces
Feb.19-Mar. 20
Who says we dream in black and white? If you don't have any debts, then make some up. Imagining in red may be the only way to get yourself motivated today.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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Beijing	-5	4	cloudy
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Tianjin	-3	4	cloudy
Urumqi	-16	-9	clear
Xi'an	-2	8	cloudy
Lhasa	-5	15	clear
Chengdu	0	12	drizzle/clear
Chongqing	6	9	drizzle/overcast
Kunming	3	15	cloudy/overcast
Nanjing	-1	7	cloudy/overcast
Shanghai	1	6	cloudy/drizzle
Wuhan	-1	10	cloudy/clear
Hangzhou	-1	7	overcast
Taipei	12	20	drizzle
Guangzhou	8	15	overcast
Hong Kong	13	17	cloudy
WORLD			
Moscow	-1	2	sleet
Frankfurt	3	5	drizzle
Paris	3	10	drizzle
London	4	11	drizzle
New York	7	12	moderate rain

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Reindeer herder; 5- "Bird on ___" (Gibson film); 10- Sphere; 14- Dies ___; 15- Sired; 16- Arch type; 17- ___-a-brac; 18- Scottish seaport; 19- Tear; 20- Federal soldier in the Civil War; 22- Middle way; 24- Moving about; 25- Soviet leader Brezhnev; 26- Silage storage tower; 28- Misplaces; 32- Fancy-schmancy; 35- Santa ___, California; 37- Look up to; 38- Biblical high priest; 39- Museum piece; 41- Heston's org.; 42- Edmonton team; 45- Guggenheim display; 46- For fear that; 47- ___ Dame; 48- Opera set in Egypt; 50- Ford flops; 54- Bahamian island; 58- Hawking; 61- Key with no sharps or flats; 62- Let's just leave ___ that; 63- Artist's support; 65- Editor Wintour; 66- Cairo's river; 67- Do penance; 68- Follow; 69- Spent, as batteries; 70- Bob and Elizabeth; 71- Suffix with exist;

DOWN: 1- Tripoli's country; 2- Tapestry; 3- Enamel; 4- Somewhat hungry; 5- Up to it; 6- Itty-bitty; 7- Uncle; 8- Rate; 9- Patriot Allen; 10- Tedium; 11- Long in the tooth; 12- Director Riefenstahl; 13- Mother of Helen of Troy; 21- "___ tu" (Verdi aria); 23- Temperate; 25- Solitary; 27- Metallica drummer Ulrich; 29- Trigonometric function; 30- Miscalculates; 31- Chair; 32- Unskilled laborer; 33- Potpourri; 34- River sediment; 36- ___ carte; 37- Broadway opening; 40- Nest eggs, briefly; 43- Put up; 44- Make over; 46- Lip shaped; 49- Block up; 51- Slammin' Sammy; 52- Muse of poetry; 53- Popular disinfectant; 55- Kofi of the U.N.; 56- Funnel-shaped; 57- Papal garment; 58- Discover; 59- Play to ___ (draw); 60- In ___ land; 61- Pub offerings; 64- Vane dir.

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FOOTBALL | EPL PREVIEW

Leicester's charge relegates Chelsea-Man United to sideshow

Steve Douglas, Manchester

Saturday, 8:45pm
Man City v Leicester
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IT sums up the erratic nature of this season's Premier League that a match between Chelsea and Manchester United has been relegated to a mere sideshow just as the title race is getting interesting.

Instead, this weekend is all about whether Leicester can pull off its biggest shock yet and finally be recognized as a genuine title contender.

Leicester, which battled relegation all of last season, takes a three-point lead to Manchester City tomorrow (8:45pm) in a match between the top two sides in the league. A victory would guarantee Leicester at least a five-point lead with 13 matches remaining.

Surely that would make the team favorites for the title and set up one of the most unlikely story lines in English soccer



Leicester City's Jamie Vardy, left, and teammate Shinji Okazaki

history.

"It's not a coincidence we're top of the table," Leicester midfielder Danny Drinkwater said. "This is team spirit at its highest. We won't stop believing.

"We're staying on the ground but if we carry on the way we are, then why not have the belief [to win the league]? It would go down in history surely."

Even a draw would be fine for

Leicester, which visits another title challenger in Arsenal the following weekend before a benign run of games.

City, though, will want to send a message to Leicester's upstarts and collect a fourth straight win in all competitions to take over in first place on goal difference.

Seeking a third league title in five years, City has extra moti-

vation for the run-in — giving departing coach Manuel Pellegrini a successful send-off after it was announced this week that Pep Guardiola would be the club's manager from next season.

"Manchester (City) are built to win the title, to win the Champions League," Leicester manager Claudio Ranieri said yesterday as he continued to downplay his team's chances of

winning the league.

Asked who will win the title, Ranieri chuckled and said with a smile: "The others."

Chelsea — the defending champion — and Man United — a record 20-time champion — already are also-rans in the title race, although United will boost its ambitions of qualifying for the Champions League with a win at Stamford Bridge on Sunday. United is in fifth place, five points off the Champions League qualification spots and 10 points behind Leicester.

Chelsea is 13th and can probably forget about making up ground to the European positions in the top five.

Arsenal is winless in its last four league games and has dropped to fourth, behind Tottenham on goal difference, ahead of a visit to Bournemouth on Sunday.

Also tomorrow, it's: Liverpool vs. Sunderland; Aston Villa vs. Norwich; Newcastle vs. West Bromwich Albion; Swansea vs. Crystal Palace; and Southampton vs. West Ham. **AP / Oddschecker.co**

GOLF

McIlroy shoots 4-under 68 in 1st round in Dubai

RORY McIlroy started the defense of his Dubai Desert Classic title with a bogey but battled back to post a 4-under 68 yesterday, leaving him two shots off the lead.

McIlroy bogeyed two of the easiest holes on the course — the par-5 10th, which was his first hole, and the driveable par-4 second — but also had six birdies to put him close behind leader Alex Noren of Sweden.

"I thought I did well, considering the start and having some of the shots I hit throughout the round," McIlroy said. "A 68 was probably a fair reflection of how I played. I don't feel like I could have really gone any lower than that but at the same time, I gave myself enough chances to make some birdies."

Ernie Els, the most successful player in the history of the tournament with three titles and ei-

ght other top-10 finishes, matched McIlroy's 68. The four-time major champion hit 17 greens and putted well with his new grip.

Four players were tied at 5-under 67 — Sweden's Peter Hanson, Spain's Rafael Cabrera-Bello, Australia's Brett Rumford and South African Trevor Fisher Jr.

Henrik Stenson of Sweden, playing alongside McIlroy, opened with a 3-under 69.

The new changes in the course, where the fairways have been made firmer and grass has been shaved off the fringe of the greens, troubled McIlroy, who has never finished outside the top 10 in his last six starts at the Emirates Golf Club.

On McIlroy's first hole, his second shot landed on the green and rolled off into the back bunker, from where he needed two shots to come out.



Rory McIlroy of Northern Ireland

Then, on the par-5 dogleg 18th, he hit a towering draw with his driver but the ball went through the fairway and into the water hazard. McIlroy then hit a great third shot from 198 yards and walked away with an unlikely birdie.

"All in all, a decent day, decent score," he said. "I think with the way the weather conditions are, it's made the golf course quite tricky out there. I don't think I'll ever hit as many bunker shots." **AP**

RUGBY | SIX NATIONS

Jones keeps changes to minimum for 1st England game

EDDIE Jones kept faith with the England players who underperformed in the Rugby World Cup in his first selection as head coach for the Six Nations match against Scotland tomorrow.

The only player named in the starting lineup yesterday who wasn't at the World Cup was hooker Dylan Hartley, the new captain. Hartley was serving a suspension during the tournament.

There were three uncapped players on the bench, though, in center Ollie Devoto, prop Paul Hill, and flanker Jack Clifford.

Jones, who took charge after Stuart Lancaster was fired following England's failure to get out of the World Cup pool stage, has made some positional changes. Former captain Chris Robshaw switches to blindside flanker to accommodate James Haskell on the openside, while Owen Farrell moves to inside center from flyhalf, where George Ford starts.

Jones selected three vice-captains in Mike Brown, Farrell, and Billy Vunipola.

The starting XV has 512 international caps, with Jones going for experience in what will be a hostile atmosphere for his first match.

"We have prepared well and I am pleased with the progress the group

has made in the short time we've had together," Jones said.

Asked why there weren't more fresh faces to start the new era, he added: "We picked the best 23 for this game."

Jones is just two months into his position, while Hartley — a controversial choice as captain because of his history of indiscipline — was given the armband only last week.

"Timing isn't an excuse for us. We'll be prepared," Hartley said. "It's been a crash course, getting to know people better."

Winger Chris Ashton's appeal against the severity of a 10-week suspension for making contact with the eyes of an opponent in a European club game was rejected yesterday. He will miss the entire Six Nations, which runs to March 19. **AP**

ENGLAND LINEUP

MIKE BROWN, Anthony Watson, Jonathan Joseph, Owen Farrell, Jack Nowell, George Ford, Danny Care; Billy Vunipola, James Haskell, Chris Robshaw, Joe Launchbury, George Kruis, Dan Cole, Dylan Hartley (captain), Joe Marler. Reserves: Jamie George, Mako Vunipola, Paul Hill, Courtney Lawes, Jack Clifford, Ben Youngs, Alex Goode, Ollie Devoto.

opinion

Bizcuits
Leanda Lee



PUT FAT IN THE SYSTEM

Macau has a way of giving us crazy life experiences if you so choose to take advantage of the gifts this pearl of a region presents from time to time. Into my dotage I will have the honour of telling about the time that I was a Macau athlete; Macau's first female single-handed sailor to compete in the China National Games. For this smallish, no-longer youthful academic and erstwhile musician, the physical training - rather than intellectual, creative or technical training that has always been my work - was something very new. I was to face that starting line beside the current Olympic champion and sixteen other twenty-somethings of similar calibre and body-mass. For the first time in my life, I was seriously nervous. This was not my life's work, this was not what I had aspired to be from childhood, but yet there I was on a new dinghy provided especially by the Macau government, representing the region that had adopted me.

The anxiety was valid. One of the practice days saw 25-knot gusty winds and a 3-metre swell (or so it seemed). My coach had motored out with another team's support crew disappearing into the whitecaps, my male team-mates had already navigated the treacherous launch, leaving team manager and I to battle the waves breaking onto the ramp. We communicated poorly and missed the timing, badly. My Laser capsized, got swept on its side past the entire flotilla of the cream of China's sailing elite, hit the harbour wall, nicked its sail at the mast and took a chunk out of my rudder. Somehow I managed to get off that wall, heart pounding and body shaking to face the weather beyond the breakwater.

Emotionally and physically drained - and very angry, frustrated and embarrassed - I was in no shape to be out there. I capsized again, and again; the gusts, waves, sheer weight of the volume of water in the sail and the undertow left me panting on the upturned hull as I was pushed towards the rocks of the breakwater. Never before and never since have I felt so devastatingly helpless. A Chinese safety boat came to my rescue and helped to right the vessel. I was then left to limp back to shore under the watchful eye of the medical boat. I just wasn't heavy enough, nor sufficiently trained for those conditions. I needed more fat in the system.

This day will stay with me forever: the day I understood that even with extraordinary will, there are times that we just do not have the resources, knowledge, practice, skills, physical or emotional resilience and support from others to keep from failing when circumstances conspire. I was lucky, there was someone there to pick up the pieces.

As in business management, in organisations, teams, individual working relationships and beyond, any number of elements could have been blamed for the situation. None of them would have been right; all of them would have. When the outcomes are good, we attribute success to ourselves: when things go wrong we blame others and things beyond our control.

It's not about the individual components, however. It was not the inexperienced manager, or the missing mentor, or that I wasn't heavy enough or skilled enough, or that my exhaustion caused my errors and exacerbated my flailing. It wasn't that the departmental budget didn't extend far enough to provide us more equipment, or that my team members were not there beside me to buoy me on, or even the dreadfully tough conditions. It was all of these things.

Determining what and why and fixing the issues without blame, putting a plan together and adding some fat to the system in terms of more people, more skills, more knowledge, better systems, better mindsets and cohesiveness will cover for the eventual breakdowns in the individual components. It's the fat that makes individuals, teams and organisations strong.

And the sailing? The remaining competition days were fine. I put up a good fight. I got fit, I gained experience, and I learnt some life lessons, as we all did. And, the team now competes internationally.

THE US, 11 OTHER COUNTRIES SIGN FREE-TRADE DEAL IN NEW ZEALAND

Trade ministers from 12 Pacific Rim countries including the United States gathered yesterday in New Zealand for the ceremonial signing of a free-trade deal they say will significantly boost trade.

But for the pact to take force, each country must now ratify it through its domestic political process. Whether the politically divided U.S. will agree to it remains an open question.

The agreement covers a region responsible for about one-third of all world trade, although noticeably missing from the agreement is China, which is forging ahead with its own trade deals.

MYSTERY MEAT

Was it really woolly mammoth on the menu?

Frank Eltman

WHEN members of the Explorers Club gathered for their lavish annual dinner in New York City in 1951, one account said they feasted on meat from a prehistoric woolly mammoth that had been preserved in a glacier.

The banquet menu said the long-extinct mystery meat was actually giant sloth.

But Yale researchers using DNA analysis on surviving bits of the meat have now reached what could be the final word on the story: Neither is true.

The meat that was served was nothing more than modern-day sea turtle.

"I'm sure people wanted to believe it. They had no idea that many years later, a Ph.D. student would come along and figure this out with DNA sequencing techniques," said Jessica Glass, a Yale graduate student and co-lead author of a study published yesterday [Macau time] in the journal PLOS ONE.

The Explorers Club gala, held in the grand ballroom of the Roosevelt Hotel, promised a menu of Pacific spider crabs, green turtle soup, bison steaks and meat from an extinct giant ground sloth, according to Adalgisa Caccone, a senior research scientist and study co-author.



A piece of turtle meat is preserved in a glass jar

The event appears to have similarities to a fictional account in the 1990 Matthew Broderick film, "The Freshman," in which high rollers paid USD1 million for the privilege of eating meat from endangered species, only to be served Hawaiian tigerfish mixed with smoked turkey.

Some of the folklore about mammoth being on the menu apparently grew out of a Christian Science Monitor story that ran days after the January 1951 event. It reported that

the "chief attraction at the smorgasbord was a morsel of 250,000-year-old hairy mammoth meat."

It apparently had been found at "Woolly Cove" on Akutan Island, in the Aleutians, and was shipped to New York. According to Yale, the banquet's promoter, Commander Wendell Phillips Dodge sent out press notices saying the annual dinner would feature "prehistoric meat."

An Explorers Club member, Paul Griswold Howes of the Bruce Museum in Greenwich, Connecticut, was unable to attend the dinner but requested a piece of the meat be sent to him. Although the sample was labeled as "Megatherium," or giant sloth, the myth about the woolly mammoth persisted over the decades.

The specimen remained at the Bruce Museum until 2001, when it became part of the mammal collection at the Yale Peabody Museum of Natural History in New Haven, Connecticut.

In 2014, Glass and another student, Matt Davis, were curious about the specimen and commenced a DNA analysis. The work was funded by a grant from the Explorers Club.

They extracted DNA, and the test results matched the genetic profile for green sea turtle. AP

Station	Air quality
Roadside	70-100 Moderate
High Density Residential Area	70-100 Moderate
Ambient	70-100 Moderate

WORLD BRIEFS

ITALY Former Ferrari president Luca di Montezemolo has expressed his sadness at the condition of Michael Schumacher, two years after the former F1 champion was seriously injured in a skiing accident. Montezemolo was asked at a media event yesterday in Milan if he had any news about Schumacher. "Unfortunately it's not good, it's not as good as one would have hoped," he said.



SWITZERLAND Credit Suisse is cutting roughly 4,000 jobs to reduce costs after announcing a massive pre-tax loss in the fourth quarter that includes "substantial charges which are not reflective of our underlying business performance," the bank said.



WIKILEAKS A U.N. official says Sweden was informed last month of a U.N. panel's decision on WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange. While the panel hasn't officially released its decision, Sweden's foreign ministry said yesterday that the advisory group had concluded that Assange has been a victim of "arbitrary" detention at the Ecuadoran Embassy in London where he sought refuge in 2012.



ZIKA Uruguay's team director says "we have no qualms" about playing a World Cup qualifier next month in Recife, Brazil, the city at the center of the outbreak of the Zika virus. Uruguay will face Brazil on March 24 in the northeastern city.

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