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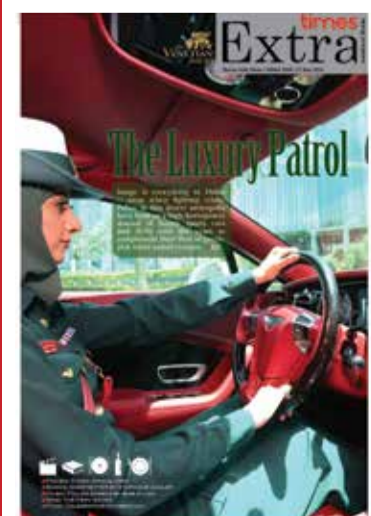
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GETTING married later in life has become increasingly common in Macau society, where more people are tying the knot after the age of 30 compared to the past.

According to data provided this week by the Health Bureau to the Times, in 2013 the percentage of Chinese women aged 40 or above giving birth in Macau was 3.44 percent, whereas for non-Chinese women, the figure was 0.53 percent. In 2014, the respective figures were 3.13 percent and 0.37 percent, whereas in 2015, the percentages were 3.20 percent and 0.44 percent respectively.

Local sociologist Larry So attributes the growth in older mothers to the growing number of individuals who are more "professional and educated."

Although the recognized cut-off line for advanced maternal age is 35, So claimed that women tend to seek help using advanced medical technology such as In Vitro Fertilization (IVF).

Dr Fong Kuan Io, an obstetri-

FERTILITY TREATMENT CATERS ONLY TO MARRIED COUPLES

Older mothers becoming increasingly common



■ In Hong Kong, the number of women giving birth at and after the age of 40 has increased by nearly 90 percent over the past decade

cs and gynecology doctor at the Macau University of Science and Technology (MUST) Hospital told the Times that even though many women resort to IVF, the quality and quantity of women's ova start to decline after the age of 40. It is therefore not an easy process for them to undertake treatment, as success rates are not high.

Fong also stated that "delayed pregnancies" increase the risks of spontaneous abortion and premature delivery, chromosomal abnormality and fetus congenital malformation, pregnancy-induced hypertension and

pre-eclampsia, and stillbirths.

"Late mothers can try vaginal delivery, but it has a high chance of labor dystocia that can eventually lead to a C-section or [the requirement for] midwifery [assistance]," stated the physician.

Noting that late pregnancy generally refers to women who give birth or become pregnant at the age of 35 or older, the Health Bureau listed the possible health risks of late pregnancy. Those include, according to the bureau, "miscarriage, pregnancy-induced hypertension, gestational diabetes mellitus, pre-

eclampsia, pre-term delivery, intrauterine growth retardation, fetal chromosomal abnormalities (trisomies 21, 18 and 13 are most common), fetal genetic mutations," among others.

An older mother who did not want to be identified stressed to the Times that giving birth at her age was "a lot harder" compared to when she gave birth over a decade ago.

"I could really feel the difference. My body felt really weak, especially during my third trimester [of pregnancy]," she said. "It was very complicated

because I was still aiming for a normal delivery but due to complications, we had to resort to a C-section."

Since fertility treatment in the MSAR only caters to married couples, cohabiting couples are forced to seek such treatment in Hong Kong and China, said So.

"Because you don't assume that an intimate relationship is kind of like a family," he argued. "In Macau, the definition of family is marriage."

Although So added that blue-card holders are not entitled to the same privileges and treatment opportunities as local residents, he denied allegations that non-residents are not given pre-natal care at local hospitals.

The Health Bureau didn't reply to the Times questions on fertility treatment for single mothers, non-residents and unmarried couples. However, hospital doctors confirmed that fertility treatments exclude the referred groups.

In Hong Kong, the number of women giving birth at and after the age of 40 has increased by nearly 90 percent over the past decade.

Hong Kong's Census and Statistics Department data revealed that 3,391 babies were born to mothers aged 40 or above in 2014, an 86 percent rise from 1,819 in 2005. The number of babies born to mothers aged 45 or above increased from 87 to 174.

The South China Morning Post indicated that the Hong Kong statistics reflect "a trend towards late-in-life motherhood," with the median age increasing from 30.8 to 32.4.

Staff reporter

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OLDER MOTHER

CCM to launch 'ARTmusing Summer' next month

THE Cultural Center (CCM) is set to launch a new edition of "ARTmusing Summer," with a vast range of performances and workshops for children scheduled from late June to late August. Tickets for all performances will be on sale from Sunday at CCM's box office and Macao Ticketing Network outlets.

Atofri Theatre, a leading children's company from Poland, will run a paper-craft workshop, "Mr Sattie Made in Paper," from June 30 to July 3. Accord-

ing to a CCM press release, children aged one to three years old will be encouraged to play games as well as solve mysteries and riddles together while stimulated by Satie's magical rhythms.

An Australian acrobatic performance, "Carnival of the Animals," will be shown on July 9 to 10 and will depict various animals coming alive, like 3D pages from a picture book. Acrobats will bring this classical music suite to life as they interact with the video anima-



tions.

From July 21 to 24, "Hup," a piece by Edinburgh-based com-

pany Starcatchers, in association with the Royal Scottish National Orchestra, will allow children

to "discover sounds and shapes in a sonata for two violins, one cello and a very cheeky raccoon."

A jovial and theatrical performance combining puppetry with video installations, titled "Chook & Gek," will also be shown from July 23 to 24. The comedy performance is based on a classic children's tale by the Russian writer Arkady Gaidar.

Another family musical that will hit the stage with a display of life-size puppets will be held on August 6 to 7, organized by

the Dutch company Theatre Terra. The production is titled "Spot," and is an endearing family musical for children aged 2 and above.

Scottish company Curious Seed will present two performers on stage from August 27 to 28, in a "funny, emotional and unpredictable" dance theatre piece called "Chalk About."

"ARTmusing Summer" will come to a close with "ARTmusing Fun," a celebration that will gather both children and parents at the cultural centre on August 28 with various workshops, performances and games.

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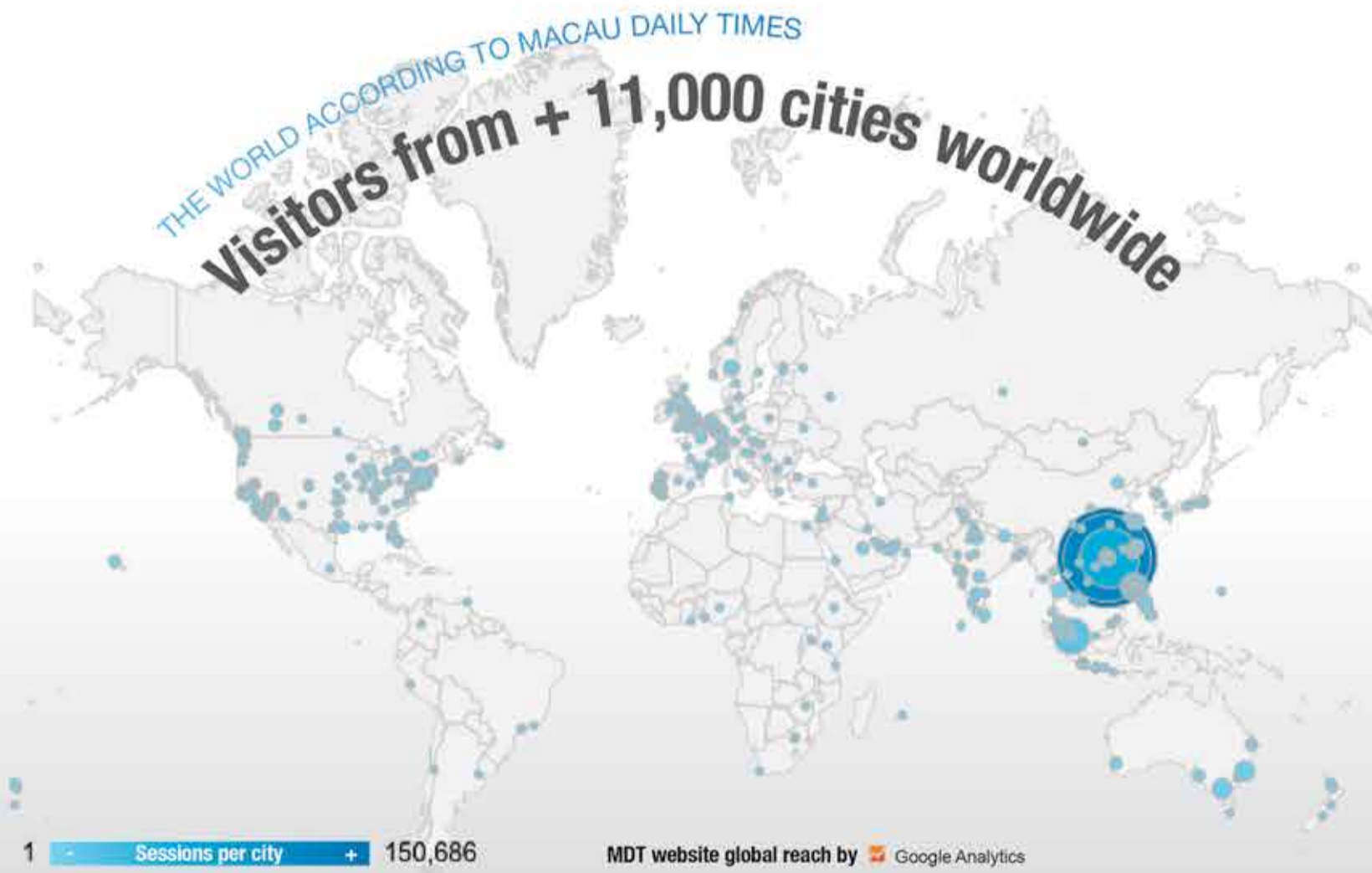
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AL 2nd Committee largely opposed to anti-smoking bill

MOST of the members of the Legislative Assembly (AL) committee responsible for discussing amendments to the tobacco control bill are against a full smoking ban inside casinos, according to a TDM report.

However despite AL opposition to the full ban, the government has signaled its intention to move forward with the proposal. Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Alexis Tam has repeatedly pushed for the draft bill that would introduce a full smoking ban in public places, such as airports, the Macau prison, and casinos.

Casino operators were instructed to adhere to a partial ban back in 2013 and then legislation in October 2014 required to construction and segregation of specific lounges for smokers. Secretary Tam insists that he wants to end

these lounges.

The proposal passed its first reading at the AL, however most the members in charge of reviewing the draft stand in opposition to the ban.

"Most members of this committee agree with setting up smoking lounges in casinos, as long as they meet some requirements. That means not impacting the health of other people," Chan Chak Mo, President of the AL's Second Standing Committee said, as cited by TDM.

The gaming concessionaires are also united against the full ban, maintaining that they have already made significant investments in the construction of smoking lounges and, having commissioned a KPMG study last year, found that the proposed ban was unnecessary.

They argue that sophistica-

ted ventilation systems can protect non-smoking casino employees, that the employees also regard the systems as ade-

quate, and that a full smoking ban may have a further negative impact on gaming revenues. The KPMG report last

year found that Macau's GDP might suffer by as much as 16 percent.

"The creation of smoking rooms in casinos will affect neither workers nor non-smokers. That's why we agree with it," said Chan. "But there are two [AL] members that have expressed their opposition, which means they support a full smoking ban inside casinos." **DB**

One Two Punch

Gambling-tax dependent Macau hit hard by gambling slump



China's 'energy anxiety' lessens with economic slowdown



David Zweig

CHINA is currently the world's second largest importer, having accounted for 31 percent of global growth in oil demand. The country's global energy strategy was discussed on Wednesday during the French Macau Business Association's monthly breakfast meeting.

According to David Zweig, chair professor of the Division of Social Science at the Hong Kong University of Science and Technology and director of its Center on China's Transnational Relations, tactics such as

diversifying suppliers, building pipe lines, shifting to alternative energy sources, building a strategic reserve, improving the ability to protect China's sea-lanes, the continuous improvement of its technology and energy efficiency have largely contributed to the region's growth in oil demand.

Zweig pointed out that China has been a "big driver" of economic growth in countries like Angola, Nigeria and Iran, however due to the impact of China's economic slowdown, such coun-

tries' finances have slumped.

"We still see more and more projects going out [to emerging countries] but a lot of them are infrastructure related rather than China just going out trying to get oil or energy," he said.

Since Angola is one China's top trade partners, the expert revealed that the bilateral relations between Angola and China still remain "pretty good."

As there are many thousands of Chinese people working in Angola and China has

made large contributions to Angola's economic development, Zweig said that the relationship between the two countries would be maintained.

Moreover Zweig believes that China's "energy anxiety" has decreased from what it used to be.

"But in the past, all kinds of questions about [energy] supply, about shipping lanes [and] governments that they were working with, were dramatically increasing demand [for energy], it made China more vulnerable,"

he explained. "China needed that energy to keep the economy growing, to keep the general population satisfied, and growth and jobs, so I think it's all interconnected."

Zweig explained that China's assertiveness in resolving its "energy anxiety" has slackened demand thus "explaining in part the drop in the price of oil."

He also concluded that if an economic restructuring will occur, "this energy-based foreign policy may be a historical event."

Staff reporter

ZHANG DEJIANG VISIT WITH POSITIVE IMPACT

ZWEIG ALSO made comments regarding China's top legislator Zhang Dejiang's recent visit to Hong Kong, saying that his statement, "we're not going to take away your identity" was an important assertion that may indicate that Beijing has been listening to complaints and concerns of Hong Kong residents. "He has also agreed to meet with democrats, and dialogue will supposedly continue across the border in Shenzhen. However, he didn't talk about political reform at all so he was very conscious," Zweig added.

HERITAGE

Lai Chi Vun shipyards sealed off for safety reasons

As of yesterday, a number of the old shipyards in Lai Chi Vun, Coloane, have begun to be sealed off from public access, the Marine and Water Bureau (DSAMA) reported in a statement.

The action was the result of a joint operation of the DSAMA and the Land, Public Works and Transport Bureau aimed to "ensure the safety of residents and visitors." The deteriorating state of some of the shipyards presents a "serious risk to public safety" especially in light of the approaching typhoon season.

The old shipyards have been reportedly causing a number of issues for some time, with the fall of several objects and a collapsed ceiling damaging of some of the wood pillars of the dockyard.

Renovations of the Lai Chi Vun site have been proposed on several occasions. This month, authorities re-possessed ownership of three properties in the area. The Cultural Affairs Bureau president, Ung Vai Meng, is said to have plans to use the buildings to showcase the role of the shipyards in developing Macau into a tourist attraction.

The Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Alexis Tam, stated that Lai Chi Vun's revamp could be finished "within one to two years."

ANIMAL RIGHTS | CANIDROME

Anima in fresh airline negotiations as Canidrome closure looks more likely

Daniel Beittler

THE president of animal rights group Anima (Macau) is heading back to Europe next month, and again at various times later this year, to continue spearheading an international campaign to block imports of greyhounds to the Macau Yat Yuen Canidrome.

According to Albano Martins, the facility is finding it ever more difficult to procure the animals and may be close to folding. To maintain the pressure, Martins has scheduled visits with potential heavyweight influencers in the greyhound trade, which he hopes will add steam to the intensifying global campaign.

Among these visits is a proposed meeting on June 6 with a major airline carrier, with whom Martins will negotiate a boycott of the freight of greyhounds to Macau via Hong Kong.

Martins has requested the Times not to disclose the identity of the airline as it may affect the negotiating process. If the negotiations are successful, the carrier will join Qantas and Cathay Pacific in refusing to transport the animals.

"I am expecting that they will agree to stop freighting the animals," Martins told the Times via a telephone interview.

The news comes just a day after an unnamed government source told the Times that the recent difficulties in bringing new



greyhounds to the MSAR will be a "crucial aspect" in the government's decision on the license renewal for the facility.

The reaction to yesterday's article was widespread. Albano Martins claims that he was woken in the early hours of the morning by numerous international calls in response to circulating rumors about the facility's closure.

A government decision not to renew the Canidrome's license will represent a significant, if not total, victory for Anima (Macau), whose strategy has been to restrict the ability of Canidrome to operate through an embargo on the greyhound trade. Martins told the Times that they are already making significant progress in this field.

When Australian exports of the animals were restricted last year, the facility turned its attention to Ireland, which animal rights activists regard as the last significant "source" of greyhounds for the facility.

Only dogs from certain countries can avoid Ma-

cau's lengthy quarantine process. If trade from Ireland were to be blocked, imported animals [from other countries] may face up to six months in quarantine before they can be delivered to the Canidrome. "There is no space for this in Macau [to hold the animals], so it is not a viable option for the Canidrome," concluded Martins.

A shipment of 24 Irish greyhounds was expected to arrive in Macau earlier this month and a group of demonstrators orchestrated by Anima (Macau) gathered to protest the delivery. However the arrival never came to pass.

"The Canidrome now directly owns just 129 dogs [with the others owned by individuals], down from the hundreds it once had," he said. "Why are there so few animals today? Because it has become very difficult to buy them, and because they [the Canidrome company] are expecting that the facility will be closed soon."

Anima (Macau) is additionally planning to vo-

lunteer their services in caring for the greyhounds in the event that the facility is closed down. Martins is hoping to organize an adoption program for the animals, drawing from the experience of Italy – a country "many animals are sent to, after their careers [abroad]." To this end, Martins will visit an Italian greyhound adoption center on September 24 to gain insight into how to manage the process.

"If we are successful in cutting off the trade, the government will need time to re-organize. In the meantime, Anima [Macau] is volunteering [to organize] an international adoption campaign... but we also need time to plan this," he told the Times. "We need the government to make a decision soon [...] so we can prepare."

"We opened a campaign last week and we already have more than 50 prospective adopters and a facility [abroad] that says it can host as many as 200," added Martins.

The president of Anima (Macau) also has plans to

attend a rally in Dublin organized by Animal Rights Action Network on Thursday, and may have a meeting organized with representatives of the Australian government, however this remains unconfirmed.

OVER 39,000 VIEWS

THE TIMES' report yesterday, uncovering a government insider's prediction that a decision on the Canidrome would be made within two months, has surged in popularity as international onlookers continue to use the Times as their gateway to Macau. More than 39,000 views were registered just 15 hours after the article's publication. The article has also received more than 30 comments from users calling

for the Canidrome's closure, the end to the greyhound trade in China, and praising the international pressure which is appearing to make an impact in Macau. "It will be the most wonderful day when this dreadful place closes and these beautiful dogs will be free to find loving homes," wrote one user. "I beg the Chinese [Macau] government to do the right thing and end this barbaric sport."

COOPERATION

Agreements to counter smuggling, facilitate trade

TWO new agreements have been reached with the mainland's General Administration of Customs.

The agreements, covering the issues of cross-border smuggling and free trade, were signed this week by the Chief Executive, Chui Sai On, and the Minister of the General Administration of Customs, Yu Guangzhou.

The anti-smuggling agreement will enable Macau's overseeing agencies to establish regular and emergency communications with relevant authorities on the mainland, reducing the risk of smuggling between the MSAR and Guangdong Province.

The second agreement aims to simplify clearance measures for transshipment cargo without the need to clear such cargo twice, under the respective regulatory regimes of Macau and mainland China.

The measure is also intended to allow the two parties to strengthen information sharing and to accelerate transshipment cargo clearance procedures.

According to the Government Information Bureau, the two agreements are part of a strategy to help diversify Macau's economy and bring the territory's economic development in line with the China's development.

Fund to support recycling industry



Wong Man Hung, deputy director of the Environmental Protection Bureau (DSPA), has stated that the DSPA is considering the establishment of a fund to support the local recycling industry, according to a report by Cheng Pou. The recycling industry has published several articles in local Chinese newspapers in order to boost public awareness of the struggles it is facing, particularly due to a shortage of land and a decline in profits. Wong further stated that the government is paying close attention to the local recycling industry. A team of DSPA officials went to Hong Kong earlier to visit their recycling infrastructures in order to understand how to best help the local recycling industry.

Huawei expands in Macau, Hong Kong

HUAWEI, considered to be one of the world's largest smartphone manufacturers, is looking to boost its smartphone market share in Macau, Shawn Ge, general manager of the company's Macau office, told the Times yesterday. Ge also revealed that the company hopes to be ranked in the top three smartphone suppliers in the city within the next two years.

However, Ge admitted that much work remains to be done before such a goal is achieved. This is due to the fact that Huawei had commenced business operations relatively late in both SAR regions, particularly in Macau. "Even though the sales of our phone products cracked the top three globally in 2015, [...] we had just entered the Macau market in the second half of 2014."

Ge further stated that besides smartphone sales, Huawei is also intensively expanding into other service areas in Macau. "We are trying to work



Shawn Ge

with local partners to deploy the 4.5G technology," he said.

According to the company's local representative, Huawei has already invested a great deal of financial and human resources into research and development, stating that "we respect the intellectual property of others, and we acti-

vely participate in market cooperation."

Huawei has more than 170,000 employees around the world, 76,000 of whom work in the department of Research and Development. In 2015, the company invested CNY59.6 billion (USD9.2 billion), which represents 15 percent of its annual revenue, into the research and development of new technologies.

Ge further explained that the company is acting locally in terms of research. "We have many research centers overseas, such as in the US, and in Sweden. For research centers like this one, we hire local experts."

Last year, Huawei ranked fifth in smartphone sales in Hong Kong. Rick Yu, business director of the company's Hong Kong's office, explained that efforts are being made to expand their share of the Hong Kong market. **Staff reporter**

PATENT INFRINGEMENT LAWSUITS

MAY 25, Huawei filed lawsuits for patent infringement against Samsung in the United States and China. Huawei is seeking compensation for Samsung's alleged infringement of Huawei's intel-

lectual property rights, including the unauthorized use of valuable patents relating to cellular communications technology and software used by Samsung's mobile phones.

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Macbeth opera concludes 27th Macao Arts Festival



Macbeth's cast pictured yesterday

SHAKESPEARE'S tragedy Macbeth is set to take the stage tomorrow and Sunday to mark the end of the 27th Macao Arts Festival, which began on April 30.

Macbeth will be presented by South African performance company Third World Bunfight in the form of an opera. It will be accompanied by a rewritten and adapted score from the original by Giuseppe Verdi. The score will be performed by an ensemble of ten South African opera singers, and the renowned trans-Balkan "No Borders Orchestra" conducted by Serbian conductor Premil Petrović.

During a meeting with local press yesterday, Petrović stated that the production is a condensed version of the classical story, focusing only on Macbeth and Lady Macbeth. "There are no side stories nor side personalities," he said.

Petrović added that Macbeth is about power, greed, crime, and strategy. Third World Bunfight's adaptation of the Shakespeare classic will portray past and current events in contemporary Congo, with a group of refugee-performers expressing the tragic stories of a country where over six million people have died in the last 20 years as a consequence of conflict.

Meanwhile Brett Bailey, the director of the production, stressed that he wanted to locate Macbeth within an African context, following similar productions of Medea and Orpheus.

"I imagined that opera as a nineteenth century architectural monolith [...] lost in the forests or grasslands or Central Africa; a memento of a prior era, now crumbling, shot full of bullet holes [...]," the South African artist said.

Bailey claimed that he has been aware of the catastrophe in the Eastern Congo for many years but the events have been little known by the rest of the world.

"It is striking to me that so few people outside of the region even know about it [...] it is almost invisible," said the director. Bailey revealed that the troupe of refugee-performers had discovered an old trunk of paraphernalia [i.e., musical scores, costumes and such] from an amateur company that had performed Verdi's opera in the region during the colonial period, stressing that it is a "fascinating link between the present situation and the horrors that were perpetrated in the name of profit by the Belgian administration."

While Nobulumko Mngxekeza, the actress who plays Lady Macbeth, admitted that her character is a difficult role to interpret; she hinted that the play is "way too different from what they [the audience] know."

According to the director of the play, the performers have a "desperate story to tell," as tens of thousands of Africans who flock to Europe every year in small boats are seen as "problematic and nameless statistics." **Staff reporter**

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REAL ESTATE MATTERS Ideas for Small Spaces Making the most of restricted space

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The reality for many people living in Macau is the restricted space available, and that means making the most of the space we are given and adapting to a space far smaller than you may have been used to. In this article we explore further the idea of creative design for small spaces.

Less is more
Furnishing small spaces requires restraint. Only furnishing with functional items and avoiding pieces that are just for show and create clutter is essential. Here are a few tricks used by Interior Designers to maximize space usage:

Living Room
* When choosing a sofa, look for one with legs rather than one that

touches the floor. It will appear to make the room larger.

- This rule also applies to kitchen and bathroom cabinetry. If you can see the floor, the area will appear larger.
- Avoid using a central coffee table, and consider using side tables instead that can be pulled out when you need them. The space in front of the sofa remains open, allowing easier circulation in a less cluttered environment.
- Consider buying side tables that can double as stools when entertaining.
- A great space saver is also to wall mount your TV so that you can use shelf space for something else.

Kitchen & Bathroom
Multi purpose furniture is not limited to the living area.

- Think combined dryers and washers, combination microwave and convection ovens, expandable dining tables and bedside drawers instead of a table.
- Average cupboards, wardrobes and bookshelves are 1.8 metres tall, leaving lots of neglected space above them.
- Ordering furniture 2 metres high or floor to ceiling will utilize this space, or if this is not an option, a row of attractive storage boxes on top of the cupboard will also work.
- Open shelving is a comparatively cheap solution. However, unless you're very disciplined, open shelving can create the appearance of more rather than less clutter.

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MGM China has launched the two-week "Golden Lion Health Campaign" for employees to promote the importance of a healthy work-life balance.

campaign, almost 10,000 employees and their family members joined a variety of indoor and outdoor activities.

Simple tests and games were given to employees to better educate them of the causes of insomnia and how to improve their daily performance by getting a good night's sleep.

The campaign also emphasized the importance of physical health, emotional and mental wellness and regular exercise.

CEM HOLDS WORKSHOP WITH MACAU INSTITUTION OF ENGINEERS

Companhia de Electricidade de Macau (CEM) and the Macau Institution of Engineers (AEM) recently co-hosted a workshop at AEM's office.

from high-rise buildings and large-scale estates to renewable energy facilities.

AEM Vice Council President, Addy Chan, expressed his appreciation to CEM for the arrangement and support of the workshop.

During the workshop, both parties exchanged their opinions on the development of the power industry in Macau as well as the state of electrical engineering more broadly.

The workshop addressed a wide range of topics, ranging

US probes e-commerce giant Alibaba's accounting practices

Marcy Gordon, Washington

CHINESE e-commerce giant Alibaba wowed investors when it went public in the U.S. in September 2014, and its profits have bucked Wall Street expectations amid the Chinese economy's slowdown.

Alibaba disclosed in a regulatory filing that the Securities and Exchange Commission has requested documents and information related to the way it adds together earnings from its various divisions.

"I think it's a moment of truth for the company," said Anant Sundaram, a finance professor at Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College.



Jack Ma, founder of Alibaba, smiles during the company's IPO at the New York Stock Exchange

U.S.-traded shares in Alibaba tumbled almost 7 percent in heavy trading yesterday after news surfaced of the SEC probe.

The company said it is cooperating with the investigation. Alibaba is the world's biggest e-commerce platform, with more than 420 million people buying USD485 billion worth of goods last year on its sites.

Disclosure of the SEC probe comes less than two weeks after

the company's membership in the International Anti-Counterfeiting Coalition was suspended.

Some U.S. retailers that are members of the group, which lobbies U.S. officials and testifies before Congress, view Alibaba as a huge marketplace for fakes.

The SEC probe raises the possibility that the stellar results the company has reported may have been too good to be true, experts say.

A question is whether Alibaba or its suppliers may have falsified orders to pad sales volumes, suggests Jay Ritter, a finance professor at the University of Florida.

That could ultimately mislead investors about the level of Alibaba's sales and how fast they're growing, Ritter said.

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In this Sept. 14, 1966 file photo, youths are seen at a rally during the height of the Red Guard upheaval waving copies of the collected writings of Communist Party Chairman Mao Zedong, often referred to as Mao's Little Red Book and carrying a poster of Karl Marx

THE latest hot topic for Chinese rappers is a bearded 19th century German philosopher who wrote a book called "The Communist Manifesto."

Chinese state media are promoting a new rap song praising Karl Marx, in the latest attempt to leverage popular culture in support of the ruling Commu-

You are my Venus, my dear Marx.

IN 'MARX IS A POST-90'

State media promote rap song praising Karl Marx

nist Party.

Entitled "Marx is a post-90" — China's version of a millennial — the song extols the communist godfather's supposed coolness with lyrics such as, "Life is full of little accidents, then one day I discovered how awesome he was."

"I saw my faith, don't even ask why," it continues. "You are my

Venus, my dear Marx."

The website of the party newspaper People's Daily said the song proves how Marx continues to appeal to young people and will "never completely go out of style."

The site said an accompanying video featuring midriff-baring dancers, a DJ and rappers in backward caps and jerseys has

"gone viral."

Marx, who died in 1883, sits high in the pantheon of China's communist heroes, although it's unclear how much the author of famous lines such as "the proletarians have nothing to lose but their chains," resonates with young people raised on video games, hip-hop and western fashions.

China in recent years has tur-

ned to animated short films, rock bands and rap music to promote the Communist Party, government policies and the military. An armed forces recruiting video released earlier this month features a rap-rock soundtrack with lyrics such as "just waiting for the order to kill, kill, kill" over a frantic music-video style montage of aircraft, tanks and guns. **AP**

TAIWAN

New president to visit allies Panama, Paraguay

TAIWAN says President Tsai Ing-wen will visit allies Panama and Paraguay next month on her first overseas trip since taking office, amid speculation over possible moves by China to tighten its diplomatic noose around the self-governing island.

Tsai's trip will likely include the usual stopovers in the U.S., although arrangements are still being made, Foreign Minister David Lee told legislators in the capital Taipei.

Lee said Tsai would at-



Taiwan's President Tsai Ing-wen (left) and Vice President Chen Chien-jen wave during their inauguration ceremonies in Taipei

tend the formal opening event to which Beijing is also expected to send a representative.

Taiwan has formal diplomatic relations with just 22 nations as a result of China's efforts to isolate the island it claims as its own territory. Most allies are in Central America, the Caribbean, Africa and the South Pacific.

Some observers expect China to further reduce Taiwan's diplomatic breathing space in order to put pressure on Tsai, who since her inauguration last week has refused to explicitly endorse Beijing's stance that Taiwan is part of China and whose Democratic

Progressive Party advocates the island's formal independence.

A renewed effort to win away Taiwan's remaining allies would be a key indication that China plans to get tough on her administration. China in March established formal diplomatic ties with the small African nation of Gambia, which had severed relations with Taiwan in 2013, in what was seen as a move toward abandoning the unspoken diplomatic truce between the sides that lasted for eight years under Tsai's China-

friendly predecessor.

However, China has made no move to block Taiwan's participation in this week's World Health Assembly in Geneva, run by the United Nations, from which Taiwan is excluded.

Taiwan's health minister delivered a letter of protest to World Health Organization Director-General Margaret Chan stating that Taiwan's participation in the annual gathering should not be contingent on it accepting Beijing's "one-China principle." **AP**

China accuses US of hampering trade with steel duties



AP PHOTO: Port workers watch as steel pipes are loaded onto a freighter ship at Cao Feidian Port

CHINA accused the United States yesterday of hampering trade after Washington imposed duties of up to 450 percent on Chinese steel in its latest response to a flood of low-priced imports.

The Ministry of Commerce complained U.S. regulators discriminated against Chinese suppliers by using incorrect standards for deciding what production cost and market prices should have been.

Beijing faces mounting criticism from the United States and Europe that it is exporting steel at unfairly low prices to clear a backlog in its glutted home market. Western governments say that hurts their producers and threatens thousands of jobs.

The U.S. Commerce Department announced the

penalties earlier to offset what it said was improper subsidies to Chinese steel mills and unfairly low export prices. It imposed similar penalties on steel imports from India, Italy, South Korea and Taiwan.

"The United States has deliberately suppressed the bulk of Chinese steel exports," said a Commerce Ministry statement. "This not only harms Chinese steel enterprises but hinders trade and cooperation between enterprises."

It said Beijing will "take all necessary measures to fight for fair treatment" but gave no details.

The latest penalties apply to corrosion-resistant steel products. They include anti-dumping duties of up to 210 percent and anti-subsidy duties of up to 241 percent.

On May 17, Washington imposed similar duties

of up to 522 percent in a separate action targeting Chinese-made cold-rolled steel used in automobiles and other manufactured goods.

The Chinese government is trying to shrink bloated industries including steel, coal, cement, aluminum and solar panel manufacturing in which supplies exceed demand. That has led to price-cutting wars that are driving producers into bankruptcy.

Chinese government plans call for stepping up exports and shifting some operations abroad. The Cabinet approved measures in April to support steel exports with tax rebates and bank loans.

The European Union launched its own investigation of Chinese steel exports in early May following protests by steelworkers.

In Britain, Tata Steel cited low-cost Chinese competition when it announced plans last month to sell money-losing operations that employ 20,000 people.

China pushed back against its trading partners in April, announcing anti-dumping duties on steel from the European Union, Japan and South Korea. AP

Top general visits Japan WWII chemical weapons site

CHINA'S top general urged Japan to speed up the disposal of leftover World War II chemical weapons yesterday, a day before President Barack Obama is to visit a Japanese city destroyed by a U.S. nuclear bomb.

Gen. Fan Changlong visited the Haerbaling site in the northeastern province of Jilin where an estimated 330,000 chemical bombs were buried by Japanese troops at the end of the war.

Fan "emphasized the need to urge Japan to earnestly meet its treaty obligations, boost investment, accelerate the pace of destruction work and at an early date return pure earth to the Chinese people," the Defense Ministry quoted him as saying.

At a monthly news conference, Defense Ministry spokesman Col. Yang Yujun said Fan's visit was planned long in advance and was unrelated to Obama's trip to Hiroshima. Yang said Fan, who ranks just below President Xi Jinping on the Central Military Commission

that controls the armed forces, hoped his visit would emphasize the importance of the work being carried out at Haerbaling, Yang said.

China has been at pains to counter attempts by some in Japan to use Obama's visit to portray their country as a war victim, saying Tokyo's role as aggressor should not be questioned. Japan's use of chemical and biological weapons in China is an especially sensitive subject, and Beijing says it has discovered abandoned chemical weapons at 90 sites throughout the country, Haerbaling being by far the biggest. The joint cleanup there is projected to be completed in 2022.

An editorial in the official China Daily newspaper yesterday accused Japanese Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida of seeking to remove the Hiroshima bombing from its wartime context in order to "portray itself as the victim of World War II rather than one of its major perpetrators." AP

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JAPAN

Abe urges G-7 to avert another economic crisis

JAPANESE Prime Minister Shinzo Abe urged fellow leaders of the Group of Seven advanced economies yesterday to avert another global crisis by acting to rescue the faltering global recovery.

President Barack Obama backed Abe's call, saying it was crucial not just to put people back to work but also raise wages and maintain the momentum of the recovery.

"We've all got a lot of work to do and we agreed to continue to focus on making sure that each country, based on its particular needs and capacities, is taking steps to accelerate growth," the U.S. president said.

Abe and his counterparts got down to business after a morning stroll through the grounds of Ise Jingu, a tranquil, densely forested shrine that is considered the holiest site in Japan's indigenous Shinto religion.

During the talks, Abe compared the current global economic situation to conditions just before the 2008 financial crisis. A G-7 summit held in northern Japan paid little attention to the trouble that was brewing, he said.

"We learned a lesson that we failed to respond properly be-



Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe (left) and U.S. President Barack Obama smile at photographers with other leaders of Group of Seven industrial nations at the start of the second working session of the G-7 summit meetings in Shima, Mie Prefecture

cause we did not have a firm recognition of the risks," Abe told reporters. "This time, we had a thorough discussion and recognized the major risks facing the global economy."

Japanese officials also highlighted joint efforts on corruption, terrorism, global health and migration — which has become a huge headache espe-

cially for European nations — as other top priorities.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel said she didn't expect any concrete offers in the final communique from other G-7 members to take in refugees. She did say, however, that she had a bilateral meeting with Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau and told him how

much she appreciates the large number of refugees his country is taking in.

Earlier, Donald Tusk, president of the European Council, said "Those who criticize us should rather think how to increase their assistance because what Europe provides is already massive. And honestly speaking, if they [the G-7] don't

take the lead in managing this crisis, nobody else will. I will appeal to G-7 leaders to take up this challenge."

A possible exit from the European Union by Britain, depending on a June 23 vote, is also hanging over the talks.

The annual summit brings together the leaders of Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan and the United States. It is taking place amid extraordinarily tight security around the remote summit venue, with uniformed police standing guard at close intervals on both sides of roads and randomly in forests, rice fields, soccer fields and other locations.

Protesters were kept far away. A group of several dozen gathered in a nearby city where they were far outnumbered by police and journalists.

Many of the issues to be discussed are linked to other Abe policy priorities, including maritime security, code for concerns over China's expanding presence in disputed areas of the South China Sea.

After the summit ends this afternoon, Obama plans to visit the peace park in Hiroshima, becoming the first sitting U.S. president to visit the city on which the U.S. dropped an atomic bomb in 1945 in the closing days of World War II. **AP**

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WHO: Nearly 960 killed in attacks on hospitals in 2 years

NEARLY 960 people have been killed worldwide in attacks on medical facilities in conflicts over the past two years, the World Health Organization said in a report yesterday that highlighted an alarming disrespect for the protection of health care in war by both governments and armed groups.

The study by the U.N. health agency detailed 594 attacks on hospitals and clinics in the Middle East, Africa and elsewhere in 2014 and 2015 that killed 959 medics, support staff, patients and visitors and left over 1,500 injured.

Most disturbingly, the report says over 60 percent of the attacks deliberately targeted the medical facilities, while 20 percent were accidental and the rest were undetermined. Over 50 percent of the attacks were perpetrated by governments, one-third by armed groups and the rest were unknown.

War-ravaged Syria tallied the largest number of attacks on health care — 228 in the two-year span — accounting for nearly 40 percent of the agency's global tally.

"This is a huge problem. Attacks on health workers are not isolated, they are not accidental and they are not stopping," said Dr. Bruce Aylward, the head of

Most disturbingly, the report says over 60 percent of the attacks deliberately targeted the medical facilities

emergency response at WHO.

He told reporters in Geneva that often governments or combatants pay lip service to trying to end attacks on health facilities, with no follow-through.

"We hear everywhere, 'this is unacceptable, attacks on health workers.' When things are unacceptable, you see a movement on the part of states, on the part of governments, on the part of parties involved to stop these, to hold people accountable. We have not seen that the



An employee of Doctors Without Borders walks inside the charred remains of the organization's hospital after it was hit by a U.S. airstrike in Kunduz, Afghanistan

way we need it if this is to be addressed," he said.

Dr. Rick Brennan, director of WHO's emergency risk management, agreed that those attacking medical facilities must be named and held accountable.

"We want to hold all parties to conflict — whether they be governments or non-state armed groups — to account [...] Why do they continue? It's a lack of respect, or ignorance, or dis-

missal of international humanitarian law," he said.

Brennan says WHO is also trying to better document the after-effects from attacks on access to health care. Following attacks on vaccinators in Pakistan, he said "kids' can't get vaccinated, pregnant women can't deliver at health care facilities, [mothers] can't take their kids to a health facility for basic antibiotics or rehydration when

the kids get sick."

Targeting hospitals, doctors and patients constitutes a war crime, according to the Geneva Conventions. The U.N. Security Council has denounced the attacks and demanded that all parties in conflicts protect medical facilities, but some of the Council's most powerful members have been associated with these crimes.

U.S. forces struck a clinic in Afghanistan last year, killing 42 people, in what the Pentagon said was a mistake caused by human error. Medical facilities have also been hit by the U.S.-backed Saudi-led coalition in Yemen. Syrian President Bashar Assad and the Russian forces that back him have been accused of deliberately striking hospitals to make life in opposition-held areas unlivable.

"It's an absolutely devastating breakdown of this long-held norm — protection and respect of health care," said Susannah Sirkin, a director at the New York-based Physician for Human Rights. **AP**

FRANCE

Dock workers throw smoke bombs as protests escalate

Raphael Satter, Angela Charlton

FRENCH protesters scuffled with police, dock workers set off smoke bombs and union activists disrupted fuel supplies and nuclear plants yesterday in the biggest challenge yet to President Francois Hollande's government as it tries to give employers more flexibility.

On a day of nationwide strikes and protests, French Prime Minister Manuel Valls opened the door to possible changes in the labor bill that's triggering all the anger — but said the government would not abandon it. Union activists said it's too late to compromise. Posters at a protest in the port of Le Havre bore a blood-red tombstone representing the bill reading: "Not amendable, not negotiable: Withdraw the El Khomri Law."

The draft law, aimed at boosting hiring after a decade of nearly 10 per-



A demonstrator burns flares and shouts slogans during a demonstration in Marseille

cent unemployment and slow but corrosive economic decline, relaxes rules around the 35-hour work week, weakens the power of unions and leaves workers less protected from layoffs.

Determined to defend France's labor protections, union activists have targeted the strategic fuel industry in recent days, causing gasoline shortages. The country's two main oil ports were blocked yesterday and only two of the France's eight refineries were working, the head of the

UFIP oil industry lobby, Francis Duseux, told The Associated Press.

"There could be improvements and modifications" in the bill, Valls said on BFM television. He didn't elaborate on what might be changed, and insisted that the "heart" of the bill — a measure weakening the power of unions over workplace rules — should remain.

Withdrawing the bill "is not possible," he said.

Union activists and ordinary workers took to the streets in several cities. In

Paris, police detained nine people and scuffled with masked protesters as several thousands marched from the Bastille plaza through eastern Paris.

Members of the firmly leftist CGT union, leading the protests, remain angry that the government forced the bill through the lower house of parliament without a vote because of division in the Socialist majority.

"Valls is hardening his tone? Well we're hardening our tone, too!" an organizer shouted into a loudspeaker at the Normandy Bridge, in northern France, where some 200 to 300 trade unionists and other protesters gathered to block traffic.

The union activists then made their way into the port city of Le Havre, waving red flags, a percussion band leading the way. At least 10,000 dock workers and others poured into an esplanade in front of Le Havre city hall, setting off smoke bombs and threatening

bystanders. They tossed powerful fireworks into the fountains, sending plumes of water rising into the air as the square reverberated with explosions.

The demonstration was rowdy at times — one AP journalist was egged and the protesters pelted the mayor's office with paint bombs — yet protesters took care to stay off the manicured lawn. One demonstrator was spotted urinating against

the mayor's office beside bright yellow graffiti reading: "Hollande, Valls, Resign."

Fabien Gloaguen, an activist with the militant Worker's Force movement, said the government would have to back down. "He's going to withdraw it," Gloaguen said.

Valls insisted the bill is "good for workers" and small businesses, and argued that many of its critics are ill-informed of its contents. **AP**

POLICE USE TEAR GAS, DETAIN 16, DURING PROTESTS

RIOT POLICE have used tear gas during violent clashes in central Paris to disperse crowds who attacked shop facades during a protest against a divisive labor law reform. Police say they have made 16 arrests. A police spokesman estimated that between 18,000 and 19,000 people were taking part in the protest,

which took a violent turn early afternoon. Several masked protesters charged the windows of high street shops, smashing them amid banner-waving and shouts from other demonstrators demanding that the government scrap the bill that will make it easier to hire and fire workers and loosen the work week.

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FRIDAY

- 13:30 News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
- 15:00 RTPi Live
- 18:30 Helena's Shadow (Repeated)
- 19:20 TDM Talk Show (Repeated)
- 19:50 Soap Opera
- 20:30 Main News, Financial & Weather Report
- 21:15 Documentary Series
- 21:45 Miscellaneous
- 22:10 Helena's Shadow
- 23:00 TDM News
- 23:30 Portuguese Movie

SATURDAY

- 10:40 Young Children
- 11:00 Drama
- 11:30 Young Adult
- 12:00 Documentary Series
- 12:30 Miscellaneous
- 13:00 TDM News (Repeat)
- 13:30 News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
- 15:00 Musical
- 17:55 Documentary Series
- 18:40 Contest
- 19:30 Wild Life - Premiere
- 20:30 Main News, Financial & Weather Report
- 21:00 Drama
- 22:00 Revenge S.3
- 22:45 Non-Daily Portuguese News
- 23:00 TDM News
- 23:30 Brother's & Sister's S5

SUNDAY

- 10:30 Young Children
- 11:00 Sunday Mass
- 12:00 Miscellaneous
- 13:00 TDM News (Repeat)
- 13:30 News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
- 14:30 Wild Life (Repeated)
- 15:25 Zig Zag
- 16:40 Miscellaneous
- 17:20 Documentary Series
- 18:15 Non-Daily Portuguese News
- 19:10 Documentary Serie
- 19:40 Comedy
- 20:30 Main News, Financial & Weather Report
- 21:00 Contraponto
- 22:00 In the footsteps of George Chinnery - An English Artist in Macau
- 23:00 TDM News
- 23:30 Non-Daily Portuguese News

offbeat

THAI MAN BLOODIED BUT UNBOWED AFTER INTIMATE ATTACK BY SNAKE



A Thai man is recovering from a bloody encounter with a 3-meter python that slithered through the plumbing of his home and latched its jaws onto his penis as he was using a squat toilet.

Attaporn Boonmakchuay was smiling as Thai television stations interviewed him in his hospital bed about

the intimate intrusion, and doctors said he would recover. But photos of his blood-splattered bathroom in Chachoengsao province, east of Bangkok, were testimony to his ordeal.

The 38-year-old told Thai TV Channel 7 that he struggled to remove the snake for 30 minutes Wednesday before he managed to free himself with help from his wife and a neighbor. After his wife tied a rope around the snake, Attaporn pried open its jaws before passing out.

Emergency workers dismantled the Asian-style squat toilet, with the python still twined through it. The snake was taken away to be released back into the wild, according to an emergency responder cited by the newspaper Thai Rath.

Doctors said Attaporn, bloodied but unbowed, will recover.

"He has a really good attitude... even though his own wife and children were in shock. He's been smiling and giving interviews all day from his bed," hospital director Dr. Chutima Pincharoen said.

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19 MAY - 25 MAY



X-MEN: APOCALYPSE_

ROOM 1

(2D) 2.00, 4.40, 9.50 pm

(3D) 7.15 pm

Director: Bryan Singer

Starring: James McAvoy, Michael Fassbender,

Jennifer Lawrence

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 144min



THE JUNGLE BOOK_

ROOM 2

(2D) 2.30, 4.30, 9.30 pm

(3D) 7.30 pm

Director: Jon Favreau

Starring: Neel Sethi, Bill Murray, Ben Kingsley

Language: Chinese (Cantonese)

Duration: 106min



LIKE FOR LIKES_

ROOM 3

2.30, 4.30, 9.30 pm

Director: Park Hyun-gene

Starring: Lee Mi-yeon, Yoo Ah-in, Choi Ji-woo

Language: Korean (Cantonese/English)

Duration: 120min

MACAU TOWER

19 MAY - 1 JUN

X-MEN: APOCALYPSE_

1.15, 4.00, 6.45, 9.30 pm

Director: Bryan Singer

Starring: James McAvoy, Michael Fassbender,

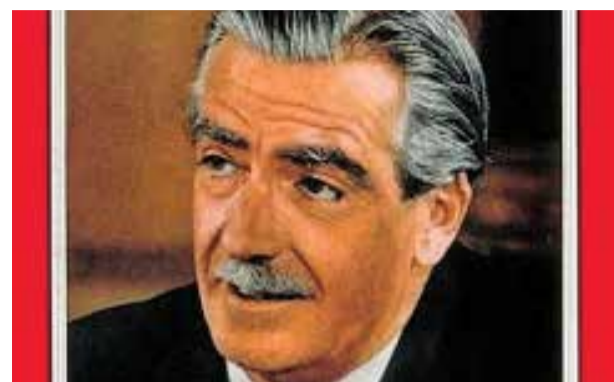
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Duration: 144min



this day in history



1955 ELECTION VICTORY FOR TORIES UNDER EDEN

The Conservatives have won the general election with a clear majority, ending a five-year political stalemate.

The British public has reinforced its support for prime minister, Sir Anthony Eden, who took over the reigns of power in April after the resignation of Sir Winston Churchill.

The final results revealed the Conservatives won 324 out of a total of 630 seats. Combined with those of their Associates the Conservatives have an overall majority of 60 seats - the largest majority for five years.

In 1951 the Conservatives won with just a 17-seat majority and in 1950 Labour, led by Clement Attlee, were elected with a majority of just 13.

Sir Anthony received an ovation as he arrived at Conservative Party Headquarters this evening.

In a televised address he thanked the British public for its continued support.

He said: "I am told that we have made history on this occasion, in the sense that it is something like 100 years since any government ever asked the country for a reinforced support for the work it had to do and received a larger majority. "For that we are grateful. You have generously accorded us the working majority for which we asked."

The large majority in this election is evidence from the British public that it has confidence in the Conservative government to carry out its pre-election promises.

The Conservative manifesto, entitled "United for Peace and Progress", began with a personal statement from the prime minister: "Twice in a lifetime," it read, "my generation has seen its world shaken, and almost destroyed, by a world war.

"Our civilisation could not hope to survive a third. It has been my work to do all I can to prevent such a catastrophe, and this will remain my firm resolve for the whole time I serve you."

But, although the Conservatives said production of the hydrogen bomb would continue as a deterrent and protection to the UK, they have pledged to strive for unity between east and west and eventually bring about total world disarmament.

The Tories also promised to continue their programme for prosperity, developing a property-owning democracy and strengthening personal freedom and national unity.

They have vowed to build on the successes of the past four years, which include the steady increase in prosperity and economic strength and high employment and production.

But Labour say the cost of living has increased under the Conservatives, production has been slower and tax relief has favoured the rich.

Labour is calling for fairer distribution of wealth and a more vigorous drive for housing, education, health and opportunities for recreation.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

Sir Anthony Eden faced difficulties from the outset as economic conditions worsened under the Conservatives.

He was put under further pressure in 1956 after he joined forces with France and Israel in a secret deal to launch a military offensive on Egypt, after President Nasser nationalised the Suez Canal.

His decision was condemned by the US and the United Nations and eventually led to Sir Anthony's resignation due to ill health in 1957. Eden first entered Parliament as Conservative member for Warwick and Leamington in 1923.

He became Foreign Secretary in 1935 but resigned three years later in protest at Neville Chamberlain's policy of appeasement.

When Churchill became prime minister in May 1940 Eden returned to the foreign office and took on the role of Leader of the House of Commons.

Between 1945 and 1951 he was deputy leader of the Opposition during Attlee's government before returning as Churchill's foreign secretary in 1951.

He was knighted in 1954 and succeeded Winston Churchill as prime minister in April 1955.

Following his resignation in January 1957 he was created Earl of Avon in 1961. He died in January 1977.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 Try to let your people come to their own conclusions...

Taurus April 20-May 20 Your mind is concerned with security and the future...

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 You need to deal with someone close who has overstepped their boundaries...

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 Look around for opportunities to do right by people...

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 Your sweetie fires up the passion - or, if you're single, someone new takes strong interest...

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Your energy wants to rush, but your common sense gets in the way...

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 Your expressive side is out in force today, so make sure that you're letting people know just what's on your mind...

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 Watch your wallet today - it may try to leap out of your purse or pocket...

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Your friends are closing in on you - in a good way. Expect some good support...

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 You can move through today's big changes with ease - so make sure that you're doing just that!

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Something shifts late in the day and you see new opportunities opening up all around you...

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 Things are looking up for you - as long as you don't back down!

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



SUDOKU

Sudoku puzzles categorized by difficulty: Easy, Easy+, Medium, and Hard.

WEATHER

Weather forecast table for China and World locations, including temperature ranges and conditions.

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Flat sound; 5- Stuffed savory vine leaf; 10- Ancient Semitic for "Lord"; 14- ABA member; 15- Set up; 16- European; 17- Good earth; 18- Mother of Perseus; 19- Can of worms?; 20- Waterproofed canvas; 22- Coup; 23- Nervous twitch; 24- "Runaway" singer Shannon; 25- Suits; 29- Worker; 33- Tiny particles; 34- Desertlike; 36- Shipping deduction; 37- Moo pork; 38- Duplicate; 39- Untrained; 40- Lease; 42- Loathe; 43- Witherspoon of "Legally Blonde"; 45- Changed; 47- Scoffed; 49- Original; 50- Atmosphere; 51- Tidily kept; 54- Two weeks; 60- ... saw Elba; 61- One of the United Arab Emirates; 62- Zeno of ...; 63- Waterfall; 64- Ninth-century pope; 65- Strivelled, without moisture; 66- Hardy lass; 67- Actress Graff; 68- Greenish blue; DOWN: 1- Preservative; 2- Greek portico; 3- Asterisk; 4- Indicator of illness; 5- Infer; 6- Spoken; 7- Director Riefenstahl; 8- Thorn of footwear; 9- Got fed up?; 10- Small object of curiosity; 11- Med school subj.; 12- 1998 Sarah McLachlan hit; 13- Trent of the Senate; 21- Goals; 22- Ball belle; 24- Florida's Miami-County; 25- Iraqi port; 26- Lucy's landlady; 27- Enumerate; 28- Cobb, e.g.; 29- Queues; 30- Less common; 31- Clear the boards; 32- Marry again; 35- Go bad; 38- Masticate; 41- Form of bowling; 43- Jockey's strap; 44- Most strange; 46- Not emp.; 48- Aboriginal; 51- Salmon that has spawned; 52- Toledo's lake; 53- Department store department; 54- Combustible matter; 55- Thin woodwind instrument; 56- Drops from the sky; 57- Elation; 58- Wife of Zeus; 59- Chinese weight; 61- Half of MCII



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Q&A TEDDY YIP JR
THEODORE RACING – TEAM PRINCIPAL

‘Macau is our home and winning there always holds a special place’

Renato Marques

IN 1976, Theodore Racing was founded as a Formula 1 racing team by the late Teddy Yip Sr. Both the team and its founder were crucial to the establishment and development of the Macau Grand Prix.

After several years of inactivity after their “golden years,” where the team attracted such future Formula 1 world champions as Alan Jones, Keke Rosberg, Ayrton Senna and Mika Hakkinen, Theodore Racing made its return to racing in 2013 with the help of Yip’s Son, Teddy Jr.

At the 60th edition of the GP, Theodore Racing achieved a record score of seven victories. The event also marked the 30th anniversary of Ayrton Senna’s victory for Theodore Racing in the inaugural Macau Formula 3 race.

More recently, Theodore Racing made another big step by heralding their return to the IndyCar Series, another one of Teddy Yip Sr.’s passions. The Times spoke to the Team Principal, Teddy Yip Jr. to learn more about the team’s achievements.

Macau Daily Times - In 2013 Theodore Racing returned to the Macau Grand Prix. As you said at the time, it was the “perfect” moment to bring back the team and your father’s legacy. Was returning to the IndyCar Series the last step that was missing on your checklist?

Teddy Yip Jr - I have always been interested in American racing and the IndyCar Series. This year is the 100th running of the iconic Indy 500 [the race will be held on Sunday]



and with over 400,000 fans in attendance on race day and a huge media presence, it was the perfect time for Theodore Racing to make its return to the series.

We have partnered with Graham Rahal, a driver who has a very good chance of taking victory this weekend at the Indy 500. It is also 30 years since his father, Bobby Rahal, claimed his Indy 500 victory. Bobby Rahal actually competed at the Macau Race of Champions, which my father organized in 1989, so there are many synergies.

We hope the stars align and we can take victory on our

Indy 500 return as we did on our Macau Grand Prix return in 2013.

MDT - What do you expect of this partnership for the IndyCar series?

TYJ - Winning is always the goal. We work with the best people and the best drivers to ensure that we have the best chance of victory for the team and our partners. Everyone wants to be associated with success and that is what we aim to achieve in everything we do. Winning the 100th running of the Indy 500 this weekend would be extremely special.

many iconic events as possible for Theodore and Macau.

MDT - The Macau Grand Prix is entering a new stage this year with a new organizing committee. How do you perceive that change?

TYJ - It will be very interesting to see what ideas the new committee can come up with and we would definitely like to be more involved with the promotion of the race and Macau as a tourist destination. My father was instrumental in setting up the inaugural Macau F3 Grand Prix and also passionate about putting Macau on the world map.

As the only motor-racing team to originate from Macau, Theodore Racing has a lot to offer on a global scale and we are also well equipped to spread the word about the culture and tourist attractions that Macau has to offer. The Macau Grand Prix is a race that all drivers want to enter and win and we are great ambassadors for the event.

MDT - This year, Theodore Racing will have a title to defend in Macau, are you already working on the line-up of drivers to do that task?

TYJ - We are working closely with our partners in order to secure the best drivers to defend our title and deliver a record ninth Macau Grand Prix victory. We are lucky that our winning pedigree in Macau allows us to select only the very best drivers as we are the team to beat, and I think it’s fair to say that everyone would like to compete for us. Macau is our home and winning there always holds a special place in my heart.

F1 Ricciardo beats Hamilton, Rosberg in 2nd Monaco GP practice

Jerome Pugmire, Monaco

AUSTRALIAN driver Daniel Ricciardo gave improving Red Bull another boost yesterday with the fastest time in the second practice session of the Monaco Grand

Prix, quicker than Mercedes pair Lewis Hamilton and Nico Rosberg.

Red Bull struggled for consistency last season but the car’s pace is improving, with teammate Max Verstappen winning the Spanish GP two weeks ago.

Ricciardo was more than half a second quicker than Hamilton and .899 seconds faster than Rosberg.

In the morning’s first practice, Hamilton led Rosberg and Ferrari driver Sebastian Vettel.

But Vettel struggled in

the afternoon, damaging his rear wing at the Mirabeau turn and spinning his car at Sainte Devote as he clocked the ninth fastest time.

There is a final practice on Saturday ahead of qualifying. **AP**



Lewis Hamilton of Britain steers his car during the first free practice at the Monaco racetrack

PLAYERS TO WATCH



CRISTIANO RONALDO

Real Madrid and Atletico Madrid are filled with players who are in top form ahead of the Champions League final [Sunday,

2:45am]. Cristiano Ronaldo will be attracting most of the attention as he tries to win his second European trophy with Madrid, but plenty of his teammates and many of his opponents with Atletico have shown they are capable of breaking through with a great performance in the biggest game of the season.



FERNANDO TORRES

A veteran of three World Cups and three European Championships, Fernando Torres is used to the big stage. He scored a goal in

the final both times that Spain won the European title, in 2008 and 2012. The 32-year-old Atletico striker finished the season well and scored goals in the last two league games. "I have ahead of me the most important games I will play in my life," Torres said.



GARETH BALE

Gareth Bale has yet to score in this season's Champions League but thrived in the final stages of the Spanish league, scoring four goals

in the final four matches as Cristiano Ronaldo was sidelined because of an injury. Bale proved to be decisive in the previous finals he played with Real Madrid, scoring when the team won the Champions League, the Copa del Rey and the Club World Cup in 2014.



ANTOINE GRIEZMANN

France forward Antoine Griezmann is enjoying his best season and has scored seven of Atletico's 16 goals in this season's Champions

League, including three in the team's last three matches. He scored both goals in the win over defending champion Barcelona in the second leg of the quarterfinals, and the decisive one that allowed his team to advance past Bayern Munich in the semifinals.



KARIM BENZEMA

The striker has had a lack-luster season marked by off-the-field issues but remains one of Real Madrid's most dangerous players. He is the

team's second-best scorer in the Champions League with eight goals, behind Ronaldo's 16. Benzema also finished just behind Ronaldo as the team's best scorer in Spanish league.



SAUL NIGUEZ

Youngster Saul Niguez has been one of Atletico's surprises this season. The 21-year-old midfielder scored a remarkable goal in

Atletico's 1-0 victory over Bayern Munich in the first leg of the semifinals. Thanks to his recent performances, Niguez earned a spot in Spain's preliminary squad for the European Championship in France, being picked instead of veterans such as Torres and Diego Costa.



LUCAS VAZQUEZ

Like Atletico's Niguez, Vazquez has just been called up for Spain's national team thanks to a solid season with

Real Madrid. The 24-year-old forward, a product of Madrid's youth squads, got several chances as a starter during the final part of the season and capitalized on them by playing well and scoring goals.

FOOTBALL | CHAMPIONS LEAGUE

Final of contrasts: Little in common for Real and Atletico



Cristiano Ronaldo



Fernando Torres

Tales Azzoni, Madrid

Sunday, 2:45am
Real M v Atletico M
H 2.5, D 3.2, A 3.3

BESIDES being from the same city and vying for the Champions League title, Real Madrid and Atletico Madrid don't have much in common.

Real Madrid is the rich and powerful club filled with some of the world's biggest stars. Atletico is the humble, down-to-earth team that thrives on the hard work of mostly unknown players.

The clubs play opposing styles, carry contrasting fan bases and have different backgrounds.

Their different approaches to the match in Milan should make for another interesting battle between the crosstown rivals, which two years ago met in a final won by Real Madrid in extra time.

"A lot of the time experience is very important and in this aspect we've got a small advantage," Real Madrid forward Cristiano Ronaldo said. "Atletico will be alert as

a result of what happened two years ago. Atletico will want to win but we are ready."

Here's a look at some of the contrasts involving the Madrid clubs:

HISTORY

While Real Madrid is a perennial champion rich in tradition, Atletico is looking to establish itself as a top contender even though it doesn't carry the same financial clout as Europe's top teams.

Real Madrid is in the final for the 14th time and will be trying to win a record 11th title, while Atletico is seeking its first after two runner-up finishes, including in 1974 against Bayern Munich.

"This is incredibly important for us, for the club, for our fans," Atletico defender Diego Godin said. "We are excited about the moment we are going through. We have another opportunity to win this final."

STYLE

Real Madrid's powerful attack, led by Ronaldo, will be facing the tough defensive setup of Atletico coach Diego Simeone.

Real Madrid has one of the

tournament's best offenses with 27 goals scored, only three less than Bayern Munich. Atletico has scored 16 goals, which is Ronaldo's total for the tournament. The Portuguese forward is one goal shy of the record he set in the 2013-14 season.

"We want to achieve a good victory on Saturday, which will define Real Madrid's season," Ronaldo said. "We're confident we can achieve it."

PLAYERS

With enough money to sign nearly every big star on the market, Real Madrid boasts Ronaldo, Karim Benzema, Gareth Bale, Sergio Ramos and Marcelo. Atletico, which has about half of the revenue of its rival, will count on strikers Fernando Torres and Antoine Griezmann, as well as veteran defenders Diego Godin and Filipe Luis.

"Our style is to try to get the most out of our players," Simeone said. "They are the most important piece in this game."

COACHES

Zinedine Zidane, the elegant midfielder who won the Champions League with

Real Madrid in 2002, is in his first head-coaching job and was able to salvage a Madrid season that was headed for disaster under predecessor Rafa Benitez. Diego Simeone, a fierce defensive midfielder for Argentina in his playing days, took over Atletico in 2012 and was responsible for turning the team into a force with hard-working players who passionately abided to his team-first attitude.

"I'm very lucky to be here and live these moments with the players and fans," Zidane said.

FANS

Real Madrid has a much bigger fan base than Atletico, and the "madridistas" are more accustomed to glory and are known for being among the most demanding in soccer. While games at the Santiago Bernabeu Stadium many times can be compared to a fashion show, there is no fancy atmosphere at Atletico's run-down Vicente Calderon, where the "colchoneros" mainly come from Madrid's working classes and don't take victories for granted.

ROAD TO THE FINAL

Both Real Madrid and Atletico made it to the final by finishing first in their groups. Atletico survived a penalty shootout to eliminate PSV Eindhoven in the round of 16, then got past defending champion Barcelona 3-2 on aggregate and five-time champion Bayern Munich on away goals. Real Madrid eliminated AS Roma 4-0 on aggregate, then reversed a 2-0 first-leg loss to Wolfsburg in the quarterfinals and defeated Manchester City 1-0 on aggregate in the semifinals. **AP / Oddschecker.com**

Study: Man United, Real Madrid soccer's most valuable clubs

ACCOUNTANCY firm KPMG says Manchester United and Real Madrid are soccer's most valuable clubs, worth an estimated 2.9 billion euros (USD3.2 billion) each.

The study finds Europe's leading 32 clubs have a combined value exceeding 26 billion euros.

KPMG's report was published as the European season reaches its climax with Saturday's Champions League

final between Real Madrid and crosstown rival Atletico Madrid, which is valued at 592 million euros.

United remains strong financially, despite not winning the Premier League in three years.

Behind Real and United in the rankings are Barcelona (2.8 billion euros), Bayern Munich (2.2 billion euros), Arsenal (1.7 billion euros), Manchester City (1.6 billion euros),



Louis van Gaal (right) and Jose Mourinho

Chelsea (1.5 billion euros), Liverpool (1.3 billion euros), Juventus (983 billion euros) and Paris Saint-Germain (843 billion euros). **AP**

opinion

Bizcuits

Leanda Lee



CLASSIC STUPIDITY

No more for me the days of the classic expatriate meltdown: Life is just easier to appear to go with the flow, but never say die. My motto has morphed from poison-pen Percy to pleasant pragmatic persistence.

Macau can have a way of breaking one down, encouraging various forms of hibernation and insulation, or pushing up one's emotional intelligence quotient. It often takes us through a process of all these stages of adjustment, and more.

Most of us have stories to tell of systems illogical (to us), discretionary processes and uncertain bureaucratic outcomes: you take a trip to a government department, for instance, with the requisite documentation and find that the required list of multiple sheets of paper is not the same as yesterday's. Or, the day that the MOP1,000 note withdrawn straight out of a bank's ATM is declined by the post-office right next door due to a "high incidence of fraud". Or, what about not being able to change the residential address on that bank statement as your name just happens to be the second one noted down on the joint account? "Yes, you can close the account. Yes, you can withdraw all the funds. No, you can't change the address." (Facepalm!)

These are the priceless moments that leave us anxious and frustrated to the point of tears or angry outbursts. A wander down to IPIM's residency application and information counter on any day of the working week will provide enough examples of expatriate meltdowns. It's almost a rite of passage. Eventually we learn... or else.

I have often argued that these frustrations are caused by different values systems underpinning different drivers of behaviour. There are multitudinous ways to motivate others to act, through incentives, coercion, pleas, appealing to ego, logic... it goes on. But the choice of method by the powers-that-be does not always match our sense of what is appropriate, and frankly, sometimes there seems to be little consideration for simple incentives that really could make life so much easier and pleasant.

I was having a chat with a chap today as he was checking onto a local airline. Only one seat was left, he was told, and it had a broken table. "Only a little broken," the ground-staff lady assured him. The fact that it was the last seat should be a natural enough incentive to accept it: take it or no flight, simple, and there it would have ended. But then he was asked to sign a waiver, an indemnity form: here is a broken seat, please indemnify us. "Idiots! I had no choice, now they have no choice. I wait to see if they give me an upgrade. Classic stupidity. Too stupid for words. Boomerang stupidity. Stupocracy. Stupocracy" continuing in classic I've-got-them-this-time style of an angry passenger.

This is danger zone. There is always a catch. Good behaviour gets rewarded, and the difficult don't get upgrades... or worse.

It could be foreseen. Some other poor chap from a tour group was pulled aside and signed the indemnity form. The upgrade was not forthcoming. And worse, my associate was relegated down the back of the plane, to the very, very last row. Punishment can be swift and exacting.

Beware, the empire strikes back.

THE BUZZ FIVE ACCUSED OF TRAFFICKING PHONY FRAGRANCES FROM CHINA TO NYC

Five people have been arrested in New York City in a multi-million dollar counterfeit perfume scheme.

Bogus fragrances made in China were packaged to look like high-end brands. Investigators say a sample of one perfume had a chemical that's linked to cancer and organ damage.

The suspects face charges of trafficking counterfeit goods. They were released on bond after appearing in a Manhattan federal court yesterday [Macau time].

Perfumes were replicated using cheaper materials. They were shipped to New Jersey and then Queens, where they were labeled and packaged to look legitimate.

Station		
Roadside	20-40 Good	😊
High Density Residential Area	30-50 Good	😊
Ambient	25-45 Good	😊

SOURCE: DSMG

New Zealanders to pay USD20 for cigarette pack under tax plan



AP PHOTO

Nick Perry, Wellington

SMOKERS in New Zealand will pay USD20 for a pack of cigarettes under the government's budget plan released yesterday. Polluting industries will also get hit with higher taxes.

In its annual budget, the government forecasts that rising fiscal surpluses in coming years will allow it to begin paying down its public debt. Here are some of the highlights:

The government plans to hike tobacco taxes by 46 percent over the next four years as it continues an ambitious campaign to eliminate smoking from the South Pacific nation by 2025. Once the taxes are in place, a pack of 20 cigarettes will cost about 30 New

Zealand dollars (\$20), one of the highest prices in the world.

Indigenous Maori have relatively high smoking rates, and the tax plan was pushed by the Maori Party. Te Ururoa Flavell, the party's co-leader, said it was the right thing to do, even if cost his constituents more money.

"What I do know is that there are so many of our young women, because research tells us that, who are dying because of cancer," he said. "I'm happy in my heart. If I can save more than one life, I would have done my job."

A subsidy for polluting businesses that was introduced to help them out after the 2008 global financial crisis will be eliminated by 2019. After

that, those businesses will need to pay more for releasing polluting gases. New Zealand is aiming to reduce its greenhouse gas emissions by 30 percent from 2005 levels by 2030.

The government says the measure will help grow a cleaner economy. But opponents say the measure amounts to a tax hike on businesses, and consumers will end up paying more.

New Zealand is unusual among developed nations in that it's operating with a small surplus rather than borrowing money to pay its bills. The government's books returned to the black last year for the first time since the financial crisis.

The Treasury is forecasting the economy will continue to grow at an average annual rate of 2.8 percent over the next five years. That's despite a big drop in prices for its key dairy exports, due in part to slowing growth in China. The dairy downturn has been offset by a boom in tourism as well as growth in construction and immigration.

"A positive economic outlook and stable finances means New Zealand has choices that few other developed countries have," said Finance Minister Bill English. **AP**

WORLD BRIEFS

AUSTRALIA's deputy prime minister is criticized for suggesting that a temporary ban on cattle exports to Indonesia five years ago hindered ties with Jakarta that contributed to an influx of asylum seekers arriving by boats from Indonesia.

NEPAL A helicopter retrieves the body of a Dutch climber who died last week on Mount Everest, while attempts are being made to retrieve the bodies of two other climbers and to locate two more who went missing on the world's tallest mountain.

SRI LANKA's Cabinet approves setting up an office to learn the fate of several thousand people who went missing during the civil war that ended seven years ago.



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PAKISTAN's influential Council of Islamic Ideology has outlined the circumstances in which it believes men are permitted to beat their wives. The council rejected a bill to protect women in Punjab, branding it un-Islamic, and has instead proposed its guidelines on when husbands can use violence against their wives.



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FRANCE Strikes led by France's union workers threaten to cripple the country and its travel network as refineries, ports and air traffic control are affected in the eighth non-consecutive day of protest against a controversial labor bill. The legislation is designed to facilitate hiring by curbing workers' rights and loosening France's statutory 35-hour week. **More on p15**

SOUTH AFRICA President Jacob Zuma has pledged his support to Palestine during a meeting with his counterpart, Mahmoud Abbas, in Cape Town. The two leaders met to strengthen sociopolitical ties, trade and economic relations.

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