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‘The biggest challenge for me this year is to become the first three-time winner’

Renato Marques

AUSTRALIAN golfer Scott Hend has registered once more for the Venetian Macao Open, which will take place on the greens of the Macau Golf and Country Club this October.

The reigning champion and two-time winner of the event (2013 and 2015) will try to retain the winner's cup and bank the biggest prize money ever, with the tournament offering a total of USD1.1 million (approx MOP8.8 million) to be distributed amongst the winners.

The event, which has been increasing its prize money over the last four consecutive years, is now top of the list of the most rewarding tournaments on the Asian Tour.

This year, the 42-year-old golfer has an additional incentive, because his latest win at the Queen's Cup, played on Koh Samui in Thailand last weekend, has increased his chances of qualifying for one of the two available spots to represent Australia at the Summer Olympic Games. Both Adam Scott and Marc Leishman, ranked 8th and 37th respectively, have stepped-down, leaving Hend (currently 74th in the world) in place to join world number one Jason Day in the return of the sport to the games, which will take place in Rio de Janeiro,



Scott Hend takes a swing during last year's tournament

Brazil in August.

To learn more about Hend's ambitions and expectations, the Times spoke to the golfer

in a telephone interview.

Macau Daily Times (MDT) – What will be your biggest challenge this year?

Scott Hend (SH) – I'm sure I will meet a very strong field again this year and obviously my expectations will be pretty high as I get there. I'm just looking forward to the challenges of the golf course.

The biggest challenge for me this year is to become the first player to win it [the Open] three times. Nobody has won this event three times yet, so I hope to play a nice little game of golf to be the first three-time winner.

MDT – I remember last year you were not too happy with the weather and especially the rain. Are you

hoping for better weather to help become a three-time winner?

SH – I just hope that it will be sunny and hot, because when it is the course dries out. I can't control the weather but I would prefer to have a pretty firm golf course, so I would like that to happen.

I like how the golf course is a little bit bouncy, a little bit dry. I find it an interesting and ex-

citing golf course to play.

MDT – You have already mentioned that being a three-time winner in Macau is your next career goal. What about after that?

SH – In my immediate future, [besides] playing well and winning in Macau, my goal is to qualify for the Olympics and aim for the US PGA. [It] would be nice to compete in a major world golf championship and win one of those elite tournaments.

MDT – How close are you to achieving that goal?

SH – It's a work in progress! I've been working on this [goal] for about 20 years; hopefully it's close now.

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LIVE poultry sales in Macau have been suspended for at least three days, starting yesterday and continuing until Saturday, the Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau (IACM) and the Health Bureau announced. The ban comes after a test sample from the Iao Hon Market was found to contain the avian influenza virus.

In order to ensure public safety and to minimize the risk of the virus spreading, local authorities culled more than 9,000 birds in Macau's wholesale markets. The slaughters were carried out shortly after the aforementioned sample tested positive for the H7 subtype virus.

A public health contingency system was immediately activated once the virus was detected. The measures that were taken include: the suspension, until further notice, of imports from mainland farms suspected of being associated with the source of the virus; and a

PUBLIC HEALTH

Live poultry sales suspended



Seven people who manage the stall where the virus was detected have been placed under medical observation

thorough cleaning and sterilization of the sections of Macau's wholesale markets that handle poultry, as well as all stalls in local wet markets that sell live poultry.

The government has informed mainland authorities about the

incident and will work closely with them to trace the virus back to its source, said a representative of the IACM.

The departments are now investigating the source of the virus. The sales ban is likely to be extended to up to 21 days if

the source is not found before Saturday.

In addition, the seven people who manage the stall where the virus was detected have been placed under medical observation at the Conde S. Januário Hospital for a period of 10 days.

The Health Bureau urges anyone who visited the Iao Hon Market on Wednesday, and anyone who has developed symptoms such as a fever and cough, to contact the authorities.

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GDI holds bid opening for the last foundation of Island Hospital

Lynzy Valles

THE Infrastructure Development Office (GDI) yesterday held the bid opening session for the last foundation of the first phase of the Central Laboratory of Island Medical Complex.

The first phase of Macau's second public hospital will feature six buildings, of which the foundations of two buildings have already been completed.

The deadline for bidding submission was on Wednesday and GDI revealed that there are 19 bidders in the current tender process.

According to the government's Official Gazette, the participation requirements for the bidding are: to be listed as individual entities by the Land, Public Works and Transport Bureau. Bidders should also have applied for or renewed their registration with the bureau.

The criteria for assessing the proposal are price; duration of the construction work; work plan; experience and quality of previous work; and integrity and honesty, which account for 60 percent, 3 percent, 10 percent, 15 percent and 12 percent respectively.



Representatives of the Infrastructure Development Office open tenders for a construction for the Islands District Medical Complex

Tomás Hoi, engineering chief of GDI, stressed that the construction work will create approximately 60 employment opportunities. As the maximum execution time for the project is 300 working days, Hoi is confident that the project will be completed next year.

"We expect that the work will start in the fourth quarter of 2016 [up] to the third quarter of 2017," he told the Times.

The Health Bureau stated last year that the hospital complex, which will be located east of Estrada do Istmo in Cotai, might be

delayed as the initial designs for the project have been expanded.

Since the hospital's plans have been changed to add more beds and increase the number of operating theaters, the project is likely to face delays due to the complexity of the project's design and planned infrastructure.

Occupying a total of 77,500 square meters of reclaimed land to the northeast of Seac Pai Van Reservoir in Coloane, the construction of the region's second public hospital has already suffered several delays.

HK and Macau Affairs Office to be investigated

THE mainland's anti-corruption watchdog, the Central Commission for Discipline Inspection (CCDI) warned late on Wednesday night that it is about to begin an investigation into the Hong Kong and Macau Affairs Office, as part of its four-year-long anti-graft campaign.

Also to be investigated is a number of National People Congress' agencies, including the Basic Law committees for Hong and Macau and 29 other ministerial-level party and government organs.

CCDI head Wang Qishan, who unveiled the inspection plans on Wednesday, said that they would be an effective way to reduce corruption in the government bodies.

"Inspections are an important way to carry out internal-party supervision," he said, as cited by South China Morning Post. Inspections will "examine whether the party's guidelines and policies have been truthfully enforced in a bid to resolutely safeguard the party's central leadership," added Wang.

The latest anti-corruption crackdown orchestrated by the central government is the 10th since president Xi Jinping assumed office in 2012. It comes after a mainland official in charge of internal control at the State Council's Hong Kong and Macau Affairs Office was found to have breached such controls himself.

The crackdown "signals that the central government is serious about cracking down on corruption, and no department is spared," Hong Kong-based commentator Johnny Lau told SCMP. "In the past, they might not highlight the Hong Kong and Macau Affairs Office or the Basic Law Committee in their propaganda [...] but that does not mean the two departments were corruption-free [sic]."

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Former UN General Assembly chief dies amid bribery case

FORMER U.N. General Assembly President John Ashe of the twin-island Caribbean nation of Antigua and Barbuda died on Wednesday in the United States as he was facing criminal charges in a bribery case. He was 61.

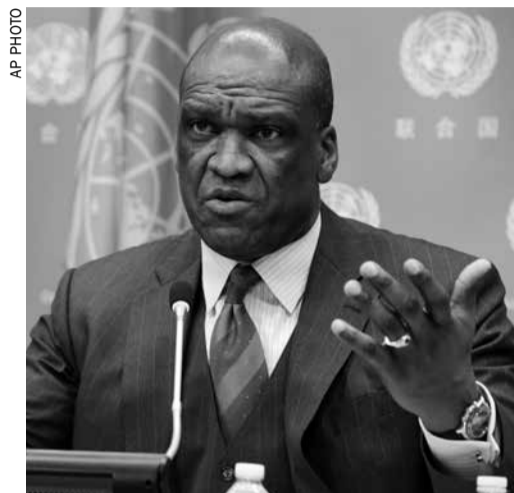
Ashe died at his home in Dobbs Ferry, New York, according to Sgt. Vincent Ingani, of the Dobbs Ferry Police Department. He gave no other details.

Current U.N. General Assembly President Mogens Lykketoft confirmed his death, saying Ashe died of a heart attack.

"Despite the many as yet unproven accusations made against him, Mr. Ashe was for many years a hard-working and popular member of the diplomatic corps in New York and at the United Nations," Lykketoft said in a statement. "I know that his death will come as sad news to the many professional friends and colleagues he made during his time here."

Ashe was a former U.N. ambassador from Antigua and Barbuda who served in the largely ceremonial post of president of the 193-nation assembly from September 2013 to September 2014.

He was accused last year by U.S. federal authorities of turning the position into a "platform for profit" by accepting more than



John Ashe

USD1 million in bribes.

The alleged conspiracy involves six others including a Macau real estate developer (Ng Lap Seng) two diplomats and a humanitarian organization officer.

The U.S. attorney complaint lays out in detail a series of payments from Chinese nationals to Ashe, that were intended to get UN support for a multibillion-dollar project in Macau. Separately, other Chinese nationals paid Ashe hundreds of thousands of dollars to open doors in his native Antigua,

according to the complaint. Ashe also introduced a Chinese business executive to a UN counterpart from Kenya, with the goal of facilitating business investments in Nairobi, the U.S. said.

Ashe pleaded not guilty to the charges and his lawyer had said he would be vindicated. It wasn't clear how Ashe's death would affect the bribery case.

"It's a tragic loss for his family and the community. He was preparing to fight his case at trial," said Ashe's attorney, Jeremy Schneider.

Ashe held a doctorate in bioengineering from the University of Pennsylvania. He joined the foreign service in 1989 and was awarded the Companion of the Order of St. Michael and St. George by Queen Elizabeth II in 2007 for his global diplomatic service, according to his U.N. biography.

As a diplomat, Ashe was heavily involved in sustainable development issues, taking leadership roles in some of the major U.N. environmental agreements.

"We only have the planet we live on, and if we are to leave it in a reasonable state for the next generation, the quest for a safer, cleaner, and more equitable world is one that should consume us all," Ashe said in a U.N. release. **MDT/AP**

TOURISM

Visitor arrivals up in May

Visitors arrivals totaled 2,477,591 in May, up slightly by 0.3 percent month-to-month and yet down by 2.8 percent year-on-year, according to new information released by the Statistics and Census Service. Same-day visitors dropped by 8.3 percent year-on-year to 1,272,242, while overnight visitors rose by 3.8 percent to 1,205,349. Visitors from mainland China decreased by 3.5 percent year-on-year to 1,631,164 in May, led by those coming from Guangdong Province (727,443), Hunan Province (70,514) and Fujian Province (64,950). Visitors from South Korea (48,109) and Hong Kong (500,973) decreased by 8 percent and 4.1 percent respectively year-on-year, while those from Taiwan (81,404) increased by 6.5 percent. In the first five months of 2016, visitor arrivals totaled 12,405,950, down marginally by 0.8 percent compared with the same period in the previous year. Visitors from mainland China (8,224,795) and Hong Kong (2,546,624) decreased by 1.5 percent and 3.2 percent. Meanwhile those from South Korea (265,691) and Taiwan (424,419) increased by 1.3 percent and 10.2 percent respectively.

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Taipa section of Light Rapid Transit rail system to begin operation in 2019

Renato Marques

THE current developments of the Light Rail Transit (LRT), one of Macau's most controversial infrastructure projects, was the focus of a committee meeting held yesterday at the Legislative Assembly.

According to the Secretary for Transport and Public Works, Raimundo do Rosário, the completion of the LRT is a "priority."

"By the end of this year we will finish the construction of the Taipa Island LRT section, which is comprised of 11 stations," the secretary said on the sidelines of the meeting.

Taipa's LRT line spans a total of 9.3km and will connect Taipa Ferry Terminal to the area of Ocean Gardens, passing through Cotai and the Lotus Checkpoint, and according to Raimundo do Rosário, "will be in operation in 2019."

The secretary mentioned that the final budget for the Taipa line would be MOP11 billion, with the estimate including fees relating to the construction of a depot in Taipa.

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Raimundo do Rosário

Although the first priority was clearly stated to be the Taipa line, the secretary also mentioned other goals. He said that the government would also start analysing how to connect the Taipa section with a station planned for a site near A-Ma Temple on Macau Peninsula.

After those works are concluded construction is expected to start on another line, the Taipa-Coloane Isthmus Causeway towards the Coloane side ending at Seac Pai Van. This line will have a length of about 2 kilometers and will have two stations, a first one at the new island health complex and a second one at the public housing development of Seac Pai Van," the secretary explained in detail, stating also that the project will be developed in one go, from start to finish.

"We will not 'break this into pieces' again, the project will be [completed in one go] and the line of Seac Pai Van will be one line with 2 stations and will be one work."

As for the Macau Peninsula, the secretary did not want to mention any dates for the pro-

ject's projected conclusion, since it is still at a very early stage and faces many objections. Nevertheless, the head of the territory's Transport and Public Works did state that a decision on the layout and details of the Macau lines would be made this year.

The secretary further stated the government was in discussion with the mainland authorities regarding a proposed section of the Light Rapid Transit system that would connect Macau to Hengqin Island,

After the meeting, the Follow-Up Committee on Land and Public Concession Affairs president, Ho Ion Sang, said that "the government has been following with more discipline the entire public tender process for the [LRT] depot, which usually takes about eight months. This time the government expects to shorten this period, which will lead to the works starting in the fourth quarter of this year."

Another of the innovative solutions that the government is adopting in order to expedite the construction and commen-

ce the operation of the Taipa line is to establish a scheme of prizes and penalties for the building companies in relation to the construction deadlines for major stages of the project.

For the particular project of the depot and materials park, a total of 14 deadlines have been established. If they are fully respected, the construction company will receive a bonus of 8 percent of the total budget, which would represent around MOP80m, Ho Ion Sang stated.

As for the penalties, the same spokesperson said that the government has not yet informed

him of the sums.

Questioned by a journalist about what the committee thought of this practice, Ho said, "the policy [of establishing bonuses and penalties] is common practice in the private construction sector." Ho also added, that "[construction delays] in most of the cases create a bigger harm," and he considers that the government has been "courageous" in presenting "new solutions."

Yesterday's meeting was also attended by the Transportation Infrastructure Office (GIT) Coordinator, Ho Cheong Kei.



LRT construction works

GIT TO BE CLOSED BY 2017

THE TRANSPORTATION

Infrastructure Office (GIT), the entity responsible for the construction management of the Light Rail Transit (LRT), will be shut down by 2017, Ho Ion Sang recalled. The lawmaker added that in its place a new management company for the LRT would be created, similar to what happened with the Macau Interna-

tional Airport Co. Ltd (CAM).

This company will be owned totally by the government and will call upon the HK MTR Company as a consultant that, according to Ho, will be mainly responsible for the "conception, exploring and inspection" of the LRT. The contract with the HK company was completed with a direct awarding of MOP474 million.

Ng Kuok Cheong urges gov't to reveal details on regional cooperation

LAWMAKER Ng Kuok Cheong believes that the Guangdong development fund for Guangdong-Macau cooperation is motivated more by political duties than by economic goals and the subsequent benefits it will bring to Macau, according to a report by All About Macau.

Earlier this week, more than 50 government officials from Guangdong province were present at the conference, which was held at the East Asian Games Dome, including Zhu Xiaodan, the Governor of Guangdong Province. Macau and Guangdong signed 12 cooperation framework agreements, in-

cluding a memorandum on the aforementioned fund development.

The fund aims to invest in infrastructure projects in Guangdong, funded by both parties. On the question of how much money Macau will need to provide, no official amounts have been disclosed yet. However, ac-

ording to a report by the Macao Daily News, the Macau government proposed last year to invest somewhere between 10 to 20 billion patacas in Guangdong's livelihood and state-owned company projects.

Ng implied that the fund could be regarded as political payback from Macau

to Guangdong, as Macau's strong economy has been reaping the benefits of the free travelling policy issued by mainland.

"Why did the government not conduct a public consultation on this resolution? Because this is a policy duty, [we] can't change anything [in it]," said Ng, who also

posed the question that, once an investment company is established by the fund, how will the local government supervise it?

"Regarding the investment project, does Macau have a right to interfere?" Ng asked, adding "what kind of security will the Guangdong government provide [to Macau] in order to guarantee profits cover all the expenses?"

Ng also urged the government to reveal the details of the memorandum, which so far have not been revealed to the public.

Asian stocks mixed ahead of Britain's referendum

ASIAN shares were mixed yesterday ahead of a vote on whether Britain will opt to remain in the European Union.

KEEPING SCORE: Japan's benchmark Nikkei 225 gained 0.4 percent to 16,122.53 in early trading. Hong Kong's Hang Seng inched up 0.1 percent to 20,819.97. The Shanghai Composite edged down 0.3 percent to 2,896.12. South Korea's Kospi fell 0.4 percent to 1,985.38. Australia's S&P/ASX 200 rose 0.1 percent to 5,278.40.

BRITAIN VOTE: Investors are watching for the outcome of the referendum on Britain's membership in the European Union. An exit may send global shares tumbling, analysts say.

THE QUOTE: "Is Brexit really important? To Britain itself, sure," a report from DBS Bank in Hong Kong said. "To the rest of the world, not so much. From a real economy perspective, Britain could fall off the map tomorrow, and Asia's growth would replace it — and add three more — over the next 8.5 years. No one likes to see self-harm, but the fact is Britain hasn't played a smaller role in the global economy for 400 years."

CHINA & OIL WOES

Panama Canal to open amid shipping downturn

THE USD5.25 billion expansion of the Panama canal is set to open Sunday at a difficult moment for the international commercial shipping market.

The drop in world oil prices, an economic slowdown in China and other factors have been affecting the canal's traffic and income.

About a third of the canal's traffic is between U.S. East Coast ports and northern Asian ports. But that cargo traffic dropped 10.2 percent in 2015, and lower oil prices have allowed some shippers to use longer routes. And because of the canal's size limitations, some shippers now go through the Suez Canal.

Canal Administrator Jorge Luis Quijano said yesterday the shipping market is cyclical and will rebound. There are already 162 reservations for large-ship voya-



Panama Canal Authority crane ship Oceanus, navigates the Cocoli locks during a test of the newly expanded Panama Canal locks on Pacific side

ges through the new locks through December, and the new locks are expected to earn between \$400 million and \$450 million in their first year of operation.

"Things won't stay at zero. The world will continue to grow," Quijano said. "Eventually there will be a rebou-

nd and the good thing is that we are prepared to take advantage of that when it occurs."

Quijano said the current economic downturn may last one or two years.

"We believe that the United States will see significant growth in the future for

its new export capacity for natural gas and oil," Quijano said. "That is what we are betting on, and that is why I feel so optimistic that the canal will do well."

Canal authorities have been carrying out tests with smaller ships in the lead-up to Sunday's first full passage, and Quijano acknowledged that one lock didn't open correctly.

"What happened was that one lock failed to open but it wasn't a mechanical or electrical problem, but rather a software-control issue," Quijano said.

The expansion will also allow larger ships to pass, increasing efficiency.

The renovations will double the canal's capacity, tap new markets such as liquid natural gas shipments and cut global maritime costs by an estimated \$8 billion a year. AP

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12. Not taking out adequate insurance

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In parts of the world where building quality is poor, insurance is essential. You can have your profits wiped out through having to pay for fire damage due to poor wiring, a burst pipe that was unattended, or some other similar incident.

This is especially important in apartment blocks where the cause of the damage may not have been your own doing, but that of a neighbor. Ideally you would insure not just the cost of re-building the apartment, but the cost of repairing any internal damages as well.

The bank with which you have your mortgage loan can help to provide you with more details on insurance.

11. Owning an empty apartment

Empty apartments cost money, and if you are investing in property it's money that is lost rather invested. When a property is empty, it deteriorates very quickly. In summer time mould appears

quickly, and insects and bugs find their way in the home. Heavy rain and flash floods can create problems that require time and money to fix.

In winter, shrinkage of materials can create open gaps in doors and windows, and unattended issues such as bursts pipes and electrical failures can cause lasting damage if they are not handled in a timely fashion.

If a property is for rent, every day it remains empty is lost revenue that cannot be recovered.

An empty property is a cost to be minimized. If it must sit empty for some time, make sure there is a professional management company looking after it to avoid these issues.

10. Creating negative cash-flow

Property can be both an asset and a liability. In very simple terms, if the property puts money in your pocket, it's an asset. If it takes money out, it's a liability.

As a property investor, negative cashflow means that you have to pay out a sum of money every month on top of the rent collected in order to repay the bank loan.

If you are buying investment property, it makes sense that once you have paid the deposit, the

rental income should pay for the bank loan, and have enough money left over to cover other related costs such as the management fees.

By avoiding negative cashflow, you are providing yourself with a 'buffer' in case circumstances change, and you will build up a growing amount of funds that can be used for further investment.

9. Hiring the wrong rental agent

Agencies tend to specialize. Figuring out which one best suits your needs is important.

Some agencies, usually the single agent and the smaller agencies, focus on low-end rentals. Others are more concerned purely with sales, and do very little rental placement.

Choosing the wrong agent for the job can cost you a lot of wasted time and lost revenue. Before placing your property with an agency, it's always a good idea to ask them about the number of similar transactions they are currently handling. This will give you an idea of how busy they are, and what experience they have with your type of property.

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HONG KONG

China tourist malaise deepens from bling to buns

Daniela Wei

HONG Kong's sharp drop in visitor arrivals from mainland China has hurt retailers' sales from luxury watches and gems, to anti-wrinkle cream and pastries as the slowdown deepens in the world's second-biggest economy.

Net income at Sa Sa International Holdings Ltd. fell 54 percent to HKD383.5 million in the year ended March 2016 on poorer sales to Chinese customers, and the cosmetics stores operator said Hong Kong's retail market "will continue to face a number of challenges" amid China's weak economy and stricter entry rules for mainland visitors.

Sa Sa's poor outlook followed that of restaurants operator Tsui Wah Holdings Ltd., which said this week profit for the year ended March 2016 will drop by more than 50 percent, also attributing it to a drop in Chinese customers. Mainland tourists, who account for about 70 percent of visitors to Hong Kong, fell 16 percent in 2015 and slumped a further 13 percent in the first four months of this year, according to the city's tourism board.

"It would continue to be tough for retailers to do business in Hong Kong this year, for both high-end and low-end brands," said Dickie Wong, executive director of Kingston Securities Ltd. Chinese consumers have gradually shifted

their buying of luxury goods to other cities, while the weakness of the yuan curbed demand for cheaper products such as food and cosmetics, Wong said.

Sa Sa, which gets about 80 percent of sales from Hong Kong and Macau, rose 2.6 percent to HKD2.78 by the close of trading after it declared a special dividend. Tsui Wah, which specializes in Hong Kong snacks such as condensed milk buns, fell 2.1 percent, extending Wednesday's loss of 8.5 percent. The benchmark Hang Seng Index rose 0.4 percent.

"We expanded in tourist locations to capture the strong demand from visitors in the previous years and now we need to adjust our store network as the market has changed," Sa Sa Chairman Si-

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KINGSTON SECURITIES LTD

mon Kwok said at a briefing held in Hong Kong, after the company announced results.

Sa Sa will adjust its stores network in Hong Kong by shutting down some in areas frequented by tourists, and opening more in other districts, as rental costs in popular areas such as Causeway Bay can be as much as six times higher, Kwok said. The retailer will only consider lease renewals in tourist districts if it is able to obtain rent cuts of at least 45 percent to 50 percent, Chief Financial Officer Guy Look said at the briefing.

Chow Tai Fook Jewellery Group Ltd., the world's largest publicly traded jewelry chain, earlier this month predicted market conditions in the region to remain challenging, and said it would chase Chinese tourist dollars overseas as well as negotiate for lower rents after full-year profit fell 46 percent. Its smaller Hong Kong-based rival Luk Fook Holdings (International) Ltd. reported yesterday net income fell 40 percent to HKD958.7 million, citing uncertainties in the global economy and China's slowdown.

The situation for retailers in Hong Kong "will still be difficult until rental costs further decline to offset sales slump," said Kingston's Wong. Efforts by retailers to strike deals with landlords in Hong Kong to cut rents would help limit this year's profit declines, according to Bloomberg Intelligence. **Bloomberg**

ZHENGZHOU

11 killed in aluminum plant accident

AN accident at an aluminum refinery in central China has killed 11 workers, state media and a local official said yesterday, pointing to continuing industrial safety problems despite government-ordered improvements.

The accident Wednesday at the Aluminum Corp. of China facility in the city of Zhengzhou occurred when equipment that the workers were dismantling collapsed on top of them. The official Xinhua News Agency said eight other workers were injured.

An official with the Zhengzhou city government confirmed the death toll yesterday but declined to give details or her name.

Authorities have sought to improve industrial safety and the storage of dangerous products since a massive series of explosions at a chemical warehouse in the eastern port city of Tianjin last August killed 173 people — the bulk of them firefighters and police — in one of China's worst-ever workplace accidents.

Chinese aluminum producers are among the bloated industries Washington and other trading partners complain are dumping exports too cheaply, hurting foreign competitors and threatening jobs.

China recently promised to rein in production of steel that is flooding global markets but made no commitments on aluminum. **AP**

TRADE

Global steel frictions rise as China hits back at US mills

CHINA has pushed back after the U.S. boosted anti-dumping and anti-subsidy duties on some of its steel products, saying mills in the world's biggest economy lack competitiveness because they are over-protected.

Protectionism in the U.S. steel sector is deeply worrying as these measures will only exacerbate friction without helping to solve the problem of shrinking global demand, China's commerce ministry said in a statement yesterday. "China believes that the lack of competitiveness in the U.S. steel industry is the result of over-protection," it said.

The world is awash in steel as demand drops in China, which accounts for about half of global production. To offset declining consumption, overcapacity and weakening prices at home, Chinese mills have boosted exports to record levels. That's raised trade tensions worldwide, spurring a backlash from rival producers and forcing policy makers to try to address the problem, including at May's Group-of-Seven meeting in Japan.

"China urges the U.S. to abide by the World Trade Organization's rules and to use trade remedy measures judiciously," the commerce ministry said after the U.S. ruling, which came Wednesday from the International Trade Commission, a federal body.

The U.S. has been "materially injured" by imports of the cold-rolled steel flat products from China, as well as Japan, which have been determined to be sold at less than fair value and subsidized, the ITC said in a statement. All six of the ITC's commissioners backed the move, it said. **Bloomberg**

SOUTH CHINA SEA

Indonesia's Widodo rebuffs Beijing with Natuna islands visit

INDONESIAN President Joko "Jokowi" Widodo visited the Natuna islands yesterday in a move designed to send a message about the country's commitment to protecting its sovereignty in the area at the edge of the South China Sea.

Jokowi, accompanied by top security officials, toured the area on the same naval ship that fired warning shots last week at Chinese fishing boats and detained one of the vessels and its seven crew members.

He then presided over a meeting on board the ship, discussing issues including development of the remote islands, about 1,100 kilometers north of Jakarta.

Senior political and se-



Indonesian President Joko Widodo stands on the bridge of navy warship KRI Imam Bonjol, as it sails on the waters of Natuna Islands

curity minister Luhut Binsar Pandjaitan said the visit would "send a clear message" that Indonesia is very serious about protecting its sovereignty.

"In the course of our history, we've never been this stern [with China]," the Jakarta Post newspaper quoted Pandjaitan as saying. "This is also to demonstrate that the president is not taking the issue lightly."

On Sunday, China's Foreign Ministry released a statement of protest over last week's shooting incident, saying the Indonesian navy had "abused its military force." It described the waters as China's traditional fishing ground.

China's expansive claims to the South China Sea do not include the Natuna islands, which are nearly 2,000 kilometers from the Chinese mainland.

But China's "nine dash

line," which it uses to roughly demarcate its ambitions for its maritime boundaries, overlaps with a section of Indonesia's internationally recognized exclusive economic zone extending from the Natuna islands.

The incident last week was the third involving Chinese fishing boats in recent months. In March, Indonesia intercepted a Chinese fishing vessel off the Natuna islands. In May, an Indonesian frigate fired shots at a Chinese trawler when it refused to stop fishing, and then seized the vessel and its eight crew members.

Indonesia, the world's largest archipelago nation, has taken a tough stance against illegal fishing since Jokowi took office in October 2014. It has blown up 176 foreign fishing boats caught fishing illegally in Indonesian waters since then.

On Wednesday, a senior U.S. State Department official expressed concern over Chinese coast guard ships escorting Chinese fishing vessels in areas including waters off the Natuna islands.

"I think it is a disturbing trend to see Chinese fishing vessels accompanied by coast guard vessels used in a way that appears to be an attempt to exert a claim that may not be legitimate," the U.S. official told Asian reporters in a teleconference. The official spoke on condition of anonymity.

She said it pointed to an expanding use of Chinese military and paramilitary forces "that is provocative and potentially destabilizing." AP

Schools ordered to remove toxic running tracks



A tarp covers the ground after a running track suspected to be made from toxic material was removed from the Beijing No. 2 Experimental School

SCHOOLS across China have been ordered to remove running tracks made from toxic materials that have been blamed for sickening students, in the latest in a long line of product scandals blamed on corruption and weak oversight.

A statement on the Education Ministry's website said nationwide inspections by environmental and consumer protection departments have been ordered over the summer school break.

Any track found to be unsafe must be removed, the statement said, while construction of new tracks will be suspended until contractors can be properly vetted to ensure they meet industry standards.

Investigations will also be conducted into officials and others found to have been negligent or corrupt. Those found guilty will be punished severely "with no mercy given," the statement said.

Tracks made from recycled tires and other industrial waste are believed to have caused dizziness, nosebleeds and respiratory problems among students in Beijing and several outlying provinces.

One Beijing school has already begun tearing up its track after students fell ill during a stretch of particularly hot weather.

China has suffered recurrent consumer safety scandals over recent years, prompting public outrage and driving a market for imported baby formula, cosmetics and other products.

School safety has also been an issue, with badly designed buildings leading to crushing incidents. State broadcaster CCTV also recently reported an outbreak of health problems among students at a high school campus in the eastern province of Zhejiang, possibly linked to polluted soil, although local authorities said inspections turned up no environmental problems. AP

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JIANGSU

State media say 78 killed by powerful tornado

A powerful tornado killed 78 people and destroyed large numbers of buildings yesterday in the eastern Chinese province of Jiangsu, state media reported.

The tornado hit near the city of Yangcheng, according to state broadcaster CCTV and other official media. They said large numbers of people were injured and roads were blocked.

CCTV showed people carrying the injured to hospitals, cars and trucks flipped over on their roofs, street light poles snapped in half, and steel electricity pylons crumpled and lying on their side.

The Jiangsu provincial fire and rescue service provided no word on casualties but said on its microblog that the storm was accompanied by hail. Photos posted online showed a wrecked three-story schoolhouse with large trees strewn on its playing field.

Southern and eastern China have expe-



The remains of a steel tower are photographed in Funing County

rienced weeks of torrential rain and storms that have caused widespread flooding and dozens of casualties.

The southern part of the country is hit every year during the monsoon season of May, June and July, but this rainy season has been particularly wet. Water levels in some major rivers have exceeded those of 1998, when China was hit by disastrous floods that affected 180 million people, according to state media reports. AP

JAPAN

No July 4 fireworks at US bases after Okinawa rape



Protesters shout anti-U.S. military base slogans as they hold placards that read: "Get out U.S. Marines" during a rally in front of the National Diet building in Tokyo

Mari Yamaguchi, Tokyo

THERE will be no Fourth of July fireworks for American troops in Japan this year because of restrictions imposed after a former U.S. Marine was accused of raping and murdering a woman on Okinawa.

U.S. Forces Japan said yesterday that "no U.S. installations in Japan will celebrate the Fourth of July holiday with fireworks displays or concerts" to demonstrate respect for Okinawan residents.

The killing of the woman, whose body was found in May, triggered outrage on the southern Japanese island, where tensions frequently rise over crime linked to U.S. military bases there.

The suspect, a U.S. military contractor and former Marine, is charged with abandoning the woman's body, and murder and rape charges are pending.

Maj. John Severns, deputy director of public affairs at U.S. Forces Japan, said in an email that barbecues, sporting events and other community activities are still being planned at bases in the country to share the traditions for celebrating American independence with Japanese neighbors.

The murder case has rekindled anger in Okinawa over the burden of the heavy U.S. troop presence there.

After the suspect's arrest, the U.S. Marine Corps and Navy imposed restrictions on their personnel, including prohibitions on alcohol consumption and off-base activities, though some limits by the Navy

have since been eased.

Okinawa was already in the spotlight because of a contentious plan to relocate a Marine Corps air station to a less-populated part of the island. The plan developed after the 1995 rape of a girl by three American servicemen enraged Okinawans. Critics want the air station completely removed from the island.

"Crime and accidents have been repeated for years because of U.S. military bases occupying vast areas [of the island]," Okinawa Gov. Takeshi Onaga said at an annual ceremony Thursday marking the end of the Battle of Okinawa, one of the bloodiest battles Japan fought against the U.S. in World War II. More than half of the 200,000 Japanese who died in the battle were Okinawans, compared to some 12,000 Americans killed.

"The prefecture residents are shocked and are feeling unsafe and enraged because of the latest crime that was so inhuman and heinous," Onaga said, renewing demands that the Japanese and U.S. governments quickly reduce the number of American troops on the island.

Half of about 50,000 American troops stationed in Japan under a bilateral security agreement are based on Okinawa.

The U.S. military says the crime rate among its ranks in Japan is lower than among the general public.

Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's government, which wants Japan to play a bigger military role internationally, backs the Japan-U.S. security alliance. **AP**

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INDOCHINA

Suu Kyi tackles migrant workers' plight during Thailand trip

Jerry Harmer & Vicky Ge Huang, Mahachai

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IN a demonstration of her popular appeal, Myanmar de facto leader Aung San Suu Kyi received a rapturous welcome yesterday as she presided over a town hall-type meeting with some of the huge population of migrant workers from her homeland who eke out a living in Thailand.

Her meeting with countrymen in the Thai port town of Mahachai, where many work, reprised a similar meeting in 2012 that drew tens of thousands. The numbers this time appeared to be lower, but the level of adulation was high, as the cheering crowd had to be held back from mobbing her.

Overshadowing her visit — though not addressed by her or her Thai hosts — is her government's treatment of the Rohingya, a Muslim minority of about 1 million who generally have been deprived of citizenship under Myanmar law and are targets of discrimination and violence.

Suu Kyi spoke to several hundred people in a meeting hall for 20 minutes before stepping down from the stage in frustration at a faulty sound system to engage face-to-face with members of the audience, who gave her questions and comments about what she could do to help their often difficult lives.

A large crowd of several thousand waiting outside burst into cheers and song as she was leaving, after staying for the duration of her 45-minute meeting even as a heavy rain poured down on them.



Myanmar's Foreign Minister and State Counselor Aung San Suu Kyi

When Suu Kyi last visited Thailand four years ago, it was as head of her country's opposition party to offer moral support to her countrymen who work here in menial jobs, often in exploitative conditions.

She arrived back as her country's elected leader to tackle on an official basis the problems faced by Myanmar migrant workers the government estimates to number 1.4 million but advocates say is at least twice that.

In her new position of more power and responsibility, Suu Kyi faces greater scrutiny than she did as a democracy heroine fighting military rule. The

trip puts her in the spotlight as questions have arisen about her government's policies, particularly toward the Rohingya minority, which critics say fall short of what they expected from the Nobel Peace Prize laureate.

Many in the country's Buddhist majority say the Rohingya are mostly illegal immigrants from Bangladesh and not a native ethnic group, although many have lived in Myanmar for generations.

Rights activists have criticized Suu Kyi for failing to ensure justice for the Rohingya, many of whom live in poor conditions in internal dis-

placement camps after communal violence forced them from their homes.

Suu Kyi is being hosted by Thailand's military junta, and her trip is being tightly scripted, with no opportunities for the media to question her on the issue.

Thai police forced organizers to change the format of a news conference held by Rohingya activists yesterday, allowing them to read prepared statements but not take questions. Police said the event could violate a law against instigating unrest.

Her focus, however, is on the migrant workers' situation. She

is scheduled to sign two agreements to improve the migrants' working conditions and make it easier for them to work legally.

"In 2012, she gave a promise to the workers [...] that she would support them, both to return to Myanmar but also to have a better life here," said Andy Hall, who advises the Migrant Workers Rights Network. "I think the workers see her visit, both as something that would result in greater protection for them, but also [as] another sign that the time is coming when they can eventually go back home to their motherland and continue their lives there."

Suu Kyi was scheduled to visit a refugee camp tomorrow in the western province of Ratchaburi, bordering Myanmar, but that was canceled due to poor weather, the Thai foreign ministry said. There are about 100,000 refugees from Myanmar in camps just inside the Thai border, and their eventual repatriation has been discussed for decades. But combat in Myanmar's ethnic-controlled border regions has never completely ceased, though there are hopes that with the army out of power, peace can be achieved.

Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy party swept last year's general election to take power in March, but she is blocked from becoming president by a clause in the constitution enacted under army rule that bars her from holding the post. As a workaround, her party created the post of state councillor, putting her in charge of her amenable colleague, President Htin Kyaw. She also is foreign minister. **AP**

NEW ZEALAND

Man gets prison time for sending militant videos

ANew Zealand man was sentenced yesterday to more than three years in prison for distributing Islamic militant videos in the first case of its type in the South Pacific nation.

After his sentencing, 26-year-old Imran Patel had to be dragged by security guards from an Auckland courtroom while he shouted "Allahu akbar," the Arabic phrase for "God is great," accord-

ing to The New Zealand Herald newspaper.

Patel had earlier pleaded guilty to distributing objectionable material after sending out links to videos made by the Islamic State group that depicted prisoners being shot and beheaded.

Judge Russell Collins said the violence shown on the videos was "grotesque" and that the glorification of such violence

was of serious concern to the courts and must be the subject of deterrence, the Herald reported.

Defense lawyer Adam Holland said his client was "naive and misguided," and although he suspected he was being monitored by police, assumed he was doing nothing wrong.

"He now understands he made a very grave error," Holland said, according

to the newspaper.

But prosecutors argued that Patel lacked remorse.

The Herald said the charges arose after Patel last October sent out a series of texts with links to Islamic State group videos, ignoring a warning from his network provider to stop and then changing his phone number and continuing to send messages after his provider blocked him. **AP**

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BREXIT

Markets, bettors put money on Britons remaining in EU

FINANCIAL markets and bettors put their money on Britain's voting to remain a part of the European Union yesterday in a historic referendum that threatens to undermine the experiment in continental unity launched in the aftermath of World War II.

More than 46 million people were registered to vote in the referendum, which asks: "Should the United Kingdom remain a member of the European Union or leave the European Union?" The heated campaign saw the nation take stock of its place in the modern world and question the direction it wanted to take in the future.

"This is, I'd say, the most important day in the past 20 years, at least for the U.K., and the economic consequences of a vote out are huge," said investment banker Hasan Naqvi outside a London polling station. He is voting to stay.

It's possible that England will vote to leave but London, and Scotland and N. Ireland will vote to remain and outweigh the view of the English as a whole.

BEN PAGE
MARKET ANALYST



David Cameron votes in referendum

"Leave" campaigners claim that only a British exit can restore power to Parliament and control immigration. The "remain" campaign led by Prime Minister David Cameron argues that Britain is safer and richer inside the 28-nation EU.

Financial markets have been volatile ahead of the vote, with opinion polls suggesting a tight race, but the pound surged yesterday amid market optimism that uncertainty over the vote would end with a vote to stay. Currency traders expect mayhem in the event of a British exit, or Brexit.

The pound, which experts say

would face a sharp drop in case of an EU exit, rose to its highest level this year, to around USD1.49. Britain's benchmark stock index was up 1.2 percent, adding to big gains so far this week. Other European stock markets were up almost 2 percent.

The bookies also clearly saw momentum to "remain." The betting market Betfair said the probability that the country will stay stands at 86 percent, with a British exit, or Brexit, given just a 14 percent chance. William Hill revised the chances of a "leave" vote down from 25 percent to just under 17 percent.

"Markets seem to be taking a very big bet that the bookmakers are right that there is a minimal chance of a Brexit," said Michael Ingram, Market Strategist for BGC Brokers, L.P.

Also buoying the markets was an opinion poll conducted by the Ipsos MORI firm for the Evening Standard newspaper which suggested the "remain" camp winning by a narrow margin.

"It's perfectly possible that England will vote to leave but London as the capital city, and Scotland and Northern Ireland will all vote to remain and outweigh ultimately the view of the English as a whole," said Ben Page, the chief executive officer of the market research firm.

Turnout is considered critical in the vote, as polling suggested there were a number of undecided voters. A large turnout will favor the "remain" campaign as those who waver at the end tend to go for the status quo. Those favoring "leave" also tend to be more committed.

"It's all about turnout and those soft 'remainers' staying at home," U.K. Independence Party leader Nigel Farage said outside his home after collecting the newspapers.

"I do think we are in with a very strong chance, I do genuinely," he said.

It was raining heavily in some parts of the country, which could reduce turnout. There were anecdotal reports of voters

being unable to get to the polls.

Downpours and flooding swamped parts of London and southeastern Britain. London's Fire Brigade received hundreds of calls of weather-related incidents yesterday, including some reports of flooding and lightning strikes.

Weather forecasters quipped that voters in the southeast would need umbrellas and possibly rubber boots in order to cast ballots. Prime Minister David Cameron ignored questions about the weather as he and his wife, Samantha, cast their votes in London.

Among those braving the London rain were devoted "leave," voters Susanne Humphrey, 71, and Charles Humphrey, 77. The retired couple paused after voting in a community center and spoke from the heart, saying that it meant a lot to them to make their feelings known.

"We have taken it very seriously," Susanne Humphrey said. "And we have prayed."

The slaying of pro-Europe lawmaker Jo Cox in the final week before the vote may also prove a factor in the outcome. While the motive is unclear, the rare killing of a politician cast a shadow over a divisive campaign unusually heated even by Britain's boisterous standards.

Her husband, Brendan Cox, told a crowd of some 9,000 people gathered in Trafalgar Square on the eve of the vote that his wife had died because of her beliefs. AP

USA

Census: Asians remain fastest-growing racial group

ASIANS remain the fastest-growing racial group in the United States, according to new information from the Census Bureau.

The nation's Asian population grew at 3.4 percent between July 2014 and 2015, with migration responsible for the majority of the growth, government officials said yesterday. There are now 21 million Asians in the United States, with Hawaii as the nation's only majority Asian state.

Sam Garrow, a Census Department demographer, said Asians have been the fastest-growing

race group since about 2000, and the main driving force is international migration. In 2013, China replaced Mexico as the top sending country for immigrants to the United States, officials said.

Other minority groups grew as well. The Hispanic population grew by 2.2 percent to 56.6 million, and New Mexico had the largest percentage of Hispanics in the country at 48 percent. The African-American population grew by 1.3 percent to 46.3 million, with Mississippi holding the nation's largest percentage at 38.3 percent.

And the American Indian and Alaska native population grew 1.5 percent to a total of 6.6 million, with Alaska having the largest percent at 19.5 percent.

California has the largest number of most racial and ethnic groups, with more Hispanics, whites, Asians and American Indians than any other state. New York state has more blacks than any other state, and Hawaii has the largest numeric population of Native Hawaiians than any other state.

The second fastest-growing racial group was those who claim two or more races, government

officials said. The number of people who claimed two or more races grew 3.1 percent to 6.6 million. This group was also the youngest group of all racial or ethnic groups with a median age of 20 years old.

In fact, the most diverse generation is the nation's youngest. Census figures show that of those born since 2000, nearly half — or 49 percent — belong to a race or ethnic group other than non-Hispanic white. In contrast, 44.5 percent of the millennials — born between 1982 and 2000 — did not classify themselves as non-Hispanic whites. AP



American Indian jewelers sell their artwork in the plaza of Albuquerque's Old Town, N.M. AP

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FRIDAY

13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
14:40	UEFA EURO 2016 - Group Stage (Group F) Iceland - Austria (Repeated)
16:30	UEFA EURO 2016 - Group Stage (Group E) Sweden - Belgium (Repeated)
18:20	Helena's Shadow (Repeated)
19:00	TDM Talk Show (Repeated)
19:30	Soap Opera
20:10	Sports
21:00	Documentary Serie
22:10	Helena's Shadow
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Portuguese Movie

SATURDAY

10:40	Young Children
11:00	Animation
11:30	Young Adult
12:05	Documentary Series
13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
16:50	Documentary Serie
18:10	Contest
19:10	Non-Daily Portuguese News
20:10	Sports
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
20:50	UEFA EURO 2016 - Round of 16: Switzerland - Poland (Live)
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Publicity
23:50	UEFA EURO 2016 - Round of 16: Wales - N. Ireland (Live)
02:50	UEFA EURO 2016 - Round of 16: Croatia - Portugal (Live)

SUNDAY

10:25	Young Children
11:00	Sunday Mass
13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
14:40	Documentary
15:30	UEFA EURO 2016 - Round of 16: Wales - N. Ireland (Repeated)
17:20	UEFA EURO 2016 - Round of 16: Croatia - Portugal (Repeated)
19:10	Contraponto
20:10	Sports
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
20:50	UEFA EURO 2016 - Round of 16: France - Rep. of Ireland (Live)
23:00	TDM News
23:50	UEFA EURO 2016 - Round of 16: Germany - Slovakia (Live)
02:00	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
02:50	UEFA EURO 2016 - Round of 16: Hungary - Belgium (Live)

offbeat

BEAR THAT WALKS LIKE A HUMAN RE-EMERGES IN NEW JERSEY

A New Jersey black bear that walks upright on its two hind legs and has become a social media darling has re-emerged and has been captured on video months after its last sighting.

The bipedal bear nicknamed Pedals was spotted in the town of Oak Ridge, NJ.com reported yesterday (bit.ly/28Nr-q7L). The bear appeared to be in relatively good health and was moving briskly in a video posted to Facebook featuring the bear. The man who posted the video wrote that he spotted the bear Monday.

Pedals apparently has an injured leg or paw that doesn't allow it to walk comfortably on all fours, according to experts. Prior to the latest video, there had been no reported recent sightings and officials asked the public for help in locating the bear.

Lawrence Hajna, spokesman for the state Department of Environmental Protection, said officials expect the bear to make it through next winter.

"The bear has an indomitable spirit," Hajna said.

The bear first gained fame after it was spotted ambling around neighborhoods and was caught on videos that were posted on social media and shown on national television.

Last year, supporters pushed for Pedals to be moved to a sanctuary in New York state, but New Jersey officials have said they won't allow the bear to be captured and transferred to the facility. Hajna said at the time that the bear would do better in its natural habitat and the agency would step in if its condition deteriorated.

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23 JUN - 29 JUN



INDEPENDENCE DAY: RESURGENCE_

ROOM 1
(2D) 2.30, 4.45, 9.30 pm
(3D) 7.15 pm

Director: Roland Emmerich
Starring: Liam Hemsworth, Jeff Goldblum, Bill Pullman
Language: English (Cantonese)
Duration: 120min



ALICE THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS_

ROOM 2
(2D) 2.30, 4.30, 9.30 pm
(3D) 7.30 pm

Director: James Bobin
Starring: Mia Wasikowska, Johnny Depp, Helena Bonham Carter
Language: English (Cantonese)
Duration: 113min

KIDNAP DING DING DON_

ROOM 3
2.30, 4.45, 7.15, 9.30 pm

Director: Wilson Chin
Starring: Ivana Wong, Alex Fong, Kabby Hui, Bill Chan
Language: Cantonese (Cantonese/English)
Duration: 98min



NOW YOU SEE ME 2_

ROOM 1
2.30, 4.45, 7.15, 9.30 pm

Director: Jon M. Chu
Starring: Jesse Eisenberg, Mark Ruffalo, Woody Harrelson
Language: English (Cantonese)
Duration: 129min

MACAU TOWER

23 JUN - 07 JUL

INDEPENDENCE DAY: RESURGENCE_

2.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30 pm

Director: Roland Emmerich
Starring: Liam Hemsworth, Jeff Goldblum, Bill Pullman
Language: English (Cantonese)
Duration: 120min

this day in history



1974 LABOUR RIFT OVER NUCLEAR TEST

The Labour Government has admitted Britain exploded a nuclear device in the United States a few weeks ago.

It is thought the underground trial at America's desert test range in Nevada was carried out on one of the new warheads for the Polaris submarine missiles.

The announcement has sparked a row between senior ministers and the left-wing Tribune group, which opposes Britain's - and Labour's - involvement in the arms race.

The trial had been arranged by the previous Conservative Government, but the Ministry of Defence said it was not ashamed of its nuclear arsenal and intended to continue with the programme.

Tribune member Frank Allaun said it was Labour policy to get rid of what he termed "suicide weapons".

And the MP suggested scrapping missiles would set a good example to aspiring nuclear powers.

"The danger at the moment is of the bomb spreading to more and more countries - that's a grave danger," he said.

Defence Secretary Roy Mason said he could understand why people in the Labour Party were opposed to the tests.

But he emphasized there was no party commitment to the abolition of nuclear weapons and said the government had not broken a manifesto pledge or international agreement by exploding the device.

"If we had purposefully taken the decision to abandon the test we would have been prematurely taking the decision to abandon our strategic deterrent - that's not on," he said.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

The world's first nuclear test was carried out by the US on 16 July 1945 at Alamogordo Air Base reservation, New Mexico. Various treaties since the 1958 Geneva Conference have attempted to reduce or abolish nuclear weapons testing, but the Cold War ensured trials continued.

The five declared nuclear powers - Britain, France, US, Russia and China - signed the Comprehensive Test Ban Treaty in September 1996 - but it has yet to be ratified.

The two newest countries to obtain nuclear weapons, India and Pakistan, have both exploded devices since the agreement was signed.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 You feel like you're working for Scrooge. Is there a real reason you can't go home a bit early today? Be honest. If there is, suck it up and stay - with a good attitude. If not, store it in the subliminal baggage compartment.

Taurus April 20-May 20 There are some pretty deep feelings going around the office. Well, that is to be expected. Even if you're not at your deepest level of intensity, you are close to it. If you can't hide it all behind your office mask, then take off early.

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 It could be time to call it a day, all right. If you stop to observe, you'll likely see you're the only one in the office putting in all you've got at work, today. Taking off early is a time-honored bonus you give to yourself.

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 No one in their right mind would be in the office today poring over documents. Is it some kind of dare or are others actually expecting you to show up? You'll never know until you get there, so make an appearance.

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 Some colleagues are harder to find gifts for than others. Do they collect antiques or are they interested in all things cutting edge? Unfortunately, you're out of time, so grab whatever's left on the shelf.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Everyone is entitled to their views, and you don't have to believe in them to respect them. But everyone is also entitled to slack off right about now, no matter what it is they believe. Go home early.

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 Generosity and stinginess are playing a game of tug of war within you. If you have any say at all in how things go, it should be in favor of going deep. Ultimately, you'll like yourself much more.

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 Traditionally, a time of rebirth is right around the corner. You can't wait that long. Go ahead and start living by your resolutions if you just can't stand your office routine the way it is for one more day.

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 It's the wrong time to want to be alone, and no one is buying the 'work piling up on my desk' excuse. Even someone shy can find something to enjoy at the most miserable of office parties, so join in.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 You're like an octopus who can't control its suction cups. It's time to detach yourself from the office and start re-attaching to friends and family. If you need time for decompression, do it the old-fashioned way.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Feelings about your career advancement can stand to be put on the back burner. Other things in life are cooking up a storm, right about now. Enjoy the bounty.

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 Do anything to avoid the usual emotional upheaval. Let someone treat you like a doormat if that helps. In fact, be disarming. Lay yourself across the threshold before they even take a step.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



SUDOKU

Easy

9x9 grid for Easy Sudoku puzzle.

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9x9 grid for Easy+ Sudoku puzzle.

Medium

9x9 grid for Medium Sudoku puzzle.

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9x9 grid for Hard Sudoku puzzle.

WEATHER

Weather forecast table with columns for MIN, MAX, and CONDITION for various cities in CHINA and WORLD.

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- High-fives; 6- Impressed; 10- Boring, so to speak; 14- Billiard shot; 15- Actor Auberonjouis; 16- Barrett of gossip; 17- The Jetsons' dog; 18- Scots Gaelic; 19- Port of Algeria; 20- Slum area inhabited by a minority group; 22- Strong feeling of happiness; 24- Possessed; 26- Tooth layer; 27- Not anywhere; 31- "The X-Files" extras; 32- Diamond flaw?; 33- Buy alternative; 36- Her partner would be a buck; 39- Final notice?; 40- Grannies; 41- Currency of Turkey, and formerly of Italy; 42- Fast flier; 43- Purchaser; 44- Cut off; 45- Gallery offering; 46- Drilling result; 48- Fondle; 51- Maiden name indicator; 52- A bit; 54- Overhaul; 59- Getting ___ years (aging); 60- Bacchanalian cry; 62- Infectious agent; 63- Actress Sofer; 64- Actress Petty; 65- ___ Gay; 66- Peepers; 67- City on the Rhone; 68- Purge;

DOWN: 1- Heroin, slangily; 2- Whip; 3- Comedian Johnson; 4- Harbor; 5- Suffocate; 6- Just the Way You ___; 7- Used to be; 8- Follow; 9- Well statistic; 10- Sweeping implements; 11- Mr. Moto portrayal; 12- For want of ___; 13- Mandlikova of tennis; 21- Implement used when rowing a boat; 23- Loathe; 25- Postpone; 27- Revivalists; 28- Globes; 29- Court order; 30- Spicy; 34- Wind dir; 35- Homerun king Hank; 36- Plunge head-first; 37- Pitcher Hershiser; 38- James ___ Jones; 40- Covering for an acorn; 41- Actor Ayres; 43- Make beer; 44- Arm coverings; 45- Places of contest; 47- Suffix with cloth; 48- New York's ___ Island; 49- Nitrogen compound; 50- Place for "stompin'"; 52- Open infection, painful; 53- Mower brand; 55- Pres., militarily; 56- Buck follower; 57- "Star Trek" role; 58- Nicholas II was the last Russian one; 61- Ich bin ___ Berliner



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EURO 2016 | AP SELECTION

The composite team of the group stage

IT'S no surprise to see Gareth Bale and Andres Iniesta lighting up the European Championship. However, some other players who are hardly household names in European soccer have also impressed at this year's tournament.

Here's the composite side of Euro 2016's group stage, chosen by The Associated Press' team of writers in France.

It's in a 4-2-3-1 used by the majority of teams this tournament:

GOALKEEPER: Hannes Halldorsson (Iceland)



The part-time movie director is writing another script at Euro 2016, stopping everything against Cristiano Ronaldo and Portugal, and making some significant saves in the 2-1 win over Austria that sealed Iceland's historic progress to the round of 16.

RIGHT BACK: Elseid Hysaj (Albania)

A full back with pace and a fine cross, Hysaj arguably was Albania's best player against Switzerland, caused France problems with his probing runs forward, and then helped his team beat Romania 1-0 for its first win at a major tournament. Might be joining a bigger club than Napoli before long.

LEFT BACK: Jonas Hector (Germany)

The full back positions were supposed

to be a problem area for Germany heading into the tournament, but Hector — at 26, a late bloomer for the national team — has stood out with his overlapping runs and crosses into the box.

CENTER BACK: Leonardo Bonucci (Italy)

Anchored a defense that didn't concede a goal against Belgium's Eden Hazard and Kevin de Bruyne, or Sweden's Zlatan Ibrahimovic. Bonucci also made a telling 40-meter pass for Italy's first goal in its 2-0 win over Belgium.

CENTER BACK: Jerome Boateng (Germany)

Made a spectacular, and crucial, goal-line clearance against Ukraine for one of the moments of the tournament, and then was man of the match against Poland. A key reason why Germany hasn't conceded a goal yet.

CENTRAL MIDFIELD: Eric Dier (England)

Is beginning to look at home in a position he only started playing this season at Tottenham. Blasted in a free kick against Russia and has been a rock in front of England's potentially fragile defense in all three games.

CENTRAL MIDFIELD: Andres Iniesta (Spain)

Could even be getting better with age. The Barcelona playmaker set up Gerard Pique for Spain's late winner against the Czech Republic and ran the game in a 3-0 victory over Turkey with a series of probing passes.

ATTACKING MIDFIELD: Dimitri Payet (France)

Wasn't even assured of a place in France's team at the start of the tournament. Now, the hosts are pinning much of their

hopes on Payet, who scored a spectacular left-footed winner in the opening game against Romania and a clincher against Albania.

ATTACKING MIDFIELD: Gareth Bale (Wales)



The world's most expensive player has scored a goal in all three games — two of them coming from direct free kicks — to lead Wales into the last 16 as a group winner. Has outshone his illustrious Real Madrid teammate, Cristiano Ronaldo.

ATTACKING MIDFIELD: Ivan Perisic (Croatia)

Could be using Euro 2016 as a shop window for a move away from Inter Milan, and is showing what an asset he can be. A versatile, hard-working and skillful winger, Perisic scored the winner against Spain and has been a consistent performer in Croatia's star-studded midfield.

STRIKER: Alvaro Morata (Spain)

It's not yet been a great tournament for out-and-out strikers, but Morata has started to find his range with two goals against Turkey and another against Croatia. Looks to be established as Spain's No. 1 striker, a giddy prospect with all its playmakers feeding him.

COACH: Lars Lagerback/Heimir Hallgrimsson (Iceland)

A dentist (Hallgrimsson) and one of the most journeyed coaches in international soccer (Lagerback) have combined to mastermind the feel-good story of Euro 2016. Iceland's tactics — defend in numbers, strike on the counter-attack — have worked so far.

GROUPS' PHASE RESULTS

France	2	1	Romania
Albania	0	1	Switzerland
Wales	2	1	Slovakia
England	1	1	Russia
Turkey	0	1	Croatia
Poland	1	0	N. Ireland
Germany	2	0	Ukraine
Spain	1	0	Czech Rep.
Rep. Ireland	1	1	Sweden
Belgium	0	2	Italy
Austria	0	2	Hungary
Portugal	1	1	Iceland
Russia	1	2	Slovakia
Romania	1	1	Switzerland
France	2	0	Albania
England	2	1	Wales
Ukraine	0	1	N. Ireland
Germany	0	0	Poland
Italy	1	0	Sweden
Czech Rep.	2	2	Croatia
Spain	3	0	Turkey
Belgium	3	0	Rep. Ireland
Iceland	1	1	Hungary
Portugal	0	0	Austria
Romania	0	1	Albania
Switzerland	0	0	France
Russia	0	3	Wales
Slovakia	0	0	England
Ukraine	0	1	Poland
Northern Ireland	0	1	Germany
Czech Republic	0	2	Turkey
Croatia	2	1	Spain
Iceland	2	1	Austria
Hungary	3	3	Portugal
Italy	0	1	Rep. Ireland
Sweden	0	1	Belgium



John Leicester, Nice

EURO 2016 | ANALYSIS

24-team Euro 2016 a wacky success

BIGGER is proving better at the first European Championship with 24 teams.

Only the most uncharitable would argue that tournament first-timers Wales, Northern Ireland, Albania and Iceland didn't more than earn their keep in the just-concluded group stage, with the last matches yesterday producing thrilling real-time fluctuations in who would play who next in the last 16.

One moment England seemed paired up with Portugal, the next it got Iceland. Albania looked like it might wriggle through but then didn't. The Irish were out, and

the Turks were in, until Robbie Brady flipped their fortunes around with his headed winner for Ireland in the 85th minute against Italy. France looked on course to meet Northern Ireland but ended up with plain vanilla Ireland instead.

The big drawback of 24 teams is that reducing the field for the knockout round is like trying to jam a square peg into round hole: 24 into 16 doesn't fit naturally without formulas to fathom out which third-place teams would stay and which would go home. You needed a ma-

thematical brain to track the process as dizzying as watching lottery balls before they drop, a football equivalent of David Bowie's song-writing technique of chopping up lyrics, mixing the snippets around and sticking them back together at random. Wacky, unpredictable and, because of that, quite entertaining.

Granted, the football of some of the so-called 'smaller' teams whose road to France was made easier by the tournament expansion has lacked polish. But that could be said of 'bigger'

teams, too.

Yes, they were often tactically unadventurous, packing defenses and looking to hurt opponents with set-pieces and counter-attacks. In other words, they played to their strengths and masked weaknesses. That isn't a crime in football; if it was Jose Mourinho would be in handcuffs by now for bus-parking and Leicester City's Premier League title wouldn't have been celebrated as an underdog triumph of footballing realpolitik.

What they lacked in

flair, 'smaller' teams more than made up for with pluck and guts. Their courage made them watchable and en-

Group A	PL	W	DRAW	L	GF-GA	PNT
France	3	2	1	0	4 - 1	7
Switzerland	3	1	2	0	2 - 1	5
Albania	3	1	0	2	1 - 3	3
Romania	3	0	1	2	2 - 4	1

Group B	PL	W	DRAW	L	GF-GA	PNT
Wales	3	2	0	1	6 - 3	6
England	3	1	2	0	3 - 2	5
Slovakia	3	1	1	1	3 - 3	4
Russia	3	0	1	2	2 - 6	1

Group C	PL	W	DRAW	L	GF-GA	PNT
Germany	3	2	1	0	3 - 0	7
Poland	3	2	1	0	2 - 0	7
N. Ireland	3	1	0	2	1 - 2	3
Ukraine	3	0	0	3	0 - 4	0

Rob Harris, Lyon

EURO 2016 | RECORD & HEARTS BREAKER

Ronaldo's passion and rage rewarded with goals

WAVING his arms in frustration and shouting frenziedly to all around him, Cristiano Ronaldo seethed as Hungarian rivals celebrated.

Ronaldo couldn't believe his teammates in the rearguard had conceded less than five minutes after he had finally scored his first goal at this European Championship.

In the heat and humidity of Lyon, the pent-up frustration simmering inside Ronaldo after two goalless games was visible to one and all.

Not for the first time yesterday.

■ The audacious flicked shot in the 50th min ensured Ronaldo became the first player to score in four different Euros, coming in a record 17th finals game

The first target of the Portugal captain's anger, during a walk in the park hours before the game, was the microphone snatched off a reporter and seemingly thrown into a lake.

His ire carried through into the frenzied 3-3 draw with Hungary.

But, whatever defensive deficiencies within the Portugal team, Ronaldo was going to



AP PHOTO: Portugal's Cristiano Ronaldo goes for the ball during the Euro 2016 Group F soccer match between Hungary and Portugal at the Grand Stade in Decines-Charpieu, near Lyon

drag Portugal into the round of 16. And drag his team through he did with a towering 62nd minute header to make it 3-3. The goal fest dried up and Portugal was through to the round of 16, its reward a tough game against Croatia.

"The team was in dire straits," said Ronaldo, who also set up Nani's goal, Portugal's first equalizer. "Three times we were about to go home."

There were personal milestones, too: the audacious flicked shot in the 50th minute ensured Ronaldo became the first player to score in four different European Championship

tournaments, coming in a record 17th finals game. One more goal and he ties Michel Platini's record of nine goals in the European Championship.

"I think no one can say anything against him," Nani said. "He is a fantastic player every time in the difficult moments. This evening he showed again. Everyone was talking about him. So I think a lot of people now, he has shut them up."

This was Ronaldo at his most devastating in front of goal, rather than the withdrawn figure who failed to score from 22 attempts, including one missed penalty, in the draws

against Iceland and Austria.

There's no time for Portugal, or Ronaldo, to celebrate. While Portugal ground out the draw against Hungary,

Iceland and Austria were embroiled in a tight tussle to also advance from Group F.

Iceland's stoppage-time winner against Austria in Paris pushed Portugal down to third in the group and Ronaldo's side now only has two clear days before taking on Croatia in Lens on Saturday.

Sorting out the defense, which was repeatedly exposed by Hungary, will be key.

"Before we weren't playing convincingly up front," Santos said through a translator. "Today was the opposite. We managed to attack; we managed to score [...] but we are weaker defensively."

"So have to find the answer to the 1 million-euro question."

One matter that surely won't trouble Santos now is Ronaldo finding the net. With a potent combination of passion and rage on the field, Ronaldo is back in his stride.

"This I'm sure increased his confidence levels," Santos said. "He's a determined and confident player."

Croatia beware. **AP**

ROUND OF 16 MATCHES Oddschecker.com

Sat	21:00	Switzerland	Poland	H 3.25, D 3.1, A 2.7
Sun	0:00	Wales	N. Ireland	H 2.05, D 3.2, A 5.1
Sun	3:00	Croatia	Portugal	H 2.7, D 3.1, A 3.2
Sun	21:00	France	Rep. Ireland	H 1.45, D 4.5, A 10.5
Mon	0:00	Germany	Slovakia	H 1.5, D 4.65, A 11
Mon	3:00	Hungary	Belgium	H 7.5, D 3.75, A 1.67
Tue	0:00	Italy	Spain	H 4.5, D 3.1, A 2.2
Tue	3:00	England	Iceland	H 1.57, D 3.9, A 9

Home, Draw, Away

dearing. It brought welcome freshness to a sport where some of the biggest stars at times ooze can't-be-bothered ennui.

Only on the brink of elimination, in Portugal's last group match against Hungary, did Cristiano Ronaldo get truly stoked

up by the major tournament experience — one of many for him — that tournament debutants like Wales' Gareth Bale clearly relished from the first whistle.

Slovakia didn't seem to want to win its last game against England, because one point from the goalless draw proved enough for it to advance. That cynicism aside, the new format didn't produce a glut of completely dead games. Only Ukraine went into its final match, against Poland, with the motivation-sapping knowledge that it was already eliminated.

So, no, adding eight teams hasn't been the equivalent of watering down fine wine. Besides, the wine wasn't always

as fine as nostalgics of the old 16-team format like to pretend. Five of the 24 group matches at Euro 2008 finished 1-0; the first 24 games at the bigger Euro 2016 also saw five 1-0 results. Of those, just two involved first-time teams: Albania vs. Switzerland and Poland vs. Northern Ireland.

While UEFA's decision to expand was commercial and political — 20 additional matches bring more broadcasting revenue and more goodwill from smaller nations that couldn't readily qualify under the more elitist old system — that isn't the whole story. It also made more room for heart-winning underdogs, always a de-

sired feature of sports, like Iceland, population 330,000, outperforming the likes of Russia.

Just as seeing France win Euro '84 awakened a young Thierry Henry, who went on to win the tournament in 2000 with Les Bleus, there will now be kids in Welsh valleys and on Belfast streets, in Tirana and Reykjavik, starting to believe that football is their calling, having had a Euro team to cheer on for the first time.

On a continent with centrifugal forces tugging at its seams, where decades of European post-World War II unity are being doubted and tested, a more inclusive and less exclusive European Championship helps to

paper over the cracks. As much as they disagree, Europeans have fervently shown these past two weeks that they still share a passion for football.

For some, the tournament will only begin in earnest now, with the last 16.

"The party is starting!" declared yesterday's front page of L'Equipe, France's sports daily.

Clever printing on the back page made a new headline when the newspaper was unfolded: "Let the party start again!"

Spot on. Think of it like a fine French meal. The main course is coming. The group stage was hors d'oeuvres.

Wouldn't you rather have both? **AP**

Group D	PL	W	DRAW	L	GF-GA	PNT
Croatia	3	2	1	0	5-3	7
Spain	3	2	0	1	5-2	6
Turkey	3	1	0	2	2-4	3
Czech Rep.	3	0	1	2	2-5	1

Group E	PL	W	DRAW	L	GF-GA	PNT
Italy	3	2	0	1	3-1	6
Belgium	3	2	0	1	4-2	6
Rep. Ireland	3	1	1	1	2-4	4
Sweden	3	0	1	2	1-3	1

Group F	PL	W	DRAW	L	GF-GA	PNT
Hungary	3	1	2	0	6-4	5
Iceland	3	1	2	0	4-3	5
Portugal	3	0	3	0	4-4	3
Austria	3	0	1	2	1-4	1

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POPULAR SOVEREIGNTY

Referenda can be divisive, very much so. And the vote over whether to remain in the European Union or not that is taking place in the United Kingdom at the very moment I write this column, demonstrates just that, or should I say reminds us of that, with the extra measure of ever invasive social media. A Poll-tracker set up by The Economist indicates that on June 20th, we were in for a tie — 44% to remain, 43% to leave, and 11% undecided. The UK Independence Party (UKIP) supporters are the leading force for what now everybody knows as “Brexit” (90%), the Conservatives are less supportive but clearly in favour of leaving (48%), so are people from the north of the country (43%), the Welsh (51%), the poor (52%) and the old (57%). The opposite is also true: Liberal Democrats (69%) and voters who identify with Labour (64%) want the UK to stay within the EU, Scots too (54%), and southerners (44%), the rich (53%) and the young (60%). Gender, however, does not seem to lean to either side — men are evenly divided, and so are women.

As a French citizen, I participated in four referenda — and for two of these I was already living abroad. The two referenda pertaining to domestic politics — the self-determination process for New Caledonia back in 1988 and the shortening of the president’s term to five years instead of seven in 2000 — went rather smoothly and did not provoke a nationwide schism. Abstention ran high, respectively 63% and close to 70%, and in both cases the highly anticipated approbation was a clear-cut winner, respectively 80% and 73% of the votes cast. Referenda only existed as a validation of something that almost everybody considered the right — even dignified — thing to do.

The other two popular consultations proved to be much more challenging, so much so in fact that the second one resulted in a rebuttal of the government’s proposal. And guess what? In both cases, Europe was at stake!

In 2005, the question was about whether to ratify the Treaty establishing a Constitution for Europe. The “no” prevailed (almost 55% of the votes cast) whereas participation had been very high (close to 70%). This translated into a thorough revamping of the existing treaties that ultimately led to the Treaty of Lisbon in 2007, which came into force in December 2009.

Back in 1992, the question had been about the ratification of the Maastricht Treaty that was to create the European Union. As the poll was getting closer, the “no” grew in strength and then President François Mitterrand launched a very energetic campaign to convince the citizens to give their approval.

The whole atmosphere is still very vivid in my mind as I was myself campaigning for the “no”, considering that European institutions were taking yet again a bureaucratic turn, away from the democratic ideals they were supposed to not only profess but also practice.

Mitterrand had started his political crusade in my university, Sciences Po, targeting the educated and politically savvy future generation, when some friends and I unfolded the Danish flag right in front of his eyes as he was about to deliver his lecture. I perceived a certain form of annoyance in the statesman’s eyes — to the point where security services ripped apart our big bright banner! The Danes had voted predominantly against the Treaty just a few weeks before! Even though the “yes” eventually “triumphed” (51%...), and despite my own frustration, the whole experience had actually proven constructive: arguments of all hues had been laid bare and populist rants were indeed almost like a necessary evil — on both sides! This is what popular sovereignty is also about!

The infighting of epic proportion between “Brexit” and “Bremain” is thus not only about “divide” but also interest, awareness, sense of belonging, community-wide soul searching, and ultimately freedom. Branding referenda as disrespectful when they are not, illegal when they are not, can only serve one purpose: deception, not harmony.

THE WHO PLANS URGENT YELLOW FEVER VACCINATIONS IN ANGOLA, CONGO

The World Health Organization says it will carry out emergency yellow fever vaccination campaigns along the border between Angola and Congo amid fears of a mounting epidemic.

The WHO also said it will vaccinate people next month in the Congolese capital of Kinshasa, where experts worry the mosquito

-spread disease could spread rapidly.

Health officials say the yellow fever outbreak began in Angola and has spread to neighboring Congo as well as to Kenya and China after infected people traveled there.

There have been 347 suspected yellow fever deaths in Angola and 75 in Congo since December.

Blue or green? UK split (also) over swatch’s color

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Just one straightforward question was needed to test the nation: is the following swatch blue, or green?



Over 1,000 people answered the question, with 64% claiming it was green, and 32% believing it to be blue. However, when the same 1,000 respondents were asked to name the same colour adjacent to two distinctly blue swatches, many changed their minds — 90% now stating that it was green.



The vast majority were indeed correct, after further prompting: the shade is more green than blue. According to the RGB (red, green, blue) colour spectrum, the values of the colour are Red 0, Green 122 and Blue 116.

This frame from Optical Express’ website shows different swatches of colors

A survey from a Scottish eye care company could be sparking a controversy similar to last year’s debate over the color of a dress.

Optical Express said on its website that it conducted a survey in the United Kingdom asking whether a swatch of a teal-type color was blue or green.

Sixty-four percent of more than 1,000 people who responded said it was green, according to the company. Thirty-two percent thought it was blue.

But when the same peo-

ple were shown the same color between a pair of distinctly blue swatches, the company said many changed their minds. Ninety percent said it was the color was green.

The results show how “our visual interpretations of the world around us can differ quite sharply,” Optical Express said.

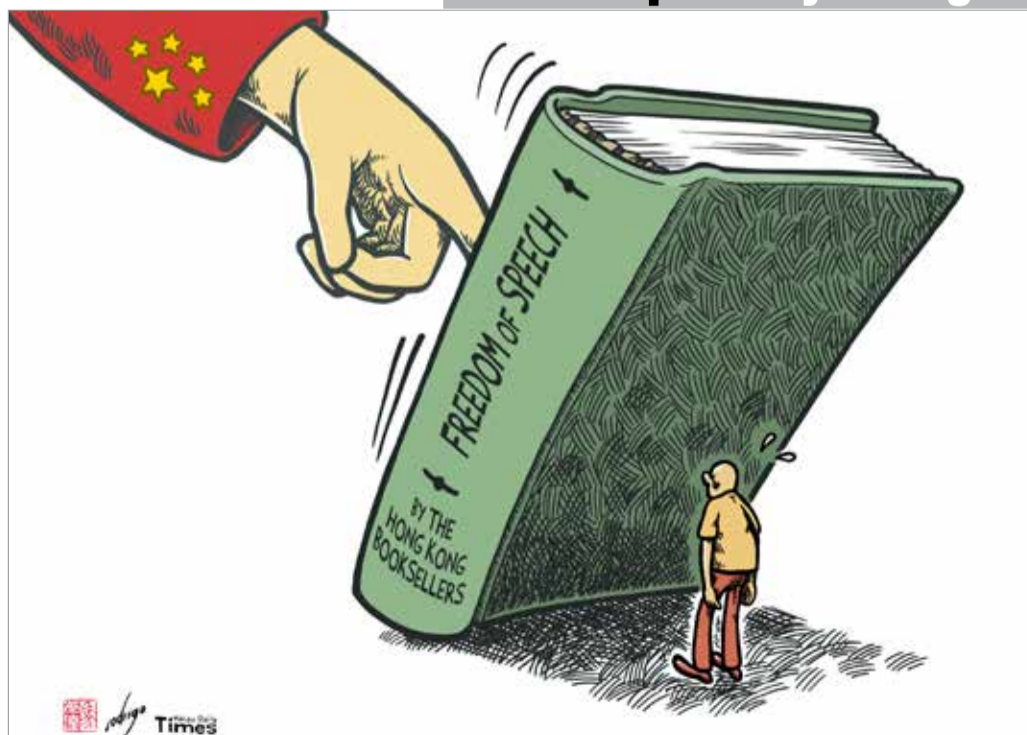
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Roadside	15-35 Good	😊
High Density Residential Area	20-40 Good	😊
Ambient	20-40 Good	😊

SOURCE: DSMG

WORLD BRIEFS



PAKISTAN Thousands of mourners attend the funeral of a well-known Pakistani Sufi singer who was shot dead in the port city of Karachi in an attack claimed by Islamic extremists.

PAKISTAN A provincial minister says his local government has allocated USD3 million to a Taliban-linked seminary in the region, along the border with Afghanistan. Mushtaq Ghani said that the funds will be used to bring the seminary into the mainstream educational system.

USA Weary but defiant Democrats commandeered the House floor yesterday, demanding gun-control votes in the aftermath of the Orlando massacre in an extraordinary 24-hour long protest broadcast live to the world by social media. Pressure had built on Capitol Hill following the shootings at a Florida gay nightclub this month that killed 49 people and injured 53 others.

NIGERIA Three Australians, two Nigerians, a New Zealander and a South African have been kidnapped in Nigeria in an ambush that killed their Nigerian driver, Australian officials said. Another Australian escaped.

WIKILEAKS The founder of anti-secrecy site WikiLeaks plans to host a live, online punditry show about Britain’s referendum on whether to stay in the EU. Julian Assange has been holed up in the Ecuadorean Embassy in London since 2012. The Australian recently said he was “pretty much” in favor of Britain leaving the EU, arguing that its membership was holding the 28-nation bloc back.



BUSAN FESTIVAL The new chairman of Asia’s largest film festival expresses confidence it will go on as planned this fall, despite threats of a boycott from filmmakers angry over what they view as a government assault on the event’s independence.