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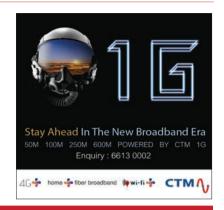
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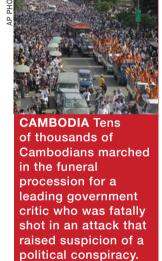
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Hong Kong Book Fair closing tomorrow

The Hong Kong Book Fair 2016 is scheduled to close tomorrow. The Cultural Affairs Bureau along with the Macao Foundation and other local organizations are attending the cultural event for the sixth year in a row. According to a report by Jornal Cheng Pou, nearly 1,000 books published in Macau had been presented at the fair. Several lectures featuring Macau's publishing industry were also presented at the event, focusing on how western printing technology came to Macau through priests. The book fair has taken place now for 27 years, having attracted participants from 30 countries and regions. This year alone, more than 600 exhibitors were present.

New facilities for police dog squad

The Land, Public Works and Transport Bureau (DSSOPT) will build new headquarters for the police dog unit of Unidade Táctica de Intervenção da Polícia (UTIP) in Coloane, according to a statement by the DSSOPT. The new building will consist of two units, including a three-storey dog apartment and one administration building. The construction site is located at the conjunction of Estrada de Hac Sa with Avenida de Luís de Camões, occupying a total area of 2,200 square meters. The entire construction project will include outdoor training fields and police dormitories in addition to other offices. Construction is expected to begin in the first quarter of next year.

New Fu Luen School campus to open in September

The building of the new campus of Fu Luen School at Hac Sa is now complete, and will commence operations in September. The campus is the first initiative resulting from the city's "Blue Sky Project." The campus will hold a total of 39 classes, including kindergarten and primary school levels, providing for between 800 to 1,000 local students. The school's old campus located at Rua do Campo, will be replaced by a nursery center with 300 to 400 additional vacancies to be offered. The Education and Youth Affairs Bureau (DSEJ) together with the Macao Foundation invested over MOP305 million in the new campus. The new campus occupies 22,000 square meters, making it seven times bigger than its old space, and with a main building comprising of 12 storeys.

Beijing Imperial Palace Hotel temporarily closed by MGTO

Renato Marques

THE troubled Beijing Impe-a new episode in its already tumultuous history on Friday. In a press conference held at the Tourism Activities Centre the Government Tourism Office (MGTO), director Maria Helena de Senna Fernandes, announced the temporary closure of the hotel based on "serious administrative irregularities which constitute threats to public safety."

The measures took effect from Saturday (July 23) and will be in force for a period of six months. During that period, the public is strictly prohibited from entering any of the premises, which will be considered a "violation of order."

According to Senna Fernandes, the decision is based on several infringements such as illegal construction work performed in the hotel. The MGTO head further stated that although many of these infringements have been on going for at least two years, the service has given a deadline to the company responsible for the management of the hotel to correct these problems and to perform the necessary improvements.

Among the irregularities are "serious fire safety issues including an inadequate number of fire extinguishers, defective emergency lightning system, blocked exits, obstructed escape routes, malfunctioning smoke chamber, use of decorative materials without fireproofing and storage of fuels beyond legal limits, amongst others," Senna Fernandes said.

The MGTO head also remarked that previously the restaurants and several other facilities, which include the New Century Sauna, Waterfall Garden Tea House, New Century Chinese Restaurant, Scenic Veranda Coffee Shop, Beijing Imperial Palace Club House and Caesar Terrace, had seen their licenses suspended or were permanently closed down.

Given the large number of tourists with reservations booked at the hotel, travel agencies were asked to make the necessary alternative ar-



Service counters were set up to assist those who are affected by the six-month operation suspension of the Beijing Imperial Palace Hotel

rangements. Helpdesks were set up at the Tourism Activities Centre and at the Beijing Imperial Palace lobby.

"They [the hotel] have around 599 rooms from which 573 rooms are currently occupied, all of them by tour groups, there are no individual travelers," said Senna Fernandes.

Another of the concerns expressed by several media outlets is the fate of the hotel workers and other staff. The Acting Deputy Director of the Labor Affairs Bureau (DSAL), Ng Wai Han explained that over the past years there have been several complaints from the hotel employees, which have been resolved with the exception of three outstanding

According to DSAL, the hotel's current staff are all overseas workers. There are 29 full time workers, as well as 30 housekeeping staff working on

either a part-time or full-time basis. For these workers, DSAL will "communicate with them to understand their needs," Ng Wai Han said, adding that "besides [protecting] the rights of the worker we are also concerned with the reemployment of these employees." Hotel staff can also go to the helpdesk to seek assistance.

According to the records of DSAL, the compensation amount that was already calculated by the bureau regarding "overtime payments, holidays

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and extra payments, etc." reaches a total amount of over MOP20.7 million.

Regarding potential solutions for this case, the MGTO director said that there are two: one, the hotel management company performs the maintenance required and corrects major problems, following which the hotel operations might be resumed after the six-month closure period (in a lower rating than the previous five-star classification); or two, the company cannot or would not perform any improvements and in that case the MGTO will proceed to a permanent shut down of the hotel.

According to the MGTO, this is the first time that a five-star rated hotel has been ordered to close down and there are currently no other similar cases.

The Beijing Imperial Palace holds within its premises the casino Greek Mythology, that was operating until the end of last year under the gaming license of Sociedade de Jogos de Macau S.A. (SJM), and that as the Times firstly advanced has been closed since then due to alleged "renovation works."

Most recently the Court of Final Appeal (TUI) has rejected an appeal over unpaid VIP gaming commissions. The dispute involves Hoi Cheng Nga, who runs Macau-based Energy Travel Agency, and it has been said that it may be possible to push for the sale of the Greek Mythology casino over this debt.

Owners: Hotel closed without notification

THE investment company behind the New Century Hotel has announced that the hotel was shut down without any prior notification. Moreover, the company claims that the hotel was closed following an unexpected request made by the tourism authority, according to a statement published by the company in Macao Daily News.

The company is said to have been surprised by the authority's rush decision because it created a negative impact upon tourists and damaged Macau's image as a tourism city. It also pointed out that the hotel will continue to conduct all legal procedures in order to restart its service as soon as possible.

Since January 18, the company had taken

over the control of the hotel, due to a number of unsolved problems left by the previous executive team. The company claims that the new executive team has never broken the law, having clarified that the said team has been meeting with the Macao Government Tourism Office (MGTO) since July 21, although the department failed to inform them about the decision to shut down operations. The company only became aware of the closure after MGTO's official notice on Friday.

To date, local governmental departments have received a total of 19 reports regarding the issue, including three accommodation issues, with 14 reports related to its staff.

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Lynzy Valles

HE overseas Filipino workers are often called the unsung heroes of their families as they choose to pack up for a distant foreign land, live abroad and leave their families behind to work toward fulfilling their families' dreams.

Despite the hardships at work and the fact that they are holders of only a work permit (commonly known as a bluecard), some Filipino parents based in Macau try to keep their children with them, facing legal hurdles and other obstacles. The increased cost of living in the region makes sustaining this family unity even harder.

Libby Añover, a household worker for 22 years, opted to raise her children who were born in Macau even though her expenses sometimes exceed her salary.

Along with her husband, Allan Añover, who currently works in a Food and Beverage department in one of the leading gaming resorts in the region, they have been raising their twins in the city for 13 years.

"We really decided to raise them here because I can see a lot of our Filipino friends who are really struggling because they are far away from their family," said the Añovers.

"I myself grew up without my dad because he was a seaman and we were just so estranged from each other," Libby Año-

Although the couple admitted that raising children here in Macau is difficult and expensive, the hardships do not matter to them, as it is one of their chosen priorities to witness their children's growth and development.

The couple said it still surprises them that they can overcome the difficulties they are experiencing and manage each day as it passes.

"Resources-wise, [...] the finances are limited. We can say that whenever we spend, it should go somewhere important. We set aside our personal wants [because] we have

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MYRELLE SADDI

Filipino workers strive to keep their families united in Macau



Ayrelyn Benas (second right) and family

to prioritize our children's needs and then utility bills," explained Allan Añover.

"It doesn't matter if we're able to save money or not because the important thing is that we're together," he added.

The couple admitted that after they made the decision to be with their children in Macau they have never pursued their personal wants because they'd rather spend the money on the family's basic expenses.

"It's like you're working but you can't buy anything. You'd set it aside for the most important needs," stressed Libby Añover.

Another couple echoed the sentiments, emphasizing the importance of staying together as a family.

"That's how family is supposed to be. It has to be whole, it has to be together," said Ayrelyn Benas who also gave birth to her children in Macau. "The expenses are high, it's hard to save, so they [the children] are then our investment," she added.

Benas, whose three children are studying at a local Chinese school, considered it wise to raise her children in the region despite the increasing living costs.

"You can guide them [here], unlike when they are far away from you. You might be sending money but they're not studying. If there's a chance to be together, why not?" said Benas who works in a restaurant that was previously distinguished by the reputed Michelin guide.

The mother also revealed

there are some activities and competitions in schools, which their children are not eligible to join since they are non-local. Yet since the competition prizes come from government entities, she understood that the government prioritizes residents.

However she noted that some of the local foundations have acknowledged her children's academic excellence and as a result they have been receiving cash prizes.

Another parent, Gigilyn Tambot, stressed to the Times through a phone interview that there is a great need for non-resident workers with families here to be thrifty. She admitted to avoiding family activities such as visiting Hong Kong Disneyland since they have to save for her daughters' tuition fees.

"We don't give [in to] the wants of our daughters but we explain to them," said Tambot, who works in a resort in the region. "You can always find money but you can't buy the moments spent on your children. It's very important for a family to stay together," she concluded.

The blue-card holders the Times interviewed also hoped that the government could also support them in several ways. The parents admitted that the high rental costs constitute a substantial amount to their expenses.

According to Libby Añover, there is a great need for nonskilled foreign workers to work hard for their living costs if they live with their family in the region, as Macau, unlike other countries, does not provide support to its foreign workers.

The parents noted that their primary school children, whose visas are attached to their current working visas, are studying in Chinese public schools and are paying MOP4,500 to MOP6,000 a

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GIGILYN TAMBOT

Meanwhile, Libby Añover explained that her employers had to help her to prepare her childrens' visas with the assistance of a lawyer as their application was rejected the first time. Tambot said if it were not for her previous employer's support, it is unlikely that her daughters' visas would have been approved.

In contrast, another parent, Myrelle Saddi, said the reunion visa applications of her sons were rejected.

She explained that she applied for an attachment of her two sons' visas to her working visa, as her husband is also working in the region. However, she said the immigration department denied their application because their monthly earnings were insufficient.

Saddi also shared her struggle in keeping their newborn baby in Macau, stressing that two of their relatives have been alternately coming to the region to help them take care of the infant since their work permit does not entitle them to have a "quota" to hire a helper.

"At least they should give the non-resident people [workers] a chance to be with their kids. Whether the baby was born here or not," she explained.

Several parents who gave birth in the region find it problematic to care for their children in Macau, as it is impossible for them to legally hire a helper.

On an online platform for the Filipino community in Macau numerous parents are looking for people on tourist visas to help look after their children.

According to a parent who did not want to be identified, some would resort to hiring an overstay tourist to solve the problem.



Gigilyn Tambot, Hector Gaoat and family



'Shrek the Musical' is fun for all ages

Renato Marques

SHREK the Musical" has finally arrived in Macau, debuting last Friday evening at the Venetian Theatre. The Macau season will run until August 7 with 21 stage performances (one per day).

The world-class production is based on the Oscar-winning DreamWorks Animation film that started the "Shrek saga." It is a live adaptation with new features, the tour manager for Macau, Justin Scholl, told the Times.

"We picked up from the 90-minute animation movie and extended it with more details and interactivity," he said, adding that the show will entertain people from all ages. "I think this show has something for anyone from the ages of 4 to 99. It has elements of adult humor, it has the perfect kids theme and [above all] has really good moments that connects a family," Scholl said.

According to Scholl, this is a family entertainment show and everyone will find something that will catch their attention: "a dad will see a Farquaad



Lindsay Estelle Dunn

joke and a dad is going to like that, as a mum is going to love the love story and the kids are going to love the whole story and it creates a great conversation between the family, which I think is the great thing about the show," Scholl said.

The idea of "fun for all ages" is also shared by the cast members. Playing the role of "Princess Fiona," actress Lindsay Estelle Dunn, told the Times that "Shrek the Musical" brings



Jared Howelton

joy to spectators. "The audience can except to really love it and have a great time," she said.

Dunn commented on the responsibility to play "Fiona," one of "Shrek's" main characters: "It is definitely high stakes. I have to make sure I'm paying homage to the women that already played Princess Fiona such as Cameron Diaz [in the movie version] and Sutton Foster who originated it on Broadway. I kind of have to take



Justin Scholl

what they have given to the role and mix it with what I bring to it," the actress said, concluding with "I think it is a little bit different and 'quirkier' resembling more the movie version."

Jared Howelton who plays "Donkey" on the stage, complemented Dunn's remarks:

"For those who have seen the movie this is an opportunity to see a little bit in depth as [this show] goes further into what the characters bring from the movie. There is a lot of singing, a lot of dancing and I think will be really fun. It is not just for kids, adults be able to enjoy it. It's an 'everybody' show." He added that the show is "very interactive and the audience has all the freedom to cheer and clap and laugh," which adds a more relaxing element to the show.

As for the "Donkey" character, Howelton acknowledged that "it is really a fun to play him and get all the feedback from the audience, it is cool! [...] It is also a very very active role, a very demanding role, one of the hardest roles beside 'Shrek' to do because you are constantly moving and talking, Donkey has the most lines in the show and it is exhausting by the end of the show, but it's still fun."

"Vocally you have to be able to sell that vocalization that Eddie Murphy brought to the character in the movie as well as embody that on stage," he concluded.

The show is produced by Broadway Entertainment Group FZ LLC and NETworks Presentations, LLC., and supported by the Cultural Affairs Bureau.

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Concept proposals for Grand Prix museum presented

THE Macao Government Tourism Office (MGTO) has presented a number of new concept proposals for the update of the Macau Grand Prix Museum last week, detailing its plan for the remodeling project. After an engineering evaluation, it was decided that the building should be remodeled while maintaining its core structure, as opposed to being rebuilt.

MGTO director Helena de Senna Fernandes, deputy director Cheng Wai Tong, engineer Diamantino Torrado and architect Filipe Coutinho met with the media at the Tourism Activities Centre last week, where they unveiled the remodeling project plan.

MGTO intends to remodel the entire five-storey building of the Tourism Activities Center into the Macau Grand Prix Museum, according to a statement released by MGTO. Once the remodeling is complete, the total floor area of the museum will be expanded by six times to a total of 16,000 square meters.

According to the same statement, MGTO has calculated preliminary costs for the remo-



deling based on current market prices, amounting to approximately MOP19,000 per square meter or MOP304 million in total.

MGTO wrote in the statement that the remodeling project mainly consists of a "consultation service for an electrical and mechanical equipment plan, a fire protection plan, an air conditioning and ventilation system plan, a structural plan, water supply, drainage and a piping system plan."

Among those outlined, the office has only completed the public tender for the consultation service. The other areas will be opened for tender some time early next year, according to MGTO's expectations, with the hope that the museum will be opened to the public by the end of 2018.

The museum will feature a racing vehicle display, a movie theatre, a wax figure display, a cultural and creative zone as well as an interactive family zone, all with the aim of raising awareness of and interest in the Grand Prix event among residents and tourists. **DB**

Illegal UnionPay transactions total MOP2.1 billion this year

ILLEGAL transactions using UnionPay International terminals in the territory have reached a total amount of close to MOP2.1 billion for the first semester of this year, the Portuguese news agency Lusa reported, citing official data provided by the Judiciary Police (PJ).

This sum is almost double the total amount calculated for the full year of 2015 (MOP1.2 billion) and is the result of 12 probes by the police force that were sent to the Public Prosecutions Office regarding illegal money withdrawal using cards from mainland China's bank UnionPay.

These operations are considered illegal as they are made in the territory through "Point of Sale" (POS) machines of China's Union Pay or others provided by third parties, resulting in a situation that in

practical terms results in a non-payment of the due commissions to Union Pay International. Union Pay International does not receive the percentage that it is entitled to by contract from all transactions made outside of China.

According to the available data, the total amount of losses accumulated for UnionPay International between January and June this year is of MOP5.6 million, which represents an increase of 143 percent when compared to the total amount of last year (MOP2.3 million).

According to additional information provided by the PJ to Lusa, most cases reported have occurred either inside the gaming resorts or at the stores surrounding the casinos, and have resulted in the arrest of a total of 31 people, the majority (22) being from mainland China.

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Daniel Beitler

EW Macau Association (ANM) yesterday voted to re-elect Scott Chiang as president of the organization, in an afternoonlong session to determine the senior leadership of ANM moving forward. Chiang is now expected to take ANM into next year's Legislative Assembly (AL) election.

Eleven board members of ANM gathered at the association's headquarters to elect the group's president, two vice presidents, secretary and treasurer. Chiang received nine out of the 11 votes and retained his role, while Jason Chao and Sulu Sou, both former presidents of ANM, were chosen to serve as the group's vice presidents with 10 and 11 votes respectively.

The re-elected president said that moving forward, ANM will strengthen their social policies "in a changing and uncertain time for Macau," and will place a greater emphasis on their outreach to society. Chiang further stated that he wanted to focus on fewer issues in the future, to avoid stretching the group's limited resources too thinly.

"When I wrote the general report [ahead] of this meeting, I reflected on what we did in Macau last year," he told reporters after his re-election. "[In the future] we want to concentrate our efforts into a number of key areas because [... previously] we spent a lot of time chasing a lot of different issues relating to society," he said.

NEW MACAU ASSOCIATION

Scott Chiang re-elected, pledges to focus on key issues



Aspect of yesterday's election at the association's headquarters

"I'm not saying that's a bad thing, but as an organization with very few resources [on] hand, it's not the best tactic," he went on to state. "We have to show society that we are professional participants in the public discussion. We need to show them that we have a focus in a number of areas. That's why I am calling for a concentration in [...] a few key issues that we can really [get behind].

Chiang would not identify the areas to which he believes significant resources were overly allocated. He did, however, indicate that wider cooperation from the group would be essential in the future.

"We want to be more open and cooperative [with other lawmakers], so that we can fight together. [Previously] there were only a few bright people leading the fight for democracy, but times have changed, and we need to keep up with the changes of the time," assessed Chiang.

"We need to [stop] thinking that we are better than the next guy. We have to be the one to walk with them, and fight with them –

not [against] them," he said.

Regarding the approach into next year's AL election, re-elected vice president Jason Chao told the Times that he is "deeply worried" about the lack of impartiality from election authorities. It is an issue that the ANM member has criticized on previous occasions, maintaining that the Election Affairs Committee applies the "impartiality principle" inconsistently.

Chao also said that a worrying trend of a "requirement for a count of confirmation statements" will also be a challenge at next year's election, as it will restrict the group's freedom of expression.

"One of the worrying developments concerns not just Macau. but also relates to Hong Kong," he said. "The Hong Kong election committee is asking that candidates sign a confirmation statement, reaffirming their allegiance to the Basic Law, but this kind of confirmation statement is against freedom of expression – also enshrined in the Basic Law. We fear that next year the election committee of Macau will have more constraints on freedom of expression."

"I think that it is good to have a more vibrant civil society," he added. "But the more vibrant the society the more suppression we see from authorities. I think that we will look into this. We want to stand in defense of the public interest and freedom of expression."

The election is unlikely to come as a surprise to many. Chiang, speaking ahead of the election, noted that every leader in New Macau's history seeking a second term has been re-elected. He said that this time would be no diffe-

However, the near-unanimous nomination of the group's senior leadership disguises the internal rifts developing in the organization. In late-2014, both of ANM's two lawmakers sought to reduce their financial support to the group, and took measures to distance themselves from ANM, culminating in Au Kam San leaving the association last year.

Lawmaker Ng Kuok Cheong, on the other hand, has pledged to remain a part of the group but, according to Scott Chiang, will no longer serve as a board member.

TOURISM

June visitor arrivals up over May

ISITOR arrivals totaled 2,358,346 in June 2016, according to data released by the Statistics and Census Service, up by 4.9 percent yearon-year and yet down by 4.8 percent month-to-

month.

Those from mainland China increased by 5.7 percent vear-on-vear to 1,516,599 last month, coming mostly from Guangdong Province (657,858), Hunan Province (67,254)

Fujian Province (59,164). Visitors from South Korea (46,957) and Taiwan (95,615) increased by 49.5 percent and 19.1 percent respectively year -on-year, while those from Hong Kong (511,692) decreased by 2.3 percent.

Analyzed by mode of transport, visitors arrivals by land increased by 6.9 percent year-on-year to 1,319,701; those arriving via the Border Gate (1,157,876) and the Cotai Checkpoint (160,251) rose by 5.8 percent and 16.6 percent respectively.

Meanwhile, arrivals by sea fell by 1.1 percent yearon-year to 841,580, and air arrivals increased by 21 percent year-on-year to 197,065, with almost all arriving via the air-

In the first half-year of 2016, visitor arrivals totaled 14,764,296, up marginally by 0.1 percent yearon-year. Overnight visitors rose by 8.3 percent to 7,163,259 while sameday visitors dropped by 6.6 percent to 7,601,037.

Visitors from mainland China (9,741,394) and Hong Kong (3,058,316) decreased by 0.4 percent and 3.1 percent year-onyear, whereas those from South Korea (312,648) and Taiwan (520,034) increased by 6.5 percent and 11.7 percent respectively.

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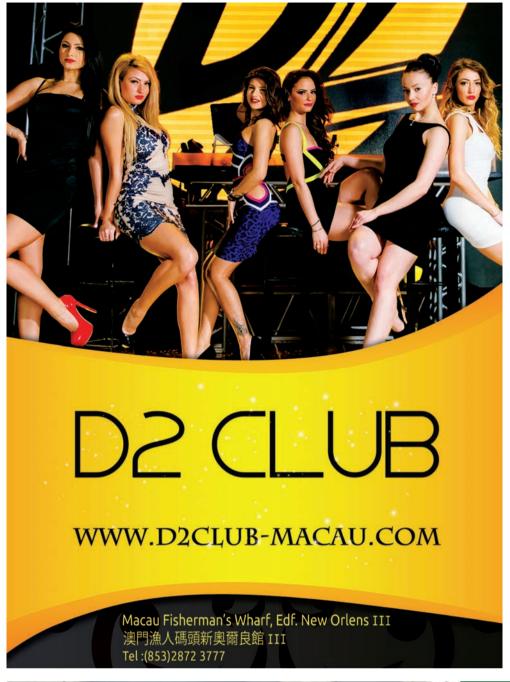
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ornate archway marks it. No obvious business district with exotic signs and storefronts sets it apart. But in the quiet neighborhoods around two of the nation's largest casinos, a sort of suburban Chinatown has been growing for over a decade.

Drawn from New York and Boston by good-paying jobs at the Mohegan Sun and Foxwoods resorts, Chinese and other Asian immigrants have been buying homes, raising families and growing their own food in what had once been largely white communities along Connecticut's Thames River.

"Fresh air and more trees. I can even fish," Xu Song Mu, a 62-year-old former Mohegan Sun worker who moved from Queens with his family about eight years ago, said through a translator as he loaded his SUV with fishing gear one July day. "In New York, I couldn't do that."

The influx has caused tension with some locals, who complain about too many people crammed into single-family homes and of front lawns in manicured neighborhoods turned into miniature farms to feed large families.

Enforcement, education among the Chinese community and, more recently, big job cuts at the casinos have all helped diminish risky practices like "hot-bedding"—workers cramming into houses and sleeping in shifts—town officials say. But some longtime residents remain unhappy.

"I kind of wish it was quiet like before," said Peter Bulyk, a 70-year-old retiree whose house abuts a wooded trail many casino workers traverse to get from their homes to Mohegan Sun. "It's a nuisance hearing them walking and talking all hours of the night."

Stephen Fan, a 34-year-old Norwich native who has spotli-

Fortune, friction and decline as casino 'Chinatown' matures



Nage Wong (center), of Uncasville, Conn., works as a floor supervisor in a highstakes room at the Foxwoods Resort Casino, in Mashantucket, Conn.

ghted his hometown's Chinese community in an architecture and photo exhibit next on display in Oslo, Norway, said the persistent grumbling shows relations still need work.

"Had these been hipsters from Williamsburg doing the same things — starting little gardens, living communally, walking to work — I think it would have been received very differently," the Brooklyn designer said.

What's happening in Connecticut can be seen — or anticipated — elsewhere.

A similar demographic shift is at work near the Sands Casino in the old steel town of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania, said Chloe Taft, a former Yale lecturer and author of "From Steel to Slots: Casino Capitalism in the Postindustrial City." Other states in the Northeast, where

more casinos open each year, can expect the same, she said.

Many casinos actively recruit Chinese-speaking workers to cater to Chinese patrons, adherents to an ancient gambling tradition who tend to bet big and play for hours.

The Chinese community around Mohegan Sun and Foxwoods started to take shape in the early 2000s as the two casinos, which opened in the 1990s, expanded, and garment factories in New York City, where many Chinese immigrants worked, began closing.

A smattering of Asian markets, restaurants and other enterprises has cropped up along the strip malls, historic main streets and busy throughways leading to the mega-resorts. But the change is most apparent in cul-de-sacs nearest the casinos.

Many homes bought by Chinese immigrants like Xu Song Mu and his two brothers are immediately recognizable by the rows of bamboo and fruit trees, string beans, tomatoes, eggplant, squash and other crops that cover nearly every inch of their lawns.

The changes are also apparent in the public schools, where report cards and other notices sent home with students are translated into Chinese dialects and interpreters are on hand for parent-teacher meetings.

But as the Chinese community matures, new challenges are emerging.

The casinos have slashed their workforce as revenues plummet in the face of new competition throughout the Northeast. The contraction means fewer new immigrant families. And some that bought homes just a few years ago are trying to sell so they can seek work elsewhere, town officials and Chinese

community leaders said.

Xu Song Mu, a father of two grown children, is among those at a crossroads.

He was laid off from Mohegan Sun in May, and his wife and brothers have also seen their casino hours cut.

The couple's four-bedroom raised ranch home is likely worth less today than when they bought it in 2007 for USD220,000, with similar houses in the area, which hasn't fully recovered from the recession, selling for closer to \$150,000.

For now, though, he and his wife have no plans to pull up stakes. The two say they're in good health, and Xu, who has been in the country for 30 years and is a U.S. citizen, can draw from his Social Security benefits while his wife works a little longer.

"We'll be here," he said. "At least as long as I can drive a car and get around." MDT/AP

CHINA'S GIANT SAID TO LEAD GROUP BIDDING FOR CAESARS ONLINE UNIT

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China's Giant Interactive Group, backed by billionaire Shi Yuzhu, is in talks to acquire Caesars Entertainment Corp.'s online game unit for more than USD4 billion, according to people familiar with the matter.

The Giant-led group has emerged as the leading contender for the business after an auction process, said one of the people, asking not to be identified because the matter is private. Reuters reported earlier that the Giant consortium is in advanced talks to acquire the unit and has been granted a short period for exclusive negotiations, citing unidentified people.

Caesars Interactive is one of the largest players in the market for casino-style games on Facebook, with titles such as Slotomania and Bingo Blitz.

Any sale would not include the World Series of Poker, which Caesars Interactive also owns, one of the people said. Giant didn't immediately respond to phone calls seeking comment.

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ANDY HUI PERFORMS LATEST CONCERT AT THE VENETIAN



Andy Hui's latest concert "Andy Hui Come On: Part Two Live 2016 Macau" thrilled audiences as he performed to a sell-out crowd at The Venetian

Macao's Cotai Arena on Saturday.

A press release issued by Sands China informed that the concert showcased Andy's dynamic dance moves, his powerful vocal skills and his passionate emotion throughout his performance.

The pop star performed with several dazzling outfits, much to the delight of his fans.

Andy kicked off the concert with a stirring ballad "Let Me Treat You Better." He then went on to perform his classic hits from his early days including "My Sky My Song" and "Cheese."

To commemorate the 30th anniversary of his music career, Andy Hui kicked off the "Andy Hui Come On Live 2016" concert series last May with four consecutive sell-out concerts in Hong Kong.

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Four local officials suspended after deadly floods

PROVINCIAL authorities in northern China said yesterday that they have suspended four local officials for inadequately responding to floods over the past week that killed 114 people and left 111 others missing.

The Hebei provincial government said on its official microblog account that it was suspending the head of a development zone in the city of Xingtai, the chief engineer of a city transport bureau and two other bureaucrats.

The move comes as China's government has been fighting massive flooding this summer that has also threatened embankments along rivers in central China, with authorities mobilizing troops and heavy equipment to fill the gaps. Already, 576 people have been recorded as dead or missing nationwide in the first half of the year.

President Xi Jinping last week warned the country to be prepared for more hardship to come and said officials found negligent in their duties would



A villager cleans up his courtyard after a flood in Shimen Village of Jingxing County, north China's Hebei Province

be severely punished.

In Hebei, the officials were being suspended "for being ineffective in flood prevention and rescue and relief work," the provincial government statement said.

Xingtai was among the province's worst-hit areas, with floods there killing 25

people and leaving 13 others missing.

Villagers complained that a Xingtai official tried to cover up the casualties in an interview last week by saying no one died or was hurt. Residents also complained that officials had failed to give them sufficient warning before the flood hit.

"The village chief informed us about the flood situation around 2 a.m. that day, but the floodwaters had almost arrived by that time," said a villager who would only give his surname, Zhang, when reached by phone yesterday. "We had no time to make preparations."

■ Floods over the past week killed 114 people and left 111 others missing

"We want the government to tell us the truth, including the death toll in our village," Zhang said. Reports say eight people died in his village of Daxian.

The city's mayor, Dong Xiaoyu, made a public apology and bowed at a news conference Saturday, saying the government had underestimated the intensity of the rain and the risk of flooding. **AP**

China working hard to stabilize Yuan against basket, PBOC says

CHINA expanded before to steady the currency markets, with the central bank adding verbal support to the exchange rate after a week that saw it slip past a key level against the dollar.

The People's Bank of China will work hard to keep the yuan stable against a basket of currencies, Deputy Governor Chen Yulu said at a conference in Beijing yesterday, adding that the authority will improve the policy framework for the yuan's offshore market and crossborder services.

Chen's comments come after the PBOC fueled speculation that it was defending a level of 6.7 per dollar by strengthening its daily reference rate even as a gauge of the greenback rose. This spurred speculation that the central bank isn't



sticking to its stated policy of following the direction of the market, which would have resulted in weaker fixings. The signs of inter-

vention come amid increasing pressure on the currency, with Goldman Sachs Group Inc. saying that the yuan's declines affected sentiment and resulted in a significant pickup in outflows in June. The threat of capital flight unsettling

financial markets is complicating China's strategy of steadily weakening the yuan to combat a drop in exports as it looks to support growth in the world's second-largest economy.

The yuan advanced 0.9 percent, the most since October, against a 13-currency trade-weighted basket in the five days through July 22. The currency traded onshore posted its first weekly advance

against the dollar since early June, recovering earlier losses after dropping beyond 6.7 against the dollar for the first time since 2010.

Deputy Governor Chen addressed issues for the bond market as well, saying yesterday that the monetary authority will orderly push forward with the opening of financial markets, supporting quality issuers overseas to sell yuan bonds onshore and local issuers to sell yuan notes offshore.

He added that the nation will push forward with the second phase of the China International Payment System - a mechanism providing clearing and settlement services that was started in October last year - and enhance international monetary and financial-policy cooperation and coordination.

China should coordinate capital-account opening with exchange-rate reforms, and have a comprehensive monitoring of capital flows, according to a yuan internationalization report released by the Renmin University of China and Bank of Communications Co. on Sunday. Chen was speaking at the release of the report. **Bloomberg**

Tiger mauls woman to death in wildlife park

SIBERIAN tigers at a wildlife park in Beijing mauled a woman to death and wounded another when they stepped out of their car in an enclosure, a Chinese state-run newspaper said.

A tiger pounced on one of the women after she got out of a private car in which she was touring the Beijing Badaling Wildlife World on Saturday, the Legal Evening News reported.

The second woman was killed by another tiger that leapt at her after she stepped out of the vehicle to try to help her companion, the report said.

The Yanqing district government confirmed in an official microblog post that the tiger attack took place at the park, which lies at the foot of the Great Wall. It offered few details but said the injured person was being treated.

Visitors are allowed to drive their own vehicles around the park, but are forbidden from getting out while in certain enclosures, the report

A woman who answered the phone at the park refused to comment on the attack, saying only that the park was closed for two days due to forecasts of heavy rain. **AP**



Vijay Joshi, Daniel Malloy

OUTHEAST Asia's main grouping apparently failed to reach a consensus on how to deal with China's territorial expansion in the South China Sea, intensifying a diplomatic stalemate that officials said they hope to resolve after closed-door parleys yesterday.

The foreign ministers of the 10 countries that make up the Association of Southeast Asian Nations deliberated for several hours, continuing the unfruitful discussions their senior officials had on Saturday, but with no result.

A bland press statement issued at the end of the talks said only that the ministers had a "candid and constructive exchange of views on regional and international issues ... as well as developments in the Middle East, Korean Peninsula and the South China Sea."

But Thai Foreign Ministry spokesman Sek Wannamethee said they haven't completed their discussion yet. "They are now having a working luncheon followed by an ASEAN retreat, so the issue will be discussed during the retreat," he said.

Like all other ASEAN meetings, the foreign ministers' conclave also traditionally ends with a joint communique. But the sticking point is whether to include a reference to the South China Sea. ASEAN's cardinal principle is decisions by consensus, which means any country can veto a proposal. This time, it is Cambodia, China's close ally. In 2012, Cambodia also blocked a reference to the dispute, which ended with the ministers failing to issue a statement for the first time in the bloc's history.

Sek said the "joint communique is still being drafted."

Yesterday's talks were expected to deal with terrorism, the economy, climate change, security, the impact of Brexit and other issues. But all this has been overshadowed by the July 12 decision by a Hague-based

No ASEAN consensus on South China Sea row for now



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tribunal in a dispute between China and the Philippines.

The Permanent Court of Arbitration found that China had no basis for its expansive claims to territorial waters around the Philippines. China has similar

claims against other ASEAN nations, including Vietnam and Malaysia, and the ruling should have emboldened ASEAN to challenge Beijing more forcibly.

That's being prevented by Cambodia, said diplomats speaking on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to discuss the matter with the media. They said the draft statement to be issued by the ministers tomorrow left blank spaces under the heading "South China Sea" until a consensus can be reached.

Laos, which also is a China ally, has trod carefully and not taken sides because of its position as the host.

A diplomat who attended closed door meetings told The Associated Press: "Cambodia is the villain deja vu 2012. It's really a loyalist of the big country C," the diplomat said, referring to China.

Another diplomat said that the United States also did not push

China during Saturday's discussions, leaving ASEAN countries with little firepower. The U.S. was more keen on getting the region's support on chastising North Korea, and ignored the South China Sea during the discussions, said the diplomat.

U.S. and Chinese officials were meeting ASEAN ministers as part of broader talks.

Tran Viet Thai, deputy director of the Institute of Strategic Studies, a Vietnamese government think tank, described the arbitration tribunal's ruling as very important because, theoretically at least, it should help resolve disputes, uphold the law and clarify the stance of the parties. "But at this point, it is not a magic stick [...] it's not a solution to everything, but rather it needs to be combined with other measures," he said.

The South China Sea is dotted with reefs and rocky outcroppings that several governments claim, including China and the Philippines. The arbitration panel didn't take a position on who owns the disputed territories. It did conclude that many of them are legally rocks, even if they've been built into islands, and therefore do not include the international rights to develop the surrounding waters. That and other findings invalidated much of what China's called its historic claims to the resource-rich sea.

In order to ease tensions, China, the Philippines and possibly other claimants must define what the ruling means for fishing, offshore oil and gas exploration, and military and other activities in the vast body of water that lies between the southern Chinese coast and the Philippine archipelago.

China has rejected the ruling as bogus, and called for bilateral negotiations with the Philippines. In recent days, its military has staged live-firing exercises in the area and said it would begin regular aerial patrols over the sea. It also has asserted that it will not be deterred from continuing construction of its manmade islands.

In a commentary yesterday, China's official Xinhua News Agency urged East Asian nations to be vigilant against U.S. "interference" in the region and to foster closer ties with China, "a market no country can afford to lose."

The Philippines also remains in a tight spot despite the legal and moral victory it gained through the tribunal's decision. It simply cannot afford to antagonize China, especially since its new president, Rodrigo Duterte, has made friendly overtures to Beijing to repair relations that were strained under his predecessor, Benigno Aquino III. AP

Scientists plan first human test with gene editing tool

CHINESE scientists are embarking on what appear to be the first human trials with the Crispr gene editing tool, the latest effort by the country's researchers to master a technology that might someday be a potent tool in developing therapies worldwide.

The group led by Lu You, an oncologist at the southwestern Sichuan University West China Hospital, has recruited the first patient for a ten-people clinical trial, which will activate immune cells using Crispr and infuse them back into patients to fight lung cancer. Due to potential risks in using the pioneering treatment for humans, the team has decided to treat the first group of three patients one at a time, Lu said in a phone interview.

Formally called Crispr-Cas9, the genetic editing tool acts like a pair of precise molecular scissors that can cut out unwanted sections of DNA and insert desired ones. The team is using it to remove a gene

that encodes a protein named PD-1, which normally keeps the immune cells in check but is also used by cancer cells to hide from the immune system.

The engineering is intended to switch on the immune response to attack cancer. In the pharmaceutical industry, antibody drugs directly blocking the PD-1 protein including Merck & Co.'s Keytruda and Opdivo sold by Bristol-Myers Squibb Co. have become new growth engines for the companies.

"If this technology has good safety and shows certain efficacy, it has wide applications," said Lu. If successful, it has the potential to become an alternative biotechnology treatment to replace or complement the existing single antibody drugs, Lu said. Lu's group received approval from the ethics board of the West China Hospital, one of the top facilities in the country.

They will observe the first patient for two months after injecting the Crispredited cells and if there is no problem, proceed to give the second patient the same treatment. If the first group of three patients responds well, they may be able to accelerate after that.

"We've learnt from past lessons that safety comes first. You have to make clear its safety profile before its preliminary efficacy can be discussed," said Lu. Patients must have the PD-L1 bio-marker and should have tried three to four lines of existing treatments available in China and fai-

led to benefit from them, he said.

Lu acknowledges it is still very early days. The Phase I trial only tests if the technology is safe and Lu said his biggest worry is about overly activated immune cells attacking not just the cancer but also healthy cells, creating conditions similar to autoimmune diseases like lupus. Another problem is the possibility of unwanted mutations happening at sites other than the intended gene. **Bloomberg**



US envoy to visit Malaysia amid questions over mass graves

Matthew Pennington

HE U.S. envoy on combating human trafficking will visit Malaysia this week, an official said Friday, amid complaints that the Southeast Asian nation has failed to investigate properly alleged official complicity over mass graves of suspected trafficking victims.

The State Department has faced a barrage of congressional criticism after Malaysia, a key U.S. trading partner, was kept off a blacklist of countries that fail to meet minimum standards against modern-day slavery.

Susan Coppedge, ambassadorat-large to monitor and combat trafficking in persons, will meet Deputy Prime Minister Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, during her twoday visit to the main city Kuala Lumpur starting today.

Spokeswoman Mai Shiozaki said Coppedge will also will meet with senior officials in the attorney general's chambers and



Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia

the prime minister's office, and host a round-table with nongovernment groups.

The department says there are several million migrant laborers in Malaysia and more than 150,000 registered refugees and asylum-seekers who are also vulnerable to traffickers.

The Obama administration

controversially took Malaysia off its human trafficking blacklist in 2015 although it had secured only a handful of human trafficking convictions

in the previous year. The administration denied accusations of political interference driven by Malaysia's participation in the U.S.-backed Trans-Pacific Partnership trade agreement.

The upgrade of Malaysia to a so-called "watch list" came soon after the May 2015 discovery of suspected human trafficking camps and dozens of graves along the border with Thailand. The watch list ranking was renewed in the department's latest human trafficking report issued three weeks ago, which found that the Malaysian government questioned several officials in connection with the mass graves but did not prosecute any officials last year for complicity in trafficking crimes.

Several lawmakers pressed Coppedge on the issue at congressional hearings July 12. She agreed that it was "troubling" that no government officials have been prosecuted or held accountable.

Kristen Abrams, acting director of the Washington-based Alliance to End Slavery and Trafficking, said Coppedge's visit would send an important signal to Malaysia that "the world is watching."

"We hope she will communicate to the Malaysian government that the time is now to get serious about combating human trafficking," Abrams said. AP

SINGAPORE

Michelin debut has one top winner, two hawker stalls



Sarah McDonald and Melissa Cheok

CINGAPORE, the Ocity notorious for its fanatical devotion to food, has joined the Michelin fold.

The tiremaker and publisher handed out its top accolade to just one establishment on Thursday — French celebrity chef Joël Robuchon's eponymous restaurant. It was the first time that the Southeast Asian city's dining scene faced the anonymous scrutiny of Michelin's inspectors, who rank their meals using a three-star system. Wolfgang Puck's steak restaurant Cut in the Marina Bay Sands complex was among 22 eateries awarded one star, as were two hawker

stalls. Six restaurants received two stars.

"It's a very competitive landscape," Lionel Yeo, chief executive officer for the Singapore Tourism Board, said at an awards ceremony on Thursday, where restaurant owners and holders of the SGD450 (USD332) tickets ate a five-course dinner while watching dancers decked out in checked pants and chef hats covered in glitter. "This is a nice boost for Singapore tourism."

If the Michelin marketing machine attracts visitors or encourages them to shell out on fancy meals while they're in town, the financial hub's restaurateurs may find it easier to weather layoffs at investment banks

and in the oil and gas industry. Sales at restaurants in the city-state dropped 3.6 percent in May from a year earlier, government statistics show. Malcolm Lee, the 32-year-old owner and head chef at popular one-star winner Candlenut, which serves a contemporary version of Singapore's local Peranakan food, said the economy's ups and downs have been a challenge.

"It's been very tough," he said on Thursday. On being the first Peranakan restaurant to win a Michelin ranking, he said: "we're just happy this cuisine is being recognized."

Michelin grades restaurants in five categories: quality of the products, mastery of flavour and cooking techniques, the personality of the chef in his or her cuisine, consistency and value for money. Most of the inspectors have studied at hotel or cooking school. They are all full-time salaried Michelin staffers, and always pick up their own check.

The first Asian guide was a Tokyo edition in 2008, followed by Hong Kong and Macau versions. The latter two cities had one three-star restaurant each in their first guide, and now have a combined eight. Michelin is planning publications for Shanghai and Seoul.

At the three-star Joël Robuchon Restaurant in the Sentosa resort complex, the degustation menu is SGD438, plus taxes. At the onestar Hong Kong Soya Sauce Chicken Rice & Noodle in Chinatown menu self-explanatory — an entire chicken costs SGD14. Chan Hon Meng, the 51-year-old proprietor, said even before the award the hawker stall had an hour-long queue, and he's not planning to put the prices up.

"The consumer is the judge," he said. Bloomberg

THAILAND

Car rams fence of Bangkok Erawan shrine, police say accident

car has rammed the Afence of the landmark Erawan shrine in central Bangkok, injuring several people, in what police say was an accident and not a deliberate act.

The Erawan shrine was the site of a bomb attack in August last year that killed 20 people and more than 120 injured.

Police Lt. Gen. Sanit Mahathavorn, acting chief of the Bangkok metropolitan bureau, says the incident late Friday was caused by the driver who suffered a stroke and lost control.

The driver has been hospitalized.

The Bangkok Post daily says the injured include several tourists from Indonesia, Singapore and China.

The Macau Tourism Crisis Management Office stated that it is paying close attention to the car accident. After contacting the Government Tourism Office representative in Thailand and the members of the local travel industry, there is no indication that any Macau tour groups or Macau residents have been affected by the Erawan accident. MDT/AP





India refuses to renew visas for 3 Chinese journalists

TNDIA'S government has refused to renew the $oldsymbol{1}$ visas for three Chinese journalists working for China's official Xinhua News Agency, an official said yesterday, meaning they will have to leave the country by the end of this month.

The official declined to disclose the reasons for the refusal to renew the visas - a move that comes amid tensions between the two countries but said Xinhua could send replacements for the journalists.

The official said that the three had received several visa extensions and that one of them has been in India for the past seven years. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to talk to reporters.

A report Sunday in The Hindu newspaper said the three traveled to the southern Indian city of Bangalore recently and met exiled Tibetan activists, which became an issue with India's gover-

Though the Tibetan government in exile is headquartered in the northern Indian town of Dharmsala, thousands of Tibetans live in southern Karnataka state, whose capital is Bangalore.

Xinhua and China's Foreign Ministry did not immediately respond to faxed requests for comment yesterday.

Non-renewal of visas is generally a step followed by various governments to expel foreign journalists. AP

TERRORISM

MACAU'S LEADING NEWSPAPER

Afghanistan marks day of national mourning after huge attack

AFGHANISTAN marked a national day of mourning yesterday, a day after at least 80 people were killed by a suicide bomber attack on a peaceful demonstration. The attack was claimed by the Islamic State group.

Funerals were due to begin quietly in western Kabul as families collected their dead from hospitals and morgues across the capital, and graves were dug in preparation.

Authorities say another 231 people were wounded, some seriously, in the attack Saturday afternoon on a march by members of the ethnic Hazara community, who are predominantly Shiite Muslim. Most Afghans are Sunni, and the IS group regards Shiites as apostates.

The IS group has had a presence in Afghanistan for the past year, mainly in the eastern province of Nangarhar along the Pakistani border.



Afghans help a man who was injured in a deadly explosion that struck a protest march by ethnic Hazaras

The Afghan military, backed by U.S. troops, is planning an offensive against IS positions in Nangarhar in coming days. It was the first IS attack on Kabul - and the city's worst since a vicious Taliban insurgency began 15 years ago — raising concerns about the group's reach and capability in Afghanis-

Prior to the Saturday attack, thousands of Hazaras had marched through Kabul to demand the rerouting of a power line through their impoverished province of Bamiyan, in the central highlands. It was their second demonstration; the first was in May with had a much better turnout and attended by senior Hazara politicians who were absent from Saturday's march.

The office of President Ashraf Ghani said that march organizers had been warned to call off the demonstration after intelligence was received that an attack was

Daud Naji, a member of the Enlighten Movement which organized the marches, said yesterday that they had been told only that there was a "heightened risk" of attack and had subsequently cancelled nine of 10 planned routes.

Hazaras account for about 15 percent of Afghanistan's population, estimated at around 30 million, and often complain of discrimination. During the Taliban's 1996-2001 rule, Hazaras were often brutalized more than other ethnic groups.

The Saturday attack has raised concerns about sectarianism, and the Interior Ministry announced a ban on public gatherings and demonstrations in a potential bid to avoid any inter-communal strife. A presidential spokesman pointed out that the ban on public gatherings would not apply to funerals for Saturday's victims. AP

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Bavarian official says military aid needed in time of crisis

George Jahn, David Rising

AVARIA'S top security official yesterday urged a constitutional change to allow the country's military to be able to be deployed in support of police during attacks like Friday night's deadly rampage at a Munich mall, while Germany's vice chancellor proposed even stricter controls on firearms.

Because of the excesses of the Nazi era, Germany's post-war constitution only allows the mili-

How can it be that an unstable, or possibly even mentally ill 18-year-old comes into possession of a firearm?

SIGMAR GABRIEL VICE CHANCELLOR



People mourn behind flower tributes near the Olympia shopping center where a shooting took place leaving nine people dead the day before

tary, known as the Bundeswehr, to be deployed domestically in cases of national emergency.

But state Interior Minister Joachim Herrmann told Welt am Sonntag newspaper that the regulations are now obsolete and that Germans have a "right to safety."

"We have an absolutely stable democracy in our country," he said. "It would be completely incomprehensible [...] if we had a terrorist situation like Brussels in Frankfurt, Stuttgart or Munich and we were not permitted to call in the well-trained forces of the Bundeswehr, even though they stand ready."

Munich deployed some 2,300 police officers to lock down the city Friday night, calling in elite SWAT teams from around the country and neighboring Austria, after an 18-year-old went on a shooting rampage at a mall with a pistol, killing nine and wounding dozens of others befo-

re taking his own life.

It was the second attack targeting victims apparently at random in less than a week in Bavaria. Last week a 17-year-old Afghan asylum-seeker wounded five people in an ax-and-knife rampage near Wuerzburg, for which the Islamic State group has claimed responsibility.

In the fog of the Friday attack, witnesses had reported as many as three shooters and the city's public transit was completely

shut down for hours as authorities searched the streets.

Herrmann said that in other European nations it goes without saying that the military is brought in to aid during "extreme domestic threats" and he said Bavaria would urge changes so that it is allowed in Germany as well.

Weapons are strictly controlled in Germany and police are still trying to determine how the shooter, a German-born man identified only as David S. whose parents are Iranian immigrants, obtained the Glock 17 used in the attack.

Its serial numbers were filed off and he had no permit to purchase weapons, authorities have said.

Even though it was an illegal weapon, Vice Chancellor Sigmar Gabriel suggested yesterday that even stricter controls were needed, telling the Funke Media Group that "we need to do everything further possible to curb the access to deadly weapons and strictly control them."

"How can it be that an unstable, or possibly even mentally ill 18-year-old comes into possession of a firearm?" he asked.

Germany's top security official, Interior Minister Thomas de Maiziere, said, however, that Germany's weapons regulations were already "very strict" and appropriate.

He said authorities first need to determine where the shooter got the weapon from.

"We'll then have to look very carefully at whether there then needs to be a possibility for additional legal action," he said. AP

Turkey seizes over 2,250 institutions in post-coup crackdown

Christopher Torchia, Cinar Kiper

In a new tactic against suspected coup plotters, Turkey on Saturday announced it had seized more than 2,250 social, educational or health care institutions and facilities that it claims pose a threat to national security.

The health ministry said patients at hospitals that are being seized will be transferred to state hospitals, highlighting the sweeping impact of the government's crackdown after a failed July 15 coup attempt.

A top Turkish official also accused some European countries of downplaying the grave danger posed by the failed insurrection, an apparent response to Western concerns about possible human rights violations in the government's crackdown.

"Some European colleagues think this is a Pokemon game, this coup attempt," said Omer Celik Turkey's minister for EU affairs. "Come here and see how serious this is. This is not something we play in a virtual game. This is happening in real time in Turkey."

President Recep Tayyip Erdogan also sharply criticized concerns that the large-scale purges, which have left at least 10,000 people in jail and about 50,000 fired or suspended, could jeopardize basic freedoms. Erdogan told France 24 on Saturday that Turkey has no choice but to impose stringent security measures, after the attempted coup that killed about 290 people and was put down by loyalist forces and protesters.

"We are duty-bound to take these measures. Our Western friends fail to see it that way. I cannot understand why," Erdogan said. "I'm under the impression that they will only see that once all the political leaders of Turkey are killed, and then they'll start to dance for joy."

Turkey has imposed a three-month state of emergency and detained or dismissed tens of thousands of people in the military, the judiciary, the education system and other institutions. Turkish leaders allege that supporters of a U.S.-based cleric, Fethullah Gulen, infiltrated state agencies and groomed loyalists in a vast network of private schools as part of an elaborate, long-term plan to take over the country.

Gulen, a critic and former ally of Erdogan, has denied any knowledge of the attempted coup.

Turkish officials say they will respect the rule of law during the state of emergency, although some commentators have wondered whether the purges are targeting opponents of Erdogan who had nothing to do with the coup.

The Turkish treasury and a state agency that regulates foundations have taken over more than 1,200 foundations and associations, about 1,000 private educational institutions and student dormitories, 35 health care institutions, 19 labor groups and 15 universities, the state-run Anadolu news agency reported Saturday.

Those institutions "belong to, have ties with or



government protest against the attempted coup

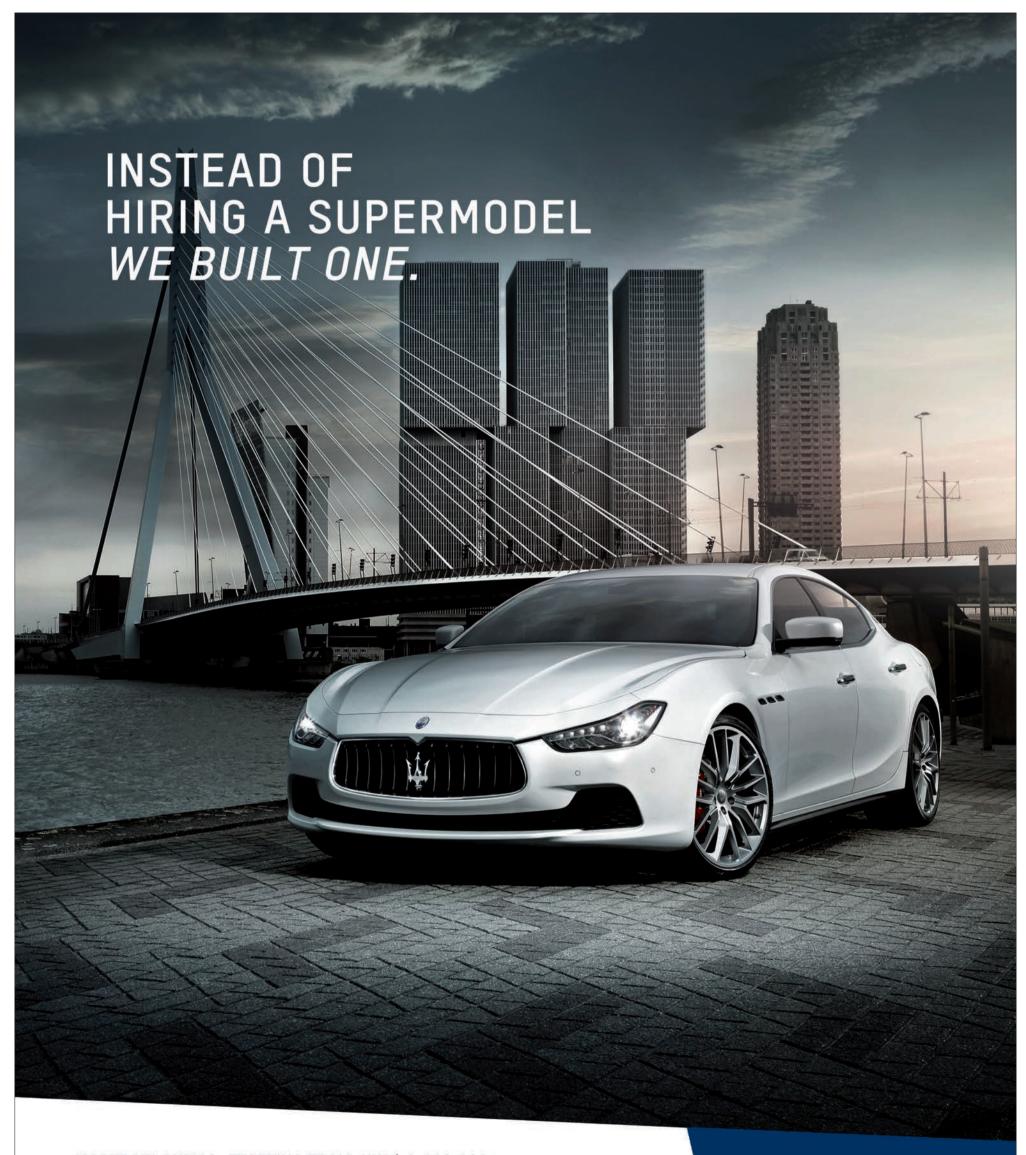
are in communication with" the Gulen movement, according to a decree published Saturday in Turkey's official gazette.

Turkey has criticized the United States for not immediately handing over the cleric for prosecution. President Barack Obama says there is a legal process for extradition and has encouraged Turkey to present whatever evidence it has against Gulen.

Turkish judges, military personnel, prosecutors and other civil servants who have been dismissed will lose any gun and pilot licenses and will have to vacate any publicly funded residences where they live within 15 days, according to the decree. Those dismissed cannot work in the public sector and cannot work for private security firms.

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Offbeat

CHINA ROLLS OUT WORLD'S LARGEST AMPHIBIOUS AIRCRAFT



An official news agency says China has unveiled the wor-Id's largest amphibious aircraft that Beijing plans to use for marine missions and fighting forest fires.

The Xinhua News Agency said the AG600 rolled off a production line in Zhuhai in southern China on Saturday. It measures 37 meters in length with a wingspan of 39 me-

The report cites Chinese state aircraft maker, the Aviation Industry Corporation of China, as saying the plane is nearly as big as a Boeing 737.

Last week, a Cessna 208B seaplane making its inaugural flight in China crashed into a highway bridge outside Shanghai, killing five people on board.

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Simon Pegg

Language: English (Cantonese/ English)

Duration: 120min



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2.30,4.30,7.30, 9.30 pm **Director: Justin Lin**

Starring: Chris Pine, Zachary Quinto, Zoe Saldana,

Simon Pegg

Language: English (Cantonese/ English)

Duration: 120min

this day in history



1992 World United at BARCELONA OLYMPICS

The Olympic Games has opened in the Spanish city of Barcelona with all countries present for the first time in modern history.

It is the first Olympiad since 1972 that no country has boycotted the Games, and several long-standing bans have been lifted.

A record 169 nations took part in the opening parade - a reflection of the extraordinary political changes the world has seen since the last Olympic Games at Seoul in 1988.

The opening ceremony began with the lighting of the Olympic Flame with a flaming arrow fired by Paralympic archer Antonio Rebollo. The spectacle included a staging of the mythical birth

of Barcelona from the sea, complete with ocean battles between sea monsters and humans. Opera stars who performed at the massive neo-classical Olympic Stadium at Montjuic included Placido Domingo

and Jose Carerras. But the crowd saved their loudest appreciation for Montserrat Caballe's performance of the anthem of this year's Games - the song "Barcelona", written by Queen singer Freddie Mercury who died from Aids in 1991.

There were plenty of new flags in the opening ceremony parade. Latvia and Estonia made their first independent appearance since 1936 after breaking free of Soviet rule, while neighboring Lithuania fielded its first national team since 1928.

The collapse of the Soviet Union created a further 12 new countries, the former Soviet republics.

They have chosen to compete as one team, to be known as the Unified Team, although at medals ceremonies the flags of individual republics will be raised for winning athletes.

Germany is competing as one country for the first time since 1964, following the collapse of the Berlin Wall.

South Africa has also returned to the Olympics for the first time in 32 years after the end of apartheid.

ANC leader Nelson Mandela, who did much to attain South Africa's readmittance, was in Barcelona to see the first South African multiracial team parade at the opening

Other countries back on the Olympic stage after long absences include Cuba, North Korea and Ethiopia. The only last-minute controversy has been over Yugos-

lavia, the subject of United Nations sanctions. In the end, it was decided Yugoslav athletes could com-

pete as "independent Olympic participants". Slovenia, Croatia and Bosnia-Herzegovina will have their own national teams.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

The Barcelona Games was one of the most successful in re-

cent years. Britain's Linford Christie became the oldest champion of the Olympic 100m, winning gold at 32 years old.

Other triumphs included the record-breaking Vitaly Scherbo of Belarus, who became the first gymnast to win six gold medals in the same Olympiad.

One of the most moving moments of the Games was after the women's 10,000m final.

The winner was Derartu Tulu of Ethiopia, the first black African woman to earn an Olympic medal.

She waited for the second-placed Elana Meyer, a white South African, before setting off hand in hand for a victory lap symbolic of a new, multiracial South Africa.

This was also the Games when amateur status was lifted for the first time, producing the legendary American "Dream Team" of elite professional basketball players including stars such as Magic Johnson and Michael Jordan.

The team won an easy gold medal, and is still considered the best basketball team ever to have been put together.

YOUR STARS



Aries

Mar. 21-Apr. 19

Don't let anyone tell you to slow down. Your career is your top priority, and you should continue going forward at full speed – at least until you start noticing flaws in your work or cracks in the master plan.



May 21-Jun. 21

Things are more confusing than they have to be. Do colleagues have a hidden agenda? Or do you? Once it's all out in the open, you'll have a much easier time getting things accomplished.



Leo

Jul. 23-Aug. 22

You know exactly what you want, but something is keeping you from pouncing on it. That something is common sense. Keep helping colleagues with what they need, instead. Consider it biding your time.



Libra

Sep.23-Oct. 22

Things at home are not balanced. but are they any more out of whack than things at work? That might make it all even out in the end, if you can think about it in that cockeyed way. If not, simply endure.



Nov. 22-Dec. 21

You've been so focused on your job that you've forgotten about the truly enriching things in life. The arts hold appeal today, as does plenty of time with friends and



Jan. 20-Feb. 18

There's nothing wrong with being just plain tired. Spend the day in your pajamas if that's what takes to shake the feeling. Whatever you do, be sure you're rested come tomorrow.

Taurus

April 20-May 20

Someone may be your supervisor, but that doesn't mean they have the same deep understanding of your job that you do. It's up to you to enlighten them. Speak up.



Cancer

Jun. 22-Jul. 22

Problems at work are all the more reason you need to live in balance. Your social life isn't the end all and be all, but it's the perfect foil for the office, now more than ever.



Virgo

Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Sometimes the pay off isn't financial. even though you're in it for the money. You'll have a lot of fun or a deep sense of satisfaction or something altogether different, but it won't be something you can put in the bank.



Scorpio

Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

It's a good day to sign business papers, but unfortunately you won't be at work. Be shrewd about it. Spend the day making plans for the future.



Capricorn

Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Look at things in a topsy-turvy way. Bring the same stamina and energy to your weekends as you usually

do to your work week, and look forward to some rest and relaxation



Pisces

Feb.19-Mar. 20

If you're in a position of authority all week long, the last thing you want to do is be in charge on the weekends. But if your group of friends needs a leader, step up to the plate, their treat.



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WORLD

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London	14	23	overcast/drizzle
New York	25	33	cloudy

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Scrub (a mission); 6- Not as much; 10- Queue after Q; 14-Echolocation; 15- Thought; 16- Over-50 org.; 17- 1985 Kate Nelligan film; 18-Island feast; 19- Long and Peeples; 20- Founder of Detroit; 22- One who carries a golfer's clubs; 24- ___ Raton; 25- Wandering; 26- Night flight; 30- Brouhaha; 32- Not "fer"; 33- Blueprint detail, for short; 35- ___ Gras; 40- Buzzard food; 42- Radiators; 44- Computer key; 45- Greek portico; 47- Would ___ to you?;

48- Car; 50- Key in again; 52- Introduction; 56- Breathe hard; 58- In and of __; 59- Difficult problem; 64- __ she blows!; 65- Crazy as __; 67- __ Camera; 68- Actress Sofer; 69- Of Thee __; 70- Dudley Do-Right's org.; 71- Part of QED;

72- Governs; 73- Lock openers;

DOWN: 1- Just ___!; 2- Gaucho's weapon; 3- Like a line, briefly; 4- Wife of a rajah; 5- Hat; 6- Light purple; 7- Send to school; 8- Where the buoys are; 9- Intoxicated; 10- Abbreviated time off;

11- You ___ mouthfull; 12- Habituate; 13-Unexpected victory; 21- Silt deposit; 23-Smell, usually a pleasant one; 26- Speed contest; 27- Alaska's first governor; 28-Grime; 29- Suffix with exist; 31- Cuatro doubled: 34- Over here!: 36- Squabbling: 37- Be dependent; 38- Faucet fault; 39-Psychiatrist's response: 41- Thin as 43- Wages; 46- Garden's necessity; 49-Biased; 51- List ender; 52- Brit's bottle measure; 53- Old anesthetic; 54- Yoga posture; 55- Clear of vermin; 57- Make up; 60- "Star Trek" captain; 61- Chantilly product; 62- TV award; 63- Emulates Eminem; 66- Baton Rouge sch.



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Chris Froome wins his third Tour de France title



Chris Froome sprays beer at his teammates as he cycles during the twenty-first stage of the Tour de France

CHARING beer and OChampagne with teammates, Chris Froome celebrated

in four years yesterday.

The Kenyan-born British

his third Tour de France title rider finished safely at the back of the main pack during the final stage, arm-in-arm

Andre Greipel of Germany won the final stage

with his teammates during the mostly ceremonial final stage ending on the Champs -Elysees.

Andre Greipel of Germany won the 21st leg.

At the start of the stage, Froome dropped back to his Team Sky car to collect bottles of beer and distributed them to each of his eight teammates for a celebratory

Then it was time for the traditional flute of Champagne.

Froome rode a yellow bike to go with his yellow jersey, helmet, gloves and shoes. His teammates had yellow stripes on their jerseys and yellow handlebars on their bikes. AP

Hamilton wins Hungarian GP to take overall lead from Rosberg

Pablo Gorondi, Budapest

TERCEDES driver Lewis Hamil-Mton won the Hungarian Grand Prix for a record fifth time yesterday to take the championship lead from teammate Nico Rosberg, who finished second.

Red Bull's Daniel Ricciardo was third, followed by Ferrari's Sebastian Vettel and Max Verstappen of Red Bull.

Hamilton now has five F1 victories this season for 192 points, with Rosberg on 186 and Ricciardo third with 115, one point clear of Ferrari's Kimi Raikkonen.

Hamilton completed the 70 laps of the Hungarian circuit in 1 hour, 40 minutes and 30.115 seconds, at an average speed of 183.059 kph. He beat Rosberg by 1.977 seconds.

Ricciardo was a further 27 seconds behind, less than a second ahead of Ve-

Rosberg won the first four races this year, while Hamilton has won five of the last six. Verstappen is the only non-Mercedes driver to win a race in 2016.

Hamilton started second on the grid, with Rosberg in pole position, but was able to pass the German on the first

"The start was everything," said Hamilton, who before this victory was tied with Michael Schumacher for most wins at the Hungaroring, with four. "I got a good start. I had one of the Red



Bulls on the inside so I was pressured quite a lot into turn one. What a day!"

"Once I've gone into the lead, I just manage my tires, my car and manage the gap and react only when I needed to," the two-time defending champion said.

Ricciardo also briefly passed Rosberg at the start but while the Mercedes driver was able to pull back ahead in that duel he was never able to pass Hamil-

"I was happy to take Daniel in turn two and from then I was trying to put all the pressure possible on Lewis," Rosberg said. "I lost the win there."

Despite losing the championship lead midway through the season, Rosberg, who Friday signed a contract extension with Mercedes through 2018, was confident about the remaining races.

"It's very close. Up till now it was a good battle with Lewis. It's still a long, long way to go," Rosberg said. "Now I move my focus to Hockenheim because it's my home race and I really look forward to racing there. I love the track." AP

IOC leaders stop short of complete ban on Russians from Rio



LYMPIC leaders stopped short yesterday of imposing a complete ban on Russia from the Rio de Janeiro Games, leaving individual globalsports federations to decide which athletes should be cleared to compete.

The decision, announced after a three-hour meeting of the International Olympic Committee's executive board, came just 12 days before the Aug. 5 opening of the games.

"We had to balance the collective responsibility and the individual justice to which every human being and athlete is entitled to," IOC President Thomas Bach said.

The IOC rejected calls from the World Anti-Doping Agency and many other anti-doping bodies to exclude the entire Russian Olympic team following allegations of state-sponsored cheating.

Russia's track and field athletes have already been banned by the IAAF, the sport's governing body, a decision that was upheld Thursday by the Court of Arbitration for Sport, and was accepted by the IOC again on Sunday.

Calls for a complete ban on Russia intensified after Richard McLaren, a Canadian lawyer commissioned by WADA, issued a report Monday accusing Russia's sportsministry of overseeing a vast doping program of its Olympic athletes.

McLaren's investigation, based heavily on evidence from former Moscow doping lab director Grigory Rodchenkov, affirmed allegations of brazen manipulation of Russian urine samples at the 2014 Winter Games in Sochi, but also found that state-backed doping had involved 28 summer and winter sports from 2011

But the IOC board, meeting via teleconference, decided against the ultimate sanction, in line with Bach's recent statements stressing the need to take individual justice into account.

"An athlete should not suffer and should not be sanctioned for a system in which he was not implicated," Bach told reporters on a conference call after Sunday's meeting.

Back acknowledged the decision "might not please everybody."

"This is not about expectations," he said. "This is about doing justice to clean athletes all over the world." AP

Tales Azzoni, Sao Paulo

UGBY player Isadora Cerullo never lived in Brazil. Fencer Ghislain Perrier speaks very little Portuguese. Golfer Miriam Nagl played abroad most of her life.

They'll still be parading under the host nation's flag at the opening ceremony of the Rio de Janeiro Games come Aug. 5.

Cerullo, Perrier and Nagl are among several athletes who will be fulfilling their Olympic dream because of Brazil's shortage of athletes in sports it automatically qualified for as host. Without an Olympic tradition to fall back on, the country was left to rapidly recruit an international band of athletes for events such as field hockey, golf, water polo, fencing and rugby.

Their ties, in many cases, are weak. Some have lived away for most of their lives but were born in Brazil. Some were born abroad but have Brazilian parents or grandparents. Some had almost no links to the country but were hired by local federations and became naturalized.

"I would have very slim chances of participating in the Olympics if I hadn't made the switch to play for Brazil," said Nagl, a Brazilian-born golfer who left the country when she was 8 and had always played for Germany. "When this idea came up and I realized that I had a chance to make it to Rio, I started dreaming about being at the Maracana Stadium during the opening ceremony."

The 35-year-old Nagl, who plays in the Ladies European Tour and is No. 444 in the women's world rankings, said she hadn't given much thought about representing her native country until being contacted by golf officials after Rio was awarded the games.

"By making the switch, I gave myself a chance to be in the Olympics, but I also thought about how this could be good for Brazil, about how I could become a good ambassador and help the game develop, she said.

Nagl admitted she had concerns about how she would be seen in Brazil after deciding to compete for it despite being away for so long.

"If there is some bad press about it, I will be fine," she said. "I know my connection, and I feel it's a very strong connection. I feel good about this."

Brazil had only two foreign athletes in its delegation at the 2012 London Games – American basketball player Larry Taylor and Chinese table-tennis player Gui Lin. Now about 20 "international" athletes will be taking



Brazilian Miriam Nagl

advantage of the many extra spots available for the home nation in Rio.

The International Olympic Committee said it is "against changes of nationality motivated by money and other unethical reasons," but it allows for switches made within the rules, including when a country has changed international status, when anathlete is a citizen of more than one nation or because of a direct link to a country, such as marriage or permanent relocation. The international federations also must approve the changes in

Rugby is one of the sports

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MIRIAM NAGL

in which Brazil lacks tradition but will compete anyway. Hoping to put on a good show in front of the home fans, the local federation launched a worldwide campaign — entitled "Brazilian Rugby Players Wanted" - to attract athletes playing abroad.

A few who responded to the campaign will be in Rio, including American-born Cerullo, who has Brazilian parents but had never visited the country until after contacting Brazilian rugby officials. Two Brazilian brothers who lived in France also made it to the team, as well a Brazilian-born athlete who lived and played in Argentina. England-born Juliano Fiori and France-born Laurent Bourda-Couhet, who has a Brazilian mother, will also play.

Brazil's fencing team earned eight additional spots as hosts and included three international players for the games. Among them are Ghislain Perrier, who was born in Brazil but left the country as a baby after being adopted by a French family, and Italianborn Nathalie Moellhausen, who competed for Italy at the 2012 London Games but chose to be with the hosts in Rio to

fulfill the wish of her Brazilian grandmother.

"I don't have many connections to Brazil," admitted Perrier, who has lived and trained in France most of his life. "I spent vacation in Brazil a few times, but I know only a few people there."

The fencing team will also have Marta Baeza, who was born in Brazil but had been competing for Spain, and reserve team member Katherine Miller, who was born in the United States.

Another foreigner, Hungary's Emese Takacs, tried to make the team but she was dropped after her citizenship was contested in court by a Brazilian athlete who had been left out of the squad. Takacs was accused of faking her marriage in Brazil to become naturalized.

"She had the legal documents but we always suspected it was a fraud," the Brazilian who had lost her spot, Amanda Simeao, told local media. "She was married to a Brazilian but had a boyfriend in Hungary."

Takacs denied wrongdoing but lost her battles in court.

Another controversial case was water polo goalkeeper Slobodan Soro, a Serbian whose naturalization process was approved just before the games. He and center Josip Vrlic of Croatia were hired to play for Brazil despite not having direct connections to the country. They were among five foreign-born players picked to play for the Brazilian team by Croat coach Ratko Rudic, the gold medalist with Croatia at the London Games.

The others were Spain's Adria Delgado, who has a Brazilian father; Italian-born Paulo Salemi, son of a Brazilian mother; and Cuban Ives Gonzalez, who is married to a Brazilian. The team also has Brazilian-born Felipe Perrone, who used to play for the Spanish national team before joining the hosts for the Rio

"They have been playing for Brazilian clubs for some time, this is not something that just happened," said Ricardo Cabral, who is in charge of Brazil's water polo team. "We created an Olympic project to help the sport develop and make Brazil more competitive. Because of the Olympics in Rio, there is more investment available and we want to take advantage of that to give the sport more visibility." AP



opinion

World Views

David Fickling, Bloomberg

XI'S DESERTED ROAD TURNS **SORRY SUBSTITUTE FOR HIGH SEAS**

Think China's plans to build railways across central Asia will be a boon for global trade? Consider this: The mighty Trans-Siberian Railway carried about as much east -west container traffic last year as you'd get on a single boat.

Transit container traffic over the network amounted to 109,000 20-foot equivalent units in 2015, its owner Russian Railways said last month. The world's biggest container ship, the MSC Oscar, can carry 19,224 TEUs and takes about two months to make the return trip from Asia to Europe.

That should be a cautionary tale for those expecting great things from President Xi Jinping's plans to build a revived overland Silk Road between China and the west. Maritime trade may not be sexy, but right now it's a lot cheaper to move things round the world on the high seas than on a train.

China's existing trade is a decent guide. Freight volumes through its major ports comfortably outstrip total rail-freight traffic through its border provinces, according to data compiled by Bloomberg - and that comparison heavily skews things in rail's favor, given how much of the land-based traffic is domestic.

To be sure, the disparity is recognized by China. Land-based spending forms the 'belt' in Xi's 'One Belt, One Road' policy while the 'road', confusingly, consists of maritime projects such as a planned USD10 billion upgrade at Malacca port in Malaysia. The USD40 billion Silk Road Fund and \$100 billion Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank established by Beijing will be financing both.

While China has traded with the west via central Asia since antiquity, it's likely that even then ocean routes through hubs in southern India were taking the bulk of the traffic. A single Roman cargo ship could shift 350 metric tons or more, about what can be carried by 4,000 camels. Writing around the lifetime of Jesus, the Greek geographer Strabo noted that about 120 ships a year were sailing from Egypt to India. The first Roman ambassadors to China appear to have arrived by sea in the second century A.D., carrying ivory, rhinoceros horn and turtle shells that seem to have been picked up in India, Southeast Asia or Africa.

For all that the global shipping industry is in the doldrums, infrastructure investors tempted to come in on Xi's projects should stick to the high seas.

With the exception of some much needed oil and gas-export infrastructure, most of China's planned investments in central Asia seem to have limited economic logic. Arguably, they're more about deepening ties with regional governments, providing work for Chinese industrial companies and damping separatist tendencies in its own Xinjiang province.

A much-touted rail link between Madrid and the Chinese city of Yiwu southwest of Shanghai had carried just eight trains-full of Spanish exports in its first 15 months in operation, El Pais newspaper reported in March. With ocean-freight rates running about a third cheaper than rail, even the offer of free advertising on Chinese state-run television for companies that use the route hasn't sparked much traffic.

Long railway journeys through expansive Kazakh steppe sound terribly romantic. When it comes to real trade, though, shipping is always going to be where it's at.

FANS IN VEGAS MISS OLYMPIC HOOPS EXHIBITION DUE TO GLITCH

Thousands of fans expecting to see the U.S. men's Olympic basketball team play against Argentina inside a Las Vegas arena were left outside because of a ticketing snafu.

med Friday night by the number of people picking up will call tickets or wanting to purchase on-site.

Some customers reported delays of as much as 2 hours and never made it inside.

Box office staff at T-Mobile Arena were overwhel-

MGM Resorts International, which owns the arena, apologized. The company said in a statement that it would grant refunds to anyone unable to

The game was the first of five exhibitions the U.S. will play before traveling to Rio to defend the gold

The U.S. team, which won 111-74, has spent the last week practicing in Las Vegas

BOXING

Crawford beats Postol in title unification fight



Viktor Postol, left, is hit by Terence Crawford during WBC-WBO junior welterweight unification title bout

Tim Dahlberg, Las Vegas

ERENCE Craw-**▲** ford was so sure of his victory Saturday night that he spent part of the final round with his hands at his side, taunting Viktor Postol.

What he's not so sure of is that Manny Pacquiao will agree to his terms and fight him at 140 pounds in November.

"It will be at 140, definitely," Crawford said. "But I'm going on vacation now. We're not worried about Manny Pacquiao right now."

Crawford turned in a dominating performance Saturday night in a battle of unbeaten champions, knocking Postol down twice on his way to a lopsided 12-round unanimous decision to put himself in the running for a fight with Pacquiao - who has fought most recently at 147 pounds — in November.

Crawford took control of the 140-pound title unification fight with two knockdowns in the fifth round, and then shut down Postol the rest of the way. He was so far ahead in the 12th round that he put his arms down at his side at one point, taunting Postol.

Both fighters came into the bout with titles and records of 28-0. But Crawford was clearly the best technical fighter, despite giving away significant height and reach advantage to the Ukrainian.

Crawford won 118-107 on two ringside scorecards, and 117-108 on the third. The Associated Press had him winning 118-107.

"Postol is a great champion and he was undefeated for a reason," Crawford said. "We got the job done tonight."

Crawford, who has won all seven of his title fights, was impressive in spurts as he controlled the fight from the early rounds on. He dropped Postol with the first punch of the fifth round, then dropped him again later in the round after battering him across the ring with a big left hand.

The knockdowns seemed to take some energy out of Postol and Crawford spent the rest of the fight circling and not allowing Postol to get set. When Crawford did stop to punch, he landed some big shots to Postol's

Pacquiao, who has fought at 147 pounds in recent years, is tentatively set to return to the ring November 5

"That's boxing," Crawford said. "That's how you box, with movement. That's what boxing is all about."

Crawford, who was cheered by a vocal contingent of fans from his hometown of Omaha, Nebraska, was a 6-1 favorite heading into the fight despite both fighters holding identical records and pieces of the super lightweight title.

It turned out the odds makers were on target as Crawford took what was an even fight on the scorecards after four rounds and

turned it into a runaway win.

"He was just too fast," said Postol's trainer, Freddie Roach. "I was surprised at how fast and good he was."

Crawford spent almost the entire fight as a southpaw, switching early from a conventional stance as he often does. He frustrated Postol, who tried to fight from the outside but seemed unwilling to trade punches.

Crawford said he wanted to fight Pacquiao, but that the fight would be at 140 pounds. Pacquiao, who has fought at 147 pounds in recent years, is tentatively set to return to the ring Nov. 5 and promoter Bob Arum said the winner of the fight would be a prime candidate as an opponent.

Postol, whose wife gave birth to twins earlier in the week, said Crawford forced him out of his rhythm and he was unable to carry out his fight plan.

"He was quicker than me. He's one of the best in the world," Postol said. "I just didn't have the answers tonight."

Two-time Mexican Olympian Oscar Valdez Jr. won a piece of the featherweight title on the undercard, stopping Argentina's Matias Rueda with a series of punches in the second round.

Valdez dominated the fight between two unbeaten boxers, landing big shots to the head in the first round and dropping Rueda with a hook to the body in the second. Rueda got up but Valdez swarmed over him, landing several more punches to put him down for a second time and end the fight at 2:18 of the second round.

Valdez leaped into the arms of his cornerman screaming in joy at becoming a champion in his 20th professional fight.

"It's a dream," he said. "Since I started boxing at 8 years old I wanted to be a world champion."

The title was vacant after Vasyl Lomachenko vacated his belt after moving up to super featherweight.

Valdez, a bronze medalist in the 2012 Olympics, improved to 20-0 with 18 knockouts, while Rueda fell to 26-1.

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WORLD BRIEFS



NEPAL's prime minister resigned yesterday shortly before he was to face a confidence vote in parliament that he expected to lose, further aggravating political instability in the Himalayan country.

RUSSIA The International **Olympic Committee** allowed Russian athletes with clean drug records to compete next month in Rio de Janeiro, stopping short of a complete ban of the country's competitors after a massive state-backed doping program was exposed. More on p18



GERMANY The teenager behind the deadly shooting rampage at a Munich mall had planned his attack for a year and chose his victims at random, investigators said yesterday. The shooter, an 18-year-old German-Iranian, visited the site of a previous school shooting in the German town of Winnenden and took photographs last year, then set about planning Friday's attack in which he killed nine people and wounded some three dozen others before taking his own life.

GERMANY A man with a machete killed a woman and injured two others in the southwestern city of Reutlingen before being arrested by police. The reason for the attack in the city south of Stuttgart was unclear.

NIGERIAN Sixteen soldiers are missing in action after an ambush by suspected Boko Haram militants on Friday in the north-eastern state of Borno, the army said. The soldiers were returning from an operation in the remote village of Guro Gongon when their vehicle got stuck in mud and came under fire, according to Lucky Irabor, commander of the counterinsurgency force in the northeast.