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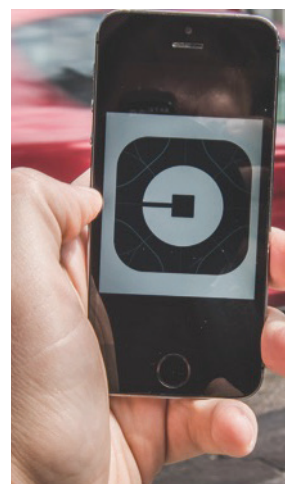
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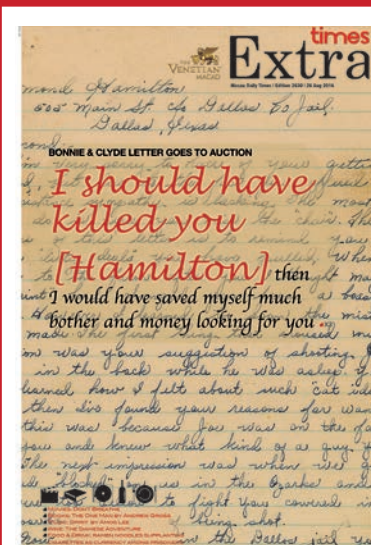
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Renato Marques

IT has been a while since manufacturers first launched the so-called Electric Vehicles (EVs).

Though the trend seems to be flourishing in mainland China, mostly due to “e-bikes” (bicycles powered by electricity), the EV scene in Macau is still in a very early stage of development, especially because bicycles are not that popular in the region.

According to official figures provided by the Transport Bureau (DSAT), a total of 57 electric cars and 82 electric motorcycles were registered in the territory as of July 2016.

The Times spoke with local resident Sergio Lacerda, one of Macau’s early EV adopters.

Lacerda told the Times he has been riding on his electric motorcycle for about five years, and he is generally pleased with it.

In Lacerda’s opinion, “all vehicles in Macau should be electric [powered]” as the territory is the perfect place for such vehicles.

“People in other places around the world always complain that EVs aren’t suitable because they have short battery life. In Macau, that problem doesn’t exist, because one charge can last for a day, a week or even a month in some cases,” he said.

He said that contrary to what many people think, the biggest problem for the implementation of EVs is not the charging stations but the fact that many of the products on the market, especially motorcycles, are still “not as good as the petrol versions” and “nobody wants to go from better to worse.”

Lacerda added that most small electric scooters lack power and do not perform as well.

Another issue, he said, is that “each brand has its own parts. They do not share these components among each other and since there aren’t many manufacturers and many vehicles on the roads, [it] is hard to find parts and components.”

The problem is exacerbated when it comes to batteries.

“Batteries are pretty much everything in an EV. If they last only five years, you better buy another motorcycle because the replacement will cost as much as a new motorcycle,” he said, affirming that there is a great deal of room for improvement.

“Batteries need to improve a lot. What we now have available is quite old technology. They



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Running on electric power is a difficult trend to set

must be much smaller, much lighter and last much longer. If that happens, I’m sure everybody will want to have an EV.”

The MSAR recently announced a new policy for EVs with its five-year plan, pledging to encourage EV usage by “[creating] 200 charging stations between 2016 and 2019, and that those sorts of facilities will also be included in the upcoming public housing developments.”

Lacerda thinks this is a good measure, as “people feel safer to invest in the product if they know they will have a place to charge it.”

However, he says that the creation of charging stations is less important than applying the system to public transport, recalling that both Zhuhai and Hong Kong already operate fleets of electric taxis and buses.

In late June, the Zhuhai government announced that out of the cars it expects to buy for

its public service departments in the coming years, thirty percent would be electric.

It also ordered some departments to install charging facilities and reserve specific parking spaces for such vehicles.

The company responsible for the installation of charging stations also launched an app to help electric car users locate available charging spots. The app enables online payments through a designated platform. The company already provides more than 100 charging stations throughout the city, and expects to have a total of 200 by 2017.

The Zhuhai government said that by using electric cars, its departments would set an example for the public to follow. Six chargers have already been installed at the government headquarters.

Zhuhai recorded a total of 2,021 electric vehicles by the

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end of 2015. Most are for the public, including buses, taxis, company cars and public rental cars.

Just two days ago, the Transport Bureau (DSAT) announced the implementation of a

new bus route, named E02. The route will be served by electric buses and will run for an experimental 30-day period.

In order to encourage the public to try the service, the government will offer free rides on these buses during the trial period.

The buses will run from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and then from 3 p.m. to 9 p.m., from Monday to Saturday (public holidays excluded). Buses will depart every 30 minutes.

Passengers can be picked up or dropped off at 19 bus stops across Taipa and the Macau Peninsula, including Torre de Macau and Praça de Ferreira do Amaral, with Edifício do Lago serving as the terminal.

Similar short-term initiatives have been tried in Macau before. The longest service, which is still running, is Sands China’s electric shuttle bus for staff members.

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RIDE-HAILING APP CONTROVERSY

Uber shutdown means 'business as usual' for taxi drivers



Daniel Beittler

IF ride-hailing app Uber's negotiations with the government over the legalization of the taxi provision falls short in the next few weeks, the popular service is expected to exit Macau.

Uber said in a statement that it will close down its Macau operations on September 9, citing hefty fines for its drivers; unless it reaches an agreement regarding the company's legalization and the fines payable, which amounts to more than MOP10 million.

Macau's taxi services will welcome Uber's surrender. As in

scores of other cities worldwide, local taxi firms have from day one opposed the disruptive model introduced by ride-hailing apps such as Uber.

Traditional taxi firms will likely see this as a victory celebrating a return to 'business as usual', despite suggestions from Macau's Transport Bureau (DSAT) that new legislation will be introduced to monitor and punish those who violate the rules.

However, the timing of the crackdown is unusual.

At the start of the month, Uber said it was selling its China-based business to competitor Didi Chuxing, ending an expensi-

ve price war in exchange for a stake in the consolidated business.

Several government authori-

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ANDREW SCOTT
MACAU TAXI PASSENGER
ASSOCIATION

ties – namely, police entities and the Transport Bureau – changed tack, from insisting that the use of ride-hailing apps was unequivocally illegal to conceding that the applications themselves “are not illegal.”

“What is illegal [is] the collaboration between such applications and unauthorized parties to run a fare-charging passenger transport service,” the Transport Bureau acknowledged in a message to the Times.

A longtime topic of disdain among Macau residents, traditional taxi services have been accused of industry-wide “rogue driver behavior”, including scamming and overcharging customers, and refusing to transport them to their requested destinations.

There have been several recent incidents of reckless driving, including two accidents on the Governador Nobre de Carvalho Bridge.

More than two years ago, Andrew Scott and his fellow concerned residents set up a Facebook group to “name and shame” taxi drivers. Today, the group has over 5,600 members. “Uber is leaving Macau because it has become too expensive

[to pay out all of these fines],” Andrew Scott, who is the CEO of World Gaming Group, told the Times yesterday. “People loved having Uber in Macau [...] so it's a great shame [for them to leave].”

However, Scott is optimistic that some sort of ride-hailing service will enter into force in the near future.

“There will be an Uber-like ride-sharing app in Macau at some point in the future,” he said. “It's inevitable [...] if Macau is to become a world-class tourism destination.”

“Someone else will try to fill the void,” he said, which might be an existing entity, a new organization, or even a publicly funded service.

On the other hand, “a company like Didi, that has been given the green light in China, would be a strong [contender] for this.”

Uber says it has more than 2,000 full-time and part-time drivers, around 300 of which have been fined by local police services in the past. They say a crackdown against their drivers means that the total amount of fines “is constantly rising at a rate of MOP1 million each week.”

The company implied that the situation has become untenable, as its policy is to cover the fines levied against its drivers.

Uber has been operating in Macau for slightly less than a year. If the estimate of an additional MOP1 million in fines per week – totaling MOP10 million – is accurate, the scale of the recent crackdown represents a significant intensification of local efforts to police the matter.

Andrew Scott also said that it would be no surprise if the closeness in timing between the Uber-Didi China deal and the Macau crackdown was the result of some sort of connection.

Uber separately claimed in their statement that the police had detained passengers “without any legal basis”, in addition to their drivers.

“What's more serious is that the police can detain passengers in police stations without any legal basis, including tourists coming to Macau who can use the service freely in their own countries,” the statement read.

“At the same time, the police visited drivers' residences several times and disturbed them [...] such level of enforcement brought unbearable and unsustainable burden to passengers and drivers.”

Uber has notified Chief Executive Chui Sai On of its decision but has yet to receive a reply.



Andrew Scott

PRO-UBER DEMONSTRATION PLANNED FOR NEXT MONTH

THE MACAO Community Development Initiative (MCDI) is planning a demonstration on September 4 in support of Uber. Lawmaker and MCDI vice chairman Au Kam San said the demonstration is in support of Uber's continued operations in the territory. Au also said that Macau can definitely come up with policies to regulate such services.

Ferry terminal's passenger-boarding bridges up for renewal



The Land, Public Works and Transport Bureau (DSSOPT) has scheduled six passenger-boarding bridges at the Macau Ferry Terminal for renewal in the first quarter of 2017. The upcoming renovation includes a redesigning of the bridges, in order to strengthen their non-slip surfaces, as well as the maintenance of rain shelters. DSSOPT yesterday received five companies' bids for the project's public tender. The department said the bridges will be renewed one by one to minimize the impact on terminal operations.

Macau inflicts first 'victim' in South Korea-Syria match

SOUTH Korean striker Suk Hyun-jun will not join his team for their upcoming match against Syria, scheduled to take place on September 6, at Macau's Olympic Stadium in Taipa in the evening (8pm).

Korean news agency Yonhap said Suk has been dropped from the national football squad for the final round of Asian qualifiers for the 2018 FIFA World Cup, due to the huge distance between the match location (Ma-



Suk Hyun-jun

cau) and the players current club's team home (Turkey).

According to the Korean Football Association, Suk will not be part of the team so that he could quickly adapt to his new club, Trabzonspor.

FIFA's spokesperson told the Times yesterday that the match had originally been planned to take place in Beirut, Lebanon. However, the Syrian Football Association had requested the move to Macau for security reasons.

Consumer Council: Real estate top cause of complaints

THE Consumer Council received 832 complaint cases in the first half of the year, with real estate ranking as the top cause of all received complaints.

It received some 36 million patacas' worth of real estate-related complaints in the first half of 2016, more than thrice the number of cases received over the same period last year.

Over 70 percent of the real estate cases involved local citizens who purchased properties in mainland China, and were successfully transferred to mainland consumer organizations through protocols signed by multiple parties involved.

About 20 percent of the complaints involved mobile data service charges. Taxi servi-

ces recorded 16 complaints during the period, 12 of which were filed by tourists about overcharging and bad service.

The Consumer Council said it had received a total of 3,322 cases in the first half of 2016; of which 832 are complaints, 2,464 inquiries, and 26 suggestions. The cases involve approximately 80 million patacas.

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ZHUHAI port is seeking to develop trade with Portuguese-speaking nations, with a particular focus on Brazil. The port plans "to build on the close ties between Macau and Brazil," said Yin Zhu, a scholar from Zhuhai College of Jilin University, quoted yesterday by The Journal of Commerce.

The Brazilian media outlet said that a direct route from Zhuhai to the port of Vitoria in Brazil will open later in the year.

The port is in the meantime developing an online logistics platform, a pulp distribution center, a grain transshipment center and inland ports. There is also activity in the Henqing free trade zone on an island off Zhuhai, where bonded warehouses are

Zhuhai opening route to port of Vitoria in Brazil



under construction.

Chinese port volumes were flat in the first half of the year, growing just over 1 percent year-over-year. Traffic in July rose 4 percent, but the official purchasing managers' index, which measures activity at state-owned and large enterprises, fell to 49.9 from a reading of 50.0 in June, which is below the 50-point mark that separates growth from contraction.

The Zhuhai port is banking on increased trade with Pakistan and South America to help it more than double its annual container traffic by 2020.

The port's goal of handling 3.1 million 20-foot-equivalent units then is more than double the 1.4 million TEUs Zhuhai expects to handle in 2016, which would be an 18.6 percent growth in traffic from 2015, The Journal of Commerce reported.

Fair and Trade Association signs regional agreement to promote sustainability expo

THE Macau Fair and Trade Association (MFTA) and the Mice Alliance of Pan-Pearl River Delta Cities signed an agreement on a sustainability exhibition yesterday. The agreement was sig-

ned at the 11 Pan-Pearl Delta Regional Cooperation and Development Forum and Economic and Trade Fair (PPRD Forum) in Guangzhou.

The new agreement is expected to foster joint re-

gional developments and other collaborations on such events for the MICE (Meetings, Incentives, Conferences and Exhibitions) sector. The agreement also focuses on the assistance and support

that Macau is offering to other members of the forum.

To cement the agreement, MFTA president Lam Chong In said Macau's MICE sector will invite 30 cities from the

Pan-Pearl Delta regions to visit the territory for the launch of an upcoming sustainability event.

Lam hopes for at least seven cities in the area to display a green exhibition next year, according to a report by TDM.

MFTA had previously received a sustainable development award from the Global Association of the Exhibition Industry

for its "best innovative environmental initiative" by implementing the "Green Booth Award and Green Electricity Fee Rebate".

The PPRD Forum was proposed in 2003 as a platform for regional cooperation between nine provinces (mostly in south China, including Fujian and Hainan) and the two special administrative regions. **Staff reporter**

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Analysts weigh in on new casino openings

Daniel Beittler

GAMING analysts are questioning the impact of Macau's new casinos on the city's declining gambling sector.

Wynn Macau opened a USD4.2 billion resort in Cotai this week, and Sands China will open the doors to its newest casino-hotel, The Parisian, on September 13. The Lisboa Palace, MGM Cotai and "ultra-luxury" resort, The 13, are all expected to open in the next 18 months, further saturating the market.

Operators hope that the new casinos will stir fresh excitement in the territory and surrounding areas and draw crowds to explore the developments' offerings.

The question on observers' minds: Will the new resorts give the MSAR the stimulus it needs to shake off 26 consecutive months of declining gambling revenue?

Like many others, Daiwa Capital Markets is skeptical that the openings will grow the to-

tal gaming market in Macau and shift the balance in favor of the new resorts' operators.

"[Wall] Street expects the back-to-back openings of Wynn Palace and the Parisian to expand Macau's gaming market meaningfully, with market share seen shifting in favor of these operators," wrote Daiwa's Jamie Soo and Adrian Chan earlier this month, as cited in Nikkei Asian Review. "But this expectation seems unrealistic to us."

Daiwa's rationale is that past expansions by Wynn, Sands and other operators "have not been successful in growing the market and gaining meaningful incremental [GGR] market share in a sustainable manner."

The analysts argue that Wynn's mantra of "build it and they will come" has been effectively debunked over the course of the operator's experience in Macau.

"Wynn has been steadily losing market share since Wynn Macau [casino] opened in 2006," they wrote.

While other casino operators

have felt similar strains in the market, and from the competition that ensues whenever a new resort is unveiled, they are nevertheless pushing their capacity expansion; delaying but not halting new projects.

This is despite the gaming slump that has swept away more than 20 percent year-on-year of the VIP betting volume of Wynn, MGM, SJM Holdings and Melco Crown. To adjust to this "new normal", operators are trying to maximize revenue from mass gaming sources and non-gaming entertainment.

In the meantime, other destinations a little further from Beijing's reach are booming. The Times reported yesterday that Best Sunshine Live, a temporary casino on the Pacific island of Saipan, generated more profit in the first half of this year than operators such as Melco Crown Entertainment.

However, sources familiar with the matter told the Times that "they [the Saipan casino] have massive bad debt."

Galaxy's profit beats estimates as new resorts woo tourists

GALAXY Entertainment Group Ltd.'s second-quarter earnings rose 22 percent from a year earlier, more than analysts expected, as the opening of new resorts boosted non-gaming revenue and casino market share.

Adjusted earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization, or adjusted Ebitda, was HKD2.3 billion (USD297 million), compared with the HKD2.25 billion median estimate of five analysts surveyed by Bloomberg. Galaxy, Macau's largest casino operator by market share, reported a 6 percent profit growth in the first quarter.

Macau's gambling revenue plunged for 26 straight months amid China's economic slowdown and crackdown on corruption, which led high-end VIP gamblers to avoid the world's largest casino hub. The revenue decline eased in July compared to the previous month, as operators shifted focus to recreational gamblers and tourists, with more family-friendly facilities at new resorts.

Galaxy Macau's second phase expansion and Broadway Macau, projects which opened in May 2015, helped Galaxy surpass Sands China Ltd. in the first half to become the city's largest casino operator with a 23 percent market share, according to a Daiwa Capital Markets report before the results. Its market share is expected to drop later in the year as other operators debut new resorts, according to Daiwa.

Galaxy shares rose as much as 2.3 percent to HKD26.40 in Hong Kong trading yesterday, reversing earlier losses when it



fell as much as 2.5 percent. The stock has gained 5.5 percent so far this year through Wednesday, lagging the Bloomberg Intelligence Macau Gaming Index which rose 7.4 percent over the period.

The company's "key growth catalysts would be the further ramp-up of Galaxy Phase 2" although contributions will likely be limited as it's been open over a year, Nomura International analysts led by Richard Huang wrote in a note before the results. "Longer term, growth hinges on the roll-out of Galaxy Phases 3 and 4 which are unlikely to come online before 2019."

Galaxy said it saw a continued shift in Macau's casino market towards mass market, or recreational, gamblers. Its first half mass-market segment revenue rose 22 percent to HKD10 billion compared to a year earlier, while high-stakes VIP gambling dropped 15 percent to HKD13.2 billion.

Galaxy's billionaire chairman Lui Che-Woo had said in an interview in March that he planned to incorporate family-friendly theme parks into his future casino projects. The company also said yesterday that it has identified HKD300 million of additional cost cuts which will be delivered in 2016. **Bloomberg**

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SANDS CHINA DONATES NEARLY MOP1 MILLION TO LOCAL TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS



Continuing its annual tradition of supporting higher education in Macau, Sands China Ltd. has donated MOP970,000 in scholarships and fellowships to six tertiary institutions.

At a cheque presentation ce-

remony on Wednesday at the Sands China Ltd offices, the company reiterated its support for local students and acknowledged the importance of higher education in nurturing the region's talent.

Sands China said in a press release that it has contributed a total of MOP 7.46 million to local scholarships and fellowships since 2006, benefiting nearly 1,000 students to date.

Beneficiaries of the scholarship and fellowship cheques include institutes such as the University of Macau; Macau University of Science and Technology; Macao Polytechnic Institute; Institute for Tourism Studies; the University of Saint Joseph and Macau Institute of Management.

The cheques will be distributed to 97 students to support their studies for the current academic year. The students were chosen based on their academic performance and financial status in the preceding academic year.

MGM HOSTS GUIDED ART TOUR



In a move to make art accessible to all members of society and promote social inclusion within the community, MGM hosted a guided art tour at its resort on August 20, 22 and 25.

The resort welcomed over 100 members from Macau

Special Olympics and senior citizens from the Macau Tung Sin Tong Charitable Society.

MGM's art guides, who are local university students, introduced the visiting groups to the fish-feeding show and the large, vibrant glass but-

terflies hovering in the Grande Praça.

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The last five facts in the series. Hope you have found them interesting...

16. Grounds for terminating a rental agreement

A landlord may terminate a rental agreement if the rent remains unpaid, if the tenant uses the premises for something other than stated in the rental agreement, if the tenant carries out alterations without permission or if the tenant sub-lets without permission.

A tenant may terminate a rental agreement if the property becomes uninhabitable due to some major issue such as a permanent loss of power in the building, burst pipes inside the walls causing continuous flooding. The agreement may also be terminated if the building becomes unsafe or unstable.

17. A landlord is entitled for one month compensation for early termination of the agreement

If an agreement is terminated prior to the end date, the landlord is entitled to retain an amount of up to one month's rent according to Macau Law.

Even if the agreement states that the tenant may provide 90 days notice at any time during the contract, the landlord may have one month rent as compensation. But the compensation cannot be set at an

amount exceeding two months rent under Macau Law.

In practice, it tends not to happen in Macau, as most tenants and landlords prefer to stick to the contracts they sign.

18. The most common mistake made by tenants

Tenants often move from building to building looking for a better apartment, nicer facilities, a better landlord etc.

The cost of re-locating, factoring in moving costs, agency fees, the cost of your own time and of course the stress of the move itself, and it all becomes quite expensive.

In general, when you rent a property it is far more cost effective and less stressful to spend a little time, money and attention turning it into a place in which you are happy to live rather than constantly 'shop around' for a new apartment.

19. The most common mistake made by property owners

Property owners often boast that they 'don't pay agency fees'. Ironically, it is this 'non payment of fees' that usually ends up costing them their shirt.

Agents are marketing and promoting properties for a living, and like many people they don't like to work for free.

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(Note: The practice of 'flipping' has been dramatically reduced thanks to the new additional stamp duty if a property is sold within two years, but it does still go on).

20. The most common mistake made by property buyers

The most common mistake made by buyers is procrastination.

Looking back on last year, the vast majority of buyers end up regretting the deals that they did NOT do.

Trying to save USD50,000 on the purchase and squeeze sellers for a rock bottom price is often the undoing of many ambitious buyer.

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FED CHAIR TO SPEAK TODAY

Dollar rally fades away before Yellen as European stocks retreat



Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen, right, and European Central Bank President Mario Draghi

A dollar rally ran out of steam and moves in financial markets were generally slight ahead of a speech today by Federal Reserve Chair Janet Yellen that may shed light on the likely scale and timing of U.S. interest-rate increases. European stocks fell for the first time this week.

The Bloomberg Dollar Spot Index snapped a four-day winning streak that was fueled by hawkish comments from Fed officials, while the Stoxx Europe 600 Index retreated from a one-week high. Fluctuations in the MSCI Asia Pacific Index over the past two weeks have been the most muted since 2012 and volatility gauges for U.S., European and Japanese equities are near their lows for the year. Crude oil traded near a one-week low following an unexpected rise in American stockpiles.

A rally that drove global equities to their highest level in a year fizzled out since the start of last week amid rising expectations the Fed will raise interest rates in 2016. Monetary tightening in the U.S. risks destabilizing financial markets as central banks in the major economies of Asia and Europe lower borrowing costs and step up stimulus to bolster growth, policies that have led to negative 10-year bond yields in Germany and Japan.

"Everybody is waiting for Yellen, and I'm not sure whether Yellen will provide the impetus all traders are looking for," said Nicholas Teo, a strategist at KGI Fraser Securities in Singapore. "The Fed rhetoric so far has been balanced although the last two weeks we've seen quite hawkish comments."

U.S. economic data yesterday are forecast to show durable goods orders rebounded in July and services output picked up this month. Gauges of business sentiment in Germany and U.K. retail sales are also scheduled, while Brazil's Senate opens an historic impeachment trial that is expected to result in President Dilma Rousseff's permanent ouster.

The Bloomberg Dollar Spot Index, which tracks the currency against 10 peers, declined less than 0.1 percent, after climbing 0.8 percent over the last four trading sessions. Fed funds futures indicate a 54 percent chance of a U.S. interest-rate hike this year, up from 36 percent at the start of August. The yen was little changed at 100.45 per dollar and South Korea's won gained 0.6 percent.

"The market's just trying to get through the whole event risk" of Yellen's speech, said Andy Ji, a Singapore-based currency strategist at Commonwealth Bank of Australia. "But after that, what's driving the market is back to the search for yield and it's good for emerging markets in general."

Goldman Sachs Group Inc. sees the pound, the yen and the kiwi as most vulnerable to a potential surprise from Yellen's speech at the annual monetary-policy symposium in Jackson Hole, Wyoming. **Bloomberg**

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DUTERTE TOUGHENS ANTI-CHINA RHETORIC

There will be blood if Philippine territory breached

Bullit Marquez, Tanay

THE tough-talking Philippine president said he will walk the extra mile for peace but warned China "it will be bloody" if the militarily superior Asian neighbor infringes on his country's territory.

President Rodrigo Duterte issued the warning in comments on his country's territorial disputes with China in a speech before troops at an army camp east of Manila. He has been seeking talks with China on the long-unresolved conflict.

Duterte said China has been conciliatory and he did not want any fight.

"We do not want a quarrel," he said. "I would walk



President Rodrigo Duterte

the extra mile to ask for peace for everybody."

He expressed fears, howe-

ver, about what will happen if the peaceful efforts fail, saying Filipino troops are

ready to defend their country's sovereignty despite its weak military.

"I guarantee to [China], if you enter here, it will be bloody," he said. "And we will not give it to them easily. It will be the bones of our soldiers, you can include mine."

An international arbitration tribunal ruled last mon-

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RODRIGO DUTERTE

th that China's extensive territorial claims in the South China Sea were invalid under a 1982 U.N. treaty, in a major setback for Beijing, which has ignored the decision.

Duterte's predecessor, Benigno Aquino III, initiated the arbitration case against China. Duterte has not pressed for Chinese compliance and does not plan to raise the decision at an annual summit of Southeast Asian leaders with their Chinese counterpart in Laos next month.

Duterte said, however, that "whether we like it or not, that arbitral judgment will be insisted not only by the Philippines" but by other countries in Southeast Asia, suggesting China should take steps to resolve the territorial issues now while conditions are conducive.

"We will not raise hell now because of the judgment, but there will come a time that we have to do some reckoning about this," Duterte said. **AP**

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Views on China

Liam Denning, Bloomberg Gadfly

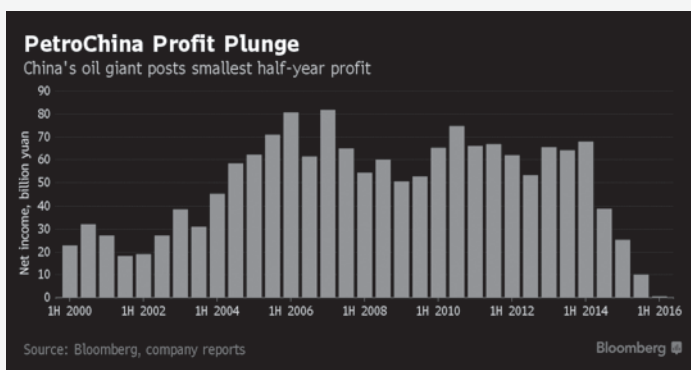
CHINESE OIL DEMAND GOES FROM RAGING BULL TO GAGGING BEAR

Chinese oil demand, so long the picture of a ravenous bull, is looking more like a vomiting bear.

PetroChina reported its worst-ever first-half profit this week. That was mostly due to collapsing oil prices saving profits in the upstream part of the business.

Here, though, I am more concerned with PetroChina's downstream business; specifically, its domestic fuel sales. These, together with rival Sinopec, account for more than half the market in China and so provide a useful window on demand that I track every quarter for Gadfly.

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As you can see, fuel sales have been flat lining for China's two behemoths since late 2014 - which coincides with the beginning of the oil crash. Excess supply is, after all, a function of demand as well as production.

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China's slowing demand is a headache particularly for refiners. Cheaper crude encourages refiners everywhere to process as much of the stuff as they can. But without adequate demand to take their output, that just means the crude-oil glut becomes a refined-product glut. And China is the perfect example of this:

As seen in steel, aluminum and other commodity products, when China's appetite for fuel slackens, that just means more for everybody else. Drink up.

China faces one-year ban from weightlifting over doping

CHINA is facing a one-year ban from weightlifting over repeated doping cases in a move which threatens to stop some of the world's top athletes from competing internationally.

The International Weightlifting Federation confirmed yesterday that three failed retests of drug test samples from the 2008 Beijing Olympics will lead to China's automatic ban — if the cases are proven and the athletes in question disqualified by the International Olympic Committee.

IWF spokeswoman Lilla Rozgonyi told The Associated Press that the positive tests for gold medalists Cao Lei, Chen Xiexia and Liu Chunhong, all announced yesterday, were enough for a ban under rules adopted by the IWF board in June.

"It happens automatically. The vote was already taken so now we only need to receive the closed cases from the IOC to proceed," Rozgonyi said in an e-mail.

China is the world's dominant country in weightlifting, having topped the medal table at every Olympics since 2000. It won seven medals in Rio de Janeiro this month, five of them gold.

Along with China, IWF said that Ukraine and Azerbaijan have joined Russia, Belarus and Kazakhstan, which were already facing one-year bans under earlier announcements.

Wednesday's announcements



Chen Xiexia

took Ukraine to three failures from retesting, with four for Azerbaijan. At least six lifters from each of Belarus and Kazakhstan have failed Olympic retests, with seven for Russia.

Between them, those countries won 14 medals in Rio, meaning that next year's world championships in Malaysia could have a significantly depleted field if none of them are allowed to compete.

Russia was already banned from Olympic weightlifting in Rio after the IWF ruled that its numerous doping cases and

allegations of a state cover-up had brought weightlifting into "disrepute."

Weightlifting is fighting a severe doping crisis, with as many as 16 medals from 2008 and 13 from 2012 likely to be stripped following failed drug retests. In addition, last year's world championships in Houston saw mass drug test failures and one medal from the 2016 Olympics has already been taken away after bronze medalist Izzat Artykov of Kyrgyzstan tested positive for the banned substance strychnine. **AP**



A humpback whale breaches on Stellwagen Bank about 25 miles east of Boston

WHALING

Sea Shepherd Australia says will continue South Ocean action

Nick Perry, Lisa Rathke, Wellington

SEA Shepherd Australia said yesterday that a legal settlement involving the conservation group's U.S. founder will not affect its anti-whaling campaign in the Southern Ocean.

Spokesman Adam Burling said the Australian arm of the group has been deliberately independent from the U.S. organization since the court case began several years ago.

This week, Japan's Institute of Cetacean Research and a whale ship operator announced they'd reached an agreement with the Sea Shepherd Conservation Society in the U.S. and its founder Paul Watson.

The group was made famous by the television show "Whale Wars." Typically each Southern Hemisphere summer, Sea Shepherd sends out boats to try and stop Japan's whaling fleet from catching whales in the Southern Ocean.

Burling said the Japanese fleet has a quota of 333 minke whales this summer, and Sea Shepherd Australia plans to make an announcement next week about what kind of campaign it intends

to run this year.

"We've got a brand-new vessel, the first ship in 40 years that has been custom-built for us, called the Ocean Warrior," he said. "We've got a long-term commitment to end whaling."

Burling said most of its budget comes from fundraising within Australia and that Sea Shepherd New Zealand also provides support for the ships at New Zealand docks.

Speaking this week from his home office in Woodstock, Vermont, Watson said the settlement only prevents the group's U.S. organization from interfering with Japanese whalers in the Southern Ocean.

"What it means is Sea Shepherd USA cannot contribute money toward the Southern Ocean campaign, cannot be involved in the Southern Ocean campaign, and that's fine. We've got plenty of other campaigns to do," said Watson, who recently returned to the U.S.

"Whether Sea Shepherd Australia or Sea Shepherd Global [...] if they intend to return to the Southern Ocean that's their business, it's not ours and I can't control them," he said of the settlement filed on Tuesday.

The Institute of Cetacean Research, which studies whales, also is paying an undisclosed amount to the anti-whaling group on the condition the money will not be transferred to its affiliates elsewhere, including in Australia.

Japan Agriculture Minister Yuji Yamamoto yesterday welcomed the agreement, saying, "I take it as a positive development that would contribute to the safety of the research whaling fleet."

Yamamoto, however, said that Japanese whalers should continue to use caution and be aware that there are staunch opponents of whaling.

Sea Shepherd Global media director Heather Stimmler said all of its entities around the world — except those in the United States — will continue to oppose what it believes is illegal Japanese whaling near Antarctica.

The International Whaling Commission imposed a commercial ban on whaling in 1986, but Japan has continued to kill whales under an exemption for what the country says is research.

Interpol lists Watson as being wanted in Japan on charges of conspiracy to trespass on a whaling ship

and interference with business, and in Costa Rica on a charge of interfering with a shark finning operation.

Watson, a dual U.S.-Canadian citizen, was arrested in Germany but then fled to sea for 15 months when he said he heard that he would be extradited to Japan. He then lived in France for two years before he said he was allowed to come back to the U.S., which he did within the last two weeks.

In his office, surrounded by artifacts from his journeys, the 65-year-old Watson said he will continue to coordinate with other Sea Shepherd entities. As president of Sea Shepherd USA, he said is in touch every day with the ship captains who are working on campaigns, such as with the Mexican Navy to protect an endangered fish and dolphin, and doing research on viruses and parasites among farm-raised salmon.

"Japan made a big mistake because they thought by removing me they'd shut down Sea Shepherd. That's precisely why I wanted Sea Shepherd to become a movement and not something controlled by me. A lot of people think I am Sea Shepherd. No I'm not, I'm just part of it," he said. **AP**

THE PHILIPPINES

Leader orders extremists crushed after beheading

ABU Sayyaf extremists have beheaded a kidnapped Filipino villager after a ransom deadline lapsed in their first such brutal act under President Rodrigo Duterte, who ordered troops to destroy the militants.

Regional military spokesman Maj. Filemon Tan said yesterday the militants killed Patrick James Aldovar on Wednesday afternoon near southern Sulu province's Indanan town then later abandoned his head in a neighborhood.

Tan said the 18-year-old Aldovar, who was seized by the militants July 16 in Sulu's main Jolo town, was decapitated after his family failed to pay ransom.

After learning about the beheading, Duterte lumped the militants among "the enemies of the state" he wanted dead, ordering government troops: "Drug dealers, destroy them. Abu Sayyaf, destroy them. Period."

Thousands of reinforcement troops were being flown by C130 cargo planes to Sulu and nearby Basilan island to help in an ongoing offensive against the militants, Tan said.

The Abu Sayyaf has been blacklisted as a terrorist organization by the U.S. and the Philippines for deadly bombings, kidnappings and beheadings.

The militants are still holding several foreign and local hostages in their jungle bases, including Norwegian Kjartan Sekkingstad, who was kidnapped along with two Canadian men and a Filipino woman from a southern marina in September last year. The Canadians were beheaded after huge ransom demands were not met and the woman was freed before Duterte assumed the presidency on June 30. **AP**

Indonesia finds ship that was taken by disgruntled crew

INDONESIA'S navy said yesterday it has located a fuel tanker that was missing for a week after being taken from port by its disgruntled crew.

The navy said in a statement that the MT Vier Harmoni with 10 Indonesian crewmen was found off West Kalimantan province on the island of Borneo.

The 53-meter (175 foot) long coastal tanker is being escorted to Tanjung Pinang, the provincial capital of Indonesia's Riau islands, for further investigation.

Vier Abdul Jamal, chief executive of the ship's owner Vierlines Asia Group, said there was a dispute between the charterer of the vessel and the crew when a promise of bonus payments was unfulfilled.

The tanker disappeared from a port in southern Malaysia on August 16 and authorities there initially suspected it had been hijacked by pirates. Its tracking device had been turned off.

The navy said it deployed warships, a maritime patrol plane and a helicopter to find the tanker, which was carrying about 900,000 liters of diesel. **AP**



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MYANMAR

Soldiers, residents begin cleanup after quake

USING brooms and their hands, soldiers and residents of an ancient Myanmar city famous for its historic Buddhist temples began cleaning up debris yesterday from a powerful earthquake that shook the region and damaged nearly 200 pagodas.

At least four people were killed and at least 171 pagodas were damaged in Bagan after a 6.8 magnitude quake struck the area on Wednesday. The tremor was centered about 25 kilometers west of Chauk, just south of Bagan.

The city is one of Myanmar's top tourist attractions, drawing visitors from all over the world who can view a panorama of temples stretching to the horizon flanked by the Irrawaddy River.

Maria Gomez, a Portuguese tourist, said she was walking to the river to watch the sunset when "we felt the Earth moving. Everybody was very scared and everybody was shouting."

"Only after maybe 30 seconds we realized what was happening," she told The Associated Press.

Myanmar President Htin Kyaw arrived in Bagan yesterday to assess the damage and speak with local officials about how to repair it.

The city has more than 2,200 structures, including pagodas



Military personnel stand as they clear debris at a temple that was damaged by a strong earthquake in Bagan, yesterday

and temples, constructed in the 10th to 14th centuries. Many are in disrepair while others have been restored in recent years, aided by the U.N. cultural agency UNESCO.

According to the Ministry of Religion and Culture, 171 pagodas were affected there and 19 were damaged elsewhere in the country.

Zaw Naing, a caretaker at one of the city's pagodas who paints and sells his work to tourists, said he was saddened by the damage — but also concerned that the quake could endanger the livelihood of villagers.

"I'm very worried [...] there will be less tourists to Bagan," Zaw Naing said. "I have three children

to take care of."

As he spoke, soldiers and residents were picking up broken red bricks with their hands and placing them in sacks. Others swept walkways leading to temples that had been engulfed in huge clouds of dust when the tremor struck; the iconic tops of some of the pagodas had collapsed.

Much of what fell off the temples was modern bricks which had been added by Myanmar's former military regime during past, haphazard efforts at restoration.

Duong Bich Hanh, an official with UNESCO in Bangkok, said Myanmar authorities should approach rebuilding the damaged temples in Bagan "very cautiously [...] to make sure the site is restored properly for the long-term enjoyment of future generations."

On Wednesday, Dr. Myo Thant, general secretary of the Myanmar Earthquake Committee, said other areas apparently were not badly affected.

U.N. spokesman Stephane Dujarric said Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon was "saddened" by the loss of life and damage and expressed his condolences.

He said the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs is in contact with authorities in Myanmar and is ready to support the government and local organizations.

Vincent Panzani, a staff member in Pakokku for the aid agency Save the Children, said several of his colleagues from the area described the earthquake as the strongest they have experienced.

"We felt quite heavy shaking for about 10 seconds and started to evacuate the building when there was another strong tremor," he said in comments sent by email. "Most of the reports of damage have been to the pagodas in the area with dozens impacted."

Worried residents of Yangon, the country's main city, rushed out of tall buildings, and objects toppled from tables and from Buddhist shrines in homes. However, there were no reports of serious damage in the city.

The last major quake in the area — which is often affected by smaller tremors — occurred in April about 300 kilometers further north, and measured magnitude 6.9. It caused no reported casualties and only minor damage. AP

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Minneapolis bridge collapse survivor faces terror charge

Amy Forliti, Minneapolis

A survivor of the 2007 Minneapolis bridge collapse that killed 13 people now faces terror charges after authorities say he traveled to Syria to join the Islamic State group, departing the U.S. just a few weeks after collecting more than USD91,000 in settlement money for his injuries.

Mohamed Amiin Ali Roble, 20, was charged on Wednesday with providing and conspiring to provide material support to a foreign terrorist organization.

He was weeks shy of his 11th birthday when the school bus he was riding in plummeted about 30 feet as the bridge collapsed. Roble, one of 145 people who were hurt, received the settlement funds on his 18th birthday.

Roble's name first surfaced in May during the federal trial of three Minnesota men who were convicted of conspiring to join the Islamic State group. The bridge collapse wasn't mentioned at trial, but The Associated Press made the connection using public records.

Working phone numbers and current addresses for Roble's family members were not available and they could not be reached for comment.

Court documents filed Wednesday show Roble received three court settlements when he turned 18 that totaled \$91,654. That money included a \$65,431 payment from the state's settlement fund.

According to evidence presented in federal court in May, Roble flew to Istanbul in October 2014 as part of an itinerary that included a trip to China. He was due to return to the U.S. in June 2015, but never did, FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force Officer Joel Pajak testified.

"We received information that Mr. Roble ended up in Syria with his uncle, Abdi Nur," Pajak testified.

The FBI affidavit says Roble withdrew more than \$47,000 from his accounts over three months in 2014 while he was in Turkey.

"This large sum is consistent with previously mentioned CHS reports that Roble was financially supporting himself and other members of ISIL, including by purchasing vehicles to be used by members of ISIL," the affidavit said. The "CHS" was a confidential informant working for the government.

Nur is among 10 men charged in the case and is believed to have joined the Islamic State group. Nine others have been convicted on terror charges in Minnesota.

Prosecutors say the men were part of a group of friends in Minnesota's Somali community who recruited and inspired each other to join the Islamic State group. The FBI has said that roughly a dozen young men have left Minnesota to join militant groups in Syria in recent years.

The affidavit filed Wednesday says that Nur was last known to be living in Syria with the Islamic State group. Authorities say Roble and Nur accessed internet accounts from the same computer IP address within minutes of each other in May 2015, supporting that they were in the same location. **AP**



A boy looks at Turkish army tanks and armored personnel carriers moving toward the Syrian border, in Karkamis, Turkey, yesterday

SYRIA

Turkey, US say Kurds are pulling back in north Syria

SYRIAN Kurdish forces have started withdrawing east of the Euphrates River, Turkish officials said yesterday, a move that could fulfill a major demand by Ankara and the United States a day after Turkey sent in tanks across the border to help Syrian rebels take a key Islamic State stronghold.

The Turkish officials were quoting U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry, who relayed the news in a telephone conversation with his Turkish counterpart.

Turkey's surprise incursion on Wednesday to capture the town of Jarablus was a dramatic escalation of Turkey's role in Syria's war. But Ankara's objective went beyond fighting extremists. Turkey is also aiming to contain the expansion by Syria's Kurds, who are also backed by the United States and have used the fight against IS and the chaos of Syria's civil war to seize nearly the entire stretch of the border with Turkey in northern Syria.

U.S. Vice President Joe Biden flew into Ankara hours after the offensive was launched, and he backed Turkey with a stern

warning to the Kurds to stay east of the Euphrates, which crosses from Turkey into Syria at Jarablus.

Kurdish forces "must move back across the Euphrates River. They cannot, will not, under any circumstance get American support if they do not keep that commitment," Biden said.

According to Turkish ministry officials, Kerry and Mevlut Cavusoglu discussed the Turkish military operation.

Kerry stressed that the Syrian Kurdish forces "were in the process of retreating east of the Euphrates," the officials said, speaking on condition of anonymity in line with government regulations.

It was unclear yesterday whether Turkey-backed rebels who seized Jarablus Wednesday would move against IS-held towns of nearby Kurdish-controlled areas, including the town of Manbij, which Kurdish forces retook from IS earlier this month. Manbij lies west of the Euphrates and Ankara has demanded the Kurds hand it over to Syrian rebels and withdraw.

Yesterday, Turkish forces were securing the area

around Jarablus, Turkey's Defense Minister Fikri Isik said. He said the Turkish-backed operation has two main goals — to secure the Turkish border area and to make sure the Kurdish Syrian forces "are not there."

"It's our right to remain there until" the Syrian opposition forces take control of the area, Isik said. Turkey is concerned about the advances of the Kurdish Syrian forces, fearing they aim to set up a Kurdish entity along Turkey's border with Syria. Ankara maintains that the Syrian Kurdish militia is linked to Kurdish rebels waging an insurgency in southeastern Turkey.

Isik says Ankara and the United States have agreed the Kurdish Syrian forces would pull out of the northern area around Jarablus "within two weeks." Speaking to the private NTV television, he said that "for now, the withdrawal hasn't fully taken place. We are waiting for it and following it."

Kurdish officials contacted by The Associated Press would not confirm or deny that their forces are withdrawing east of the Euphrates River.

Instead, the main Syrian

Kurdish faction, known as the YPG, said its troops have "returned to their bases" after helping liberate Manbij from the Islamic State group.

That statement refers to an apparently separate pullout from the withdrawal that Turkey is seeking from the Kurdish forces. The Kurdish forces' statement said they handed control of the northern Syrian city to a newly-established Manbij Military Council, made up of rebel fighters from the town.

The council's spokesman, Sherfan Darwish, earlier said the Syrian Kurdish YPG contingent that helped liberate Manbij earlier this month numbered about 500 fighters.

Turkey has been deeply concerned by the advances of the Kurdish forces, fearing they aim to set up a Kurdish entity there. Ankara maintains that the Syrian Kurdish militia is linked to Kurdish rebels waging an insurgency in southeastern Turkey.

Meanwhile, also yesterday, at least 10 more Turkish tanks were seen crossing into Syria at the Turkish border town of Karkamis, the private Dogan news agency reported. **MDT/AP**

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FRIDAY

13:00	TDM News (Repeat)
13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
14:45	RTPi Live
18:30	Merciless - Finale (Repeated)
19:20	TDM Talk Show (Repeated)
19:50	Soap Opera
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:00	Documentary Serie
21:15	Miscellaneous
22:10	The Hunter - Premiere
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Portuguese Movie
00:40	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)
01:15	RTPi Live

SATURDAY

10:20	Comedy
10:50	Animation
11:50	Documentary Series
13:00	TDM News (Repeat)
13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
14:45	Soap Opera
17:30	Documentary Serie
18:45	Contest
19:30	Wild Life
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:00	Drama
22:00	Revenge S.3
22:45	Non-Daily Portuguese News
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Comey
00:20	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)
00:50	RTPi Live

SUNDAY

10:30	Young Children
11:30	Zig Zag
13:00	TDM News (Repeat)
13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
14:30	Wild Life (Repeated)
16:30	Theatre
17:30	Non-Daily Portuguese News
19:20	Comedy
20:10	Ui Di Sabroso S.1
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:00	Documentary
22:00	Doctors In The War Zone
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Miscellaneous
00:15	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
00:50	RTPi Live

offbeat

Boy, 5, uses allowance to buy lunch for police

A 5-year-old boy in New Jersey has picked up the lunch tab for his police department.

William Evertz Jr. saved up his allowance for seven months and went to a Subway restaurant this week to get sandwiches for officers in Winslow Township, a suburb of Philadelphia. His mother says he told her he wanted the officers to rest so they could protect the town.

Police made the boy an honorary officer and gave him a special shirt and badges. He also got a ride home in a police car with lights and siren.

cinema



CINETEATRO

25 Aug - 31 Aug



BEN-HUR

ROOM 1
(2D) 2.30, 7.15 pm
Director: Timur Bekmambetov
Starring: Morgan Freeman, Rodrigo Santoro, Jack Huston
Language: English (Cantonese)
Duration: 124min

SHIN GODZILLA

ROOM 1
4.45, 9.30 pm
Director: Hideaki Anno
Language: Japanese (Cantonese/English)
Duration: 97min

TRAIN TO BUSAN

ROOM 2
2.30, 7.15, 9.30 pm
Director: Yeon Sang-ho
Starring: Gong Yoo, Jung Tu-mi, Ma Dong-seok
Language: Korean (Cantonese/English)
Duration: 97min

CHIBI MARUKO CHAN- A BOY FROM ITALY

ROOM 2
4.45 pm
Director: Jun Takagi
Language: Cantonese (Cantonese/ English)
Duration: 120min



THE LETTERS

ROOM 3
2.30, 7.15 pm
Director: William Riead
Starring: Juliet Stevenson, Max Von Sydow, Rutger Hauer
Language: English (Cantonese)
Duration: 114min

BFG

ROOM 3
4.45, 9.30 pm
Director: Steven Spielberg
Starring: Mark Rylance, Ruby Barnhill, Penelope Wilton
Language: Cantonese (Cantonese/English)
Duration: 117min

MACAU TOWER

18 Aug - 31 Aug

HEARTFALL ARISES

2.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30 pm
Director: Ng Ban Yu
Starring: Sixuan Chen, Babyjohn Choi, Mavis Fan
Language: Cantonese (Cantonese/ English)
Duration: 106min



this day in history



1962 ABORTION MOTHER RETURNS HOME

An American mother-of-four is on her way home amid a storm of controversy after being given a legal abortion in Sweden.

Sherri Finkbine, a TV presenter from Phoenix in Arizona, was denied an abortion in her home state following intense negative publicity surrounding her case.

The 30-year-old mother decided to terminate her fifth pregnancy after discovering that tranquilizers she had taken in the first few weeks of her pregnancy contained the drug Thalidomide.

In recent months there has been increasing evidence suggesting Thalidomide causes severe foetal deformities including missing limbs, deafness and blindness.

Mrs Finkbine, host of children's television programme "Romper Room", told her story to the local newspaper, believing it would alert other mothers in the same situation to the dangers of the drug.

But she became the focus of an intense anti-abortion campaign and worldwide public condemnation.

The negative publicity led her local hospital in Phoenix to withdraw a tentative offer of a legal abortion for fear they may be held criminally liable - the current law in Arizona states that abortion can only be carried out to save the mother's life.

Mrs Finkbine and her husband, Robert, a school teacher, took the case to the Arizona State Supreme Court but were unsuccessful.

Despite vilification from anti-abortionists across the United States and the world she flew to Sweden where the operation was carried out.

After the operation it was confirmed that the foetus had no legs and only one arm.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

When she returned to Phoenix Mrs Finkbine's local doctor asked her to register with another physician.

She was dismissed from her job, and her husband was suspended from his high school teaching post.

Their children were hounded, anonymous death threats poured in by post and telephone and the press swarmed around their home. She and her husband went on to have two more children but divorced in 1973.

In 1991 she married a gynaecologist, becoming Sherrie Chessen. Worldwide, some 8,000 women who took thalidomide as a sedative and to alleviate morning sickness, gave birth to babies with deformities.

Thalidomide was available in the UK from 1958 and taken off the market in late 1961 after tests revealed it disrupted foetal development.

In 1973 after a barrage of press and public pressure, The Distillers Company (Biochemicals) Ltd, who produced and marketed the drug in Britain, eventually agreed to provide a trust fund and lump sum payouts to all children affected.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 You reach a new level of achievement today...

Taurus April 20-May 20 A fight is brewing at work - or maybe somewhere else you spend much of your time...

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 Your big brain is making a real difference today - with your coworkers, your friends and pretty much anyone else who comes your way...

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 Money is a problem today - though it may not be a run-of-the-mill financial issue. In fact, you may have the enviable dilemma of how best to spend a windfall...

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 Your pride may be hurt a bit today - but that's a small price to pay for what's coming! It's a good time for you to ensure that the status quo keeps moving along in your preferred direction...

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 You stumble upon a new trick for staying organized - sometimes it pays for you to mess around and stray from the path! It's a great time to share your new ideas with those around you...

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 No matter what else is going on today, you're having a good time and enjoying the people around you. It's a good time to step up and make sure that everyone is on the right track...

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 A small conflict at home could turn into a raging fight if you can't see it for what it is. Sometimes folks just need to let off steam, and home is the best place for that...

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Your energy is directed outward and you should find it easier to deal with people on their level. In fact, communication of all kinds is enhanced, so polish up your resume or write a steamy mash note...

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 You know how to handle money pretty well - and today brings a financial issue that may cause some stress if you can't focus on it. Try to just chill out and divert your time and energy toward it...

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 It's a great day to get out there and try new things - your energy feels like you've tapped into a limitless power source! You should feel excited about at least one new idea, so follow it up...

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 You need to direct all this energy outward - you can tell that a surge is coming, and you need to spend some of it down so you don't overload! At least one good friend needs a lift anyway...

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



SUDOKU

Sudoku puzzles categorized as Easy, Easy+, Medium, and Hard, each with a 9x9 grid and some numbers pre-filled.

WEATHER

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

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Luau greeting; 6- 4th letter of the Greek alphabet; 11- High-pitched; 14- Maritime; 15- Like non-oyster months; 16- Ltd., in Paris; 17- Give it ___; 18- Listen secretly; 20- Ukr. or Lith., once; 21- Yellow cheese coated with red wax; 23- Goodnight girl of song; 24- Ventured; 26- Crushed sugarcane; 28- Cereal plant; 30- Failed to; 31- On ___-to-know basis; 32- Mexican moola; 33- Filled pastry crust; 36- Trick; 37- Choir section; 38- House rodents; 39- Little green men; 40- Primp; 41- Cartoon part; 42- Wild rose; 43- Diners; 44- In the place of; 47- Large artery; 48- Fills to the gills; 49- Actress Heche; 50- Cushion; 53- Reconciliation; 56- One of the two equal sections of a cone; 58- Swiss river; 59- I swear!; 60- Claw; 61- Dutch carrier; 62- Works hard; 63- Kid leather; DOWN: 1- Collections of anecdotes; 2- Metallica drummer Ulrich; 3- Dress with too much formality; 4- Contains; 5- Changed; 6- Fear greatly; 7- Jack of "Rio Lobo"; 8- Monetary unit of Bulgaria; 9- Half a fly; 10- Apportions; 11- Land measures; 12- Big cats; 13- Conical native American tent; 19- Curses!; 22- Susan of "L.A. Law"; 25- Away from the wind; 26- North American buffalo; 27- Busties; 28- Expose; 29- Sometimes you feel like ___; 30- Discourage; 32- Beg; 33- Tropical fruit; 34- Bakery worker; 35- Slippery fish; 37- La Scala highlight; 38- Damon of "Good Will Hunting"; 40- Gift; 41- Mother and father; 42- Bingo call; 43- Ages; 44- Singer Chris; 45- Birth-related; 46- Tempest; 47- Pays to play; 49- Indigo source; 51- Footless animal; 52- Sand hill by the sea; 54- Cattle call; 55- New Haven collegian; 57- Non-pro sports org.;

Yesterday's solution crossword grid with filled-in words.

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Fire department 28 572 222
Water Supply - Report 2822 0088
PJ (Open line) 993
Telephone - Report 1000
PJ (Picket) 28 557 775
Electricity - Report 28 339 922
PSP 28 573 333
Macau Daily Times 28 716 081
Customs 28 559 944
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Kiang Wu Hospital 28 371 333
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FORMULA 1

Rosberg's chance for points as Hamilton expects grid penalty

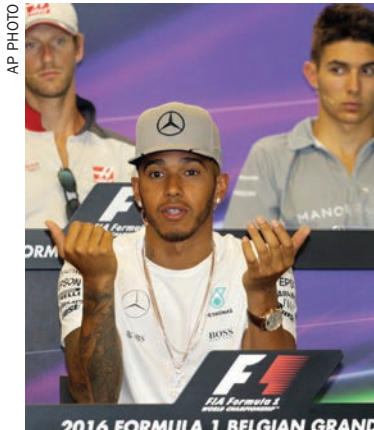
Jerome Pugmire, Spa-Francorchamps

WHILE Formula One leader Lewis Hamilton expects to swallow a severe grid penalty at the Belgian Grand Prix this weekend, Mercedes teammate Nico Rosberg hopes to take advantage.

Hamilton won six of the past seven races to turn a 43-point deficit into a 19-point lead heading into the summer break.

But, after being hampered by mechanical woes during the early part of the season, the British driver has used up his five allotted engine component parts, including the turbo charger. That means he must take on new components, either here or at the Italian GP next weekend, leading to a grid penalty and demotion to the back of the grid.

"As far I am aware we will be taking the penalty here. I have no engines left," Hamilton said on yesterday. "We already discussed engine penalties before and that will come into play,



Lewis Hamilton during press conference ahead of Belgian Grand Prix

but I will do everything I can to minimize the damage."

Mercedes has yet to confirm whether the penalty will be taken in Spa, where a win for Rosberg would give him 25 points and, depending on Hamilton's result, even out the championship standings.

"Of course I'm aware of Lewis' misfortune having to get the grid penalty, and that's going to make the weekend less difficult for me

because he's my biggest rival," Rosberg said. "It doesn't change the pressure I would put myself under."

Although starting from the back of the grid all but rules out the chance of a 50th career win for Hamilton in Spa, the nature of the track, one of the best for overtaking, gives him a better chance of points than he would get in Monza next week.

Hamilton started from the back in China and finished seventh. Two years ago in Hungary, he started from the back and finished third. But he thinks rivals Red Bull and Ferrari are faster than they were back then.

"It's going to be harder than it was last year or the year before to climb through the field," Hamilton said. "Honestly, I really don't know how far I can get. I started last in Hungary a couple of years ago when the gaps were much bigger. Sunday is going to be a lot harder." AP

Steve Douglas, Manchester

Sunday, 00:30
Hull v Manchester U
H 8.5, D 4.5, A 1.5

HULL started the season as the English Premier League's "crisis club," regarded by some as the worst-prepared team ever to begin a top-flight campaign.

No manager. Owners that want out. Only 13 fit senior players. Not a penny spent in the offseason. One of their best players sold to a lower-league club on the eve of the season.

With two wins from two games, including one over reigning champion Leicester, the side from the northeast of England is confounding the grim preseason predictions and is mixing with Premier League royalty atop the fledgling standings.

Hull sits alongside Manchester United, Manchester City and Chelsea on a maximum six points so far. One of them - United - visits the KCOM Stadium on Saturday.

"I'm not sure we could have imagined or hoped for the start we've had," Hull mid-

FOOTBALL | EPL PREVIEW

Hull conf forecasts



Mourinho's Man U faces EPL's sensation Hull

fielder Shaun Maloney said. "But when the games come along, all the stuff off the

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Founding grim preseason in Premier League



field gets pushed to the back of your mind.”

The build-up to the season couldn't have been more different for United and Hull.

At United, Jose Mourinho arrived as coach, around USD200 million was spent on a quartet of signings that includes world-record transfer Paul Pogba and star striker Zlatan Ibrahimovic, while the team's best players were retained despite its failure to qualify for the Champions League.

Over at Hull, Steve Bruce resigned as manager three weeks before the season started, reportedly unhappy at not being able to sign players while the club's owners — the Allam family — look to sell up. Long-term injuries have robbed them of Michael Dawson, Moses Odubajo and Allan McGregor, while Mohamed Diame — the player whose winning goal in the League Championship playoff secured Hull's return to the Premier League — was sold to Newcastle in early August.

Meanwhile, Hull fans disillusioned with the owners continue to protest against the way the club is being run, and will likely do so again on Sunday.

“No communication, no manager, no engagement, no signings, no identity, no concessions, no honesty,” the Hull City Supporters' Trust said in a statement.

It's against this backdrop that caretaker manager

Mike Phelan is working, but the former Manchester United assistant coach has come up with a winning formula.

Hard work, good preparation and making the most of limited goalscoring chances are reasons behind Hull's flying start — a 2-1 win over Leicester followed by a 2-0 victory at Swansea. Midfielder David Meyler gave an insight into Phelan's methods after the Swansea game on Saturday.

“We could tell you everything about them — how long they sleep, how many times they go to the toilet every day,” Meyler said. “That's just the type of person he is. He's a winner and he's trying to embed that into us.”

Meyler wants Phelan to be hired as full-time manager and that possibility could materialize now that Hull's No. 1 target, Wales coach Chris Coleman, has pledged his future to the national team. Phelan has spent almost all his coaching career as a No. 2, most significantly to Alex Ferguson at Manchester United.

“When you're Sir Alex's assistant for long enough, I presume you go through everything,” Meyler said, “and he's not taking any short-cuts now.”

Phelan said he is “enjoying the moment” and that the next step in his career is to become a manager. Beat United this weekend, and the job is surely his.

Zlatan Ibrahimovic is al-

ready setting about making history at Manchester United.

The Swedish striker scored the winner in the Community Shield and has also found the net in United's opening league wins, against Bournemouth and Southampton.

Against Hull, he is looking to become only the second player to score in each of his first four games for United, after Jimmy Hanson in 1924-25.

Ibrahimovic is one of nine players to score in their first three United games.

Looking for a third straight league win under new coach Pep Guardiola, Manchester City hosts West Ham on Sunday and could have a new goalkeeper between the posts.

Chile international Claudio Bravo arrived in Manchester on Tuesday to conclude his move from Barcelona, and could get his debut if the transfer is tied up in time.

Chelsea hosts Burnley on Saturday, while the standout fixture this weekend is Tottenham vs. Liverpool at White Hart Lane on Saturday.

Three teams are yet to get off the mark in the Premier League this season, and two of them play each other on Saturday when Bournemouth travels to Crystal Palace.

Sunderland is the other side to open with back-to-back losses and visits Southampton.

AP / Oddschecker.com

FOOTBALL | FIFA

Blatter says he will accept verdict as CAS appeal begins

Graham Dunbar, Lausanne

FORMER FIFA president Sepp Blatter arrived for his appeal hearing against a six-year ban from football yesterday, pledging to accept the verdict of the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

“I do hope it will be positive for me,” Blatter, sporting a light gray beard, told reporters ahead of a closed-door hearing expected to last several hours.

The court's verdict is expected within several weeks, and could be challenged in a further appeal to Switzerland's supreme court.

The 80-year-old Blatter denies wrongdoing in authorizing a USD2 million payment to former FIFA vice president Michel Platini in 2011. They claimed it was for backdated and uncontracted salary for work Platini did in advising Blatter from 1999 to 2002.

The so-called “disloyal payment” led Blatter to be put under investigation for criminal mismanagement by Swiss federal prosecutors last September. That investigation is ongoing.

FIFA's ethics committee judged the USD2 million deal was a conflict of interest and initially banned Blatter and Platini for eight years last December. FIFA's appeal committee cut both bans to six years.

Platini's appeal to CAS was already judged in May, when Blatter appeared in person as a witness. Platini promised a further appeal to the Swiss Federal Tribunal after his ban was only cut from six to four years.

Platini arrived at the hearing to be a witness. Both men have denied any wrongdoing.

“I came here to repeat and say again the truth,” said Platini. The judging panel in his case noted “the absence of any repentance” from the former France great.

The three-member panel for Blatter's case is expected to respect the verdict of a separate panel, which judged Platini.

Blatter's comments yesterday suggest he would not pursue a federal case. Federal judges can intervene only if legal process is abused.

“We are football players, we learned to win but also we learned to lose and it will not be the end of the world,” Blatter said outside CAS.

A failure to overturn the ban for Blatter would likely end his hope to one day be named FIFA honorary president by its 211 member federations.

The case already ended Platini's chance to replace Blatter as FIFA president, and also forced him out of European governing body UEFA.

On September 14, UEFA members will elect a successor to replace Platini who had a mandate through March 2019. By imposing a four-year ban, the CAS panel ensured UEFA had to replace Platini, rather than wait for him to return.

The “disloyal payment” emerged last year when Platini was strongly favored to win the election to replace Blatter, who had announced his departure plans after 17 years as president amid pressure from American and Swiss federal investigations of corruption implicating senior FIFA officials.

Both men were questioned at FIFA headquarters last September by Swiss investigators who were waiting for them outside an executive committee meeting.

During the turmoil in world football, Platini's right-hand man at UEFA, Gianni Infantino, submitted an election candidacy on the entry deadline day and won the vote in February.

Arriving at the hearing with his Zurich-based lawyer Lorenz Erni, Blatter said he hoped the CAS panel “will understand that the payment made to Platini was really a debt that we had against him.”

“This is a principle, if you have debts you pay them,” Blatter said. **AP**



Blatter speaks to the press at the arrival for his appeal hearing

opinion

Bizcuits
 Leanda Lee



MAKES A LOT OF SCENTS

Smell is dreadfully under-rated. We are reminded of its value when it is lost or when assailed by reeking odours, touched by floral caresses or enticed by kitchen bouquets.

Without this sense, the combination of taste and smell that we call flavour would be less savoured, memories less evoked and choice of mate less reliable. Imagine an aromatic cigar with no aroma or the down-the-nose perspective on the 'unwashed' working class without the imagery of stench: imagery - even in prose, there's no avoiding the hierarchy of the senses.

Primped and preened ladies and gentlemen of lesser awareness donning expensive perfumes at special dinners diminish the joy of the feast for all. Similarly, I recall a colleague announcing her return from leave to which I responded "Yes, Natasha, I knew you were back. I smelt you as I came up the stairs" - not one of my most diplomatic moments. Then, there are quirky instances of being transported elsewhere in time and space: somewhere along the coast of Portugal I could have sworn I was home, for the summer sun on the eucalypts sent me there.

I remember vividly the first time I was assailed by smell, and the second. The first was when I touched down in Singapore in 1985. As the doors of the aircraft opened to the tarmac I was caught short of breath, hit by a wall of humidity and acrid Indian and Malay spice. The second was upon taking to the streets of Macau, twisting my nostrils in disgust at the dog urine and excrement mixed with other sulphurous fumes from rubbish bins and goodness-knows what else. The nose eventually becomes accustomed to its environment, but the initial assault can tell us much. Author John Sutherland says that George Orwell trusted the smell test. Upon returning to England from "5 years in Burma" one sniff of English air confirmed that he had done the right thing.

Out of keeping with its importance, rarely do we read descriptions of smell. Sutherland, who recently penned "Orwell's Nose, a pathological biography exploring the classic author's unrivalled accomplishment in smell narratives, tells us that Orwell was unusual. Hemingway wrote of smell but thrice. Jane Austin describes smells only in Mansfield Park. Even today there are few references to olfaction in the media beyond columns on food, wine and cosmetics.

Although most of us are unaware of its impact, hotels and casino businesses are using smell to advantage. Upon entering Jupiters Casino on a recent trip to Queensland, I noticed it; a not unfamiliar perfume. Crown Melbourne and City of Dreams seem to have a smelly connection. A couple of years ago in Las Vegas, I had a similar, yet more familiar experience entering Wynn. The Wynn signature fragrance by corporate smell maker, AromaSys, called Asian Rain, appears to have quite a following. Perfumes and room fresheners are in demand. Enthusiasts say they are reminded of casino and hotel brands and happy memories when walking "past someone that smelled just like Wynn." A chap in the UK with a misplaced memory left an online comment: "I was pretty surprised so had to take a second lap by the guy, and sure enough, smelled like Palazzo."

These signature scents make business sense. Of course, there are the emotional and memory triggers (personally, I find City of Dreams Rainforest by ScentAir stimulatingly intense and Asian Rain satisfyingly calming), but they also create a pleasant and seemingly cleaner environment, they affect moods and can influence behaviour. One early study in Las Vegas, about the time all this started in the mid-nineties, indicated an increase in slot play between 45% and 53% in a scented environment depending upon intensity.

If it works for casinos and hotels - the money in this suggests these businesses are convinced of an ROI - perhaps it's time for Macau to consider improving its own ambient scent. I wonder if the corporate scent folks have visited MGTO or IACM lately?

THE BUZZ LONDON FLIGHT DELAYED FOR HOUR AS EASYJET CREW MEMBERS ARGUE

An easyJet flight from London's Gatwick Airport to Belfast has faced an hourlong delay after two crew members got into an epic shouting match.

Shocked passengers tweeted about the argument that grew so heated that the two crew members had to be removed from Wednesday's flight.

Dan Lobb, a television presenter on the flight, described the scene as "unreal."

He tweeted: "This is quite incredible. We've all worked with people we don't get on with right? But this tiff means a 1 hr flight is delayed!"

The low-cost carrier confirmed what it called a "verbal disagreement" and apologized to passengers for the inconvenience.

The company said Thursday that the safety and welfare of EasyJet passengers and employees required crew members "to be able to work as a team."

GOOD LUCK, INDEED!

For 10 years, possibly biggest pearl was hidden under bed



A giant pearl measuring 30cm wide (1ft), 67cm long (2.2ft) and weighing 34kg (75lb) is displayed in the lobby of the Puerto Princesa Tourism Office

A Filipino fisherman in western Palawan island has found possibly the world's biggest pearl, but he didn't know it.

For 10 years, the 34-kilogram pearl was hidden in a bag under a bed. The fisherman's family would rub it with their hands before going out to sea in the belief it would bring them luck, said relative Aileen Amurao.

Amurao, who is also Puerto Princesa city's tourism officer, said yesterday that the man gave her the pearl last month for safekeeping because he was moving to a new place.

The pearl was sitting

on a bench in her home for weeks until she found time to check the internet, and she was shocked to learn that it could be the world's biggest at 2.2 feet (67 centimeters) long and 1 foot (30 centimeters) wide.

The fisherman, his father and brothers found the irregular-shaped pearl inside a giant clam that stuck to their boat's anchor when they sought refuge from a squall on a reef, Amurao said.

The fisherman did not want to be identified, she said.

She said that she, the fisherman and his family decided to turn over the

pearl to the city mayor, who had it displayed in a glass case in Puerto Princesa's city hall to attract tourists. The fisherman will receive a still-unspecified reward from the local government, Amurao said, adding that he never intended to sell it. Experts from the University of the Philippines have expressed interest in inspecting the pearl, but she said no date has been set for their visit.

It would not be the first time giant pearls have been found off Palawan.

A 9-kilogram pearl, called Pearl of the King, was found in Palawan in 1939, and is on display in a hotel at the central island resort of Boracay. Local media have reported that fishermen had recovered other huge pearls in the province, including one reportedly weighing 24.75 kilograms.

The Guinness World Records lists a 718.50 carat baroque abalone pearl as the biggest of its kind, measuring 5.5 inches (14 centimeters) in length, 3.1 inches (8 centimeters) wide and 1.6 inches (4 centimeters) thick. AP

Station		
Roadside	30-50 Good	😊
High Density Residential Area	65-85 Moderate	😞
Ambient	55-75 Moderate	😞

SOURCE: DSI/MG

WORLD BRIEFS



AFGHANISTAN A brazen, hours-long militant attack on the American University of Afghanistan ends after at least 13 people were killed and dozens were wounded in the assault on the sprawling campus on Kabul's outskirts.

SYRIA Kurdish forces have started withdrawing east of the Euphrates River, Turkish officials said yesterday, a move that could fulfill a major demand by Ankara and the United States a day after Turkey sent in tanks across the border to help Syrian rebels take a key Islamic State stronghold. More on p15



BRITAIN Some 30 demonstrators have gathered in London to protest local French bans of the body-covering burkini swimsuit. The protesters threw a 'wear what you want' beach party outside the French Embassy to make the point that it was unjust to tell women what to wear.

SPAIN A small Spanish town has come under fire for alleged cruelty to animals after a video showing a young calf being taunted, stabbed and eventually killed in the town's festival was much criticized on social media.

BRAZIL's Senate has begun deliberating on whether to permanently remove President Dilma Rousseff from office. The impeachment trial is the final step in a leadership fight that has all but paralyzed Congress since the measure was launched in the lower chamber late last year.

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