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USA Donald Trump blamed the moderator, a bad microphone and anyone but himself yesterday after he was forced onto defense by Hillary Clinton's cascade of critiques about his taxes, honesty and character in the first presidential debate. [More on p15](#)

CHINA A gas explosion at a coal mine in northwest China killed nine people and left 11 others trapped underground, China's state broadcaster reported. The explosion happened yesterday morning at a mine in the Shizuishan city area of Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region, China Central Television said. Rescuers were trying to reach the trapped and the cause of the explosion was under investigation.

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Regulator says banning croupiers from gambling is 'important measure'

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Tang Palace sells two restaurants, one in Macau

Tang Palace announced that on September 26 it entered into a supplementary agreement with the DK Group to sell a restaurant, and a separate subscription agreement with Dragon King for another eatery. The agreements detail the sale of two of the group's Chinese restaurants located in Macau and Hong Kong. The DK Group is principally engaged in Chinese restaurant business. Tang Palace is primarily engaged in multi brands chain restaurant operation.

Smart City Institute unveiled at MUST

The Macau University of Science and Technology (MUST) will open a Macau Smart City Institute. A plaque for the institute was unveiled this week. According to a statement issued by MUST, the institute aims to construct a top-end academic and technological platform to assist the SAR government in achieving its goal of smart city development, and supply talented staff and intellectual resources. Chairman Ma Chi Ngai of Macau's Science and Technology Development Fund (FDCT) said the fund hopes that the institute will not only empower education and industrialization, but also initiate research and apply smart city technologies in Macau.

Psychiatric clinic to hold fire drill today

A fire drill is planned to happen today between 11 a.m. and noon in the public hospital's psychiatric clinic in Taipa. The drill has the purpose of testing the efficiency of a response, in the case of an emergency, from both the Fire Services and the clinic staff. It will particularly examine how the services manage patient safety during such a situation. The exercise will create the scenario of a fire breaking out in the canteen located on the second floor of the building. During the exercise the fire alarm will sound and the Health Bureau will send staff to organize the evacuation alerting passers-by of the fire drill and assuring the population not to be alarmed.

Renato Marques

NEW regulations published in the government's Official Gazette this week have established new rules for the use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAV).

The so-called "drones," which have brought joy to fans of the aerial photography and videography, will now operate under specific and detailed regulations that include restrictions such as altitude, location and hours of operation – drones are now prohibited from operating at night.

Two of the most controversial new rules are related to altitude, now restricting flight to 30 meters, just over two-thirds of the devices' normal capacity, and making it impossible to fly the UAVs at night.

The list of locations where it is forbidden to fly drones, which already include airport and heliport areas, has also grown. Under the new regulations, the permitted distance from these facilities is set to over one kilometer.

A new list of government institutions as well as other "sensitive" areas was also added, preventing UAVs from entering airspace within 50 meters of the Government Headquarters, the Legislative Assembly building, and the Court of Final Appeal building; as well as the official residences of the Chief Executive and principal officials of Macau and the Central People's

New regulations restrict drone flight



Government.

Also on the new list are the Macau Prison and Youth Correctional Institution, as well as the Ka Ho power station and electrical power substations, the headquarters of Macao Water Supply Company and the Ka Ho Fuel Farm.

Another new requirement requires drones not to operate in an area where there are more than 100 people.

Questioned by the Times on the new regulation, André Branco, creative director and CG artist of Crane Productions,

which uses "drones" professionally, stated "The law on UAV or UAS [Unmanned Aerial System] needs to be discussed

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ANDRÉ BRANCO
ENTREPRENEUR, DRONE USER

with people within the filming industry."

"Macau needs to be known as a place [which is] up-to-date with new technologies and new ways to tell a story. Other matters are of bigger concern, like speeding buses on the road; drivers not slowing down or stopping at crosswalks."

Branco agrees with the introduction of safety measures and the registration of drone pilots with proper training, but said that the region needs to be more in tune with global trends, and become more liberal in some areas in order to create possibilities "for the creative film industry to prosper locally."

"What I have read so far sounds very restrictive, such as a 30-meter altitude restriction," Branco said, adding "I hope that we, as an industry, can be consulted before any legislation is put into force, because it would be a shame if Macau's Creative Industry and our profession were compromised by too many rules that would restrict our ability to showcase Macau's urban scenery at its best."

He said the territory needed to enjoy "the same creative leeway" as the rest of the world.

Banning croupiers from gambling is important, regulator says

Julie Zhu

PAULO Martins Chan, director of the Gaming Inspection and Coordination Bureau (DICJ), said yesterday that banning croupiers from gambling is appropriate for the gaming industry.

Chan made the comment during yesterday's Responsible Gambling Promotions Kick Off Ceremony at the University of Macau (UM).

"Some statistics clarify that [the likelihood of] dealers being addicted to gambling is relatively high, and so this is a very important measure to be implemented," said Chan. After seeing customers winning money, dealers easily develop the idea that winning is easy, or consider themselves to have a certain leverage."

The director said, in order to ban dealers from entering casinos, other measures should be implemented to enforce the policies.

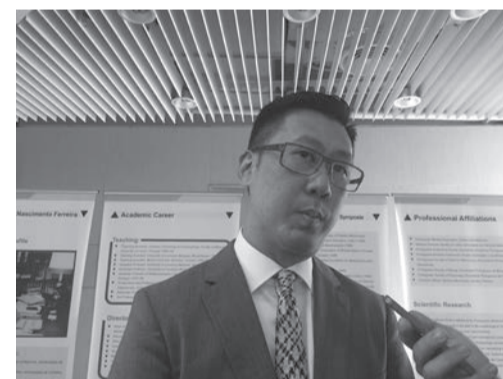
However, the details have yet to be discussed at this stage, according to Chan.

"We will know what to do at the right time," he said, adding that his department needs to "collect ideas from the public and have a wide discussion about the issue."

Regarding the penalties that will be applied for dealers found entering casinos, Chan claims that no decision has been made so far and reaffirmed that the DICJ is still in consultation with the public, especially within communities of dealers.

Earlier this year, DICJ organized three meetings with gaming sector employees to reflect upon the aforementioned issues. Chan said that the opinions will be compiled into a consultation format and then forwarded to the Legislative Assembly. However, no schedules have been made about when the consultation version will be complete.

The director also said the gaming inspection department and the gaming em-



Paulo Martins Chan

ployees have reached a preliminary agreement on the topic.

"How to handle, how to enforce, or what kind of law enforcement there will be, are still under discussion," said Chan.

Fong Ka Chio, Director of the Institute for the Study of Commercial Gaming of UM, also told the media that Macau "has many years of experience already regarding barring certain groups from entering casinos."

Chio believes that the casinos' strong surveillance systems pose no obstacle in the city's implementation of the policies once they are established.

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Taiwan-bound plane returns to Macau after 30-minute flight

TRANSASIA Airways confirmed on Monday that one of its aircraft returned to Macau 30 minutes after take-off to Taiwan.

"We know there was a problem, but we have not yet found the cause," announced Euphemia Lam, senior public relations officer of the Civil Aviation Authority of Macau (AACM).

The TransAsia Airways office told the Times that they "cannot make comments on the issue" when asked about the reasons behind the incident.

At the time of the incident, the aircraft was carrying a total of 150 passengers, who had departed from the local airport around 7:35 p.m. on Monday night.

Meanwhile, 21 flights at Macau International Airport have been canceled due to Typhoon Megi in Taiwan. Lam declared that the department cannot predict how the situation will evolve. Seven flights from Macau to Taipei, as well as eight from Taipei to Macau, were cancelled yesterday in addition to three flights bound for Kaohsiung and three leaving Kaohsiung. Eight of the 21 cancelled flights are under TransAsia Airways, as announced by the airport.

Back in 2014, one TransAsia Airways aircraft flying from Taipei to Macau returned to Taoyuan International Airport five minutes after take-off. The captain noticed an abnormal instrument warning and decided to return. A total of 148 passengers were on board at the time.

IC wants to spread awareness of Central Library project

THE Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) plans to provide more information to the public about the Central Library project to be built at the old courthouse in Nam Van area.

"First of all, we will have a presentation for people to hear our ideas, regarding the construction... So we don't have sudden reactions from population [asking], 'Why are we demolishing the building?' We want to have better communication so we can build trust," IC president Ung Vai Meng said on the sidelines of the Cultural Heritage Committee plenary meeting yesterday.

Ung also said the Bureau plans to start work on the new Central Library by demolishing part of the former headquarters of the Judiciary Poli-



The old court building is currently being used to host cultural events

ce which, according to Ung, has "little historical value."

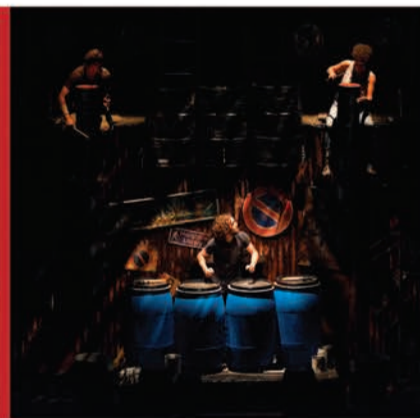
Although it is still unclear when the public tender will open, Ung admitted that the demolition work should start before a final draft of the architecture project is completed, albeit with some delay.

Most members of the Committee were found to be in favor of the project, but there is no consensus among all members. Some cited the need to reconsider the project and eventually choose another location.

One member, architect Carlos Marreiros, told Radio Macau, "We can't continue like this. Every time that we aim to do something, there is someone that has a different view and everything stops. We need to move forward."

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Macau Daily Times contest



STOMP at The Venetian Macao

World-renowned theatrical sensation, STOMP – an eight-person performance group that uses everyday items such as lighters, bin lids, plastic bags and even kitchen sinks, to hammer out an explosive rhythm, will be coming to The Venetian Theatre from Sept. 23 – Oct. 9, 2016. Tickets are priced HKD/MOP 180-780, and can be booked at all Cotai Ticketing box offices.

Originally from the UK and created by Luke Cresswell and Steve McNicholas back in 1991, STOMP is a show that combines percussion, dance, theatre and comedy with an exhilarating soundtrack inspired by the commotion of daily life. Performers use every-day objects to create beats of different sounds, composing a feel-good percussive symphony. Their passion and enthusiasm are so contagious that the show has won over audiences worldwide of all ages.

than 12 million people in 53 countries across 6 continents. There are up to five STOMP companies performing worldwide at any time.

The infectious STOMP has also performed in several big events, including the 1996 Academy Awards (the Oscars), which received an estimated 1 billion audience globally; and a specially choreographed appearance at the closing ceremony at the London 2012 Olympic Games, it was the largest assembly of STOMP performers ever, as 40 performers from 12 different countries were brought together for one spectacular performance.



STOMP has been touring the globe for 25 years, bringing over 20,000 performances to more

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Question for readers:

Who created STOMP back in 1991?

Please email the answers to: stomp@macaudailytimes.com Along with your name and contact details.

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FIMM to present 'Bravo Macau!' concerts this week

Lynzy Valles

To celebrate the 30th Macao International Music Festival (FIMM), the Cultural Affairs Bureau is set to present two concerts titled "Bravo Macau!" tomorrow and Friday at the Dom Pedro V Theatre. The concert will feature several promising young local musicians who will showcase their talent.

Themed "Glorious 30 - The Sinfonia Rhapsodies," the first series of the concert, "Bravo Macau!" will feature a piano duo by Poon Ho Suet and Poon Ho Tung as well as a brass quintet led by Meng Leong Ngok.

Poon Ho Suet completed a Master's degree in Piano Performance at a music institution in the U.S. and is currently an instructor in the Macao Conservatory School of Music. Her sister Poon Ho Tung is now undertaking a Master's degree in Piano Performance at Indiana University Jacobs School of Music, and has won several awards.

The trumpeter Leong Ngok Meng completed a Master's degree in Trumpet at a music school in New York and was trumpeter of the



From left: Poon Ho Suet, Poon Ho Tung, Chan Sin, Leong Ngok Meng and Cheong Hoi Leong

Guangzhou Symphony Orchestra.

The trio told the press on Sunday that such achievements were made possible due to the subsidy and support of the local government.

Although Leong admitted there are many opportunities to showcase their talent in the region, he believed that Macau still has a long way to go in its classical music industry.

"Bravo Macau! I" will kick off its program tomorrow with Pyotr Il'yich Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite, op. 71a - Overture Miniature, followed by pieces by the renowned Camille Saint-Saëns and Sergei Rachmaninoff.

The brass quintet will also play the well-known 'Amazing Grace'

and 'A Western Fanfare' among others.

Meanwhile "Bravo Macau! II" will showcase the talents of local musicians Leong Cheong Hoi and Chan Sin who are currently studying Piano Performance at the Hong Kong Academy for Performing Arts, saxophone player Timothy Sun who is a graduate at Guildhall School of Music and Drama in London and a teacher at the Macao Conservatory, and Cindy Ho for piano accompaniment. The program will present Rachmaninoff's Variations on a Theme by Corelli, op.42, Mendelssohn's Variations Sérieuses in D Minor, op. 54 and Prokofiev's Sonata No. 3 in A Minor, op. 28, among others.

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PH, China to discuss legitimization of Filipino domestic workers

In response to the situation of up to 200,000 Filipino domestic helpers working illegally in China, a high representative from the Philippine government is set to discuss with mainland authorities the legitimization of these overseas workers.

The Macau and Hong Kong SARs long ago legalized such workers from the Philippines, Indonesia and other countries. In Macau, according to the Filipino consulate, there are some 25,000 overseas Filipino workers employed in different sectors in the region.

In the mainland, it was only in July last year that Shanghai allowed foreign residents to legally hire domestic helpers from overseas. However, Chinese citizens are not permitted to employ them.

According to a South China Morning Post report,

only five domestic workers had reportedly been approved to work in Shanghai by the end of last year.

Accordingly, Silvestre Bellow, the Philippines' labor and employment minister, may join President Rodrigo Duterte in China.

"I intend to pursue my plan to visit China, maybe Beijing, and talk to the authorities on how to legitimize the stay of our overseas workers and at the same time look at the possibilities of bringing in more workers under legitimate circumstances," the minister said.

The minister stated his belief that the Chinese government may perceive that legalizing the market will lessen the job opportunities available for mainlanders, but argued that the market was 'big enough' to accommodate the Filipino domestic workers who are already there.

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Local youth shows improved physical fitness but tends to be fatter

MACAU residents' overall physical fitness has improved 1.89 points, according to the Sports Bureau's (ID) latest report. However, the obesity rate among children aged between three to 16 has increased compared to 2010, as shown in the ID's Evaluation of Physical Fitness of Macau Population of 2015.

In 2015, the ID, together with several educational institutions, commenced a third assessment that followed two previous evaluations made in 2005 and 2010.

The departments collected data from a total of 10,235 local residents aged between three to 59 years of age, with more than 20 indicators involved in the statistics.

Among children aged three to five, the obesity rate is between 3.9 and 11.4 percent for boys, and between 2.3 to 3.5 percent for girls.

The obesity rate for those aged between six to 16 also



Pun Weng Kun (right) during the report's presentation

shows an upward trend as children age. The obesity rate of girls varies from 15.8 to 22.7 percent. The percentage of boys who are categorized as obese ranges from 15.2 to 21.3 percent.

Pun Weng Kun, director of ID, said, "Overall, we are happy with the results of the 2015 report. I believe we still need to work hard and there is room for improvement."

Fitness indexes for people

below 59 years of age are all slightly better than the ones of 2010. However, those above 59 show a decrease in fitness performance compared to five years ago.

Physical fitness and physical function of those aged between three to 59 are all slightly better than those of the same age group evaluated in 2010.

Most noticeably, young people aged six to 22 are showing declines in indica-

tors of physical shape, such as height and shoulder width. The figure is 0.9 points less than the previous report. A similar downward trend occurred in people in their 20s and 30s.

Pun hopes that, through future measures implemented by the government, the Macau public can engage in more sports and follow a healthier diet in order to improve overall physical fitness. **JZ**

Unemployment rate unchanged

The unemployment rate for June-August 2016 held stable over the previous period (May-July 2016) at 1.9 percent. According to the Statistics and Census Service the underemployment rate was 0.4 percent, down by 0.1 of a percentage point. The total labor force was 400,000 and the labor force participation rate stood at 72.7 percent. Total employment increased by 600 from May-July to 392,600. Analyzed by industry, employment in Hotels, Restaurants & Similar Activities increased, while Construction saw a decrease. The number of those unemployed was 7,400, similar to that in May-July. With fresh graduates joining the labor market, the proportion of fresh labor force entrants searching for their first job increased by 5 percentage points to 20.5 percent of the total unemployed population. Compared to June-August 2015, the labor force participation rate dropped by 0.6 percentage points.

SJM and MCE exempted from paying additional gaming tax

According to a notice published by the Official Gazette, the Macau government will once more grant an exemption to both Sociedade de Jogos de Macau (SJM) and Melco Crown Entertainment (MCE) from the payment of additional income tax on profits generated from gaming or other casino games. The exemptions, which are for a period of five years and have previously been granted to the other four gaming operators, have become a common occurrence since Law 16/2001 (Legal Framework for the Operations of Casino Games of Fortune) entered into force. The exemption has been granted to SJM from 2017 to 31 March 2020 and to MCE from 2017 to 2021.

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SHOWDOWN IN MACAO

World no.14 set to join elite at Venetian Macao Open



The 2016 edition of the Venetian Macao Open will see one of the strongest fields ever assembled in its 17-year history when the prestigious tournament tees gets under way from 13 to 16 October at the Macao Golf & Country Club.

While many eyes will be following the next on-course installment of the Hend v Lahiri rivalry, one player who will fancy his chances of lifting the prestigious trophy on Sunday afternoon will be world number 14 Branden Grace.

The South African, who has risen over 100 places in the world rankings after a solid season that includes two tournament wins and two top-five finishes at majors, is excited to be making his debut in Macao. The 28-year-old said:

"I am very much looking forward to going to Macao and competing there for the first time. I don't get to play in Asia very often and with golf growing so fast, it is always interesting for me to head out to that part of the world to test myself and compete at the best tournaments such as the Venetian Macao Open."

"It would be a difficult but satisfying tournament to win. Scott Hend has proven to be almost unbeatable the last few years, and together with the top Asian players, there will be a good mix of high quality golfers to compete against, so I am going to make sure I am ready, keep performing well and hopefully continue to climb the rankings", Grace added.



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Citigroup cuts September GGR forecast

IN its report, Citigroup said that after surveying 13 casinos in the territory, it now estimates that the average minimum bet (AMB) in the mass market was down 6 percent in September when compared to August, retreating to the level before summer. Comparing the weekend room rates in 16 hotels, the same company noted a drop of 10 percent on average followed by a fall also in weekday rates of about 3 percent.

Based on the survey, the broker lowered its September GGR forecast for the region from MOP18 billion to MOP17.5 billion, or 2 percent year-on-year.

The same report states that Galaxy Entertainment Group performed best among the operators, with the AMB in September rising 15 percent monthly and premium mass performance showing some improvement. The AMB in both Wynn Macau and Wynn Palace was down 19 percent monthly. AMB in Sands China Ltd and in Melco Crown Group registered declines of 7 percent and 21 percent in the same period respectively.

Region celebrates World Tourism Day

Lynzy Valles

IN celebration of World Tourism Day, the Macao Government Tourism Office (MGTO) has again held its traditional series of events.

Yesterday morning, MGTO officials were present at Outer Harbor Ferry Terminal to personally hand welcome souvenirs to a "Lucky Tourist."

The "Lucky Tourist" of this year came from Shenzhen to attend a corporate meeting in town and brought along her family from Sichuan for a four-day vacation in the region.

The annual 'Tray Race' was also held in the afternoon of September 27, starting from the Ruins of St Paul's.

The race attracted around 190 participants, representing some 20 hotels, restaurants and entities in the region.

Many of the contestants were dressed in various costumes and outfits. Each car-



The annual 'Tray Race' was one of the day's highlights

ried their tray with a bottle of beer along the lanes to Senado Square.

For this year's theme, "Tourism for All - Promoting Universal Accessibility," the World Tourism Organization encourages destinations globally to create a barrier-free tourism environment that is accessible for all.

MGTO director Maria Helena de Senna Fernandes said that by promoting universal accessibility, various destina-

tions could enjoy greater economic benefits.

With economic and social progress as well as market developments, she looks forward to seeing the local tourism industry grow and provide more accessible, higher quality services for visitors.

"World Tourism Day" has been held annually since 1980 in a bid to promote awareness about the significance of tourism across the international community, especially regarding its social, cultural, political and economic value. Over 100 regions carried out celebrations for the World Tourism Day around the world on the same day. This year's official celebrations were held in Bangkok, Thailand.

MGTO 'conservatively optimistic' about golden week arrivals

AS the city now boasts fresh attractions due to newly opened resorts, MGTO deputy director Cecilia Tse told the press that the bureau expects visitors to stay in the city longer.

"Although [the] number of tourists would probably not be higher than last year, we expect them [to] stay longer," she said.

However, she stressed that they are "con-

servatively optimistic" as neighboring cities are also competitive in their efforts to attract the Chinese market.

Tse also outlined the 'resort packages' that have been made available to the region's neighboring market, which have given the bureau confidence in the flow of tourist arrivals for the upcoming golden week.

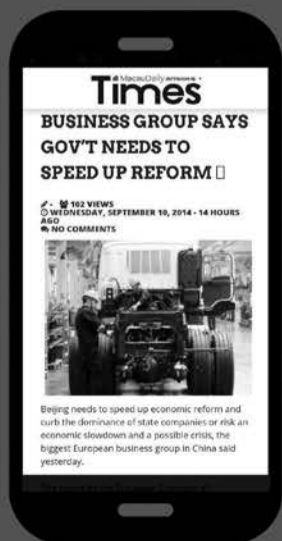
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In this Monday, Oct. 5, 2015 file photo, Air France director of Human Resources Xavier Broseta (right), and assistant director of long-haul flights Pierre Plissonnier (center), are protected by a police officer as they flee the company's headquarters at Roissy Airport

Air France workers on trial over ripping off bosses' shirts

Philippe Sotto, Bobigny

FIFTEEN current and former Air France workers went on trial yesterday for alleged violence during a union protest last year at the airline's headquarters that saw two company executives flee over a fence with their shirts ripped off.

The incident, caught on camera, was a high-profile example of the often strained relations between French workers and their employers. Dozens of union activists rallied in support of the defendants outside the courthouse in Bobigny north of Paris as the trial began.

Five union members, who have since been fired, stand charges of aggravated assault, and face up to three years in prison and a 45,000-euro (USD51,000) fine if convicted. Ten Air France workers, who retained their jobs, face charges of property damage.

The violent protest took place last October during a crucial union-management meeting at the airline's headquarters next to Charles de Gaulle Airport outside Paris, where executives announced nearly 3,000 job cuts after

years of belt-tightening at the airline.

A disgruntled crowd of union activists and other employees broke through an access gate to reach Air France headquarters. During a scuffle outside the building, two managers and several security guards were manhandled.

Under catcalls and boos, with protesters chanting "naked, naked," and "resignation," the airline's human resources director Xavier Broseta was seen bare-chested, with a tie still around his neck but just a piece of sleeve around his wrist.

Meanwhile, the head of long-haul operations, Pierre Plissonnier, ended up with his shirt and suit jacket shredded. The two managers, under protection of security guards, managed to escape by climbing a fence.

The company filed a complaint for aggravated assault. Management and unions alike insist that the violence emanated from a small minority of workers.

Although the scuffle was unusually violent, relations between management and staff in France are often testy, with union

activists sometimes destroying company property or briefly holding managers hostage — "boss-snapping" it is often called — to make a point.

The shirt-ripping incident shocked many even in protest-prone France and worried the government, a big Air France shareholder, about damage to the country's reputation. Socialist Prime Minister Manuel Valls said "these acts are the work of thugs."

In response, some unions and leftist politicians have denounced an increasing drive to criminalize trade union action, arguing that physical violence is a desperate response to extreme pressure from management on workers' rights and jobs.

Air France has shrunk its workforce and cut costs over years of restructuring amid competition from low-cost and Mideast airlines. Its unions have gone on strike repeatedly, disrupting air traffic throughout Europe, and the pilots attend demonstrations in uniform. The Air France-KLM Group reported net annual profit in 2015 for the first time in several years. **AP**

'Dramatic slowing' seen in global trade, as rhetoric rises

THE World Trade Organization dramatically slashed its forecast for trade growth this year by about a third to its lowest rate since 2009, when the global economy was mired in recession in the wake of the financial crisis.

In an update to its forecasts yesterday, the world's leading trade body said the groundswell in anti-globalization sentiment could make matters worse, especially if policymakers respond to that in a "misguided" manner.

The Geneva-based WTO, perhaps best known for dealing with trade disputes, predicted that global trade will rise only 1.7 percent this year, way down from its April prediction for 2.8 percent.

It said the downgrade was largely due to an unexpectedly sharp drop in merchandise trade volumes in the first quarter. Lower economic growth and trade in developing countries like China and Brazil as well as a deceleration in imports in North America lay at the heart of the sharp downgrade.

If the WTO's forecast comes true, it will be the first time in 15 years that global trade grows more slowly than the world economy, which it expects to expand by 2.2 percent.

"The dramatic slowing of trade growth is serious and should serve as a wake-up call," WTO director-general Robert Azevedo said. "It is particularly concerning in the context of growing anti-globalization sentiment."

"We need to make sure that this does not translate into misguided policies that could make the situation much worse," he added, referring to job creation and economic growth.

As well as reducing its 2016 forecast, the WTO cut its pro-



Brazilian Roberto Azevedo, director general of the World Trade Organization

ject for next year to between 1.8 percent and 3.1 percent from 3.6 percent.

The WTO warned of a number of risks, such as the effect of the British vote to leave the European Union, which has increased uncertainty about commercial relations in a part of the world where trade has been relatively strong.

Other uncertainties include financial market volatility stemming from changes in monetary policy in developed countries — the U.S. Federal Reserve is set to raise interest rates again while the European Central Bank and the Bank of Japan could cut borrowing costs further.

It also voiced worries that growing anti-trade rhetoric around the world might affect trade policy.

One planned trade deal that looks to be in trouble is the proposed Trans-Atlantic Trade and Investment Partnership, commonly known as TTIP, between the United States and the EU.

TTIP aims to remove trade barriers between the two but the secretive discussions have reportedly become bogged down amid growing concerns — and protests — in Europe over what a deal would mean for food safety and privacy protections, among other things. **AP**

corporate bits

MGM HOLDS RECRUITMENT FAIR FOR COTAI PROPERTY



MGM plans to roll out a series of Mass Recruitment Fairs for local talent from now until the grand opening of MGM Cotai (scheduled for Q2 of 2017), including specific fairs that are organized in collaboration with several local institutions. The campaign offers over 1,200 new positions with approximately 6,000 job openings for both non-gaming and

gaming departments.

The first Mass Recruitment Fair took place at MGM Macau's Grand Ballroom yesterday, offering non-gaming job openings under seven departments including Hotel Operations and Security. MGM's Talent and Acquisition team provided one-stop service for all candidates at the Recruitment Fair, including online

submission of applications, interviews, and issuing offers of intent. According to a press release issued by MGM, over 800 local candidates attended the Fair, and more than 200 employment offers were made on-site.

Wendy Yu, Senior Vice President of Human Resources of MGM, said of the campaign: "We will continue to provide extensive training and support to both our existing and new team members as we anticipate the expansion of MGM's footprint in Macau. We believe that great people create great moments, and we are confident that the Golden Lion Team will significantly contribute to Macau's position as a world leisure and tourism center."

CTM IMPLEMENTS 'APPRECIATIVE CULTURE' WORKSHOPS



In a bid to reinforce employees' sense of belonging and cohesiveness, CTM has been actively promoting "Appreciative Culture" since June, becoming the first corporation in the region to

introduce this management concept.

CTM stated that by continuously organizing "Appreciative Culture" workshops, the company aims to establish a positive working atmosphere

and deliver positive energy to society.

As cited in the company's press release, three "Appreciative Culture Sharing Sessions" were organized for 210 CTM employees over two months. Five "Appreciative Leadership Workshops" for management level employees were also held and 101 "CTM Appreciative Leaders" have been trained.

These employees will spread and facilitate "Appreciative Culture" among their peers and society at large.

CTM said it is committed to establishing an ideal working environment for employees by organizing various collaborative and training sessions to provide targeted employee development opportunities.



Huambo city

China to back training centre in Angola

CHINA will build an Integrated Vocational Training Centre (Cinfotec) in Huambo province in 2017, the minister of public administration, labor, health and social security announced in Luanda, reports the newspaper Jornal de Angola.

Minister Pitra Neto spoke during a visit by China's ambassador to the Luanda Cinfotec. He said preparations were already under way and that Angolan and Chinese personnel had visited Huambo twice to begin the process.

Ambassador Cui Aimin explained that the personnel training would help Angola overcome current financial difficulties and that the project's cost was still being assessed. He also reiterated his country's commitment to cooperating with Angola in all

sectors already identified. Cinfotec was conceived in 2008 as a centre for excellence in applied technologies, meant to provide technical qualification and training for professionals in the labour market. It offers technical, qualification and skill-perfection courses in the areas of metrology, mechanics and production, electricity and mechatronics, and information and communication technologies, including courses with international certification.

The Luanda Cinfotec has capacity for 901 trainees and counts 16 classrooms with 50 seats each, two videoconference rooms, one auditorium with 100 seats and 22 laboratories, 15 of them for theoretical teaching and 7 that focus on technological services. **MDT/Macauhub**

Large diamond discovered at the Lulo concession

AUSTRALIA'S Lucapa Diamond Company has discovered at the Lulo concession in Angola yet another very large diamond, weighing 172.67 carats (35.534 grams), the company announced in a statement released on Monday.

The company specified that it is the fifth stone over 100 carats discovered at that concession in Angola and that it is nearly colorless and almost entirely without impurities.

Last February the Lucapa Diamond Company announced the discovery of the largest diamond ever found in Angola, weighing 404.2 carats or about 80 grams. It was later sold for USD16 million.

Early this September the company discovered a 38.6 carat pink diamond, the largest coloured gemstone found at the concession located 630 km east of Luanda.

The company's partners at the concession are the state-held Empresa Nacional de Diamantes de Angola (Endiama) and the private company Rosas & Pétales. **MDT/Macauhub**

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Beijing sentences three to suspended terms over labor activism

A court in southern China's industrial heartland yesterday passed down suspended sentences to three labor organizers who led strikes to demand better working conditions, in the latest move by ruling Communist Party authorities to rein in civil society.

The three had worked at a labor rights center that had continued operating even after authorities officially closed it in 2007.

The center's manager, Zeng Feiyang, was handed a four-year suspended sentence, while Tang Huanxing and Zhu Xiaomei were each given 18-month suspended sentences. They had been arrested on Dec. 3, 2015, and charged with "gathering a crowd to disturb social order" — a broadly defined accusation widely used to stifle complaints from rights activists and members of the public.

The Panyu district court in the city of Guagnzhou said the defendants "ignored national laws and organized mass gatherings that disturbed social order."

It said their actions resulted in severe economic losses to the companies involved.

The official Xinhua News Agency said yesterday that Tang had been responsible for the organization's publicity, while Zhu handled relations with workers who'd migrated from other parts of China.

In testimony shown on state television, Zeng said he had received funding and training from "some overseas organizations hostile to China."

The accusation — not backed up by firm evidence or names — has featured in a number of recent trials of human rights lawyers and legal activists. That is seen as part of a sweeping crackdown on civil liberties engineered by President Xi Jinping as he deals with growing foreign policy challenges and a slowing economy at home. AP

Strong winds from typhoon hit Taiwan, killing at least 4

AP PHOTO



A woman eats and struggles with her umbrella against powerful gusts of wind generated by typhoon Megi across the island in Taipei

Ralph Jennings, Taipei

STRONG winds knocked down people and scattered debris as a massive typhoon crossed over Taiwan yesterday, killing at least four people and injuring more than 260, officials said.

Typhoon Megi's bands of heavy rain and sustained winds of 162 kilometers per hour blanketed the island by mid-afternoon as the eye of the storm made landfall on the east coast.

Authorities had raised alert levels for Taiwan, which is prone to landslides and flooding, said National Fire Agency Director-General Chen Wen-lung.

The 268 injuries included eight Japanese tourists traveling in a tour bus that turned on its side in central Taiwan. Three people suffered fatal falls and a fourth person died in a truck crash, said Lee Wei-sen, a spokesman for Taiwan's Central Emergency Operations Center. Many of the injuries were from

falling and wind-blown objects.

Megi is 500 kilometers in diameter, and rainfall had topped 300 millimeters in the south and eastern mountains.

"The rainfall problem will get increasingly severe as the storm passes over," Lee said. "We've got to see whether the amount of rain has a big impact. The only good news is that it's moving fast on its way over Taiwan."

More than 8,000 people had been evacuated, mostly from mountainous areas at risk of

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More than 2.9 million households lost power, though 976,000 had been restored by late evening, according to Taiwan's Central News Agency.

More than 121 flights were delayed and 253 canceled at Taoyuan International Airport, and seven were diverted to other Taiwanese airports. Authorities had closed schools, offices and most of Taiwan's railway system.

Megi is the fourth typhoon of the year to hit Taiwan.

On the Chinese coast, about 160 kilometers from Taiwan at its nearest point, fishing boats were ordered back to port, China's official Xinhua News Agency said. It said the typhoon was expected to reach Guangdong province and Fujian province Wednesday morning, bringing as much as 400 millimeters of rain to parts of Fujian. AP

Shanghai ranks as top pick to become next major financial hub

Pooja Thakur

SHANGHAI ranks as the top pick among the world's cities expected to become significant global financial centers in the next few years, according to a survey of finance professionals.

Qingdao, Shenzhen, Dalian and Beijing are the other mainland Chinese cities that are going to rise as financial centers, according to the Global Financial Centers Index which measures cities based on their attractiveness to financial services professionals. The index is based on two inputs: statistical data and a poll of finance professionals. Eight of the top 15 cities that are expected to gain in significance are from the Asia-Pacific region, according to the index created by the Z/Yen group for the City of London.

London, New York, Hong Kong, Singapore and Tokyo remain the five leading global financial centers in this year's ranking.

London was one point ahead of New York, which ranked second, according to the survey, which measured data collected through the end of June, and doesn't reflect the impact of the U.K.'s decision to leave the European Union. Data collected in July and August show that assessments given to London were down from previous levels, according to the highlights of the

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Highway in Shanghai

survey, suggesting that next year's rankings may show "significant changes."

Singapore was 42 points behind New York to rank third, and Hong Kong placed fourth. Tokyo, in fifth place, lagged behind New York by 60 points, the survey showed. The Australian hubs of Sydney and Melbourne jumped in the ratings, with Sydney advancing six places in the past year to rank 11th among global cities, while Melbourne placed 24th on the list. Bloomberg

Fox Hu

THE notorious “Lo Tsin” of Hong Kong’s equity market are suddenly in the spotlight. Slang for “tricksters” in Cantonese, the phrase has long been used in the former British colony to describe stocks suspected of being tainted by dodgy financial operators, from pump-and-dump traders to misleading corporate managers. Now, as China prepares to give its citizens greater access to smaller Hong Kong shares through a cross-border exchange link, the term is popping up in state-run media and Internet discussion groups across the mainland.

The message for Chinese investors venturing into Hong Kong: ignore the Lo Tsin at your peril.

“Mainland investors have a love-hate relationship with Hong Kong stocks as they find a large number of undervalued, quality companies sitting side-by-side with shady ones,” said Fang Lie, chairman of Shenzhen Juwending Investment Management Ltd., a private equity firm named after the Chinese city on Hong Kong’s northern border. Fang, an accountant by training, conducts seminars for mainland investors on how to avoid potential Lo Tsin shares.

Of course, Chinese markets have had scandals of their own, and there’s little evidence that stocks in Hong Kong are particularly vulnerable to wrongdoing (the city ranks No. 1 on a World Bank gauge of minority investor protection, versus 134 for China). Still, Lo Tsin anxiety among Chinese traders persists, in part because the two jurisdictions have very different approaches to regulation.

As Hong Kong Exchanges & Clearing Ltd. Chief Executive Officer Charles Li explained in a blog post referencing the Lo Tsin this month, authorities in China are high-touch gatekeepers, scrutinizing companies before they go public in an effort to safeguard individual investors. Hong Kong typically takes a more hands-off approach, allowing firms to list once they meet the city’s clearly-defined minimum criteria.

The two systems also vary when times get tough for investors. China’s state-directed funds spent billions propping up share prices after the domestic market crashed last year, a stark contrast to Hong Kong, which has avoided large-scale government intervention since the Asian financial crisis in 1998. On the mainland, shareholders take comfort from China’s relatively small number of short sellers, along with daily trading limits that cap declines at 10 percent - giving regulators time to respond to signs of wrongdoing before losses deepen. In Hong Kong, shares of

Hong Kong’s hated market tricksters are a hot topic in China



at least seven companies have posted one-day losses exceeding 50 percent this year.

The city’s approach has come under scrutiny in recent years with the high-profile collapse of several stocks in the city, including Hanergy Thin Film Power Group Ltd., which is under investigation by Hong Kong’s Securities and Futures Commission, and Boshiwa International Holding Ltd., which is in the process of being delisted by the city’s exchange. Both companies have denied wrongdoing.

The SFC has been stepping up probes into potential misconduct, pursuing 137 market manipulation investigations in the year through March, a 51 percent increase from two years earlier. Probes into insider trading and “corporate misgovernance” have jumped 49 percent and 37 percent, respectively, over the past two years, according to the SFC’s annual report. When contacted for comment on potential Lo Tsin stocks, an SFC spokesman referred to a June 2 speech by CEO Ashley Alder, in which he said the regulator has been looking into shares with “extreme volatility.”

Few cases have drawn more attention in China than that of Hanergy, one of the more than 30 examples of potential Lo Tsin analyzed by Fang during his weekend lectures in Shenzhen. The stock, a favorite of mainland investors using the exchange link and one of the more than 1,000 Hong Kong-listed companies that get most

of their revenue from China, tumbled 47 percent in 24 minutes on May 20, 2015, wiping out USD19 billion of value before trading was halted.

Shares of the solar company had surged more than 1,300 percent during the preceding two years, even as speculation increased that the firm was at risk from unproven technology, overly ambitious forecasts and a reliance on its unlisted parent company for revenue. In response to a report in the Financial Times on unusual trading patterns in the stock, Hanergy released a statement in March 2015 denying any misconduct or manipulation of the shares either by the company or its founder, Li Hejun.

Hanergy has been pursuing reforms and swung to profit in the first half, the company said in an e-mailed reply to questions on Sept. 23. The firm has become more market-oriented and will work hard to produce better returns for investors, Hanergy said. Shares remain suspended.

Xu Ming, an individual investor from China’s Jiangxi province, says he invested in Hanergy about two years ago but avoided the stock’s crash after selling his stake on concern over the firm’s reliance on its parent. He has attended Fang’s classes on how to spot potential Lo Tsin shares in Shenzhen, which attracted more than 100 individual and professional investors in May and September. An expansion of the exchange link to include Shenzhen stocks and Hong Kong small-caps is

expected by November.

“I hope Hong Kong regulators will plug loopholes in the market and better protect small investors,” Xu said in a phone interview.

The city’s benchmark Hang Seng Index rose 0.2 percent at 9:34 a.m. local time, extending this year’s gain to 6.5 percent. The Shanghai Composite Index was little changed.

Fang said he tries to arm investors with their own tools to avoid potential Lo Tsin. He focuses on spotting red flags in financial statements using metrics including cash flow, accounts receivable and inventories.

Such early warning signals were apparent at Boshiwa, an apparel maker and Harry Potter licensee, Fang said. In 2011, the company was reporting high accounts receivable and prepaid expenses relative to peers. The numbers were unusual for a branded retailer, which typically has better bar-

gaining power with suppliers and distributors, Fang said.

Boshiwa, whose auditor resigned in March 2012, sank 35 percent on the 15th of that month before its shares were halted. After more than four years of suspended trading, the company has entered a delisting process for failing to demonstrate to the exchange that there’s no “regulatory concern about management integrity,” according to company filings.

A Cayman Islands court ordered the appointment of provisional liquidators after a winding-up petition was filed, the company said in a February 2015 statement. It said in August that a potential investor has agreed to provide working capital as the company attempts to restructure its debt.

Boshiwa’s website and public phone number were inaccessible. Calls to the Shanghai and Melbourne numbers of Chen Pei Qi, who the company had listed as an executive director, weren’t answered. An employee of EQS TodayIR Ltd. said by phone that his company had stopped acting as Boshiwa’s investor relations contact.

China’s state-run media have helped focus attention on the potential pitfalls of investing in Hong Kong. The Shanghai Securities News, owned by the official Xinhua News Agency, discussed the Lo Tsin in a Sept. 12 article that included an interview with HKEX’s Li.

“It is urgent to cure the market disease of ‘Lo Tsin stocks’ while striking a balance between efficiency and fairness,” the Shanghai Securities News wrote.

In one sign that Hong Kong is seeking to strengthen market oversight, the SFC is working with the city’s bourse on a new approval process for initial public offerings that analysts say would shift power to the regulator, giving it more explicit say over which companies are granted listings. The SFC and the exchange are inviting comments on proposed changes in a public consultation set to end in November.

While regulation in Hong Kong may improve over time, the ultimate responsibility for due diligence lies with investors, said Ran Linghao, a Shenzhen-based portfolio manager at Da Cheng Fund Management Co., which oversees more than \$10 billion.

“Under Hong Kong’s current legal and regulatory environment, the best way is to stay away from any suspected Lo Tsin stocks,” he said. **Bloomberg**

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SINGAPORE can do more to address the money-laundering risks posed by the country's status as a global financial center, the Financial Action Task Force said.

While acknowledging that the Southeast Asian nation has a "reasonable understanding" of its money-laundering risks and has taken steps to mitigate them, "moderate gaps" remain, the Paris-based organization said in a report published yesterday. The report detailed various recommendations on how Singapore could beef up its measures to combat money laundering and terrorism financing.

"The nexus between transnational threats, the inherent risks faced by Singapore as one of the world's largest financial centers, and vulnerabilities within the system" are not sufficiently reflected in Singapore's risk assessment program, the FATF said. Its evaluation was based on measures

Singapore has gaps to fill in money-laundering fight, FATF says



in place to combat money laundering and financing of terrorism during a visit by FATF examiners on Nov. 17-Dec. 3.

In response, Singapore's government and the central bank pledged "further steps" to strengthen its regime to fight illicit flows.

Before the report was published, the Monetary Authority of Singapore had stepped up action to address the reputational damage caused by anti-money laundering lapses at banks in the Southeast Asian nation linked to the beleaguered state investment fund 1Malaysia Development Bhd. The central bank rebuked four banks including UBS Group AG and Standard Chartered Plc for lapses in compliance controls. **Bloomberg**

CAMBODIA

Alleged timber smuggler says reporters should honor payoffs

Sopheng Cheang, Phnom Penh

AN alleged timber smuggler in Cambodia has given journalists a lesson in ethics: People who take bribes should honor their commitments — or be prepared to die.

Timber smuggling and bribery are both common in Cambodia, but a video posted on Facebook late last week appears to illustrate how ingrained both activities have become.

The video clip was posted on a page calling itself the Siem Reap Post. It shows provincial logging tycoon Heng Samneang complaining that journalists in the northeastern province of Stung Treng to whom she was allegedly giving payoffs to keep her activities secret had instead informed the authorities, who then confiscated timber she was accused of trying to smuggle across the border to Vietnam.

She said that those who did not honor their promises would die in a car crash, though it was unclear if that was meant as a curse or a threat.

A journalist in Stung Treng, speaking anonymously because of fear for his safety, confirmed to The Associated Press that he

and his colleagues were aware of Heng Samneang's alleged illegal activities, which had been going on for more than 10 years, and had received cash payments from her.

He said officials in charge of regulating logging also were aware of her activities and likewise took payoffs. While some of Heng Samneang's shipments had been confiscated, she had never been arrested, he said.

Environmental activists and experts say that Cambodia has one of the highest rates of deforestation in the world, much of it due to illegal logging and corrupt land deals.

The video clip of Heng Samneang, also known as "Yeay Proeung," shows her outside what appears to be her office on an unknown date. She has burning joss sticks grasped between her hands, which she raises up and down in front of her head in an oath-taking ceremony.

Heng Samneang is heard calling on the sky and earth as her witnesses for punishment for any journalists who betray her by informing the authorities of her activities.

"All you journalists, be my witness," she says. "While we

are alive, we shall behave with honesty. If you have given your word to someone, you have to honor that promise or you will die in a car crash."

In the brief segment, she also tells the journalists that she does not keep all her income for herself, but shares it with them.

The journalist who spoke to the AP acknowledged receiving money from Heng Samneang, but said it was just occasional payments of USD15-20 treated as being for food or gasoline. The average annual income in Cambodia is about \$1,000, though it is much lower in rural areas such as Stung Treng.

Some journalists and activists trying to expose illegal logging in Cambodia have been murdered. But other journalists — or people who describe themselves as journalists — use their knowledge of illegal logging to extort money from the loggers.

Buth Vicheath, owner of the Siem Reap Post Facebook page on which the video clip was posted, said he received it from a friend and was happy to circulate it to encourage the government to crack down on illegal logging. **AP**

SRI LANKA

Body of slain editor exhumed for new investigation

Bharatha Mallawarachi, Colombo

THE body of a newspaper editor killed seven years ago was exhumed yesterday for a fresh investigation as Sri Lanka's government looks anew at multiple unsolved killings of journalists under a previous government.

Lasantha Wickrematunge, editor of the Sunday Leader newspaper, was killed while driving to work in January 2009. He was an investigative journalist who wrote about government corruption and a sharp critic of the then-government's alleged human rights violations during a civil war with the ethnic Tamil rebels.

The exhumation took place under a court order after police investigators sought permission for a new examination due to contradictory medical and post-mortem reports, said Athula S Ranagala, a lawyer representing his family's interests. The officer who carried out the autopsy said the death occurred due to gunshot wounds, while the surgeon who operated on the editor before he died said the wounds were not from bullets.



Crime investigating police officers prepare to exhume the remains of murdered newspaper editor Lasantha Wickrematunge at a cemetery in Colombo

Ranagala said police also wanted to identify the type of weapon used to kill Wickrematunge.

A number of journalists were killed, reported as missing after being abducted by government paramilitaries, or beaten up under former President Mahinda Rajapaksa's administration. No one has been convicted.

In a pre-written editorial published posthumously, Wickrematunge had said it will be the government that would kill him.

The new government elected last year has begun fresh investigations into the unsolved killings of journalists. **AP**



Colombia's President Juan Manuel Santos (front left), gives a peace pin to the top commander of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, FARC, Rodrigo Londoño

Colombia embarks on path to peace with historic accord

Joshua Goodman,
Andrea Rodriguez

AFTER a half-century of combat that spilled blood across this South American nation, Colombians have embarked on a new, but difficult path to settle their political differences with the signing of a historic peace accord between the government and leftist rebels.

The first test after Monday's signing is a weekend referendum in which voters are being asked to ratify or reject the deal. If it passes, as expected, Colombia will move on to the thornier and still uncertain task of reconciliation.

President Juan Manuel Santos and Rodrigo Londoño, top commander of the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia, formally signed the agreement before a crowd of 2,500 foreign dignitaries and special guests, including U.N. Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon and U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry.

Many in the audience, all dressed in white, had tears in their eyes as Santos removed from his lapel a pin shaped like a white dove that he has been wearing for years and

handed it over to his former adversary, who fastened it to his own shirt.

It was one of many symbolic gestures during the 90-minute ceremony overlooking the colonial ramparts of Cartagena that filled Colombians with hope and optimism for the arduous work ahead implementing a 297-page accord that took four grueling years to negotiate.

If the accord is accepted by Colombian voters in Sunday's referendum, as polls say it will, the FARC's estimated 7,000 fighters would have to turn over their weapons gradually to a team of United Nations-sponsored observers within six months.

A much tougher challenge will be reconciliation, a process that will require rebels and state actors who want to avoid jail to confess their war crimes committed during a 52-year conflict marred by brutalities on both sides.

In Brussels, the European Union announced Tuesday that it has suspended its sanctions against the FARC, which has been on the bloc's "terrorist list" since 2002. The sanction have allowed the EU to freeze the assets of people,

■ If the accord is accepted by Colombian voters the FARC's estimated 7,000 fighters would have to turn over their weapons gradually

groups and entities linked to the FARC and stop Europeans making funds or economic resources available to it.

Longer term, the two sides have drafted an ambitious agenda to hasten the development of Colombia's long-neglected countryside and rid it of illegal coca crops that starting in the 1980s strengthened the FARC — and some say morally corrupted it — while other insurgencies across Latin America fell to the wayside.

Londoño, best known by his

alias Timochenko, called Santos "a courageous partner" and proclaimed there was no turning back on the FARC's decision to abandon Colombia's jungles.

"Let no one doubt that we are going into politics without weapons," he said before ending his speech with a simple but loudly applauded appeal for forgiveness. "I apologize for all the pain that we have caused," he said.

Santos, who for years was the FARC's top military opponent, was equally emphatic that he would honor his promise to promote pluralism and open up Colombia's traditionally elite-driven political system.

"As head of state of the fatherland we all love, I want to welcome you to democracy," he said. Earlier, he led the crowd in chants of "No more war! No more war! No more war!"

Across the country, Colombians celebrated with a host of activities, from peace concerts to a street party in the capital, Bogota, where the signing ceremony was broadcast live on a giant screen.

The signing was greeted with wild cheers followed by calls for Timochenko to be presi-

dent from about 1,000 FARC rebels in the Yari Plains, a remote area of southern Colombia where the group recently concluded its last congress as a guerrilla army by endorsing the deal.

But there were also sporadic protests, including one in Cartagena led by conservative former President Alvaro Uribe, whose decade-long, U.S.-backed military offensive forced the FARC to the negotiating table. Shouting "Santos is a coward," the few hundred Uribe supporters vowed that if they gain power when the president steps down in 2018 they will undo an accord they say is harbinger of a Cuba-style leftist dictatorship.

The stiff domestic opposition, which will make implementation even tougher, contrasts with almost universal acclaim abroad for the accord. On Monday, European Union foreign policy coordinator Federica Mogherini said that with the signing of the peace agreement, the EU would suspend the FARC from its list of terrorist organizations.

The U.S. has yet to follow suit but Kerry said he is open to reconsidering its status.

"We clearly are ready to review and make judgments as the facts come in," he told reporters. "We don't want to leave people on the list if they don't belong."

Colombians' distrust of the FARC runs deep. Many families have been touched by rebel kidnappings and it will take years to heal the wounds from a conflict that claimed 220,000 lives and drove 8 million people from their homes.

The rebels are equally skeptical of the government on which they will now depend for protection, a fact underscored by Timochenko's startled look when a low flyover by three fighter jets unexpectedly interrupted his speech.

"This time they came to salute peace instead of unload bombs," he joked upon resuming.

Timochenko took over as the FARC's commander in 2011 after an aerial attack killed his predecessor shortly after he authorized a secret backchannel dialogue with the government.

For all of the challenges ahead, though, many Colombians who thought peace would never come were carried away with emotion.

"This is something I waited for my whole life — that I dreamed of every day," said Leon Valencia, a former guerrilla who is one of the most respected experts on Colombia's conflict. "It's like when you're waiting for a child that is finally born, or seeing an old lover or when your favorite team scores a goal." **AP**

Failure to get Syria cease-fire stole spotlight at UN



Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau speaking during the 71st session of the United Nations General Assembly

Edith M. Lederer

THE failed attempt by the U.S. and Russia to revive a cease-fire in Syria stole the spotlight at the annual U.N. gathering of world leaders but every other global hotspot had its moment — and there were some chuckles as well including a message to Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon to be ready to receive his gift of a “white bull” from South Sudan.

With the final speeches of the six-day gabfest delivered on Monday, there were also a few high points.

Last December's Paris climate agreement got 31 more ratifications at a high-level event hosted by Ban, topping the 55 countries required and just over 7 percent short of the 55 percent of global emissions needed for the deal to enter into force. It is expected to reach that magic number before the next U.N. conference on climate change in November in Morocco.

U.N. Deputy Secretary-General Jan Eliasson called the agreement a “historic achievement” that would never have happened if the world's nations hadn't shifted course to preserve life on Earth.

“There might be a Plan B in life but there certainly is no Planet B,” Eliasson said Monday in wrapping up the General Assembly's annual General Debate which was attended by over 135 heads of state and government and more than 50 ministers.

The high-level meetings began with the first-ever U.N. summit on refugees and migrants called to tackle one of the most contentious issues facing the world: millions of people fleeing conflict and poverty — and not many countries willing to accept them.

World leaders approved the New York Declaration aimed at providing a more coordinated and humane response to the largest refugee crisis since World War II, and President Barack Obama secured thousands of new resettlement places and billions of dollars in pledges to help the refugees at a summit the following day.

Eliasson said both events gave “new structure to the work on refugees and migration which will be very useful.”

“But above all I hope we shall make sure that this organization sends the signal of everybody's equal value, and that we need to work in such a way that we prevent the xenophobic tendencies to prevail which are still strong in today's world,” he said.

As for the “buzz” in U.N. corridors, it was two newcomers making their debuts on the international stage that captured the most attention: British Prime Minister Theresa May and Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.

May assured the General Assembly that Britain will remain a global power and continue playing a role in trying to resolve the many challenges in the world despite its decision to leave the European Union. And Trudeau announced new plans for Canada to become more globally engaged, including providing 750 U.N. peacekeepers, and tried to calm security jitters after a weekend bombing in New York City on the eve of the global gathering. **AP**

WHO: Excessive air pollution affects 92 percent of people

Jamey Keaten, Geneva

MORE than nine out of 10 people worldwide live in areas with excessive air pollution, contributing to strokes, heart disease, lung cancer and other problems, the World Health Organization said yesterday.

The U.N. health agency said in a new report that 92 percent of people live in areas where air quality exceeds WHO limits, with southeast Asia, eastern Mediterranean and western Pacific regions hardest hit.

The country-by-country figures come from new satellite data over rural areas to complement traditional ground measurements of pollution, mostly in cities, in about 3,000 places worldwide. A similar WHO report released in May that said 98 percent of residents in large cities of low- and middle-income countries face excessively high air pollution. WHO says one in nine deaths worldwide is linked to indoor and outdoor pollution.

Turkmenistan has the highest rate of deaths per capita due to ambient air pollution in the WHO's



classification, followed by Tajikistan, Uzbekistan, Afghanistan, Egypt and China.

Yesterday's report focuses on outdoor air pollution, which is estimated to kill about 3 million people per year based on 2012 figures, the most recent available.

“There are two things happening. One is: rich countries are getting much better in improving the quality of the air. And two: poorer countries are getting worse. That is the overall trend,” said Dr. Carlos Dora, WHO coordinator for environmental

and social determinants of health.

The aim is to educate both policymakers and individuals about the risks, at a time of spiraling heal-

WHO says one in nine deaths worldwide is linked to indoor and outdoor pollution

th care costs. Dora noted, for example, that doctors could advise their patients about higher risks of heart disease in some countries, or how solar lamps could substitute for kerosene lamps that are used in many parts of the developing world.

He said WHO has no evidence that face masks like those worn in many parts of Asia and beyond help reduce exposure to fine particles.

He noted that North America is faring well compared with Europe, mostly due to Europe's greater dependence on diesel fuel and partially due to farm policies that generate agricultural ammonia and methane.

While China ranked sixth among countries with the highest number of deaths per capita due to ambient air pollution, Dora said the country is doing “an amazing amount of stuff” to fight it, such as with clean cars. But coal-fired power plants, household burning of coal and wood to produce energy, and transportation remain big generators of pollution in China, he said. **AP**

US ELECTIONS

Clinton, Trump draw stark contrasts with sharp debate attacks

John McCormick, Mark Niquette

HILLARY Clinton and Donald Trump leveled sharp and personal charges and counter-charges over trade, the U.S. economy, race and foreign policy in their first face-to-face debate, an event that put on display their starkly different personalities and visions of the nation's future.

From the first question posed by moderator Lester Holt, the debate devolved into an exchange of accusations and blame as Trump and Clinton reached into each others' past statements and records. On most policy issues they fell back on their standard campaign stances, offering no new proposals for how they would deal with the country's challenges.

The debate yesterday [Macau time] at Hofstra University in New York ended as it began with testy exchanges — and a few odd moments — between the candidates when Holt asked Trump about a comment he made that Clinton doesn't present the image of a president.

“She doesn't have the look, she doesn't have the stamina,” Trump said, repeatedly questioning her vigor and endurance.

“Well, as soon as he travels to 112 countries and negotiates a peace deal, a ceasefire, a release of dissidents, an opening of new opportunities in nations around the world or even spends 11 hours testifying in front of a congressional committee, he can talk to me about stamina,” responded Clinton, who served as U.S. secretary of state.

Heading into the debate, staged 43 days from the Nov. 8 election, Trump and Clinton were tied at 46 percent in a head-to-head contest among likely voters, according to the latest Bloomberg Politics national poll. Trump, the Republican nominee, got 43 percent to Democrat Clinton's 41 percent when third-party candidates are included.

While both candidates claimed victory after the debate, financial markets were judging it in favor of Clinton. U.S. stock index futures reversed los-



Republican presidential nominee Donald Trump and Democratic presidential nominee Hillary Clinton shake hands during the presidential debate at Hofstra University

ses after it was over, Mexico's peso rebounded from a record low and haven assets including the yen and gold fell, suggesting investors saw lower risks ahead. Citigroup Inc. has said a Trump win in November could sink equities and warned this week it may also spur volatility in both gold and currency markets.

With the race deadlocked, both candidates sought to solidify support among groups they're counting on to cast ballots in the election and sway the small slice of the electorate that is still undecided. **Bloomberg**

what's ON



EXHIBITION "INNOVATIVE INSPIRATION – PAINTING OF MAK KUONG WENG"

TIME: 9am-7pm

UNTIL: October 16, 2016

VENUE: Chun Chou Tong Pavilion of Lou Lim Ioc Garden, located at No. 10, Estrada de Adolfo Loureiro

ENQUIRIES: (853) 8988 4100

SELECTED COLLECTION OF PRINTS

TIME: 9am-6pm (Reservation required, closed on Saturdays, Sundays and public holidays)

UNTIL: September 30, 2016

VENUE: Macpro Gallery, Avenida da Praia Grande, no.429, Centro Comercial Praia Grande, 2° andar, Macau (nearby the Old Court)

ADMISSION: free

ENQUIRIES: (853) 2833 7828

ABSTRACT PAINTINGS FROM THE MAM COLLECTION

TIME: 10am-7pm (no admittance after 6:30 pm, closed on Mondays)

UNTIL: December 31, 2016

VENUE: Macau Museum of Art, Av. Xian Xing Hai, s/n, NAPE

ADMISSION: MOP5 (Free on Sundays and public holidays)

ENQUIRIES: (853) 8791 9814

"MEMORIES OF MOMENTS - MACAO AND LUSOPHONE AFRICAN AND ASIAN REGIONS IN PHOTOGRAPH POSTCARDS" EXHIBITION

TIME: 10am-6pm (no admission after 6:30 pm, closed on Mondays)

UNTIL: December 4, 2016

VENUE: Archives of Macao, No. 91-93, Avenida do Conselheiro Ferreira de Almeida, Macau

ADMISSION: Free

ENQUIRIES: (853) 2836 6866

ART COURSES STUDENT'S EXHIBITION OF THE MACAU MUSEUM OF ART

TIME: 10am-7pm (no admission after 6:30 pm, closed on Mondays)

UNTIL: November 27, 2016

VENUE: Macau Museum of Art, Av. Xian Xing Hai, s/n, NAPE

ADMISSION: MOP5 (free admission on Sundays and public holidays)

ENQUIRIES: (853) 8791 9814

60TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE MACAO ARTISTS SOCIETY – A RETROSPECTIVE

TIME: 10am-7pm (no admission after 6:30 pm, closed on Mondays)

UNTIL: December 4, 2016

VENUE: Macao Museum of Art, Av. Xian Xing Hai, s/n, NAPE

ADMISSION: MOP5 (free on Sundays and public holidays)

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Offbeat

DRONE TO THE FACE DOESN'T STOP BONE THUGS-N-HARMONY SHOW

The hip-hop rhythms of Bone Thugs-n-Harmony are too fierce to be stopped. Even by a drone to the face.

The group was performing at the High Life Music Festival in Victorville on Sunday when a drone buzzed up and smacked rapper Stanley "Flesh-N-Bone" Howse in the face. He winced and grabbed his head, but he and the rest of the group didn't stop the show or even the song.

It's not clear whether a fan, the band or someone connected to the festival had launched the drone, which was about 2 feet wide.

Messages left with police and representatives for the group weren't immediately returned.

Bone Thugs-n-Harmony, whose other members are Bizzy Bone, Wish Bone, Layzie Bone and Krazy Bone, began in Cleveland in 1993 and is known for mixing singing with rap. **AP**

TV canal macau

13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
14:50	RTPi Live
15:50	UEFA Champions League 2016/2017: Leicester City - Porto (Repeated)
17:30	Once Upon A Time S1 (Repeated)
18:20	Precious Pearl (Repeated)
19:10	TDM Interview (Repeated)
18:40	Non-Daily Portuguese News (Repeated)
19:50	Soap Opera
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:00	Non-Daily Portuguese News
21:30	Criminal Minds S10
22:10	Precious Pearl
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Champions League Highlights
00:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)
01:05	RTPi Live
02:45	UEFA Champions League 2016/2017: Napoli - Benfica (Live)

cinema

CINETEATRO

22 SEP - 28 SEP

EQUALS

ROOM 1
2.15, 5.45, 9.30 pm

Director: Drake Doremus

Starring: Kristen Stewart, Nicholas Hoult, Guy Pearce, Jacki Weaver

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 101min

NINE LIVES

ROOM 1
4.05, 7.45 pm

Director: Barry Sonnenfeld

Starring: Kevin Spacey, Jennifer Garner, Christopher Walken

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 96min

SULLY

ROOM 2
2.15, 4.00, 5.45, 9.30 pm

Director: Clint Eastwood, Aaron Eckhart

Starring: Tom Hanks

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 96min

TRAIN TO BUSAN

ROOM 2
7.30 pm

Director: Yeon Sang-ho

Starring: Gong Yoo, Jung Tu-mi, Ma Dong-seok

Language: Korean (Cantonese/English)

Duration: 97min



BLAIR WITCH

ROOM 3
2.30, 6.30, 9.30 pm

Director: Adam Wingard

Starring: James Allen McCune, Brandon Scott, Callie Hernandez

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 89min

S STORM

ROOM 3
4.15, 7.45 pm

Director: David Lam

Starring: Louis Koo, Julian Cheung, vic Chou, Ada Choi

Language: Cantonese (Cantonese/English)

Duration: 97min

MACAU TOWER

15 SEP - 28 SEP

SULLY

ROOM 3
2.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30 pm

Director: Clint Eastwood, Aaron Eckhart

Starring: Tom Hanks

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 96min

this day in history



1964 KENNEDY MURDER WAS 'NO CONSPIRACY'

There was no conspiracy surrounding the death of President Kennedy but there were serious failures by those responsible for his protection, according to a government report.

The 300,000-word document, prepared by a special commission set up by President Johnson to investigate the assassination, ends months of speculation about the death of the president on 22 November 1963 in Dallas, Texas.

The commission, led by Chief Justice Earl Warren of the Supreme Court, concludes in its report that gunman Lee Harvey Oswald acted alone when he fired three rifle shots at the president from the Texas School Book Depository.

It rules out suggestions that Oswald, 24, had an accomplice and that shots were fired from an overpass situated in front of the president's car. It states that Oswald was also to blame for shooting a police officer with a revolver approximately three-quarters of an hour later on a Dallas street. Ballistics analysis revealed both guns were owned by Oswald.

The report also found that Jack Ruby, 53, who shot Oswald dead two days after the president's death at a Dallas police station also acted on his own initiative. But the security services responsible for protecting the president were severely criticized by the report.

The Secret Service was criticized for not taking adequate safety precautions prior to the trip and for not liaising enough with other government departments. It is understood the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) and the Office of Naval Intelligence all had dossiers on Oswald prior to the shooting following his defection from Russia to America in 1961.

The Secret Service, however, was unaware of his existence, the report stated. The FBI was criticized for taking "an unduly restrictive view of its responsibilities in preventive intelligence work prior to the assassination."

The press and the media were also criticized for turning Dallas police station into "bedlam" after the assassination and the police officers themselves were condemned for not following correct interviewing procedures when quizzing Oswald about the shooting.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

President Johnson immediately appointed a committee to look into the recommendations in the report.

In the years since the assassination there has been much debate about who actually killed JFK.

In 1979 the US Congress House Select Committee on Assassinations said four shots could be heard on audio tape of the assassination, and they appeared to come from two different locations.

The committee concluded Oswald probably did not act alone. However, the sound of shots cannot be distinguished as such by the ear and the committee's report was later described as "seriously flawed" by the US National Academy of Sciences.

US scientists are in the process of digitalizing the original tape, never heard by the Warren Commission, and which is now too fragile to be played.

A number of conspiracy theories ranging from an elaborately staged suicide to a right-wing government conspiracy have been suggested. Oliver Stone's 1992 movie "JFK" supported the conspiracy theorists however an official government review in 1998 again concluded there had been no conspiracy.

The debate still continues with strong opinions on both sides.

YOUR STARS

Aries

Mar. 21-Apr. 19

You are feeling unusually introverted today - so don't force yourself into any tense social situations. It's a good time for you to check in with any projects that may need individual attention.

Taurus

April 20-May 20

You're increasingly sensitive to a particular topic that seems to be rising in interest among your peers. Now is a good time to either let them know why you feel the way you do or avoid them for a bit.

Gemini

May 21-Jun. 21

You feel a bit more laid-back about something new that would have troubled you once upon a time. You can calculate all the odds and see how things could be different and better.

Cancer

Jun. 22-Jul. 22

Try not to get too deeply involved with any people or projects that seem fishy to you - that instinct is strong! If anything, you may want to avoid new folks altogether until your radar stops bleeping.

Leo

Jul. 23-Aug. 22

An ego-related problem pops up today and could make life considerably more difficult for you and your colleagues. It's not entirely your fault, but the key to resolving it does lie within you.

Virgo

Aug. 23-Sept. 22

It's absolutely vital that you're adaptable today - as hard as that may be at first. Things are looking up for you, but only if you're able to change things up as you see what's really going on.

Libra

Sep.23-Oct. 22

A good friend needs you today - but they may be too shy to ask directly for help. Poke around and see who's hiding out or otherwise seems to be avoiding you. They're the one to focus in on.

Scorpio

Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

You are entering a new phase of life - and you're doing it with remarkably positive energy! It's a good time to leave behind old baggage or wounds that you thought you'd carry with you forever.

Sagittarius

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Your dream life and waking life seem to be merging - but that's not a sign of madness! It's just your subconscious asserting itself in a way that should be really interesting for the next few days.

Capricorn

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

Your cred gets a boost today when something that seemed small turns into a really big deal. You should be able to turn this into something that can boost your career or love life.

Aquarius

Jan. 20-Feb. 18

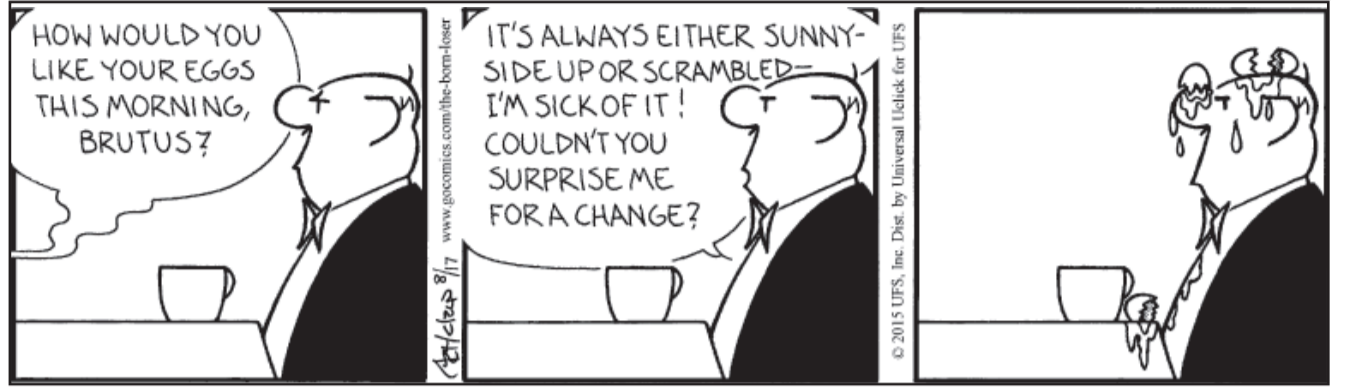
You have a deep-seated need to feel useful to society as a whole, and today brings a golden opportunity. You should find that your people are steering you in the right direction, so pay attention!

Pisces

Feb.19-Mar. 20

This is not the best time to tackle new projects - especially those you're not sure of in the first place. Things need to settle down somewhat, and you've got plenty to take on already.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



SUDOKU

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Easy+

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Medium

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Hard

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WEATHER

CHINA

Table with 4 columns: City, MIN, MAX, CONDITION. Rows include Beijing, Harbin, Tianjin, Urumqi, Xi'an, Lhasa, Chengdu, Chongqing, Kunming, Nanjing, Shanghai, Wuhan, Hangzhou, Taipei, Guangzhou, Hong Kong.

WORLD

Table with 4 columns: City, MIN, MAX, CONDITION. Rows include Moscow, Frankfurt, Paris, London, New York.

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Capp and Capone; 4- Small bay; 9- Horrify; 14- Collector's goal; 15- Considers; 16- Armistice; 17- Political zealot; 19- Stories; 20- Light on one's feet; 21- Melts; 23- State bird of Hawaii; 24- Keyed up; 27- Scruff; 30- Values highly; 32- ...tac-toe; 33- Resounding; 37- Projecting window; 39- Sea north of Australia; 40- Dance based on the samba; 42- Of the cheek; 43- Percussion instrument; 44- Believer's suffix; 45- Incessant; 48- Equinox mo.; 50- Enumerate; 51- Soccer legend; 55- Swashbuckler Flynn; 57- Actor DeLon; 58- San ____, California; 60- One who arrives tardy; 64- Spirited horse; 65- Covered with water; 66- Sense of self; 67- Like Eric the Red; 68- Singer Della; 69- D.C. bigwig;

DOWN: 1- Continental identity of a Chinese person; 2- Flat shelf; 3- Beer mug; 4- Twiddling one's thumbs; 5- New beginning?; 6- Journey segment; 7- Australian bird; 8- African fly; 9- ... boy; 10- Shrimp; 11- Undulation; 12- "... Ventura" was played by Jim Carrey; 13- ... Miserables; 18- Corrida cry; 22- Skirt stitching; 24- Nicholas II, for one; 25- 2002 erupter; 26- Can be used to catch fish or surf; 28- Portion; 29- Razzle-dazzle; 30- Accustom; 31- Arranges in groups; 33- "Caddyshack" director Harold; 34- Rub out or remove from memory; 35- Potassium nitrate; 36- Son-gun link; 38- Narrow inlet; 40- Capital of Calvados, in NW France; 41- Type of D.A.; 43- Actor Gulager; 46- Cpl., e.g.; 47- Basic monetary unit; 49- Woody inhabitants of forests; 51- Arafat's org.; 52- Chair designer Charles; 53- Vassal; 54- Noted bankruptcy of 2001; 56- Got on; 57- Dull pain; 58- AOL alternative; 59- From ... Z; 61- Wow; 62- ... kwon do; 63- Slalom curve;

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

Large crossword puzzle grid with numbers indicating starting points.

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

- Emergency calls 999
Taxi 28 939 939 / 2828 3283
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
S. J. Hospital 28 313 731
Kiang Wu Hospital 28 371 333
Commission Against Corruption (CCAC) 28326 300
IACM 28 387 333
Tourism 28 333 000
Airport 59 888 88



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Renato Marques

FELIX DA COSTA WILL RACE IN HONG KONG

Former Macau GP winner to focus on Formula E

PORTUGUESE race driver António Félix da Costa revealed in an interview with the Portuguese edition of Autosport that he will retire from Deutsche Tourenwagen Masters (DTM) to participate full-time in the Formula E championship and other international projects for BMW.

On October 9, the former Macau Grand Prix winner will head to Hong Kong for the first race of the 2016/2017 Formula E series. He will drive in the neighboring region for the BMW-affiliated American team Andretti Autosport, racing alongside Robin Frijns.

Costa may also join the BMW to the FIA World Endurance Championship from 2018. BMW will enter the LMGTE category alongside prestigious manufacturers such as Aston Martin, Ferrari, Ford, and Porsche. BMW Motorsport Director Jens Marquardt said, "Starting with the 2018 season, we want to further expand our activities in GT racing and compete in the FIA World Endurance Championship[...]. This obviously also includes our return to Le Mans, which we are particularly looking forward to. The way the WEC has developed so well makes us confident that there is a big future for GT racing."

Speaking on the sidelines of

RENATO MARQUES



Felix da Costa pictured in Macau

his podium finish last weekend at Hungaroring, da Costa, winner of Macau's Formula 3 Grand Prix back in 2012, expressed his desire to "move ahead" after experiencing some ups and downs in what is considered one of the world's best touring car series.

Since his Macau Grand Prix win in 2012, da Costa has expressed his wish to step up to the Formula One on several occasions, an upgrade that was "blocked" by race drivers like Max Verstappen and the Russian Daniel Kvyat.

There is currently only one round to be raced in DTM, and da Costa says his main focus is helping his BMW teammate Marco Wittmann to win the championship and the manufacturer's title for BMW.

Audi leads the championship with 609 points, 37 more than BMW.

The "grand finale" will take place on the Hockenheim circuit on the weekend of October 15 and 16, which will also mark da Costa's final races in the German series.

FOOTBALL

Asian leaders rebel, postpone election for FIFA Council

ASIAN football leaders rebelled against FIFA yesterday, calling off their extraordinary congress and postponing the election of three representatives to the new FIFA Council.

The Asian Football Confederation said the congress lasted only 27 minutes after member countries voted 42-1 against the agenda. The decision comes two days after FIFA barred a Qatari candidate from running for a spot on the council.

The congress in Goa had been called to elect three officials to join existing AFC members from Japan, Kuwait and Malaysia, as well as President Sheikh Salman bin Ebrahim Al Khalifa of Bahrain, on the 37-member FIFA Council.

"The congress has spoken with one voice and that has been clear for us all to see," Sheikh

Salman said. "FIFA President Gianni Infantino, I am not sure if you have been at a shorter congress but I think you can see the strength of opinion in the room."

Only Singapore voted in favor of the agenda. The country's candidate, Zainudin Nordin, was set to benefit from his Qatari opponent being excluded.

The increase of the FIFA Council to 37 members, chaired by Infantino, was a key part of reforms at the scandal-hit world body and was approved on the same day in February that the former UEFA secretary general beat Sheikh Salman for the presidency.

"Today the AFC and Asian football has shown solidarity," Sheikh Salman said. "The message has been clear to everyone both inside and outside Asia."

The AFC later held

an emergency executive committee meeting, where Chinese candidate Zhang Jian was added to the committee until the next extraordinary congress. Dates and a venue for the rescheduled election will have to be ratified by FIFA.

FIFA ethics judge Hans-Joachim Eckert earlier this month opened a case against Qatar Football Association vice president Saoud Al-Mohannadi, who was one of four men seeking one of the new seats from Asia on world football's ruling council.

FIFA prosecutors asked Eckert to ban Al-Mohannadi for "no less than two years and six months" for not telling the truth and not cooperating properly with an ethics investigation. But Al-Mohannadi said at the time he was confident of a fair review and that he had cooperated candidly. The case

does not involve Qatar's 2022 World Cup bid, but no further details were provided by the FIFA ethics committee.

FIFA announced Sunday it had barred Al-Mohannadi from running in the election based on an ethics committee report, leaving Zhang, the Chinese football association secretary general, running against Ali Kafashian of Iran and Nordin of Singapore for two of the three FIFA Council seats from Asia.

The third seat from Asia has been reserved for female candidates, with Moya Dodd of Australia running against Han Un Gyong of North Korea and Mafuza Akhter of Bangladesh.

The AFC president, who ran for the top job in soccer against Infantino in the wake of the scandals that rocked FIFA last year, said stalling the election wasn't designed to delay

any reform agenda.

"There is no argument between us and FIFA," Sheikh Salman said. "I think we will be the first supporters of the FIFA's reforms [...] but we need to be fair and just as well."

It is unclear what the effect of yesterday's turmoil will have on an Oct.

■ **The issue of when Asia could next host a World Cup is also up for debate with China eager to bid as soon as possible**

13-14 meeting of the FIFA Council in Zurich with Asia now below its quota of delegates.

The session was set to look in detail at the 2026 World Cup, with the United States and Canada among potential hosts. Infantino made an election campaign promise to add eight teams to create a 40-team tournament.

The issue of when Asia could next host a World Cup is also up for debate with China eager to bid as soon as possible. A current FIFA rule that bars confederations from back-to-back hosting means China can next be a candidate for 2030.

However, FIFA could also propose a two-tournament gap for confederations — knocking European bidders out of the 2026 contest but also pushing back China's ambitions to at least 2034.

opinion

China Views

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WHY GDP IS CHINA'S MOST ILLUSORY INDICATOR

Among investors and economists who study China, few arguments are more contentious than growth - more specifically, how to measure it. Officially, China's economy has been growing at an annualized rate of nearly 10 percent for the past three decades. But plenty of analysts will argue that those figures are highly optimistic.

Why should this debate matter? After all, China has pulled hundreds of millions of people out of poverty in recent years, while building the kind of sparkling new infrastructure that makes the West envious. Whether GDP has grown by 10 percent a year or 9 percent shouldn't much matter - either way, aren't things getting better?

The problem is that GDP isn't simply a measure of growth. It's a metric widely used to get a better understanding of economic trends, put risk in perspective, and make crucial business and investment decisions. In China, this creates two distortions. First, if GDP data is faulty, those metrics may be significantly understating risk. Second, even if the data is accurate, China differs in crucial ways from most developed economies - and metrics linked to GDP can consequently be misleading.

Take one of the most common measures of a country's credit risk, debt-to-GDP ratio. In China's case, going by official numbers, debt reached 255 percent of GDP at the end of last year. Yet if one makes the (quite reasonable) assumption that actual GDP was 10 percent lower than the official figures, debt has reached 283 percent of GDP. With no real-world changes, in other words, China's risk profile has worsened significantly. [...]

Now assume that China's official figures are correct. There's still reason to think that metrics linked to GDP are fundamentally flawed. Per-capita GDP, for instance, is commonly used to assess consumer power. This is usually reasonable: Household income makes up nearly 90 percent of GDP in the U.S., and thus per-capita GDP is a pretty good proxy for spending power. In China, however, disposable income makes up only about 44 percent of GDP, because such a large portion of growth comes from fixed-asset investment that doesn't pass through to households.

As a result, businesses can enormously overestimate the ability of the Chinese consumer to spend and borrow.

For one example, Yum Brands Inc., the owner of Pizza Hut and KFC, has opted to sell its China division after it reported poor same-store sales growth in the third quarter of 2015, relative to nearly 7 percent official GDP growth. However, the Tsinghua UnionPay Advisors Restaurant and Catering Index shows that restaurant traffic was down across the board in the second half of 2015, compared to the previous year. Yum's 2 percent same-store sales growth shouldn't have been disappointing; it outperformed the market.

Real estate offers another case in point. Urban per-capita GDP is more than 100,000 yuan a year in Beijing, which translates to per-capita household income of about 50,000 yuan. If we calculate home-price risk for Beijing using per-capita GDP, we get a price-to-income ratio topping 40, on an average home price of 48,000 yuan per square meter. However, if we use a better measurement - household income, or the cash people have to repay debts - that ratio tops 80, suggesting a far riskier real-estate market than many investors may realize.

The mistake, in each case, is to forget that GDP doesn't pay employees or make debt payments. It's a fictitious number. Cash flow is what matters in buying office supplies, repaying the bank or making payroll. And cash flow is what investors and analysts should be taking into account.

When you dig beneath the surface of China's economic data, common metrics can be less than reliable. Too often, investors accept the headline numbers and fail to ask if they're the best available. GDP matters in China. But it isn't everything. Bloomberg

THE BUZZ AMUSEMENT PARK FIRM FINED USD6.5M FOR ROLLER COASTER CRASH

The owner of Britain's Alton Towers amusement park has been fined 5 million pounds (USD6.5 million) for a roller coaster crash that left five people seriously injured.

Two victims had to have legs amputated after two cars on the Smiler ride collided in June 2015. An investigation found that an operator had overridden the roller coaster's governing computer system.

Merlin Entertainments Group, which owns the

park 240 kilometers north of London, admitted breaches of health and safety rules at a hearing earlier this year.

Judge Michael Chambers says in yesterday's judgment that a "catastrophic failure" of basic safeguards caused "a needless and avoidable accident."

Merlin chief executive Nick Varney said the company was determined that such an accident would never happen again.

Marilyn Monroe's dresses, notes, checkbook seen before sale



A worker moves a ladder near the dress that actress Marilyn Monroe wore in the movie "Some Like It Hot" at an exhibition of Monroe's personal effects in Beijing

Louise Watt

MARILYN Monroe's dress from "Some Like It Hot." Handwritten notes and letters expressing the Hollywood icon's inner thoughts and, at times, despair.

These and dozens of other personal items the actress left to a friend and mentor were in Beijing on Tuesday for a private viewing by Chinese collectors. More than 1,200 items, including Monroe's shoes, purses, makeup and jewelry, will then be auctioned in Los Angeles come November.

The 1950s actress who achieved fame as a sex symbol led a troubled life and died aged just 36. The image and recollections of her have endured and made her into a pop culture icon. Now the personal items up for auction may invite new readings of the screen legend in the wor-

ld as well as in China, a country she never visited.

"Last night I was awake all night again," she writes to her therapist in March 1961. "Sometimes I wonder what the night time is for. It almost doesn't exist for me - it all seems like one long, long horrible day." She goes on to describe her recent time in a mental institution, which she likens to a being sent to a prison "for a crime I hadn't committed."

"Oh, well, men are climbing to the moon but they don't seem interested in the beating human heart," she writes.

Around 800 items to be auctioned come from the estate of Lee Strasberg, the famed American acting coach who became a father figure to Monroe. The money will go to his widow, Anna. Other items come from the collection of David Gainsborough-

Roberts, a major collector of Monroe's costumes.

The hundreds of items include dresses and outfits, the negligee she wore in the movie "Niagara" and the green and black-sequined leotard she picked out herself from a studio wardrobe to wear in "Bus Stop." There is a tube of her "non-smear" Revlon lipstick in "Bachelor's Carnation" shade, the shoes she wore to marry playwright Arthur Miller, and the pair of costume earrings that she wore to the premiere of "The Seven Year Itch."

Then there are the personal notes, crayon drawings and watercolors. Lee Strasberg's son, David, said that he, his mother and brother found many of the items in suitcases and closets about six years ago during a clean-out, including one trunk he'd been throwing his football cleats on for years that turned out to contain some of Monroe's personal writings.

"She writes a note to my dad talking about something she heard in class, and she says, 'It helped me feel freer - you said two plus two does not necessary equal four in acting,'" said Strasberg, 45. "There's logic and then there's imagination, there's something more. And for Marilyn, I think she was always after that 'something more.'" AP

THE DECISIVE MOMENT



Tourists visit the 816 underground nuclear military plant in Fuling, southwest China's Chongqing Municipality. The 816 underground nuclear military plant, once a highly confidential military base, opened to public on Monday after renovation. The base was built in 1960s and first opened to tour groups in 2010.

Station	Air quality
Roadside	45-65 Moderate
High Density Residential Area	45-65 Moderate
Ambient	45-65 Moderate

WORLD BRIEFS



TAIWAN Strong winds knock down people and scatter debris as a large typhoon crosses over Taiwan, killing four people and injuring more than 26. More on p10

VIETNAM Hundreds of fishermen have filed claims seeking compensation from a Taiwanese steel company that acknowledged its toxic chemicals caused a massive fish kill.

PHILIPPINE officials say they have ordered the suspension of 20 more mines, mostly nickel producers, for environmental violations, threatening to tighten supply from the world's top nickel ore exporter.

SRI LANKA The body of a newspaper editor killed seven years ago was exhumed for a fresh investigation as Sri Lanka's government looks anew at multiple unsolved killings of journalists under a previous government. More on p13



IRAN An adviser to Mahmoud Ahmadinejad, the country's former hard-line president, says the politician won't seek re-election in next year's presidential vote after apparently being discouraged by the country's supreme leader.

AFGHANISTAN An official says that at least 13 Afghan army soldiers were killed when a group of Taliban militants attacked their checkpoint in northern Kunduz province.