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JAPAN The younger brother of former Japanese Emperor Hirohito dies at age 100. The death of prince Mikasa (pictured) led to the cancellation of the scheduled meeting between the Philippine President Duterte and Emperor Akihito. **More on p12**

CHINA Four senior officials from the Communist Party were expelled yesterday by the sixth plenary session of the 18th Central Committee, official Xinhua news agency reported. Former Party chief of Liaoning province and senior national legislator Wang Min and former Beijing deputy Party chief Lyu Xiwen were on the expulsion list. The communiqué also confirmed the expulsion of former senior military officials Fan Changmi and Niu Zhizhong. All had been charged with corruption offenses. **More on p11**

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PAKISTAN's Foreign Ministry said India was expelling a Pakistani diplomat in New Delhi after briefly detaining him on what it called "false and unsubstantiated charges," a sign of increasing tension between the two South Asian nuclear-armed archrivals. India informed Pakistan's high commissioner, the top Pakistani diplomat in the country, that embassy staff member Mehmood Akhtar had until tomorrow to leave the country.

PAKISTAN's government bans all political meetings, rallies and protests in the capital ahead of a planned opposition march against Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif on Nov. 2. The ban is to remain in force for two months. **More on p12**

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IC president opposes central library project move

The president of the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC), Ung Vai Meng, reiterated yesterday that the planned conversion of the old courthouse in Nam Van area to be Macau's new central library should be upheld. During a meeting yesterday with lawmakers at the Legislative Assembly, Ung was vehemently opposed to suggestions made by some lawmakers who want the library's construction site to be moved elsewhere. "We need to build a new library urgently. If we wait until the new reclaimed land [where some lawmakers want the project to be built] is made available, only within two generations we will be able to have a new central library. That's why, at this stage, we are not going to pick other location," said Ung.

Review of Culture showcases Mandarin's House

The revelations about China in the Portuguese physician Garcia de Orta's treatise, the reports of the Portuguese Consul and novelist Eça de Queirós on Chinese emigration coming from Macau, the life of the "Son of Macau" Zheng Guanying and the Mandarin's House are prominent themes of the latest Review of Culture. A study of the influence of religion in Macao society today is also presented, as well as the theme of the establishment and proliferation of the Jesuits in Asia, which has been recurrent in the journal. The Review of Culture, published by the Cultural Affairs Bureau, is available at the Portuguese Bookstore, Cultural Plaza, Seng Kwong Bookstore, Macao Archives and Kun Iam Ecumenical Centre. It is also available for consultation at the Central Library, at the Archive of Macau and at the libraries of Macau universities.

Macao Corporate Governance Institute launches today

Manuela António Law Office, together with several founding members, launched the Macao Corporate Governance Institute (MCGI). According to a statement released by the organisation, MCGI is a non-profit association and will promote research into and dissemination of the principles of corporate governance, aiming to be "an important forum for issues relating to corporate governance, including but not limited to, the development of good corporate practices among Macau companies." The institute promoters also aim to "publicise and discuss ideas and concepts on corporate governance, monitor and participate in national or international forums" and "contribute to the acceptance by Macau companies of guidelines emphasizing transparency, accountability, business fairness and integrity in governance and management practices"

Lynzy Valles

THE "Parade Through Macau, Latin City" will be held on December 4, in celebration of the 17th anniversary of the territory's handover to China; this year with fewer participants.

The upcoming parade, organized by the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) takes the classic Chinese text "Classic of Mountains and Seas (Shan Hai Jing)" as its background.

"VIVA's Adventures through Shan Hai" comprises of 40 local and around 10 foreign participating groups. Participants will total nearly 1,200, which is 300 fewer compared to last year.

However, director of IC, Ung Vai Meng said in a press conference yesterday that streamlining the number of performances was to enhance the quality of the Parade and also to allow for more convenient control of the flow of people. According to him, the decrease in the number of artists performing will not have much impact on the quality of the parade.

Local groups responded to the call for participation in the parade, with performances featuring Cantonese opera, theatre, music, martial arts, folk and traditional and oriental dance.

Fewer participants taking part in upcoming Latin Parade



The Parade will also feature a number of participating foreign groups, from Latin-speaking countries and other foreign regions, including French group Plasticiciens Volants that again will bring huge balloons to strengthen the event's visual impact.

Rome Majorettes from Italy, specialized in the classic discipline of majorettes and cheerleading and Ballet Afro Tuga from Portugal, which will present a show based on African traditional percussion and rhythms, will also be performing at the Latin parade.

On the day of the Parade, VIVA will cross the time gate at 4 p.m. at Largo da Companhia de Jesus, taking off from the Ruins of St. Paul's, together with performing groups.

The parade will travel via streets such as Rua de S. Paulo, St. Anthony's Square, Rua de D. Belchior Carneiro, Rua dos Artilheiros, and Rua de Sanches de Miranda. The participants will then arrive at their final destination at Tap Seac Square.

In a press conference yesterday, it was announced that this year's parade offers an alternative route as well.

Some performing groups will depart from Senado Square and march through Largo de S. Domingos, Rua de S. Domingos, Rua da Palha and Rua de S. Paulo, joining the remainder of the parade at the Ruins of St. Paul's.

This year, the route of the parade includes installations based on the mythological characters of the Classic of Mountains and Seas, enhancing the festive atmosphere.

Meanwhile the Cultural Affairs Bureau announced that the Parade has a MOP15 million budget, a decrease of MOP1 million compared to last year's show.

The parade is one of the major events in celebration of the region's handover to China and has already become one of the city's most festive events since its first edition in 2011.

When the festivities kick off on December 4, crowd control measures will be implemented and some streets will be temporarily closed to traffic.

HEALTH

Blood type in need for surgery is rare among Chinese population

THE Health Bureau (SSM) stated that the blood type in need for a surgery in the public hospital is a very rare type (ARh- with antigens Fy^a) which is only present in "0.3 percent of the Chinese population." According to a statement on the database of the Macau Blood Transfusion Center, there are only five blood donors in the territory compatible with such a blood type, a situa-

tion that led the services to contact those individuals directly in order to request their help in solving the situation and saving the patient. As the Times reported yesterday, an alleged stock rupture on a rare blood type (ARh-) led to the delay of a surgery that was initially scheduled to happen last Tuesday at Conde São Januário hospital.

The SSM also declared that although rare



in Chinese population, such a blood type and namely the antigens Fy^a are present in about 34 percent of Caucasians. The SSM called on all people with ARh- or ORh- blood types to become donors in order to solve the blood bank reserve shortage. **RM**

CE to visit Beijing for talks on managing Macau's waters

THE Chief Executive, Chui Sai On, will lead an official delegation to Beijing on November 2 for discussions on the planning and management of Macau's waters.

While in Beijing, Chui will meet with officials of the National Development and Reform Commission, the Ministry of

Transport, the Ministry of Water Resources, the General Administration of Customs and the State Oceanic Administration.

According to a statement by the Government Information Bureau, other topics that are set to be discussed will be on ways of advancing Macau's contributions to the "Belt and

Road" initiative, a regional development and trade strategy.

Macanese officials accompanying the Chief Executive to Beijing include: the director-general of the Macau Customs Service, Alex Vong, the director of the Marine and Water Bureau, Susana Wong Soi Man; and the director of

the Land, Public Works and Transport Bureau, Li Canfeng.

The Chief Executive will return to Macau on November 4. While Chui is away, the Secretary for Security, Wong Sio Chak, and the Secretary for Administration and Justice, Sonia Chan, will consecutively take on the role of acting Chief Executive.

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Unemployment rate holds at 1.9 percent

The unemployment rate for July-September held stable from the previous period (June-August 2016), at 1.9 percent. According to information from the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC) the underemployment rate was 0.5 percent, up by 0.1 percentage points. The total labour force was 401,800 and the labour force participation rate stood at 72.9 percent. Total employment increased by 1,600 from June-August, to 394,200. Number of unemployed persons was 7,600, up by 200, with fresh labour force entrants searching for their first job accounted for 23.7 percent of the total unemployed, up by 3.2 percentage points. Median monthly employment earnings of all employed held stable as in the previous quarter, at MOP15,000 in the third quarter, with those engaging in the gaming industry earning MOP19,000 and construction workers earning an average of MOP15,000. Moreover, median earnings of the employed local residents stayed unchanged from the previous quarter, at MOP18,000.

HK lawyer stokes controversy on Macau's domestic violence law

Julie Zhu

Ho Chi Kuen, the Chairman of Hong Kong Law Society of Domestic Violence, suggested that certain types of domestic violence should be considered first as civil matters before being handled as crimes.

This opinion was expressed yesterday on the sidelines of the Ninth International Conference on The Legal Reforms of Macau in the Global Context-Law, Sexuality and Family.

"In Hong Kong, domestic violence is not necessarily a crime. Only when the violence is serious the police interfere to prosecute the abuser," Ho explained.

"When handling domestic violence cases, we also need to think for the abusers," he said. "If, starting from the beginning, the abuser is prosecuted, it could undermine the family environment,"

Ho added. "The victims do not necessarily want to see their spouses being prosecuted."



Ho Chi Kuen

The lawyer explained that the victims, considering that the abuser might be sentenced to jail, or have crime records, or lose their jobs, or the abuser's family might blame it to the victim, might make different decisions about how to deal with their situations. "The victims frequently do not report to the police about their domestic violence situation [because of the aforementioned considerations]," Ho noted.

Ho claims that in many cases he handled, abusers normally

stopped perpetrating the violence after the court issued an injunction, which means that it is not always necessary to criminally prosecute the abusers.

According to Ho, in Hong Kong, when handling domestic violence cases, normally an injunction is first issued to the abusers. The lawyer did, however, voice his concern when asked what Macau could learn

from Hong Kong in terms of domestic violence laws.

The lawyer stressed that Hong Kong needs to improve its own domestic violence laws.

"Hong Kong is doing well in terms of domestic violence, but it can be better," he said. For example, he thinks that Hong Kong still lacks a sound educational effort to make the public aware of what the city's domestic violence system can offer to victims.

Ho, who is also the chairman of the Hong Kong Family Law Committee, considered that Hong Kong probably needs to learn from the UK, which ruled back to 2014 that verbal violence is crime. "Verbal violence can lead to the victim [suffering] serious mental trauma," said Ho.

Earlier, a 39-year-old local man surnamed Wong was arrested by the Judiciary Police for alleged domestic violence. The incident marks the first domestic violence case arrest since domestic violence has become a public crime in Macau.

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HISTORY

Anglophone community old memories reveal 'hidden secrets'

Renato Marques

THE importance of the written diaries of the women of the anglophone community, who visited Macau of the nineteenth-century, was one of the topics of the International Conference on Memorialist Discourses and the Building of History being held from October 25 until today at the University of Macau (UM).

On the topic Rogério Puga, a scholar from the New University of Lisbon with an extensive history of work on the anglophone presence in the region, addressed the importance of such written documents in obtaining a "more clear picture" of what Macau was like during that era.

In a presentation focu-



Rogério Puga

sed mostly on the journal of Caroline H. Butler Laing (1837), Puga highlighted the

importance of Laing's journal and other records from the English speaking com-

munity. He said that those records were mostly written by women that had travelled to accompany their husbands (businessmen) or for health reasons. Since it was not possible for women to enter China in those days, they established their homes in Macau, often bringing along children.

Puga said that "females have a different look over things than males and they were spending much time in the city mostly alone and without means of communicating to others," which often led them to pay attention to many things that others would not notice and write about these everyday occurrences in their journals that they would then send back home to the family members.

On another important point, Puga mentioned, "these women were mostly American, New Yorkers or Boston residents and Protestants what led often to the descriptions of any events in the city as 'exotic'; either these were

Portuguese-catholic processions or Chinese cultural events."

According to the scholar's research these "travelling women" also had the clear notion that they were pioneers of world travel. That fact also contributed to their motivation to keep writing their journals and sending them back to be read by their families but also by other people who had access to these reports of what China and especially Macau would look like.

"These women, contrary to what was originally thought, were not housewives. They were very active and while the husbands were away in mainland for some periods of time, they were the companies' only representatives and would handle all the business," Puga mentioned.

In the particular case of Caroline Laing, her journal becomes a particularly special document due to its last section and the way that she acknowledges that "she doesn't know China because her contacts were limited to only a few people" and especially because she decided to write complete descriptions of what it was like to live in Macau during a typical day of her life. She added a large number of details that led the researchers to find fact that would not have been possible to discover in any other way, for example, many aspects related to the cultural life and the fact that operas, concerts and theatre performances were held, as well as the establishment of a library and a museum in the third decade of the 1800's.

"[These are] things that were never present in any Portuguese written documents," he concluded.

New generation of bilingual researchers should 'unveil' local history

IN response to an open question from a member of the audience during the discussion session under the topic of the "Memories of old Macau," the panel of scholars and conference speakers avidly supported locals taking a stronger interest in Macanese history.

Mario Lugarinho, Marta Pinto and Rogério Puga agreed that the new generation of university students and researchers, and especially the ones who can read and speak in Chinese and Portuguese languages "have the important task to discover more about the history of the territory in its different perspectives."

The question from the audience was focused on the fact that generally in research and tertiary studies, historical facts are always addressed in a "colonialist" perspective or from a perspective of a "passers-by", and are often missing a "local perspective" about how the locals would have seen the same events.

The debate occurred during the discussion panel of Session 5 of the International Confe-

rence on Memorialist Discourses and the Building of History held yesterday afternoon at the University of Macau.

During the session, Lugarinho addressed the history topics: the 1848 murder of Ferreira do Amaral, Portuguese governor of the territory, based on new perspectives and namely the point of view of the killer in "Assassin" (2015) by Joe Tang and a biographical work by Lia Ferreira do Amaral, her ancestor, published in 1942.

Previously on the session, Pinto had spoken about the work of Wenceslau de Moraes and the Memories of the place, which uses the place commonly known as "Camoës Cave" to express feelings and thoughts on the territory and on his perspective of China in a broader sense.

Rogério Puga presented a paper on the importance of Diary Writing as a Performative Process for the Construction of Personal and Collective Memories based on the journal of Caroline H Butler Laing (1837) that details her life in Macau during the years of 1836 and 1837.

THE Road Safety Carnival 2016 will take place on Sunday at 3 p.m., at the Tap Seac Square. This year, the event's theme will be "Fulfilling My and Other's Safety", the Transport Bureau (DSAT) announced earlier this week.

The carnival will feature dancing performances, game booths, exhibitions and lucky draws, as well as other attractions.

Road safety campaign gets underway on Sunday

Frederick "Fred" Cheng, a singer from Hong Kong, and celebrated local singer Lo Hoi Ieng have been invited to perform during the session.

The carnival marks the commencement event of the annual traffic safety campaign, which will run all through November.

This year's campaign, covering the theme of secure driving, will be jointly held by DSAT, the Legal Affairs Bureau (DSAJ), and the Public Security Police Force (PSP).

Next month, the transportation departments of the PSP and the DSAT will organize a safety

promotion event aimed at pedestrians. The police officers will be at various streets across the city in order to remind pedestrians as well as drivers about the importance of crossing the roads in a safe manner.

As well as the events scheduled for November, the organizers will

hold a separate event for the transportation industry on November 27 at the Macao Federation of Trade Unions Workers Stadium.

Also running will be the Safe Driving Awards Program, which will be open from the beginning of November until December 31. Applicants

who have not been prosecuted for traffic infractions since the beginning of this year are eligible to apply.

Moreover, this year marks the fifth edition of the program. Larger prizes will be on offer for those who have not been ticketed since 2013 up until September 30. **JZ**

Gov't a big spender on rental – but rents cheap to some private owners

Renato Marques

THE Legislative Assembly has raised concerns about the government's high rental costs for buildings hosting public services. Telecom company CTM was also criticized by several legislators.

However, a review of the Official Gazette shows that when it is the landlord, the government can be quite complacent with the rent it charges.

CTM is one good example. In accordance with its concession contract, CTM would rent several facilities and land plots from the government for unusually low fees. According to the information available, for instance, CTM pays MOP78,750 per year in rent for the Barra Station. The CTM building at Rua in Macau central district had a yearly rental fee of MOP20,000 while their lot at the Telecentro in Taipa had a rent of MOP55,510 a year.

Also included in the fees established by the same contract are other contributions and sewage taxes. The amounts mentioned are just some examples of rents that seem to have been charged based on valuations below the market rate.

The government's methodology for setting rental conditions for public utilities and for its own contracts with operators seem to adopt different standards.

Gov't unlikely to disclose deal details on CTM assets

THE Secretary for Transport and Public Works, Raimundo do Rosario, announced yesterday that the government and telecommunications company CTM had agreed on the final listing of which assets belong to the company and which ones are actives of the concession and belong to the government. He made the comments as he left a meeting with the Legislative Assembly's (AL) follow-up committee on the telecommunication services.

Although an agreement was reached, the secretary declined to disclose

details on such a listing saying "at this moment we can not give that information because I have doubts if we can or not disclose [such information]," Rosario said, cited by TDM, "we will check first if the laws in force allow us to disclose this list," he added.

The secretary did reveal that he was very happy with the outcome of the negotiations with CTM as well as the progress achieved by the work of the AL committee and the improvements to the network and services done by the company.



Regarding the Companhia de Electricidade de Macau (CEM), take as a simple example the construction of a power substation "in order to ensure the system of power supply to new buildings of Hospital Conde S Januario, as well as a redistribution to the existing substations of the Hotel Lisboa and the zones of the Outer Harbor and New Landfills Outer Harbor (NAPE)."

A plot of land was leased

to the company in NAPE area in 2015. This contract required a compensation from CEM of over MOP6.1 million for the use of the area of nearly 2,000 square meters, according to information from the Official Gazette.

Added to this compensation is an annual rental fee for the use of the land of MOP9,324.

Although it is not made clear in the official documents available whether or not a similar initial com-

penation amount was requested by the government from CTM, it is clear that the method of contracting public utilities changes according to the utility in question.

For other public utilities like water supply services, the information is even scarcer. When it does exist, it is difficult to decipher, as itemized lists of some costs incurred by utility-supplying companies are not mandatorily published in their annual account reports.

Questioned by the Times on the rental fees established for the concession contract with CTM, and about whether such amounts were still up-to-date, the Bureau of Telecommunications Regulation (DSRT) stated: "After checking carried out by employees of this bureau, we inform that the content consulted by you is still in force."

The Times questioned CTM on the topic of the concession contracts. The telecom operator replied that it couldn't confirm the information available on the DSRT website.

PROPERTY

Hengqin expected to be popular in the fourth quarter

Julie Zhu

JACKY Shek, senior director, and Roy Ho, director of Centaline (Macau) Property Agency Limited, predicted during a press conference this week that in the fourth quarter of 2016 more Hong Kong and Macau investors will invest in Hengqin's property in response to Zhuhai's implementation of new restrictions on the purchasing of properties.

Shek informed that some local developers will launch new projects in Macau. However the realtor explained that the developers will not be commercialized all at once. Developers will only start more projects depending on their sales situation at the point of when the project commences.

"I suppose six to eight projects will be launched [in the fourth quarter]," said Shek, adding that these projects are expected to lead to a rise in the market.

The senior director also pointed out that currently, the "property market is at a healthy stage."

Regarding housing prices, the two realtors expressed the belief that the price will increase slightly in the fourth quarter. However, Ho further remarked that the price increase "might occur at the end of this year or in half a year."

"Whether in Hengqin or in Macau, few projects are ready for sale or being prepared to be ready for sale," revealed Ho. "Depending on the investors, they might come onto the market at the end of this year, or next year. It is difficult to tell the number of increases."

'Getting to know the Archaeology of Macau' on Sunday



Archeological remains in Coloane

THE activity "Getting to know the Archaeology of Macau" will be held on Sunday as the centerpiece of the Cultural Heritage and Archaeology in Macau exhibition, which will feature an introductory presentation on archaeology and a visit to an archaeological site.

The presentation held in Carmo Hall (Taipa) will introduce the field of archaeology, the archaeological works conducted in Macau and how archaeological heritage is protected by the Cultural Heritage Protection Law.

The presentation is followed by a site visit to the Museum of Taipa and Coloane History and its archaeological site, so as to increase the public's awareness and understanding on archaeological work.

The activity is divided in two sessions: a session in Chinese to be held from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., and a session in English, to be held from 3 p.m. to 5:30 p.m.

Organized by the Cultural Affairs Bureau, admission to the exhibition is free and participants aged 14 and above are welcome to join.



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25 Property Questions We Were Asked This Year

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25. Question: What should I expect to find in a furnished / unfurnished apartment

In summary; Unfurnished generally means there are no pieces of furniture such as chairs or TV. No surprise there. However, you would usually expect to find 'white goods such as a fridge, freezer, washing machine etc in the apartment

In addition, you could also expect to see air-conditioning units, and basic kitchen appliances such as an oven and / or a cook top.

In a furnished apartment, you can expect to find Chairs, Tables, TV's, Sofa, etc, but may not have such things as cutlery or plates.

In a 'fully furnished' apartment, the general idea is that you can walk into the apartment with a suitcase, unpack and live there, so the apartment should have cutlery, bed linen, towels etc.

24. Question: Its so expensive, how can I afford to buy a property here ?

This question comes up a lot from people who have not yet bought in Macau.

The first thing to understand is of course that the bank will loan you a lot of the money that is required to buy a property.

If you are a Macau resident, it is possible get up to 70% of the property price funded by the bank. As a non-permanent resident, banks will still

lend up to 50% of the buying price. That still leaves 30% - 50% of the cost to come up with though, and even on an apartment costing \$4.0m, you will have to find \$1.2m - \$2m in cash for the initial deposit.

There are lots of ways in which family and friends can help with the purchase. For example, it's possible for more than one person to co-sign for a property, so you could consider buying a property with a partner. Another option is to co-habitate with a friend or family member who can contribute towards the mortgage cost.

23. Question: When should I get my 2 months Security Deposit back ?

Security Deposits are usually returnable within 2 weeks according to most tenancy agreements.

The security deposit should be returned in full unless both parties agree to make deductions from the deposits.

We usually manage to pass back security deposits within 1-5 working days of a tenant checking out of a property, and its sometimes possible to arrange a refund of the deposit upon the checkout itself.

22. Question: What costs are involved when I buy a property ?

First you have the price of the property of course. But there are other fees that you should be aware of.

'Stamp Duty' (see full explanation

later) is a tax paid to the government on the price paid for the property. It is 1% on the first \$2m, 2% for the next \$2m, and 3% on everything over \$4m.

Agency Fees are normally 1% of the purchase price, and are paid by both buyer and seller.

Legal fees and registration fees vary, but in general you can allow 5% of the price of the property to cover all related fees (including stamp duty and legal fees), and you wont be far away.

21. Question: Where should I buy in Macau ?

Whether you are buying a home or an investment property, its tough to go wrong in Taipa. Its close the Cotai Strip, gives easy access to the Taipa ferry terminal, and you can be in Macau in minutes if required.

If you want value for money, you will find prices in Macau a little lower, and this may be an attractive option if your job is on the peninsula as well. Coloane, usually Hellene Gardens, is great if you crave a more 'rural' existence, and prefer easy access to trails and beaches as opposed to the hustle and bustle of the built up areas. It also offers great value for money as a place to live.

We do run a yearly article entitled 'Best Places to Live', look out for that or send as a request and we will be happy to share the latest edition with you.

Next week: The next 5 most popular questions

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2,000 participants are enrolled and more than 200 volunteers will assist at the start/finish line, water stations and check points in tomorrow's Sands China Macau Eco TrailHiker 2016.

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The race starts at Cotai Expo Hall E at The Venetian Macao and runs along different trails in Coloane.

This year, all profit from entry fees will be donated to charity organizations Rotary Club of Macau and Richmond Fellowship of Macau.

This is the seventh edition of Macau Eco TrailHiker, which has seen a huge growth in scale over the years - from 150 teams in 2010 to this year's record-high of 2,000 participants in 500 teams.

According to a press release issued by the organizers, Macau Eco TrailHiker has raised nearly MOP1.8 million in donations for charity in the past six years.

Organized by Macau TrailHiker Ltd., the event has been title-sponsored by Sands China Ltd. for six years and is supported by the Sports Bureau and the Macau Government Tourist Office.

China returns to U.S. IPO market in big way with ZTO express

Taylor Hall

ZTO Express Inc., the Chinese delivery service that gets about three-quarters of its business from Alibaba Group Holding Ltd., is following its top customer to the U.S. stock market with this year's biggest initial public offering.

The company's USD1.4 billion share sale is the most a Chinese company raised in New York since Alibaba's record \$25 billion offering in 2014. The deal may mark an inflection point after a string of mainland companies have sought to abandon their U.S. listings and move trading back home, where stocks are commanding higher multiples. It will also test U.S. investor demand at a time when others are going public through reverse mergers, or backdoor listings, on the Shenzhen exchange.

Such deals - when a priva-



te firm purchases a public "shell" to take over its listing - have proliferated in China as the regulator made it difficult for companies to gain approval for IPOs in Shanghai. The waiting list for new mainland equity offering approvals exceeds 800, more than China's total listings

over the last five years, according to the China Securities Regulatory Commission website and data compiled by Bloomberg.

"There's an epic traffic jam of companies seeking to IPO on Chinese stock exchanges," said Peter Halesworth, founder of Heng Ren Investmen-

ts, a Boston-based firm that invests in Chinese companies listed overseas. "If they can't cut the line to sell stock to raise funds in China, they may increasingly hop a plane to the U.S. to tap the markets."

ZTO sold 72.1 million American depositary shares at \$19.50 apiece, after offering them for \$16.50 to \$18.50 each, according to a Wednesday statement distributed by PRNewswire. The ADRs will start trading Thursday on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol ZTO. Morgan Stanley and Goldman Sachs Group Inc. led the offering.

The rewards for a mainland listing have proven worth the wait for some. While the average size of Chinese IPOs so far in 2016 is only about 654 million yuan (\$96.5 million), all the companies that went public in China this year have posted gains, rising nearly four-fold on average. Bloomberg

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Jia Jingyuan, sister of Jia Jinglong, speaks to journalists at a restaurant in Beigaoying village on the outskirts of Shijiazhuang in north China's Hebei province

DEATH ROW

Chinese rally to farmer who killed official with nail gun

Nomaan Merchant,
Aritz Parra, Shijiazhuang

TWO years after the leaders of his village razed his home to make way for new development, farmer Jia Jinglong took his revenge with a nail gun.

In a country that bans personal ownership of firearms, Jia modified a nail gun and used it to shoot and kill the local chief, who he believed ordered the demolition without adequately compensating him. He was tried and sentenced to death.

But days after China's highest court gave the go-ahead for his execution, Jia's case has sparked an outcry from those who say it exemplifies the stark powerlessness of ordinary Chinese when faced against government officials. Even two state-run newspapers have rallied to Jia's defense, publishing articles calling for Jia to be spared.

Jia's village on the outskirts of the northern city of Shijiazhuang is overwhelmed by a cacophony of drilling, pounding and jack-hammering coming from construction sites. More than a dozen cranes could be seen in the distance, adjacent to high-rise apartment towers still being built, as families walked on the street and ven-

dors pushed carts bearing fruit and bottles of water.

Jia's family was offered a unit in one of these high-rises when officials wanted to take their home and demolish it, along with what Jia's sister said was a small amount of monetary compensation. The family was one of the few to refuse. They ended up losing their home and getting a small unit — but no extra money.

Sitting in a tea shop in Shijiazhuang, Jia Jingyuan said the outpouring of support for her brother showed that his plight resonated. "Because my brother is part of this society's underclass, he represents the lives of many ordinary people," Jia Jingyuan told The Associated Press.

"What he has experienced is what many are going through or will be going through," she said. "There is a lot of injustice in society and people's basic rights haven't been upheld."

To some observers, the case illustrates the growing chasm between the Communist Party's claims that it guarantees the protection of basic rights under the rule of law and the everyday reality in which land seizures are common and corruption remains endemic.

The China Daily addressed the issue in unusually frank terms this week.

"As in many similar cases, Jia used to be an ordinary citizen concerned primarily about living a normal life," the newspaper said. "Like others who ended up desperate, vengeful and hurting themselves and others to have their injustices noticed, Jia would probably not have acted as he did if his loss had been properly taken care of."

The Global Times, a nationalist state-run newspaper, also published an article quoting Chinese legal experts "demanding a halt to the execution." And commenters on Chinese social media called for further review of his case.

Jia would probably not have acted as he did if his loss [his home] had been properly taken care of.

EDITORIAL, CHINA DAILY

The Supreme People's Court, which automatically reviews all death sentences handed down by Chinese courts, did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

China is believed to execute more people than any other country, though the total number and most details about executions are considered a state secret. That system now faces a rare, public test, said Maya Wang, a researcher on China for Human Rights Watch.

"On the one hand, if it doesn't approve the death penalty, it would seem to be soft on a case in which an ordinary citizen has killed an official," Wang said. "On the other hand, if it approves the death penalty, it will heighten the sense of injustice that the public already feels against the criminal justice system."

Disputes over land seizures are one of the greatest sources of unrest in China, where breakneck development and weak legal support has led to officials evicting residents with little or no compensation and suppressing protests, often violently.

Local governments are heavily reliant on land sales for revenue, resulting in the common use of strong-arm tactics in

housing demolitions. Officials sometimes collude with real estate developers to pocket generous kickbacks for themselves, giving them more incentive to force out residents from their homes. The central government has made efforts to try to raise the incomes of rural workers and give farmers more compensation for land seized from them, but progress is slow.

According to Jia's lawyers, village officials in northern China's Hebei province decided to seize and demolish his home on May 7, 2013 — 18 days before he was set to be married. The day of the razing, Jia was dragged out of the home and beaten in front of other villagers. Jia refused to accept the apartment that the government allotted them and chose to rent his own place separately.

Without a home, the family of his fiancée called off the wedding — a move that highlights the increasingly common expectation in China that prospective husbands should be homeowners.

"An ordinary farmer suddenly became a person without property and with no hope after the demolition," said one of his lawyers, Zhao Xiaoliang.

Like most villagers in his scenario, Jia had little recourse under the law.

Like scores of other ordinary Chinese people seeking help for their grievances, Jia submitted appeal after appeal to various levels of government offices that receive such petitions, but was unsuccessful. Such appeals often fail even though the practice dates to China's centuries-old ruling dynasties, and some provinces — to avoid any recrimination from the central government — are known to hire agents who find and detain petitioners and send them back home.

Jia's sister and his lawyers don't dispute that he purchased and modified a nail gun that he used to shoot He Jianhua, the party secretary. Jia turned himself in shortly afterward.

Zhao, who represented him at trial, said he tried to show the court a video of the demolition of the home, but was refused.

The case eventually made it to the Supreme People's Court. According to Wei Rujia, Jia's appellate lawyer, the high court gave him just five days to assemble and present evidence in Jia's defense, and took 14 days total before it affirmed the death sentence last week.

Wei spoke to Jia on Sunday and said he wasn't sure when the execution would be carried out. Jia's sister presented a new request to the court on Monday asking for the sentence to be commuted.

"I believe that it is possible to see a suspension because many warm-hearted people are making efforts toward that end," she told The Associated Press. **AP**

EXPERIMENTERS, moonshooters and “diverse” are the words 17-year-old Shanghai high schooler Owen Xu uses to define his generation.

The senior at the Stanford Online High School in China's financial capital has co-founded a startup focused on treating and reusing wastewater that aims to one day “solve problems affecting billions of people.”

Meet China's millennials - a generation that's more risk-taking and idiosyncratic than its predecessor. And they're dreaming big.

Having grown up in a booming economy that grew nine-fold since the turn of the century, China's 7.5 million school leavers this year are intent on forging paths very different from their parents, who defaulted to the factory floor, construction site or staid state-sector job.

About 48 percent of those born after 1995 don't want to enter the traditional job market upon graduation, according to recent research by QQ Browser, part of tech giant Tencent Holdings Ltd., which polled 13,000 college students and mined data from its 84-million daily internet search traffic.

More than 15 percent of respondents said they want to start their own businesses, while 8 percent aspire to take on new

Millennials are risk takers and they're dreaming big



professions spawned by rising consumerism and the ever-increasing role the internet is playing in people's lives. The most sought after jobs: online live-streamer or blogger, voice actor, make-up artist and game tester.

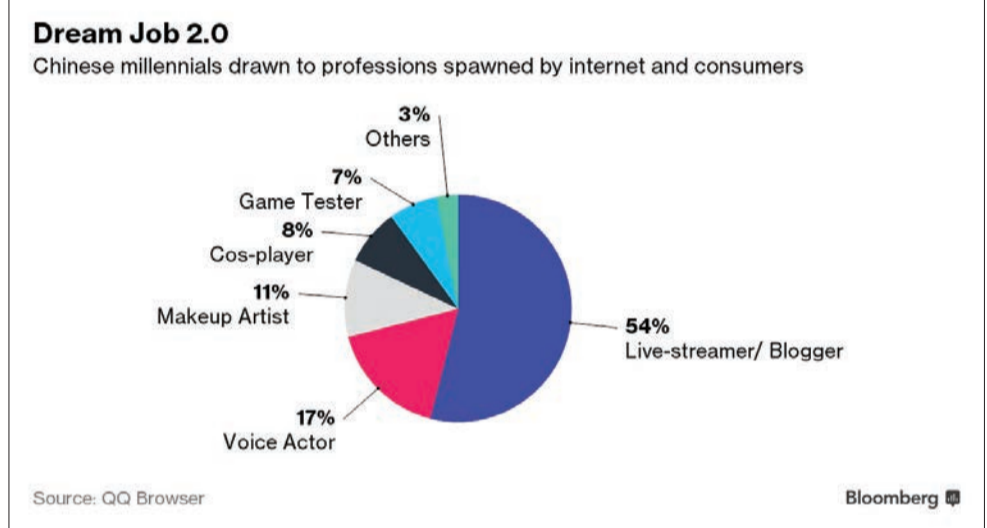
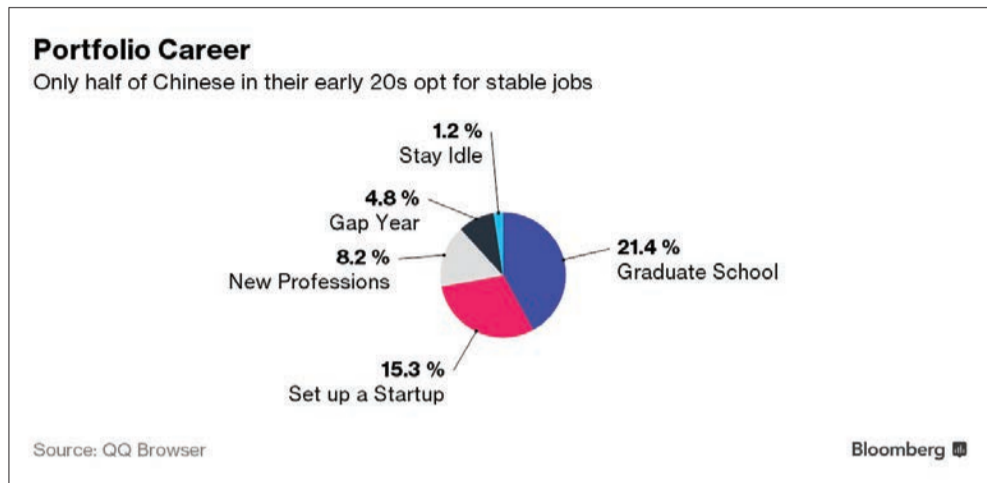
“This is a good sign for the economy as it shows that they are finding new growth engines and the economy is getting more market-oriented,” said Iris Pang, senior economist for Greater China at Natixis SA in Hong Kong. “But in the longer term, startup failure rates are very high, and those who take the risk should bear the risk.”

But it's the fear of a dull

office job, not failure, that worries high schooler Xu. His idol is Elon Musk, the billionaire founder of Tesla Motors Inc. and Space Exploration Technologies Corp.

The survey also found early 20-somethings in mega cities such as Beijing and Shenzhen are keen to set up internet-related businesses, while those in the heartland and the West have turned their eyes on education and farming for opportunities.

Since graduating from a Beijing vocational college last year, 25-year-old Hua Gengwu has worked at an internet startup, moonlighted on two other pro-



jects, and gone on a more than 4,500 kilometer motorcycle expedition from his hometown in central China to the base camp of

Mount Everest. “We want to keep our assorted interests and hobbies, which we can't do in a dull and tedious workpla-

ce,” said Hua, who also idolizes Musk. He plans a life of entrepreneurship as a route to financial and personal “freedom.” **Bloomberg**

Xi declared 'core' in male-dominated, anti-graft China politics



CHINA'S Communist Party declared President Xi Jinping as its “core,” a designation that strengthens his hand ahead of a twice-a-decade power reshuffle next year.

The announcement was made at the end of a four-day party conclave in Beijing, the official Xinhua News Agency said, citing an official communique. The semantic change is significant in China's elite politics, which has for more than three decades stressed collective leadership to

avoid the Mao Zedong-style personality cult blamed for fueling the social chaos of the Cultural Revolution.

The party's communique called on members to “closely unite around the CPC Central Committee with Xi Jinping as the core.” At the same time, it said collective leadership “must always be followed and should not be violated by any organization or individual under any circumstance or for any reason.”

The gathering is also expected to lay the groundwork for next year's national congress that will decide major leadership positions and lay out the agenda for Xi's next five-year term.

While Xi has asserted himself as the most powerful leader in decades, the 6th plenary's theme indicates that he still faces challenges keeping rank and file party members in line with his signature anti-corruption campaign and other programs aimed

at keeping the party at the heart of Chinese political life.

The meeting also highlights the

underrepresentation of women in its higher echelons; no women sit on the all-powerful se-

ven-member Politburo Standing Committee and just two are represented in the second highest 25-member body. While women play prominent roles in Chinese business and social life, China's political system emphasizes patronage and networking to a degree that usually weighs in favor of men. **MDT/Agencies**

CRUNCHING POLITICS NUMBERS

Number of women on the Chinese Communist Party's Politburo Standing Committee:	0
Number of women who have ever served on the Politburo Standing Committee:	0
Number of women in China:	670 million
Number of women in the Politburo:	2
Number of women who are full and alternate members of the Central Committee:	33
Number of full and alternate Central Committee members meeting in Beijing this week:	around 350
Number of full and alternate Central Committee members under investigation or already punished for corruption since Xi took power:	23
Number of Communist Party members:	88.758 million
Number of party members punished for corruption since 2013:	1 million
Number of party members punished for corruption in the 2007-2012 period before Xi took power:	668,000
Number of government officials at or above deputy-ministerial level investigated for corruption under Xi:	82
Number of such officials sentenced by a court:	28
Number of such officials awaiting sentencing:	23
Number of officials at or above deputy-ministerial level investigated for corruption between the founding of the People's Republic of China in 1949 and Xi's taking power six decades later:	145
Customary age of retirement for officials:	7
Number of officials in the Politburo Standing Committee: Number of officials in the Standing Committee who should customarily retire next year:	5
China's population:	1.3 billion

Jim Gomez, Manila

PHILIPPINES

Abu Sayyaf got USD7.3 million from kidnappings

ABU Sayyaf pocketed at least 353 million pesos (USD7.3 million) from ransom kidnappings in the first six months of the year and have turned to abductions of foreign tugboat crewmen as military offensives restricted the militants' mobility, a confidential Philippine government report said.

The joint military and police threat assessment report seen by The Associated Press yesterday said the offensives have reduced the number of Abu Sayyaf fighters slightly, although the group remains capable of launching terrorist attacks.

Government offensives have reduced the number of militants to 481 in the first half of the year from 506 in the same period last year but they managed to carry out 32 bombings in that time — a 68 percent increase — in attempts to distract the military assaults, the report said.

They wield at least 438 firear-



Released Norwegian hostage Kjartan Sekkingstad, left, briefly delivers his statement after meeting Philippine President Rodrigo Duterte, right

ms and managed to conduct a number of terrorist trainings despite constant military assaults. President Rodrigo Duterte, who took office in June,

has ordered troops to destroy Abu Sayyaf, known for its brutality and ties to some foreign militants, and he has ruled out the possibility of any peace talks with them. He has pursued talks with two other larger Muslim insurgent groups.

Duterte's peace negotiations with communist rebels have led to cease-fire declarations that have halted years of fighting with Maoist guerrillas, which freed up the thousands of troops now redeployed to wage one of the largest offensives ever fought against the Abu Sayyaf in southern Sulu and Basilan provinces.

"The ASG shifted in targeting vulnerable foreign-flagged tugboats and their crew due to the focused military operations against the group," the report said, adding the group was expected to intensify its kidnap-for-ransom assaults in the busy waterways around the southern Philippines, Malaysia and Indonesia.

Abu Sayyaf's attacks on tugboats this year and the kidnappings of their Malaysian and Indonesian crewmen have raised security alarms from those countries, whose officials have tried to map out a strategy to protect commercial and passenger ships.

"Lucrative payoffs from KFR (kidnappings for ransom), the report said, "enabled the ASG to procure firearms as well as ammunitions."

Of the estimated 353 million pesos in ransom received by the Abu Sayyaf for six kidnappings of 21 people from January to June, the bulk was paid in exchange for the releases of 14 Indonesian and 4 Malaysian crewmen who had been held at Abu Sayyaf jungle bases in Sulu province, the report said.

The militants got 20 million pesos (\$413,000) in ransom for freeing Marites Flor, a Filipino woman who was kidnapped last year with two Canadians and a Norwegian from a yacht-berthing resort on southern Samal island.

Philippine officials have said they were unaware of any ransom paid for Flor or other hostages and added they continue to adopt a no-ransom policy.

The militants beheaded the two Canadians after ransom deadlines lapsed. Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau urged governments not to pay ransom to discourage similar abductions.

The Norwegian hostage, Kjartan Sekkingstad, was freed last month after a year of horrific jungle captivity when he was constantly threatened with beheading.

Prior to Sekkingstad's release, Duterte suggested at a news conference that 50 million pesos (\$1 million) had been paid to the militants.

The Philippine military has said the constant military assaults have forced the militants to release their hostages. **AP**

Duterte's meeting with Japan emperor canceled

PHILIPPINE President Rodrigo Duterte left Japan yesterday without meeting Emperor Akihito as their scheduled meeting had to be canceled because of the death of the emperor's uncle.

Before ending his three-day visit, Duterte proposed joint military exercises with Japan, while reiterating that he will not conduct them with Americans in his presidency. Duterte made the proposal during his visit to a coast guard unit to observe an exercise from one of the patrol vessels Japan pledged to provide the Philippines to upgrade Manila's maritime security capabilities amid South China Sea disputes with Beijing.

Because of Duterte's informal style, Japanese officials had been worried if he may chew gum in front of the emperor. But during his visit in Japan, he was not seen doing that during his talks with Abe and other officials.

Prince Mikasa, the younger brother of former Emperor Hirohito, died at the age of 100.

"I'd like to express my deepest condolence," Duterte said. He told reporters that his protocol officer advised him not to proceed with the call on the emperor "because they are in mourning and I respect that because I would ask for the same, maybe request, if I were in his shoes."

PAKISTAN

Gov't bans protest and rallies in Islamabad for two months

THE Pakistani government yesterday banned all political meetings, rallies and protests in Islamabad, ahead of a planned opposition march against Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif on Nov. 2.

The ban, which also applies to the adjacent garrison city of Rawalpindi, will remain in force for two months, the Pakistani Ministry of Interior said in a statement.

The party of cricketer-turned-politician Imran Khan has threatened to lockdown the capital to force Sharif to step down. Sharif faces mounting public pressure after his family members were named as holders of offshore bank accounts in leaked financial documents from Panamanian law firm Mossack Fonseca.



Pakistan's Prime Minister Nawaz Sharif, right, talks to a survivor of an overnight attack on the Police Training Academy, with Pakistan army chief Gen. Raheel Sharif, left, at a local hospital in Quetta, Pakistan

Sharif has defended his financial record, attempting to explain the details of his family business in parliament and in two televised speeches.

Pakistan's Supreme Court has scheduled a hearing on the scandal on Nov. 1.

Khan's party is one of the five petitioners who have approached the top court requesting an investigation into the scandal. The court has asked the prime minister to file a reply to the allegations made in the petitions in the Nov. 1 hearing. An Islamabad high

court also directed Khan's party Thursday to explain by Oct. 31 what his plans are for the march against the prime minister. The court ordered that no road was to be blocked, either by the protesters or the government.

Sharif's aides are calling on Khan's party to postpone the street protests and wait for the court decision.

One of Sharif's allies, parliamentarian Talal Chaudhry, said that Khan's recent statements suggested that his party had plans to paralyze the capital. "We wouldn't allow that," Chaudhry said.

Khan's party has alleged that the police have already started detaining its workers and harassing its leadership. His lawyer Naeem Bokhari said that he and his legal team wou-

ld review the high court decision to see whether it had the powers to ban the street rallies. He said he would challenge the ruling in the Supreme Court.

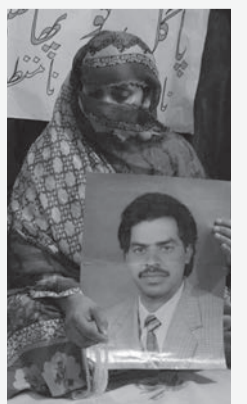
"No power can stop our rally," Khan said Thursday in a press conference. "It

is our legal, democratic, constitutional right."

The first test of the government's ban on rallies comes Friday, when an alliance of religious extremists plans to hold a public gathering in the heart of Islamabad. **AP**

COURT SETS DATE FOR EXECUTION OF MENTALLY ILL PRISONER

PAKISTANI AUTHORITIES have set a date for the execution of a man diagnosed with schizophrenia after the country's highest court rejected his final appeal on the ground that his disease does not qualify as a mental disorder, a defense lawyer said. Imdad Ali, 50, has been on death row since he was convicted in 2001 of murdering a religious scholar. A judge issued an order for him to be hanged on Nov. 2, Sara Bilal, a lawyer at Justice Project Pakistan, told AP.



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THE millions of votes that have been cast already in the U.S. presidential election point to an advantage for Hillary Clinton in critical battleground states, as well as signs of strength in traditionally Republican territory.

The strong early-voting turnout by those likely to support Clinton — registered Democrats, minorities, and young people among others — could leave Donald Trump with virtually no path to the 270 electoral votes needed for victory.

Clinton is showing strength in Florida and North Carolina, both must-win states for Trump, as well as the battleground states of Nevada, Colorado and Arizona. There are even favorable signs for Clinton in Republican-leaning Utah and Texas.

“It’s going to be a very tall order for Trump to win,” said Michael McDonald, a University of Florida professor who specializes in election turnout. Other analysts also point to a strong finish for Clinton based on the early vote.

Early voting, via mail or in-person, is underway in 37 states. More than 13.4 million votes have been cast, far higher than the rate in 2012, according to Associated Press data. In all, more than 46 million people — or as much as 40 percent of the electorate — are expected to vote before Election Day, Nov. 8.

The Clinton campaign describes both North Carolina and Florida as “checkmate” states. Trump probably can’t win if he loses either.

After trailing in mail ballots, Democrats surged ahead of Republicans in North Carolina ballots cast after the start of in-person early voting last week. Democrats currently lead in ballots submitted, 46 percent to 29 percent.

In-person voting is off to a slower start for both Democrats and Republicans compared to 2012, when Republican Mitt Romney narrowly won the state. But many Democratic-leaning counties reduced the number of polling stations in the first week, a likely factor in the decline. Several of those counties are opening more stations this week.

In Florida, more than 2 million voters have already returned ballots. In-person voting began Monday, and Democrats have pulled virtually even with Republicans, at 41 percent each. That’s a much faster rate of catch-up than in 2012 and 2008, when Barack Obama won the state.

This year’s numbers are troubling for Republicans.

“If current early vote trends hold, it’s a real possibility that Clinton can sweep a majority of swing states including Florida,”



USA ELECTIONS

Early voting: More good signs for Clinton in key states

said Scott Tranter, co-founder of the Republican data analytics firm Optimus.

Once Republican states, Nevada, Arizona and Colorado are in play for Democrats. All are crucial for Trump.

Overall ballots in Nevada are down but the Democratic lead widened after the start of in-person voting last week. Democrats lead in returned ballots, 46 percent to 35 percent. Ballots from older white voters declined significantly while those from Hispanics and Asian-Americans rose.

Nearly 70 percent of all Nevada ballots were cast early in 2012; Obama won the state by 6 percentage points.

Early voting is surging in Arizona, normally a Republican state but one that Clinton has targeted. More than 616,000 ballots have been cast and Democrats are about even with Republicans, 37 percent to 38 percent. Another 25 percent were independent or unknown. At this point in 2012, Republicans led by more than 7 percentage points. Ballots rose in Ari-

zona especially among younger adults and Latinos.

In Colorado, where early voting has been by mail, Democrats led 40 percent to 34 percent among the 416,000 ballots returned. In 2012, Democrats trailed Republicans at this point by 10 percentage points. Since then, registered Democrats have surpassed Republicans in the state.

The trends out West may bode well for Democrats in two Republican strongholds.

In Utah, overall ballots are up from 2012, driven by faster gains among voters ages 22 to 49, according to Catalist, a Democratic analytical firm. Republicans barely led in total ballots cast compared to independents, 38.6 percent to 38.5 percent. That could mean that Evan McMullin, a third-party candidate, is drawing support from Republicans unhappy with Trump. Democrats still trail at 19.4 percent, but they’re in an improved position from 2012, when Republicans held a 58 percent to 13 percent lead. Texas began in-person voting

Monday. More than 969,000 ballots were cast as of late Tuesday, based on reports from the top 15 counties, a 46 percent increase. The state did not provide breakdowns by party. The Clinton campaign believes higher turnout, especially among Latinos, could give it an edge.

Boosted by white voters, Trump may still hold an edge in Ohio, Iowa and Georgia — states that still won’t be enough for him to garner the presiden-

Early voting, via mail or in-person, is underway in 37 states. More than 13.4 million votes have been cast, far higher than the rate in 2012

cy without multiple come-from-behind wins in Democratic-leaning states.

In Ohio, the heavily Democratic counties of Cuyahoga and Franklin continue to show double-digit declines in ballot requests compared to 2012. The state does not break down ballots by party affiliation. By race, voter modeling by Catalist found the white share of Ohio ballot requests was up to 91 percent from 87 percent. The black share declined to 7 percent from 10 percent.

Democrats lead early ballot requests in Iowa, 43 percent to 35 percent. But that lead is narrower than 2012, when Democrats held an advantage of 14 percentage points. Obama ultimately won the state by 5 percentage points.

And in Georgia, which does not report party affiliation, ballots submitted are up from 2012, but mostly among whites.

The white share of ballots rose a percentage point to 66 percent. The black share fell to 31 percent from 34 percent, according to Catalist. AP

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13:00	TDM News (Repeat)
13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
14:45	RTPi Live
16:30	Europa League 2016/2017: Konyaspor - Braga (Repeated)
18:10	Precious Pearl (Repeated)
19:00	TDM Talk Show (Repeated)
19:30	Soap Opera
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:15	Documentary Serie
22:10	Precious Pearl
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Thor: The Dark World
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02:10	RTPi Live

SATURDAY

10:40	Comedy
11:05	Blaze Riders
11:30	Documentary Serie
12:00	Miscellaneous
13:00	TDM News (Repeat)
13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
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17:00	Documentary Serie
18:10	Miscellaneous
18:40	Contest
19:40	Miscellaneous
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:00	Drama
22:00	Revenge S.4
22:45	Non-Daily Portuguese News
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Comey
00:15	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)
00:45	RTPi Live

SUNDAY

10:40	Young Children
11:00	Sunday Mass (Live)
13:00	TDM News (Repeat)
13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
14:40	Zig Zag
16:55	ABU Radio Song Festival
16:50	Miscellaneous
17:05	Documentary Serie
19:05	Non-Daily Portuguese News
19:30	Comedy
20:10	Miscellaneous
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:00	Non-Daily Portuguese News
22:00	Inside Europe's Terror Attacks
22:40	Non-Daily Portuguese News
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23:45	Europa League Magazine 2016/2017
00:40	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
01:15	RTPi Live

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TWITTER DEBATES RAGES OVER PHOTO OF SHINY OR PAINTED LEGS

Forget the debate about "The Dress." Twitter is abuzz about "The Legs."

The controversy swirling now is whether a photo of a pair of legs shows them shiny or streaked with white paint.

A Twitter user ignited the debate by posting the photo with a question Tuesday: "Are these legs shiny and oily or are they legs with white paint on them?"

The photo seems to create an optical illusion for some people, who responded that they see shiny legs before seeing the paint. Some say once you realize that it's paint, the shiny illusion can't be seen again.

The Instagram user, who originally posted the photo last month, says it is indeed paint and not oil on the legs.

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

Director: Scott Derrickson

Starring: Benedict Cumberbatch, Chiwetel Ejiofor,

Rachel McAdams

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 115min



JACK REACHER: NEVER GO BACK_

ROOM 2
2.30, 4.45, 7.15, 9.30 pm

Director: Edward Zwick

Starring: Tom Cruise, Cobie Smulders, Damika Yarosh

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 118min

HEARTFALL ARISES_

ROOM 3
2.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30 pm

Director: Ken Wu

Starring: Nicholas Tse, Sean Lau

Language: Chinese (English and Cantonese)

Duration: 108min

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27 Oct - 16 Nov

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this day in history



1979 CHAIRMAN HUA ARRIVES IN LONDON

The first Chinese leader to visit Britain, Chairman Hua Kuo-Feng, has arrived in London at the start of a six-day visit.

He was welcomed at Heathrow airport by Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, who paid tribute to China as a "great and historical nation which has a crucial role to play in world affairs".

She said the two countries enjoyed a "close understanding in many fields" and she hoped their talks would further improve relations.

In his reply, Chairman Hua stressed "the important role Western Europe has to play in defending world peace".

He said this was why China had given "high priority to the development of good relations with the West European countries".

Chairman Hua was given the kind of treatment usually reserved only for royalty and presidents.

The Coldstream Guards formed a guard of honour before he was taken to the luxury Claridges hotel, where he and his party will be staying.

Chairman Hua has an invitation to lunch at Buckingham Palace where the Queen will personally take him on a tour of the state rooms.

This is the Chinese leader's first visit to the non-Communist world, apart from a short stay in Iran before Shah Mohammed Reza Pahlevi was forced into exile.

During his visit, he is expected to discuss trade, various bilateral issues, including the future of Hong Kong, and world peace.

It is hoped he and Mrs Thatcher will sign a number of deals, including an air services agreement giving Chinese airlines the rights to fly to Britain.

Trade issues are expected to focus on the process of modernisation in China - in particular improvements to its armed forces, transport infrastructure and industry.

The Chinese delegation will pay a visit to Rolls Royce in Derby, BP and British Rail's technical centre.

Chairman Hua, who spent 20 years of his life in the Chinese agricultural sector, will also be shown a farm in Wallingford, Oxfordshire, and fit in a quick visit to Oxford University, before flying on to Rome on Saturday.

He has already spent a week each in France and West Germany.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

In an interview before his visit to Western Europe, Chairman Hua was quoted as saying he wanted to see for himself the reality of advanced economic, scientific and technological experience to see how they could benefit China's modernisation programme.

The trip paved the way to improved relations between Britain and China.

Official negotiations on the future of Hong Kong began in 1982 and were completed with the handover on 1 July 1997.

The Queen became the first British monarch to visit China in 1986. However, the brutal suppression of the pro-democracy protests in Tiananmen Square massacre in 1989 led to a breakdown in China's relations with the West.

China has since become of the world's leading growth economies, prompting greater trading links with the West. But in 2005 the EU and US were still enforcing an embargo on arms sales to China imposed after Tiananmen Square.

YOUR STARS

Aries
Mar. 21-Apr. 19
Patience is especially important today — so make sure that you're taking all the time you need with that one person or problem. Your energy is ready for some downtime, anyway!

Taurus
April 20-May 20
Your love life is about to get a boost, so make sure that you're ready for it! Your energy is terrific, and you may be able to either score a date with that hottie or sweep your partner off their feet all over again.

Gemini
May 21-Jun. 21
It's time for you to get really serious about something — which may require a certain amount of focus. There's nothing wrong with that, and while it may not be a day at the circus, it's still satisfying.

Cancer
Jun. 22-Jul. 22
Teams suit you better than pairs or going solo today — you'd rather mix it up with many minds than focus on just one. It's a good time to volunteer for a group activity or join a work team.

Leo
Jul. 23-Aug. 22
Your ego isn't the problem — but someone close might start to think it is. Show them they're wrong by taking a hit for the team or letting someone else hog all the credit later today.

Virgo
Aug. 23-Sept. 22
Today is the perfect day to try something foreign — or even alien. You are well prepared for novelty, and should find it easier than ever to accommodate new ways of seeing the world.

Libra
Sep.23-Oct. 22
A party may offer more temptation than it's worth — but that doesn't mean you have to stay home. As long as you've got someone looking out for you, overindulgence shouldn't be a big problem.

Scorpio
Oct. 23 - Nov. 21
You feel thrust into an unusual situation — which is actually pretty doggone normal for you! Adjust to the weirdness and see if you can take advantage of the aura of incongruity.

Sagittarius
Nov. 22-Dec. 21
The big picture is wearing you down — so take a second look at the small stuff. Your energy is better spent cleaning up spreadsheets and making sure that your bills all add up anyway.

Capricorn
Dec. 22-Jan. 19
A child plays an important role in the day's activities, so make sure that you're paying attention to your own kids or to those nearby. It may be advice or a question, but it really sticks with you.

Aquarius
Jan. 20-Feb. 18
Learning comes naturally to you, but today you may feel as if you need to deal with something that seems like more of a grind. Your big brain needs this new stuff, but it takes work.

Pisces
Feb.19-Mar. 20
Romance is in the air today, so get out there and indulge! Wink at someone cute or buy flowers for your sweetie — do whatever it takes to ride this wave and enjoy what you've got!

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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Harbin	-1	18	cloudy/clear
Tianjin	11	27	haze/cloudy
Urumqi	9	25	cloudy/sleet
Xi'an	13	34	drizzle
Lhasa	8	23	clear
Chengdu	14	29	drizzle/overcast
Chongqing	15	32	drizzle
Kunming	16	22	shower
Nanjing	16	34	moderate rain
Shanghai	19	35	shower/heavy rain
Wuhan	16	33	moderate rain
Hangzhou	17	35	overcast/shower
Taipei	25	32	cloudy
Guangzhou	21	31	cloudy/clear
Hong Kong	20	29	cloudy
WORLD			
Moscow	1	12	drizzle
Frankfurt	7	17	cloudy/drizzle
Paris	10	16	clear/cloudy
London	10	15	clear/cloudy
New York	6	18	clear

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Taboo; 5- Pottery material; 9- Slatted wooden box; 14- Each; 15- Cries of discovery; 16- Really bother; 17- Few and far between; 18- Traditional passed-down knowledge; 19- Nabisco's ___ Wafers; 20- Distinguishing feature; 23- Garage sale sign; 24- Receive; 25- East Lansing sch.; 28- King's staff; 31- RR stop; 34- Sleep issue; 36- Not in; 37- Long time; 38- In spite of; 42- Pennsylvania port; 43- Colorful moths; 44- Seeps; 45- Golf ball prop; 46- Pals; 49- Phila. clock setting; 50- Fair-hiring abbr.; 51- Trompe l'___; 53- Long-suffering; 60- Brit's discharge; 61- Side; 62- Money maker; 63- Author Calvino; 64- End in ___ (draw); 65- Jessica of "Dark Angel"; 66- Dry stalks; 67- Difficult; 68- Religious offshoot;

DOWN: 1- Pusher pursuer; 2- Moonfish; 3- Writer Ephron; 4- Wagner work; 5- Containing lime; 6- Fourth highest peak in the world; 7- River in central Switzerland; 8- River of Flanders; 9- It spreads aromatic smoke; 10- Singer Bonnie; 11- King of the Huns; 12- Apply powder to oneself; 13- Greek letter; 21- Very, to Verdi; 22- Kick Out of You; 25- "Olympia" painter; 26- Future fungus; 27- Free laces, say; 29- Deputised group; 30- Boy king; 31- Grab; 32- Musical sounds; 33- Emo anxiety; 35- Farm female; 37- Pother; 39- Wearies; 40- ___ polloi; 41- Polite refusal; 46- Rainbow formed by fog droplets; 47- That's cheating!; 48- Considered; 50- Name on a bomber; 52- Actor Lorenzo; 53- Riga resident; 54- Gen. Bradley; 55- Four Corners state; 56- Greek cheese; 57- The world's longest river; 58- "Power Lunch" network; 59- Coup d'___; 60- Put down, in slang;

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United beats City 1-0 in derby match in English League Cup

JOSE Mourinho got his own back on great managerial rival Pep Guardiola as Manchester United beat a weakened Manchester City 1-0 in the fourth round of the English League Cup yesterday [Macau time], with Juan Mata scoring the second-half winner.

Six weeks after City's 2-1 win at Old Trafford in the Premier League, United got a measure of revenge as Mourinho's decision to play a virtually full-strength team paid off.

Mata sidefooted home a low shot from 10 meters in the 54th minute following a lay-off by Zlatan Ibrahimovic, ensuring City is now winless in six games under Guardiola — the worst run of the Spaniard's distinguished coaching career.

Guardiola rested most of his key players — starting 19-year-olds Alexis Garcia and Pablo Maffeo among his fringe players — and City faded after a decent start, failing to have a shot on target in an error-strewn match.

"No regrets," Guardiola said, referring to his team lineup.

It was Mourinho's fourth win in 18 meetings with Guardiola and an important victory psychologically for United, coming



Manchester United's Juan Mata celebrates scoring a goal during the English League Cup soccer match between Manchester United and Manchester City Football

three days after a 4-0 loss to Chelsea in the Premier League - Mourinho's heaviest loss in English soccer.

"It was a big defeat and numbers that the history of this club does not deserve," Mourinho said, adding: "We had to give something back."

United's more physical and powerful players had more of

an impact as the match wore on. Paul Pogba, who was relatively quiet again, had a left-foot shot tipped onto the post by City goalkeeper Willy Caballero five minutes before Mata made the breakthrough.

The titleholders are out — although Guardiola said the League Cup was the least of his priorities this season and

that was reflected in his starting lineup. Sergio Aguero and Raheem Sterling were brought on as substitutes in the second half, but to little effect.

Vincent Kompany, City's injury-prone captain, started for the second straight game but was substituted at halftime.

"He told us he is tired and not ready to play the second half," Guardiola said.

West Ham 2, Chelsea 1. Objects were thrown and there were scuffles between both sets of fans behind one of the goals at London Stadium as West Ham advanced in this derby match.

There has been crowd trouble at previous matches this season at the stadium, West Ham's new home following its move from Upton Park. For this game, supporters faced enhanced security checks and a larger police presence than normal.

West Ham is starting to look more at home on the field after this second win there in four days.

Cheikhou Kouyate headed in Mark Noble's cross in the 11th minute and Edimilson Fernandes added a second in the 48th to see off a weakened Chelsea lineup.

Gary Cahill scored a late consolation goal for the visitors.

Southampton 1, Sunderland 0. Sofiane Boufal scored the winner for Southampton in the 66th minute on his first start since his club-record move from Lille in August.

The Morocco midfielder found the top corner from 25 meters. Sunderland was looking for some respite from the Premier League, in which the team is bottom on just two points from nine games.

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BEING ILL-EQUIPPED

A few weeks ago, I was contacted by a freshly arrived European journalist in Hong Kong who had been told that I was closely following current affairs in Macao and, more importantly, that I was willing to discuss certain topics considered by some—too many actually—as taboo. When I asked about the topic she wanted to cover, I was pretty astonished to discover that the issue at hand was the one of “money laundering”: the workings, the amount, the relationship to the casino industry, the regulations and law enforcement policies put in place by the government to combat the situation, and of course the outcome, whether money laundering was still galloping or if it had been reined in.

My initial reaction was one of dismay: how come a newcomer could choose that as a first topic? How can one imagine shedding a corner of novel and bright light—the ethical intention of the investigative newsperson being beyond doubt—on such a sensitive topic without having built a web of connexions over the years that would allow for some form of insider take? And then, with such high stakes, people who are actually in the know will usually keep their lips sealed, and thus the only ones talking are the ignorants or the bragging fools. I was thus pretty dismissive. And then...

If “everybody” knows money laundering happens on a vast scale in the gambling Mecca of the East, one would be hard pressed to come up with reliable and up-to-date amounts. Numbers in that respect go beyond the imagination of a normally equipped human brain: when a single junket employee can disappear with US\$1.3 billion of creditors money, as it happened with Huang Shan back in April 2014, it is not impossible to conceive that the money involved in dubious dealings must be somehow proportionate to this incredible extension of credit by junket operators that goes completely unmonitored by the gaming regulator. And this is one—a big one, and clearly the biggest one that ever came to the attention of the public—of many.

In English, an inquisitive mind often stumbles on the US\$200 billion roundish amount of yearly money laundering in Macao. This impressive figure derives from the 2013 annual report of the US Congressional Executive Commission on China, in which one can read that “[t]he gambling industry in Macao is reportedly tied to widespread corruption and the laundering of large amounts of money out of mainland China. [...] One Macao academic estimates that US\$202 billion in ill-gotten funds are channeled through Macao each year.”

If one looks at the source, the Macao academic is none other than Camoes Tam Chi Keung, from MUST, a well-known liberal personality in Macao specialising in journalism and communication, who had confided to a journalist from the Hong Kong-based Oriental Daily that money laundering could be estimated between 1.57 billion yuan a year, on the conservative side (the figure quoted in the US report) and as much as 10 trillion yuan per year—a staggering and far less conservative US\$1,250 billion! As far as methodology is concerned, no question was asked.

Now, if one checks on Wisers how many stories have appeared in the Chinese press regarding “black money laundering” 洗黑錢 in Macao in the past six months, a meagre 144 articles are returned, and even the tightening of monitoring measures by the DICJ in May-June 2016—we finally got rid of aliases for junket stakeholders!—gets only a passing mention. An equivalent search for Hong Kong comes up with 957 stories: should we conclude that logistics, finance and tourism are far more prone to money laundering than gaming?

For Prosecutor General Ip Son Sang, who publicly reported recently that out of 364 cases of money laundering opened in Macao over the past two years only 2 were successfully prosecuted, the problem lies in the lack of proper legal tools. I would add: lack of proper reporting takes a toll too!

THE BUZZ SPOKESMAN: 90 MIGRANTS BELIEVED DEAD OFF LIBYAN SHORE

The spokesman for the Libyan navy said yesterday that more than 90 migrants are believed dead after their rickety boat was damaged shortly after leaving the Libyan coast.

Ayoub Gassim said the coast guard has rescued 29 survivors, who said the plastic boat ripped and began filling with water about 26

miles off the Libyan coast, in international waters. He said that a total of 126 migrants were in the boat, mostly African nationals.

The death toll for migrants in the Mediterranean has reached at least 3,800 this year so far, making 2016 the deadliest year ever for migrants in the Mediterranean.

N Jersey eyes same casino expansion that has left Atlantic City struggling



Casino expansion throughout the northeastern U.S. has been blamed for much of Atlantic City's struggles, and New Jersey's first attempt to cash in on those same expansion benefits seems destined to fail.

But that failure could mean a win, at least temporarily, for Atlantic City. Many casino and southern New Jersey business leaders fear the resort town could lose up to three of its surviving casinos if in-state competition is authorized in a statewide referendum next month.

Atlantic City casino and business leaders held a rally yesterday against the expansion proposal, which is trailing badly in polls.

“If they allow this to happen, we will be done down

here,” said Shari Schugar, a cocktail server at the Tropicana casino. “We get so much of our business from north Jersey.”

“It would devastate us,” added her co-worker, Joann Lardizzone, who has served drinks at the Tropicana for 33 years. “So many people came here to find a good job to raise a family. New Jersey should help us, not hurt us.”

The Nov. 8 referendum comes as Atlantic City's casino industry continues to shrink. In 2006, when the first casino opened in neighboring Pennsylvania, Atlantic City's casinos took in USD5.2 billion. By last year, that had fallen to \$2.56 billion, and five of the city's 12 casinos have gone out of business since 2014, most recently the

Trump Taj Mahal, which closed on Oct. 10.

Supporters of the proposal say northern New Jersey casinos are needed to recapture gambling dollars being lost to neighboring states. New gambling houses have been added in New York, Pennsylvania and Maryland recently, and Connecticut and New York are considering further expansion. In particular, the northern New Jersey casinos are aimed at heading off a threat from a possible casino in Manhattan. Massachusetts and Rhode Island are considering casino expansion, as well.

The referendum does not state where the casinos would go, but proposals have been publicly floated for casinos at the Meadows Racetrack in East Rutherford, where the NFL's New York Jets and Giants play; Jersey City, and Newark.

Some of the tax money raised from the new casinos would go to help compensate Atlantic City for the expected loss of business to in-state competitors. But, the tax rate the new casinos would pay and how the money would be allocated have not yet been decided by state legislators.

The proposal is losing by a 3-to-1 margin in many statewide polls; in southern New Jersey the margin is more than 9-to-1. **AP**

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

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WORLD BRIEFS

MYANMAR A Yangon historic-preservation group says the country's largest city and commercial capital is facing its “last best chance” to save many crumbling architectural treasures dating back to the days when Myanmar was the British colony of Burma.

CAMBODIA-THAILAND A Cambodian official says authorities are working on a request from Thailand's government to extradite three Thais accused of insulting the monarchy.



HAWAII The American Coast Guard suspends its search for a Chinese man attempting to set a sailing record after a crew did not find him aboard his boat off the Hawaii islands. Guo Chuan, 50 (pictured), was attempting to set a sailing record from San Francisco to Shanghai.

VIETNAM Authorities seized 1 ton of ivory smuggled from Kenya, the fifth such seizure in the past month. The ivory was hidden in timber in two containers on the way to Cambodia via Vietnam. Customs official Le Dinh Loi says the shipment was seized at Cat Lai port in the southern commercial hub of Ho Chi Minh City.



INDONESIA A court gave a 20-year jail sentence to an Indonesian woman accused of killing a former classmate at an Australian school with cyanide-laced coffee, in a trial that was broadcast live and became a national spectacle. The Central Jakarta District Court found Jessica Kumala Wongso, 28, guilty of murdering Wayan Mirna Salihin at an upmarket Jakarta cafe in January.



TRUMP Los Angeles police arrested a man suspected of using a sledgehammer to destroy Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump's star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, officials said Thursday. Jamie Otis was taken into custody early Thursday on suspicion of felony vandalism.

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