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Beto releases new album



Local singer-songwriter Beto released his music album yesterday, at Indonesia Street Shop in Ocean Garden, Taipa. Guest performers at the event included Russian rapper MC HD and local girl band Gabion Sisters. The artist has released several EPs as well as compilation CDs alongside other artist in Australia, Hong Kong and Indonesia. Beto will now continue work on his second album. "I will start getting into the studio in the first half of next year," he said, "and all the songs will be first-time ever recorded, so all new."

Gov't aims to reduce trash by 30 percent in ten years

The director of the Environmental Protection Bureau, Raymond Tam, has announced that the authorities will aim to make a 30 percent reduction of the average per capita waste within 10 years. During his talk at the Macao Forum, Tam stated that the government is working on expanding trash burning centers in the city. He further stated that the government is also researching the implementation of geotechnical improvements in order to lower the height of the waste deposits located in the city's landfill, as well as to increase the landfill's capacity.

Local middle-aged woman cheated out of RMB100,000

A local woman, around 50 years old, sought help from the police because she was afraid that a mainland man, who she had only known for two months through a mobile chat application, might blackmail her with nude pictures of herself. The Judiciary Police revealed last week that the woman began chatting with the suspect in August. The man claimed to be a casino employee in Macau. Last month, the suspect asked the victim to send him nude pictures, which she did. Later, the suspect told the woman that he had won RMB14 million from a mainland lottery, and asked her to give him RMB123,000 to pay the fees involved in the procedure to claim the prize. The woman then transferred RMB100,000 to the man, and has since lost contact with him. Afraid of being blackmailed by the man with her nude pictures, the victim reported the case to the police.

MSAR, Beijing strengthen anti-smuggling efforts



Chui Sai On and the local delegation meet with representatives of General Administration of Customs, including Yu Guangzhou

CHIEF Executive Chui Sai On met with the Minister of the General Administration of Customs Yu Guangzhou in Beijing last week to discuss the management of Macau's waters and efforts to prevent and combat smuggling activities.

According to the Government Information Bureau, the meeting aimed to provide Yu with further updates

regarding the SAR government's economic development plans relating to these waters, and to receive feedback and suggestions from the General Administration of Customs in turn.

As cited in the statement, Chui said he was grateful for the long-term support of the General Administration of Customs, in particular during the process leading up to the

announcement that outlined Macau's administrative role in the management of its surrounding waters.

Meanwhile, Yu recalled the two documents signed in May, titled "Cooperation Arrangement between the General Administration of Customs and the Macau SAR Government on the Prevention and Fight against Smuggling in Waters Managed by

the Macau SAR and within Macau's Land Boundaries" and the "Cooperation Memorandum between the General Administration of Customs and the Macau SAR Government on Origin of Transshipment Cargo in the Macau SAR under Free Trade Agreements."

As part of the process of implementing the aims set out in the two documents, a system for facilitating transshipment of cargo between the mainland and the region was created and has entered into operation.

The system streamlines the cost of transshipping cargo to the mainland via Macau, namely cargoes included in trade which are facilitated under free-trade agreements.

According to Yu, an extensive mechanism for bilateral communication has also been initiated in a bid to prevent or combat the smuggling of goods, drugs and firearms.

This was of significant importance to efforts aimed at limiting such illegal activities, he stated.

Chui completed a three-day visit to Beijing and returned to Macau on Friday.

Macau Shopping Festival greatly invests in promotion

Lynzy Valles

ORGANIZERS of the Macau Shopping Festival said they have immensely invested in promoting the upcoming sixth edition of the festival, which will be held from December 3 to 31.

Frederick Yip, president of the executive committee of the Macau Association of Retailers & Tourism Services, one of the event's organizers, said they are currently promoting through advertisements on public buses, televisions and booklets.

"What we spend is mostly on marketing expenses," he told the Times. Yip implied that the aim of this year's event was also to bring neighboring regions to the festival.

In his speech, he recalled that in the first half of the year, the region experienced a drop in consumer spending and retail sales, and said that the festival would help uplift the retail market.

Due to the past economic downturns, Yip said there were fewer contributions from some high-end stores.

"They still want to support but they cannot support as much as last year," he explained.

The 6th Macau Shopping Festival, which includes organizers from several ga-



Frederick Yip (center)

ming operators (including Sands China, Melco, Galaxy and Wynn), has a budget of MOP30 million.

A total of MOP5.5 million will be spent on lucky draw prizes. Throughout the event, shoppers could join in the lucky draw by purchasing at least MOP500 of merchandise from participating stores.

As the organizers have been greatly investing in promoting the event, this year's edition will only hold a smaller opening ceremony. Last year, the festival's grand opening amounted to a staggering amount of MOP4 million.

"Now we use [the funds] to promote instead," Yip noted, without disclosing the advertising budget. The organizers have also extended their retail stores to

local small and medium enterprises.

Meanwhile, Helena de Senna Fernandes, director of the Macao Government Tourism Office, hoped that the shopping festival would increase tourist spending in the region.

According to her, tourists are expected to stay longer in Macau. "We want to attract more people to stay longer and our expectation is for people to stay longer here and really eventually think [that] Macau is a shopping destination as well," she told the Times.

LIGHT FESTIVAL TO PRESENT NEW ELEMENTS

HELENA DE Senna Fernandes has announced that the city's Light Festival will run from December 4 until 31. Although complete details are still under discussion, the MGTO head said the festival's locations would be around Nam Van and Sai Van Lake to highlight the AnimArte Nam Van area. "We believe that this will continue to be an interesting festival because there will be different things compared to last year," she revealed. "This year, there will be a combination of both light installations and light projections."

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DESPITE expecting fewer donations from gaming operators, the Caritas Macau Charity Bazaar will most likely hit and surpass its fundraising goal of MOP8 million, the amount amassed last year.

The two-day event attracted a substantial number of attendees, who were able to browse some 90 food and game booths and watch several entertaining performances.

"These kind of events attract families to get together for a good cause," said a participant.

"We enjoyed [ourselves], it was quite fun. It is good because you get to be involved and do something for charity," said another, who expressed their hope that such events could be held twice a year.

Meanwhile, a booth participant who was joining the bazaar for the sixth time said this year's charity event attracted more tourists, not just residents, and noted that this year's edition was "going better and better."

"It has become a habit of local citizens nowadays," the member of the OCBC Wing Hang Bank volunteer service team said, commenting on the large attendance of the fundraising event and adding that, "there are more people, more tourists."

Speaking to the Times, Paul

We hope that the government will strengthen services for the elderly.

PAUL PUN

Caritas Bazaar likely to surpass its fundraising goal of MOP8 million



Pun, secretary general of Caritas Macau, noted that the fundraising bazaar attracted more participants this year.

"Now it seems like it could be possible [to reach MOP8 million] because there are more participants that come," he said during a phone interview.

Previously, Pun had stated that the organization no longer anticipated receiving that amount, due to the economic adjustment the region is facing.

Yet, he confirmed that Caritas Macau received over MOP1.8 million from various sponsors during the cheque presentation on Saturday.

When asked about the elderly policies that he would like the Chief Executive to confront in the coming policy address, Pun reiterated his be-

lief that the services provided for this vulnerable community need to be strengthened. "We hope that the government will strengthen services for the elderly," Pun lamented.

"They need additional residential facilities so when a family cannot support them, they can enter facilities with good service," he advised.

Pun also called for the government to provide training to domestic helpers who take care of the elderly residents in the territory.

"[We need] good service, not just money. Provide training [and] train more people," he added.

The secretary general believes that the region needs to strengthen its support to the growing elderly society in terms of residential care and their caretakers.

The annual fundraising event of Caritas Macau aims to raise funds for the organization to aid Caritas in providing support for the elderly and underprivileged residents in the coming year.

NO CLASSES TODAY IN SOME SCHOOLS

SOME OF the Chinese schools who have volunteered in the two-day event will have no classes today. According to Pun, such practice has already been made a tradition. "Usually after the bazaar, they will have a holiday but now the school has to follow the '195 school days' [but] I believe some schools will not have classes tomorrow because it is a tradition," he explained.

Money supply continues to grow

The money supply continued to grow in September, according to information released on Friday by the Monetary Authority of Macau. Currency in circulation and demand deposits grew by 0.3 percent and 2.5 percent respectively, with the shares denominated in MOP, HKD, RMB and USD standing at 31.1 percent, 52.2 percent, 5.8 percent and 8.6 percent respectively. In September, resident deposits increased by 0.4 percent from the preceding month to MOP492.5 billion, whereas non-resident deposits dropped by 0.9 percent to MOP276.5 billion. The third major component, public sector deposits with the banking sector, increased by 2.5 percent to MOP160.2 billion. Meanwhile, domestic loans to the private sector increased by 1 percent from August to MOP412.6 billion, of which some MOP121 billion was denominated in MOP. External loans dropped 0.8 percent to MOP367.4 billion. As total deposits increased at a faster rate than total loans, the overall loan-to-deposit ratio of the banking sector dropped from a month earlier.

Bus lane to be extended to Fai Chi Kei

The bus-only lane running from Barra to Doca Lam Mau will be extended to Fai Chi Kei in the future, according to Kuong Vai Cheok, head of Transport Planning and Development Department. Kuong informed that there is currently construction work taking place alongside the bus lane due to the building of a street market. When this project is complete, the bus lane to Fai Chi Kei will then begin operating. Kuong also stated that, in regard to San Ma Lou where a bus-only lane runs during the weekends and on public holidays, an extension to the bus lane is not expected.

New companies' capital down two-thirds

A total of 1,087 new companies were created in the third quarter of 2016, according to a statement issued by the Statistics and Census Service, marking a decrease of 139 when compared with the same period last year. Analyzed by industry, there were 364 new companies operating in the Wholesale & Retail category, and 257 in Business Services. The total value of registered capital concerning newly-incorporated companies dropped in the third quarter by more than two-thirds to MOP124 million, of which registered capital of Business Services (MOP18 million) was down by 93.9 percent. In the same period, the number of companies in dissolution totaled 163, representing a total registered capital of MOP30 million. For the first three quarters of 2016, a total of 3,345 new companies were incorporated, down by 630 year-on-year. This year's addition brings the total number of registered companies in Macau to 55,816.

'Hunger Banquet' encourages people to continue helping those in need

Julie Zhu

OXFAM'S 40th Anniversary Ceremony and Hunger Banquet was held last week at University of Macau's (UM) Stanley Ho College. More than 100 people participated in the event, primarily UM students and representatives from Oxfam's enterprise partners.

During the event, 20 percent of the participants were asked to play the role of the wealthy, while the remaining represented the poor. The disparate situation was implemented to reflect the reality of the world's current socio-economic conditions, wherein 80 percent of the global population is in fact living in poverty.

This is the first time Macau Oxfam has cooperated with the local university to organize the hunger banquet.

Ivan Sam, board director and vice-chair

of Macau Oxfam, told the Times that UM was chosen as the preferred location for the event because the school has consistently supported Macau Oxfam's vision to help make the world a better place.

Sam noted that the banquet provides an opportunity for its participants to share their views and ideas on issues related to poverty with their schools, or even with their companies. "It will be the best [outcome] if they can continue [offering help to those who are in need]," he said.

In addition to last week's event, Sam said that Macau Oxfam will continue to hold its charity events. "In recent years, Macau's economy slowed down. [...] We still face serious challenges when trying to help the poor, and for that we still need to work very hard."

Sam told the Times that 50 percent of the funds raised by Macau Oxfam's go to



Ivan Sam

mainland China, followed by Africa, and countries in Southeast Asia.

According to Sam, Macau Oxfam does not simply offer food and resources to those in need, but provides them with seeds, and teaches them how to get out of the poverty cycle.

"Hopefully, they will know how to live on their own, and come out from poverty gradually," said Sam. "Our faith lies in helping people to learn to help themselves."

TOURISM

Local resorts recognized at World Travel Awards gala

SEVERAL Macau resorts have been given accolades from the annual World Travel Awards Asia and Australasia Gala Ceremony 2016. The Venetian Macao, the Grand Hyatt Macau, City of Dreams Macau and Galaxy Macau were all honored in the ceremony.

The event was held at the InterContinental Danang Sun Peninsula Resort in Vietnam on October 14 and 15, attracting industry leaders from across Asia and Australasia. A selection of senior travel executives, travel buyers, tour operators and agents, as well as the general public voted for the award winners.

Among the leading recipients of awards this year were The Venetian Macao, the Grand Hyatt Macau and City of Dreams Macau, which secured the awards for "Macau's Leading Casino Resort", "Macau's Leading Hotel", and "Macau's Leading Resort" respectively, though the differences in the qualifying criteria between the awards are unclear.

Moreover, The Venetian Macao was nominated for a total of 13 awards this year, taking away "Macau's Leading Hotel Suite 2016" in addition to the aforementioned accolade.

Galaxy Macau was another recipient of

an award this year – "Asia's Leading Casino Resort 2016" – following on from accolades in 2013 and 2015. This year the resort was also nominated for the "World's Leading Entertainment Resort 2016".

Studio City Macau was also recognized at the World Travel Awards ceremony, winning the "Asia's Leading New Resort 2016" award. The resort was nominated for a total of five categories this year, including "Asia's Leading Casino Resort 2016", "Macau's Leading Casino Resort 2016", and "Macau's Leading Resort 2016".

Meanwhile, Malaysia emerged from the ceremony holding the title of "Asia's Leading Destination", outshining the usual competitors of Macau, Thailand and Singapore.

Japan was recognized as "Asia's Leading Adventure Tourism Destination", while the Philippines won "Asia's Leading Beach Destination".

This year's event was the 23rd edition of the awards ceremony, which first started back in 1993. According to the institution, the World Travel Awards was established "to acknowledge, reward and celebrate excellence across all key sectors of the travel tourism and hospitality industry." **DB**

EDUCATION

UM scholars win award at GeekPwn 2016

A team composed of scholars from the University of Macau (UM), Southeast University and the University of Massachusetts have won an excellence award at GeekPwn 2016, held in Shanghai.

In addition to developing a way to break internet encryption technologies, which they hope can serve as a wake-up call to manufacturers of smart devices, the "Phenix Coder" team also developed anti-hacking technologies.

At the competition, the team demonstrated some major security weaknesses of smart plugs from a well-known international brand, which make the products vulnerable to attacks from potential hackers.

According to a release



issued by the University of Macau, the related paper is expected to be published soon.

By running a pre-set attack program on a randomly-selected network host, the team obtained authentication information about the smart plugs and thus obtained remote control.

A hacker can also obtain administrator

rights over such smart plugs through firmware, thereby performing any operations he wants to. An internet-connected computer that has been compromised is known as a "zombie."

At the competition, the team used the smart plug of a "zombie" to leave messages on GeekPwn's official Weibo.

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Sands sees boost from Parisian as Wynn disappoints

Christopher Palmeri

LAS Vegas Sands Corp., the world's largest casino owner, reported a jump in profit after opening its newest resort in Macau, a sharp contrast to rival Wynn Resorts Ltd., which said its newest Chinese property was off to a slow start.

Sands' profit rose to 72 cents a share, excluding some items, the Las Vegas-based company said last week in a statement. Analysts were predicting 60 cents, the average of estimates compiled by Bloomberg.

Sands, founded by billionaire Sheldon Adelson, opened the USD2.9 billion Parisian resort in Macau in September. The property features a half-sized replica of the Eiffel Tower, as well as a water park for kids and a shopping mall with street performers. It made its debut amid signs of a recovery in gambling in Macau, the only place in China where casinos are legal.

Sands shares rose as much as 5.6 percent to \$59.94 in New York trading Friday. Wynn, which had dropped 9.3 percent on Thursday after its earnings report, recovered some ground Friday, climbed 1.2 percent to \$88.55.

The company saw a 19 percent increase in visitors to its Macau properties in September, compared to the same month last year, executives said on a call with investors. Sands' neighboring Four Seasons resort posted a 7 percent increase in retail sales, which Adelson attributed to the Parisian opening. Gambling volume rose and restaurants are full.



"People want to see that Parisian theme approach," Sands President Rob Goldstein said on a conference call after the results were announced. "The Eiffel Tower, that facade has great curb appeal."

Total revenue at Sands grew 2.6 percent to \$2.97 billion, ahead of projections of \$2.82 billion. The company and other Macau operators built their newest properties during a two-year slump in the market, prompted by a

People want to see that Parisian theme approach.

ROB GOLDSTEIN
LVS PRESIDENT

Chinese government crackdown on corruption on the mainland. The region experienced its third straight month of gambling growth in October. Reports of higher visitation early in October also suggest the market is rebounding.

Sands' strong quarter outshone that of Wynn Resorts, which posted quarterly sales that missed analysts' estimates as its new \$4.4 billion project in Macau failed to lift betting revenue.

One of the reasons may be nearby construction, which impeded access to the property. Wynn has been working with the Macau government to make improvements, such as crosswalks, to make it easier to get to. Wynn also said it underestimated demand for casual dining options at the new property and is ex-

panding those.

Sands' new Parisian Macao contributed \$19.2 million of adjusted property earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization during its first 18 days of operation, the company said. Adjusted property earnings at the Sands' biggest property, Venetian Macao, surged 23 percent to \$314.8 million. The tally at the Sands Cotai rose 3.6 percent to \$176.6 million. Net sales at the Venetian Macao increased to \$772.5 million, compared with \$699.6 million a year earlier.

In Sands' home market of Las Vegas, property earnings increased 6.9 percent to \$85.3 million. Earnings at the Singapore's Marina Bay Sands edged up slightly to \$390.7 million, up slightly from a year earlier. **Bloomberg**

'Carmen' shows come to a close



The Macao Cultural Centre (CCM) presented the last of two performances of "Carmen," a dance adaptation of Bizet's operatic masterpiece brought by Spain's National Dance Company (CND), on Friday night. The performance, choreographed by Swedish dancer Johan Inger, presented an "uncontaminated view of a classic production," which is seen through the "innocent eyes" of a young boy, according to CCM. Blending the original score with contemporary music, the performance also drew on both the opera's Spanish origins as well as the Nordic influence brought into the mix by Inger. The two shows were held November 3 and 4, with the former show preceded by backstage tours and a talk delivered by Hong Kong ballet lecturer Stella Lau. Additionally, José Carlos Martínez, CND's artistic director and former principal dancer of the Paris Opera Ballet, presented two dance workshops ahead of the performances, held on November 1 and 2.

Hong Kong man commits arson at A-Ma Temple

Early Saturday morning, a Hong Kong man committed arson at A-Ma Temple, Macao Daily reported. Surnamed Wong, the man is 30 years old and unemployed. The police stated that the suspect exhibited strange behavior recently and could always be found with a cigarette in his hand. After he was arrested, it was revealed that the suspect suffers from a mental illness and was sent to Centro Hospitalar Conde de São Januário.

Amendments to money laundering and terrorism laws

The Executive Council has made a few amendments to the city's laws relating to money laundering and terrorism. According to a notice published last week, both the law of prevention and suppression of money laundering and law of prevention and suppression of terrorism now contain expanded definitions of these two crimes. The extended list of activities considered to be related to money laundering include bribes and acts of corruption, smuggling, crimes of copyright infringement, crimes against industrial rights, and prostitution.

FILM

Portuguese Consulate to host documentary festival

A 10-day documentary festival will be held in Macau between November 9 and 18, where a selection of films will be screened at the Dr. Stanley Ho Auditorium of the Consulate General of Portugal in Macau and Hong Kong.

The festival, "Doclisboa'15 - Macau Extension," will open November 9 (Wednesday). The opening night will show three films: "Boat People" by Filipa Queiroz, "Under the Neon" by Grace Kou and "Come, the Light" by Chao Koi Wang.

These films were the recipients of the "International Film and Video Festival of Macau 2015" award, the winning film

of the "EU Short Film Challenge," and the "Best Local Entry on Sound and Image Challenge 2015" award respectively, along with other accolades from other film festivals.

Five films in the series were either directed by Macau-based filmmakers or have some element of the MSAR as their principal focus. The remaining documentaries were created by internationally-admired directors who in many cases have been awarded numerous accolades.

The event is organized by the Portuguese Oriental Institute (IPOR) with the support of Macau's Cultural Affairs

Bureau, Creative Macau, the European Union Academic Programme in Macau and Inner Harbour Films.

According to the organizer, the festival is a response to the growing global interest in documentary filmmaking and the films themselves.

"In the vast world of cinema, the documentary now occupies its own place progressively worthy of greater recognition from an artistic point of view," reads a statement on IPOR's website.

Entrance to the festival is free of charge and English subtitles will be provided for the films, according to information released by IPOR. **DB**

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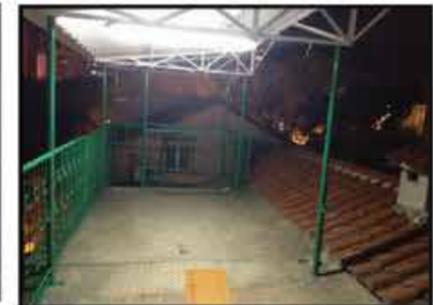
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Macau-HK consortium signs UK deal

A consortium of investors from Hong Kong and Macau will fund the development of a residential site in Birmingham, England, the local city council recently announced in a joint statement with the Chinese investment company Country Garden.

The GBP2 billion deal, which Birmingham City Council leader John Clancy told UK-based Construction News could overall be worth up to GBP5 billion for the city's economy, will construct a minimum of 214 apartments on a site that was formerly a data center.

The decision follows Clancy's visit to China in September where he and Country Garden representatives signed an investment agreement.

According to Clancy, the deal is an indication that the city is still attractive to overseas investors, despite Britain's June referendum that saw voters choose for the country to exit the European Union.

"This is excellent news and demonstrates that Birmingham is open for business in a challenging post-Brexit landscape," he said. "Coming on top of the GBP2 billion agreement with Country Garden to deliver much-needed homes for our citizens, this is proof that Birmingham can attract global investors."

Country Garden, based in Foshan in Guangdong Province, is China's fifth-largest property developer, boasting a market capitalization of over USD8 billion (MOP63.9 billion) as of 2014.

AUTO INDUSTRY

BMW warns rising costs for electric cars to hurt profitability

Elisabeth Behrmann

BMW AG warned that profitability this year will remain under pressure after the German automaker's third-quarter operating margin declined on increased spending to develop electric cars and slumping sales in the U.S.

BMW's return on sales from car making fell to 8.5 percent from 9.1 percent a year earlier, the Munich-based manufacturer said on Friday. That compares with a profit margin of 11.4 percent for rival Mercedes, which is winning customers with an updated lineup of models. BMW shares fell as much as 2.2 percent.

"Over the coming years, we will need to make significant upfront investments," Chief Executive Officer Harald Krueger said on a call with reporters. "This applies not only to sustainable drive trains, but also to digital connectivity, autonomous driving and mobility services."

BMW, which is set to lose its crown as the world's best-selling luxury car brand this year to Mercedes, is trying to boost profitability by selling pricier, larger cars in order to finance a push into electric mobility. The automaker was an early mover in that segment, unveiling the standalone all-electric i3 city car in 2013. Its efforts to boost sales are stalling in the U.S. where



the carmaker says pricing remains challenging as the auto market is cooling after six years of consecutive gains.

Costs will continue to rise in the coming months, in part due to the revamp of the 5-Series sedan that's due to go on sale early next year. Expenses will have a "dampening" effect on earnings during the fourth quarter, Chief Financial Officer Friedrich Eichiner said on the call.

The shares were down 1.7 percent to 73.97 euros at 12:03 p.m., bringing the drop this year to 24 percent and making them the worst European performer on the Bloomberg World Auto Manufacturers Index.

In the U.S., sales dropped 8.7 percent, the only major region to show a decline in the period, as BMW failed to keep up with Americans' growing appetite for SUVs. BMW's struggles there may be intensifying, af-

ter October sales for the namesake brand slumped 18 percent, driving down deliveries for the year through the first ten months by 9 percent.

While BMW has responded by boosting production of SUVs such as the X5 at its factory in Spartanburg, South Carolina, the move hasn't been enough to offset the slump.

"The U.S. will be a concern into the next year as demand looks to have peaked," said Dominic O'Brien, a London-based analyst with Exane BNP Paribas. "Mercedes and Audi are doing better in the U.S. because they're at a stronger point in their product cycle."

Deliveries in Europe rose 10.4 percent, as economic growth boosts purchases, while sales in mainland China gained 10.7 percent, with luxury demand catching up after a government crackdown on ostentatious spending.

BMW's increased spending on new technologies comes as China, the world's largest auto market, considers quotas for zero- and low-emission vehicles. The country is looking at mandating that at least 8 percent of a carmaker's sales in the country be either electrics or hybrids by 2018. The proportion would rise to 10 percent in 2019 and 12 percent in 2020.

Those failing to meet the target would either need to buy credits from other automakers, pay penalties or reduce their output to meet the percentage total.

BMW sold 1,796 plug-in hybrid and i3 electric city cars in China in the first nine months of the year – a tiny fraction of the 379,176 total it delivered in the country during that time.

While BMW is set to sell a record number of cars globally this year, the brand is losing market share to its biggest competitor. Global sales of BMW's namesake marque rose 6 percent in the year through September to 1.48 million vehicles, growing at only half the rate of Mercedes, according to data published in October.

Earnings before interest and tax at the BMW group rose 1.1 percent in the third quarter to 2.38 billion euros, helped by gains in the financial services business, while profit at the automotive unit fell 3.9 percent to 1.8 billion euros.

Those results come after Mercedes parent Daimler reported a 10 percent rise in third-quarter operating profit and Volkswagen AG's luxury Audi unit cut its outlook amid rising costs related to the emissions cheating.

BMW reiterated its margin target of 8 percent to 10 percent in 2016, and that sales and pretax profit will show "slight increases" in 2016.

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corporate bits

SANDS CHINA PARTICIPATES IN CHARITY BAZAAR



China Care Ambassadors participated in the Caritas Macau Charity Bazaar over the weekend, marking the sixth year in a row Sands China has helped raise funds for Caritas' annual event.

Dave Horton, global chief marketing officer for Las Vegas Sands Corp. and Sands China Ltd. presented a cheque for MOP200,000 to Caritas Macau secretary general Paul Pun at the bazaar's opening ceremony on Saturday.

The donation will be used by the non-profit charity organization to support its operational expenses. Since 2004, according to a press release by Sands China, the company has donated over MOP 3.6 million to Caritas Macau through charity dinners and bazaars.

More than 100 Sands China Care Ambassadors volunteered during the two-day charity bazaar at the Nam Van Lake Nautical Centre, where they manned a game booth and gave out prizes, including accommodation at The Parisian Macao, tickets to the integrated resort's Eiffel Tower, first class Cotai Water Jet ferry tickets, and food and beverage vouchers. [More on page 3]

DIAMOND JEWELRY BRAND OPENS FIRST LOCAL BOUTIQUE AT MGM

Renowned international jeweler Nirav Modi launched his first Macau boutique at MGM last week.

The opening of the jewelry line boutique is yet another step for the jeweler's expansion in Asia, followed by the launch of three boutiques in Hong Kong. This boutique is a fitting expansion to Nirav Modi's presence in South East Asia.

Modi's Macau boutique is spread over 1,400 square feet, and has been designed to reflect the fluid movement, lightness and femininity of its jewels' designs, as cited in a press release issued by MGM.

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Samsung to offer digital assistant service in Galaxy S8



Samsung Electronics' Galaxy S7

Youkyung Lee, Seoul

SAMSUNG Electronics said yesterday it will offer an artificial intelligence assistant service in the upcoming flagship smartphone, as the South Korean firm seeks recovery from its global smartphone recalls.

The Galaxy S8 will let users order food or perform other tasks without going through a third-party application but by simply asking the phone's virtual assistant, Samsung said in a statement. The artificial intelligence service will also be made available in Samsung's other consumer electronics products, such as refrigerators.

The company declined to disclose what specific tasks the S8 phone will perform through its artificial intelligence feature.

Samsung is expected to unveil the next iteration for its flagship Galaxy device in spring as it has typically done in the past. Sales of the Galaxy S8 will be crucial for the recovery of Samsung's mobile business, which saw its latest quarterly profit nearly wiped out by two global recalls of the Galaxy Note 7 smartphone. Samsung estimates it has lost at least USD5.3 billion as it discontinued the model, which overheated and caught fire.

The company said last month that it has not figu-

red out what went wrong with the Note 7 phones.

The South Korean company joined the race to create the digital assistant service when it acquired in October Viv Labs Inc., a Silicon Valley startup launched by the same entrepreneurs who sold Siri to Apple. Past and current Samsung phones offer a voice assistant service called "S Voice" developed internally, but the feature did not gain much traction.

Samsung's acquisition of the Silicon Valley firm was seen as its taking another step to seek independence from Google, which offers its brand of virtual assistant service in Android-powered devices.

Executives at Samsung and Viv Labs said that the biggest difference between the existing digital assistant and the one they are jointly developing is that the latter will be an "open AI platform," meaning that third-party developers will be able to offer their services through Samsung's AI platform.

"Our Galaxy smartphones don't provide services that enable consumers to order pizza or coffee, but does provide third party applications. But the new AI platform will enable consumers to do things that they would usually do through a separate third party application," Samsung's statement said. **AP**

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Recognition for leadership in energy management

On October 18, it was announced that MGM is recipient once again of the ASHRAE Regional Technology Award for 2016, one of three winners in the Asia-Pacific region highlighted for best practice and innovation in energy management. Since 2008, MGM has reduced energy consumption by 28%, even despite high visitor numbers and an increasingly warming climate. MGM's energy management program is characterized by investing in the best available technology in energy efficiency, as well as real-time monitoring through advanced systems that allow MGM to identify opportunities for energy saving right away.

Supporting local association for sustainability and energy efficiency

On September 27, MGM MACAU hosted the Macau Chapter inauguration ceremony of the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), led by the global ASHRAE President, Mr Tim Wentz. ASHRAE is an international technical society dedicated to promoting sustainability and resource-efficient operations in buildings management, most notably through efforts to reduce energy consumption and improve internal air quality. With over 170 chapters worldwide, ASHRAE has extensive global reach and an impressive network of industry-leading knowledge, something the Macau Chapter will be able to leverage in contributing to Macau's standing as a center for industry-leading expertise.



MGM's Executive Director of Engineering, Mr. Peter Chan, has been elected to be the first President of the Macau Chapter, warmly receiving the official chapter flag to mark the inauguration. "I am proud to have been awarded with this honor. The Chapter is excited about the opportunities for development that ASHRAE will bring in helping to build a platform to showcase and develop leading engineering expertise in Macau", said Mr. Peter Chan.

Knowledge sharing



In addition to hosting and sponsoring the event, MGM also donated the full set of ASHRAE technical materials as an educational resource to the University of Macau. These standards are often referenced in building codes worldwide, and are considered essential resources for the engineering industry. The materials were formally presented to Professor Pak Kin Wong, the Associate Dean of the University of Macau's Faculty of Science and Technology, by Mr. Grant Bowie, Chief Executive Officer and Executive Director of MGM China Holding's

Limited. "One of our core sustainability objectives is to contribute to inspiring and providing the youth of Macau with the resources to become the future leaders of tomorrow; we are delighted to present these materials to the University of Macau's Faculty of Science and Technology to support their aims to create world-class engineers. We are also proud of Peter's great achievement in being elected as ASHRAE's first President, which is testament to the high quality team we have here at MGM", said Mr. Grant Bowie.

In a separate event, MGM's Director of Sustainability, Ms. Rebecca Donnellan, also presented on its energy management strategy at the 2016 CSR Asia Summit on September 29 in Hong Kong. The Summit is one of the largest sustainability forums in Asia, attended by hundreds of professionals in the field sharing knowledge and discussing business solutions to complex sustainability problems in today's society.

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Diplomat urges US, Russia to resume Syria talks

Gerry Shih, Beijing

CHINA will expand its involvement in political efforts to end the fighting in Syria, but limit its direct participation to providing humanitarian aid, a senior Chinese diplomat said Friday.

Special envoy to Syria Xie Xiaoyuan urged the United States and Russia to resume talks, less than a week after Russian officials said the political process would be "postponed indefinitely."

■ Syria is the latest conflict in which China has shown a desire to play a more active diplomatic role

"China has expressed repeatedly that the issue can only be resolved through political settlement and that military



China's special envoy to Syria Xie Xiaoyuan (left) speaks during a press conference in Beijing

means will lead nowhere," Xie told reporters in Beijing. "We call on the United States and Russia to make efforts to resume their consultation on the cease-fire."

China, he added, could be a

"widely valued and trusted" player in the multilateral talks.

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China's growing engagement

in the region attracted particular notice in August after a top People's Liberation Army officer met with Syrian and Russian officials in Damascus to discuss Chinese cooperation.

Xie said those meetings were

nothing more than normal military exchanges focused on humanitarian issues.

Although China has rejected the possibility of engaging militarily, it has consistently offered diplomatic support for Russia, an increasingly close strategic partner. China voted alongside Russia against a Western-backed United Nations cease-fire proposal last month and it has characterized Russia's bombing offensive in Aleppo — condemned by the West as a series of deadly attacks on civilians — as a legitimate campaign against terror targets.

China has said in recent years that it faces fallout from the Syria conflict in the form of ethnic Uighur separatists hailing from its western Xinjiang region who seek to establish a breakaway Islamic state called East Turkistan. Chinese officials frequently argue that the reported presence of several hundred Uighur militants fighting alongside al-Qaeda-linked groups like al-Nusra in Syria underscores its security risks and justifies Beijing's heavy-handed policing measures in Xinjiang, which have been criticized by human rights groups.

"We should fight terrorism indiscriminately, wherever it exists," Xie said. "We need to particularly fight the terrorist organizations listed by the U.N. including the Islamic State, al-Nusra and the East Turkistan Islamic Movement." AP

Wanda buys Dick Clark Productions for USD1b

CHINA'S Dalian Wanda Group has added another entertainment trophy to its stable of overseas acquisitions, paying USD1 billion for Dick Clark Productions, the TV company that produces the Golden Globes and the "Miss America" pageant.

Wanda is one of China's most important conglomerates and China's largest property developer. Its chairman, Wang Jianlin, is China's richest man by most measures, with an estimated net worth exceeding \$32 billion.

The company owns AMC Theatres and bought Legendary Entertainment for \$3.5 billion in January. In September, it announced a movie partnership with Sony Pictures.

Diversifying away from China's weakening property market, Wanda Group has made entertainment a major focus of its growth in recent years. It has openly embraced a mission to fend off Western imports in the Chinese market and become a globally recognized Chinese entertainment brand.

That push into the U.S. entertainment industry has raised alarm among some American lawmakers concerned about creative freedom and the promotion of Chinese propaganda. A group of legislators re-

cently asked the U.S. Government Accountability Office to review Chinese takeovers.

The namesake company of legendary American television host Dick Clark was purchased in 2012 by a group including investment firm Guggenheim Partners. It produces several awards shows and the New Year's Eve countdown show in New York.

Wanda said in a statement Friday that Dick Clark Productions' existing management "will remain in its entirety," and that both sides had reached a long-term operating agreement. It expects Dick Clark Productions to show "strong increases" in revenue and profit every year, but did not say whether its agreement with management was contingent on revenue targets.

Wanda's statement said it expected to find ways to coordinate development between Dick Clark Productions and its previous deals in film, tourism and sports.

Hollywood has eagerly welcomed Chinese partners. From 2000 to 2015, Chinese direct investment in U.S. entertainment firms amounted to \$4 billion, according to Rhodium Group. That pace then skyrocketed in January with Wanda's purchase of Legendary, which almost doubled that total by itself. AP

Andre Villas-Boas replaces Eriksson as Shanghai SIPG coach

FORMER Chelsea and Tottenham manager Andre Villas-Boas will replace Sven-Goran Eriksson as coach of Shanghai SIPG, making him the latest top name to join the big-spending Chinese Super League.

The 39-year-old Villas-Boas is "young, full of passion and with a wealth of coaching experience," the club said Friday in a statement on its official Weibo microblog.

"We believe Villas-Boas' arrival will further enrich the team's technical and tactical play, stimulate the potential of more young players, and lead the team closer to a higher goal," the club said.

Speaking at a news conference in Shanghai, Villas-Boas said he was taking the step to Asia "with full confidence."

"SIPG guarantees me that they will continue with the investment in the team, that they want to meet my ambitions, which is to win immediately," the Portuguese coach said, adding that a "very good" conversation with general manager Sui Guoyang had convinced him to take up



Andre Villas-Boas

the opportunity.

Villas-Boas, who was under consideration for the Inter Milan position, said he had offers to stay in Europe but "I wanted to try different things."

"Of course the economic conditions are also very exciting here. Everybody knows that," Villas-Boas said.

Villas-Boas made his mark at FC Porto and had stints in charge at Chelsea and Tottenham in the Premier League before moving to Zenit St. Petersburg in Russia. Unconfirmed reports put his salary at about USD14 million.

Eriksson guided Shanghai

SIPG to runner-up and third-place finishes in the Chinese Super League in his two seasons and to the quarterfinals of the Asian Champions League.

Clubs in the Chinese Super League spent more than \$400 million on foreign players in 2016, while high-profile coaches including Eriksson, Luiz Felipe Scolari and Manuel Pellegrini have also lifted the international profile of the league.

Among the high-priced imports brought to SIPG is Brazilian international Hulk, whose \$62 million transfer fee from Zenit St. Petersburg set an Asian record. That topped the \$56 million Jiangsu Suning paid this year for Brazilian midfielder Alex Teixeira. Guangzhou Evergrande paid \$47 million for Colombia striker Jackson Martinez.

Hulk played under Villas-Boas at Zenit St. Petersburg and SIPG management will be looking to the combination to help challenge the supremacy of the Scolari-helmed Guangzhou Evergrande, who have won the league for the last six seasons. AP



A protester raises a placard as thousands of people march through a downtown street in Hong Kong



Protesters raise a Hong Kong Colonial flag

Gillian Wong, Beijing

Thousands in HK protest central gov't intervention

THOUSANDS of people protested in Hong Kong yesterday, demanding that China's central government stay out of a political dispute in the southern Chinese city after Beijing indicated that it would intervene to deter pro-independence advocates. Police used pepper spray and batons to contain some of the demonstrators, arresting two.

The dispute centers on a provocative display of anti-China sentiment by two newly elected pro-independence Hong Kong lawmakers at their swearing-in ceremony last month.

China's top legislative panel said that Beijing must intervene to deter advocates of independence for Hong Kong, calling their actions a threat to national security. The Standing Committee of China's rubber-stamp legislature said in a statement that Beijing could not afford to do nothing in the face of challenges in Hong Kong to China's authority, the official Xinhua News Agency reported late Saturday.

Yesterday, thousands of people marched in downtown Hong Kong to voice their

opposition to China's plan to step in, saying the move would undermine the city's considerable autonomy and independent judiciary.

Several thousand people gathered in the evening to protest outside Beijing's liaison office. Police used pepper spray and batons on demonstrators amid some scuffling.

Some protesters wore face masks and hoisted open umbrellas in the air — symbols that were reminiscent of student-led pro-democracy demonstrations in 2014 that blocked key Hong Kong streets and attracted global attention.

Helmeted police officers with shields stood in several rows, creating a blockade against the protesters. "Open the road! Open the road!" the demonstrators chanted, as police warned them not to charge.

Demonstrators held signs

reading "Defend the rule of law" and calling for the city's Beijing-backed chief executive, Leung Chun-ying, to step down.

Some said that if China's top legislative panel issued its own interpretation on oath-taking, it would effectively undermine a Hong Kong court's ongoing review of the case.

"In [the] long run, that will damage our confidence in the court," said Alvin Yeung, a legislator. "That will, in the long run, damage the international investors' [confidence] in Hong Kong's stability and the rule of law, and of course how our court functions."

The legislative panel in Beijing said the words and actions of the two Hong Kong lawmakers — Sixtus Leung and Yau Wai-ching — "posed a grave threat to national sovereignty and security," Xinhua reported.

If such a situation were to persist, the Standing Committee said, it would hurt the interests of Hong Kong's residents and China's progress. "The central government cannot sit idly and do nothing," it said.

The statement followed discussions by the committee on issuing an interpretation of an article in Hong Kong's constitution, known as the Basic Law, that covers oaths taken by lawmakers.

Leung, 30, and Yau, 25, who are from the radical Youngspiration party, altered their oaths to insert a disparaging Japanese term for China. Displaying a flag reading "Hong Kong is not China," they vowed to defend the "Hong Kong nation." Leung crossed his fingers, while Yau used the F-word.

Their oaths were ruled invalid, but attempts at a do-over have resulted in mayhem in the

legislature's weekly sessions.

Saturday's comments indicated that the Standing Committee intended to use its interpretation of the article to send a strong message against separatism — and could ultimately lead to the democratically elected lawmakers' disqualification from office.

Such an outcome would be favorable to China's Communist leaders, who are alarmed by the former British colony's burgeoning independence movement, but is also likely to plunge their troubled relationship into fresh turmoil.

Maria Tam, a Hong Kong deputy to the National People's Congress, told reporters in Beijing on Saturday that the Standing Committee has the "final say" on the dispute, and that Hong Kong's highest court would accept the panel's interpretation as binding. **AP**

Beijing announces plan to curb carbon emissions

CHINA has announced a plan to curb greenhouse gas emissions over the next several years, while capping coal consumption and increasing the use of non-fossil fuels.

Under the plan, by 2020, the level of carbon dioxide emissions per unit of GDP will be 18 percent lower than in 2015, the State Council said on its website Friday, the same day that the Paris climate agreement came into effect.



A man and a child wear masks during a heavily polluted day in Beijing

Coal consumption must be capped at about 4.2 billion tonnes (4.7 billion tons), while non-fossil fuel energy generation capacity like hy-

dropower and nuclear power will be expanded to 15 percent of China's total capacity.

China has taken a leading role in climate change talks, and its collaboration with the United States has been touted by Washington and Beijing as a bright spot in an otherwise strained relationship.

China will guarantee that emissions peak no later than 2030 under the Paris pact. There are also plans to officially

launch a national carbon trading market next year.

In recent years, China has become a world leader in renewable energy investment and installation of new wind and solar power capacity, but efforts by the central government to break away from coal consumption have been frustrating at times.

Even after Beijing declared a "war on pollution," hundreds of new coal power plants were

approved for construction in 2015 by local governments keen to buoy their economies.

Central economic planners earlier this year declared a halt on new approvals for coal plants. Energy officials went a step further last month when they declared a construction freeze on scores of partially built plants across more than a dozen provinces, garnering praise from environmental groups such as Greenpeace. **AP**

Two former aides of Park arrested as South Korea scandal widens

Tong-Hyung Kim

SOUTH Korean prosecutors yesterday formally arrested two former presidential aides as they bring their investigation over a bizarre political scandal that has engulfed the nation a step closer to President Park Geun-hye.

Park has issued consecutive apologies following suspicion that she allowed her longtime friend and daughter of a late cult leader to manipulate power from the shadows. But the apologies did little to assuage simmering public anger, which culminated in the largest anti-government rally in the capital in nearly a year on Saturday when tens of thousands of people demanded that Park step down.

The Seoul Central District Court granted prosecutors' request for the arrest of Ahn Jong-beom,



Protesters stage a rally calling for South Korean President Park Geun-hye to step down in downtown Seoul

Park's former senior secretary for policy coordination who is suspected of pressuring companies into making large donations to nonprofit organizations controlled by Park's friend, court spokesman Shin Jaehwan said.

The court also issued an arrest warrant for Jung Ho-sung, another former presidential aide accused of passing on classified presidential documents to Choi Soon-sil, whose close relationship with Park triggered the scandal.

Prosecutors on yesterday also summoned for questioning Woo Byung-woo, former senior presidential secretary for civil affairs who has been blamed for failing to prevent Choi from influencing state affairs and is embroiled in separate corruption allegations surrounding his family.

Park has admitted that she sent drafts of her speeches to Choi for editing. However, she avoided more damning allegations raised by the media that

Choi perhaps meddled in important government decisions on policy and personnel. Choi was arrested earlier in the week on charges of abuse of authority and attempted fraud.

Tens of thousands of people rallied in Seoul on Saturday calling for the resignation of Park. But opposition parties, demanding that Park to step away from domestic affairs and transfer the duties to a prime minister picked by the parliament, have yet to make a serious push for Park's resignation or impeachment over concerns of negatively impacting next year's presidential race.

Holding banners, candles and colorful signs that read "Park Geun-hye out" and "Treason by a secret government," a sea of demonstrators filled a large square in front of an old palace gate and nearby streets, singing and thunderously

applauding speeches calling for the ouster of the increasingly unpopular conservative president.

They shifted into a slow march in streets around City Hall, shouting "Arrest Park Geun-hye," "Step down, criminal" and "We can't take this any longer," before moving back to the square and cheering on more speeches that continued into the night.

"Park should squarely face the prosecution's investigation and step down herself. If she doesn't, politicians should move to impeach her," said Kim Seo-yeon, one of the many college students who participated in the protest. "She absolutely lost all authority as president over the past few weeks."

Choi Kyung-ha, a mother of three, said her children asked her who Choi was "and whether she's the real president, and I couldn't

provide an answer."

Police estimated the crowd at 45,000, although protest organizers said about 200,000 people turned out.

Park has tried to stabilize the situation by firing eight aides and nominating three new top Cabinet officials, including the prime minister, but opposition parties have described her personnel reshuffles as a diversionary tactic.

One national poll released Friday had Park's approval rating at 5 percent, the lowest for any president in South Korea since the country achieved democracy in the late 1980s following decades of military dictatorship.

Opposition parties, sensing weakness, immediately threatened to push for her ouster if she doesn't distance herself from domestic affairs and transfer the duties to a prime minister chosen by parliament. The parties have also called for a separate investigation into the scandal led by a special prosecutor.

Park has 15 months left in her term. If she resigns, an election must be held within 60 days. **AP**

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Open Category: The Role of Journalism

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INDONESIAN President Joko Widodo has accused “political actors” of inflaming tensions after a mass rally in Jakarta against the city’s Christian governor turned violent.

Police on Friday fired tear gas at Islamic protesters demanding the official be jailed for his comments about the Koran. About 200 people continued demonstrating into the evening and refused to leave an area near the presidential palace, with local media broadcasting running battles with police who also used water cannons to bring the situation under control.

At least 70,000 people earlier held a largely-peaceful rally, National Police spokesman Boy Rafli Amar said, with about 20,000 riot police and military personnel deployed to the capital.

The president, who was prevented from returning to the palace until the unrest ended, told reporters at a media conference after midnight that he respected the people’s desire to protest but “regretted” that the rally had turned violent. “Political actors are taking advantage of the situation,” said Widodo, who is also known as Jokowi.

Some protesters earlier held signs saying “Jail Ahok” and

INDONESIA

Jokowi blames ‘political actors’ for violence at rally



Protesters use sticks to attack riot police during a clash outside the presidential palace in Jakarta



Muslim protesters pull razor wire blocking a road that leads to the presidential palace during a rally against Jakarta Governor Basuki Tjahaja Purnama

“Ahok Is an Enemy of Islam,” using the nickname of Governor Basuki Tjahaja Purnama, a political ally of the president, as the rally peaked after Friday prayers amid anger over claims he insulted the Koran in comments made at a meeting near Jakarta last month. The streets in the capital’s business district, normally choked by traffic, were relatively quiet during the day as many of the city’s residents stayed away and after police blocked access to roads near the protest route.

“The push to pillory the governor over his comments is the latest chapter in the long saga of attempts by minority Muslim hard-line groups to impose sharia law on the country,” said Keith Loveard, head of political risk at Jakarta-based security company Concord Consulting. “Jokowi quite correctly sees this movement as an attempt to destroy the very basis of Indonesia’s secular tradition,” Loveard said.

The protest comes with Ahok locked in a three-way battle to run Jakarta, in what has become a proxy fight for some of the nation’s most powerful political figures. Jokowi called for unity ahead of the rally while meeting with Muslim leaders and reaching out to political opponents, including former President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono, who’s son, Agus Harimurti Yudhoyono, is running for governor.

Ahok, 50, became the capital’s first ethnic Chinese governor in 2014, just 16 years after the minority group was targeted in rioting and violence that left more than 1,000 people dead and Jakarta ablaze. While ethnic Chinese have lived in Indonesia for centuries and run some of the country’s conglomerates, they have faced government discrimination in a nation with the world’s largest Muslim population.

Ahok, Jokowi’s former deputy, is leading in polls to beco-

me the first Christian elected to the post when the city votes in February. Still, his opponents have seized on comments he made last month that voters were being deceived by people trying to use Koranic verses to say that Muslims are not permitted to support a Christian leader.

Former President Yudhoyono and Muslim groups have said the comments amounted to blasphemy, which can land offenders in jail for as many as five years. Ahok has said it was a misunderstanding.

Police questioned Ahok for several hours over the comments on Oct. 24, and he was released without charges. National Police chief General Tito Karnavian said Wednesday the governor would face further questioning over the allegations. The police are set to complete the probe in two weeks, Vice President Jusuf Kalla told reporters after meeting representatives of protesters in his office in Jakarta.

Yudhoyono held a briefing on Wednesday to reject claims the protest was orchestrated by the governor’s political opponents, while insisting that police should continue to investigate the blasphemy charges.

“If we do not wish this country to get burned by the anger of justice-seekers, Ahok has to be processed in accordance with the law,” the former president said. “He cannot be perceived as being above the law.”

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PRESIDENT CANCELS TRIP ABROAD

INDONESIAN PRESIDENT

Joko “Jokowi” Widodo on Saturday canceled a visit to Australia after a massive rally in the capital by Muslim hard-liners descended into violence, leaving one dead and nearly 200 injured.

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KEITH LOVEARD
CONSULTANT

PHILIPPINE police killed a town mayor in his jail cell in a purported gun battle, the second killing in a week of a politician linked to illegal drugs under President Rodrigo Duterte’s brutal crackdown.

Rolando Espinosa Sr., the mayor of the town of Albuera in the central province of Leyte, and a fellow inmate were shot dead before dawn Saturday after they fired at officers who staged a raid in search of firearms and illegal drugs in the provincial jail in Leyte’s Baybay city, police said.

Some officials and an anti-crime watchdog have called for an in-

Philippine police say drug-linked mayor shot dead in jail

vestigation of the circumstances of the killings, wondering how the mayor and the other inmate got hold of guns and what prompted them to clash with several policemen while in detention.

“Offhand, I can smell extrajudicial killing,” said Sen. Panfilo Lacson, a former national police chief, adding that the suspicious deaths were the “biggest challenge”

to the credibility of the national police force, which is undertaking the anti-drug crackdown.

Last week, police killed another town mayor, Samsudin Dimaukom, and nine of his men allegedly in a gunbattle in the southern Philippines.

Espinosa and Dimaukom were among more than 160 officials named publicly by Duterte in August as part of a shame campaign. Espinosa’s son, an alleged

drug lord, was arrested in the United Arab Emirates’ capital city of Abu Dhabi last month.

After being linked by Duterte to illegal drugs, Espinosa surrendered to the national police chief in August in a nationally televised event. He was later released, but was arrested last month after being indicted on drug and illegal possession of firearm charges.

Police estimate that

more than 3,600 suspected drug dealers and users have been killed since Duterte took office on June 30. Many of those killed in the initial months of the crackdown were poor drug suspects, and police said “high-value targets,” including mayors and drug lords, would be their next target in a new phase of the crackdown that was launched late last month.

The unprecedented

crackdown and killings have helped ease crime, but the U.S. and other Western governments, along with human rights watchdogs, have been alarmed and called for an end to the killings. One human rights advocate has called the killings under Duterte a “human rights calamity.”

Duterte has lashed out at President Barack Obama and other critics, saying he was dealing with a pandemic that has afflicted politics, corrupted even generals and threatened to turn the country into what he describes as a “narco state” similar to some Latin American countries. **AP**



An Iraqi special forces soldier screams while being treated for injuries in Gogjali, on the eastern edges of Mosul

Mosul battle rages as IS bombings elsewhere in Iraq kill 20

Susannah George, Mosul

IRAQ'S special forces worked yesterday to clear neighborhoods on the eastern edge of Islamic State-held Mosul as bombings launched by the extremist group elsewhere in the country killed at least 20 people.

The Mosul offensive has slowed in recent days as Iraqi forces have pushed into more densely populated areas, where they cannot rely as much on airstrikes and shelling because of the risk posed to civilians, who have been told to stay in their homes.

"There are a lot of civilians and we are trying to protect them," said Lt. Col. Muhanad al-Timimi. "This is one of the hardest battles that we've faced till now."

Some civilians are fleeing the combat zone, while IS militan-

There are a lot of civilians and we are trying to protect them.

LT. COL. MUHANAD AL-TIMIMI

ts are holding others back for use as human shields, making it harder for Iraqi commanders on the ground to get approval for requested U.S.-led coalition air strikes. Iraq's special forces are some of the country's best troops, but they still largely rely on air support to clear terrain.

Iraqi forces first entered the eastern edge of the city on Tuesday. On Friday, forces began pushing into Mosul proper, but so far have advanced just over a kilometer into the city.

On the southern front, Iraqi forces are still some 20 kilometers from the city center. The

fighting is centered on the town of Hamam al-Alil, where Associated Press journalists could hear gunfire and saw attack helicopters firing on IS positions.

Kurdish peshmerga fighters launched mortar rounds and fired heavy artillery at the IS-held town of Bashiqa, about 13 kilometers northeast of Mosul. The town, which is believed to be largely empty except for IS militants, has been encircled by Kurdish forces.

The extremists captured Mosul and surrounding areas in 2014, and have had plenty of time to dig trenches, block off roads and mine approaches to

the city.

"Daesh dug trenches that they filled with water and they have a lot of suicide attackers and car bombs," said al-Timimi, using the Arabic acronym for the IS group.

The extremists meanwhile struck far from the front lines with a series of bombings.

The deadliest attack took place in the city of Samarra, 95 kilometers north of Baghdad, which is home to a major Shiite shrine. Provincial spokesman Ali al-Hamdani said the attacker set off a bomb-packed ambulance in a parking lot near Shiite pilgrims before detonating his explosives vest.

The attack killed 11 people, including at least four Iranians, and wounded up to 100 other people.

Another suicide attacker rammed an explosives-laden car into a busy checkpoint outside the city of Tikrit, killing at least nine people. Al-Hamdani said five female students, a woman and three policemen were killed in the attack, while 25 others were wounded.

IS had also captured Tikrit during its lightning blitz across Iraq in the summer of 2014. Iraqi forces drove the militants from the city, around 130 kilometers north of Baghdad, in April 2015.

Iran's Foreign Ministry spokesman, Bahram Ghaseemi, condemned the two attacks, which he said had killed 21 people, including 10 Iranian pilgrims, the semi-official Mehr news agency reported. It was not immediately possible to reconcile the conflicting tolls, which are common in the chaotic aftermath of attacks.

In an online statement, IS claimed all three bombings and said the ambulance bomb was set off by a second suicide attacker. The AP could not verify the authenticity of the statement, which was posted on a militant website commonly used by the extremists. **AP**

UK Lord Chancellor defends court after Brexit decision furor

Rachel Morison, Steve Geimann

U.K. Lord Chancellor Liz Truss, responding to calls that she defend British courts after a ruling on Brexit sparked blistering criticism in the press, said court independence is "the foundation upon which our rule of law is built."

"Our judiciary is rightly respected the world over for its independence and

impartiality," Truss said in a statement posted Saturday on the U.K. Ministry of Justice Twitter page.

The Bar Council representing barristers in England and Wales was among those urging Truss, who also is the secretary of state for the judiciary, to publicly back the ruling on Thursday that said Prime Minister Theresa May needs Parliament's permission to begin Brexit negotiations

to leave the European Union.

After the decision, the Daily Mail branded the three judges "Enemies of the People," while the Sun's front page demanded: "Who Do EU Think You Are?" The Daily Telegraph's headline read "The judges versus the people" above a column by U.K. Independence Party interim leader Nigel Farage, who said "a great betrayal is underway."

The Council "condem-

ns" attacks on the ruling judges following their decision, it said in a statement on its website Saturday. The association urged Truss to make a public statement of support as a "matter of urgency."

In her three-sentence statement, Truss said: "In relation to the case heard in the High Court, the Government has made it clear it will appeal to the Supreme Court. Legal process must be followed."



While lawmakers didn't call into question the decision to leave the EU, the legal decision injects further uncertainty into an already opaque process and may require May to win the backing of lawmakers. A vote in

both the House of Commons and House of Lords would slow down and may complicate the exit process.

The ruling will be reviewed by the Supreme Court in December. **Bloomberg**

Lisa Lerer, Steve Peoples

Trump, Clinton take different strategies to shore up votes

DONALD Trump is promising to take his campaign into traditional Democratic territory as a sign that he's not giving up on appealing to people outside the Republican Party. Hillary Clinton is focusing her efforts in the campaign's final days on energizing voters who usually support the Democratic nominee, but may need an extra boost.

To do that, Clinton is pressing her case with music and sports celebrities, a strategy Trump dismissed. "I just have me," he told supporters in North Carolina on Saturday, "but I have my family." With him was his wife, Melania, who rarely campaigns with her husband.

A brief scare Saturday night disrupted Trump's rally in Reno, Nevada, when Secret Service agents suddenly hustled the Republican nominee off the stage. The agency later said that someone near the stage had shouted "Gun!" but that a subsequent apprehension of a man and search revealed no weapon. Trump returned a few minutes later to resume his remarks and declared, "We will never be stopped."

As if to prove that point, Trump scheduled rallies yesterday in Minnesota, which hasn't su-



Katy Perry (left) holds the hand of Democratic presidential candidate, Hillary Clinton



Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump holds up 6-month-old Catalina Larkin

ported a Republican nominee since 1972, and Michigan, which hasn't since 1988. Polls show that unlikely to change this year, but Trump was including them in a single day of campaigning covering five states.

Clinton faced dark skies, intense rain and strong wind in Florida on Saturday before appearing in Pennsylvania with pop singer Katy Perry. The Democratic nominee was preparing to campaign Sunday with basketball superstar LeBron James, having shared the stage Friday night with music diva Beyoncé and

hip hop mogul husband Jay Z. "Tonight, I want to hear you roar," a smiling Clinton said before introducing Perry for a Saturday night performance in Philadelphia.

Perry, who hugged Clinton while wearing a purple cape bearing the words, "I'm with Madam President," shouted, "In three days, let's make history!"

The final-days scramble highlighted sharp differences between the campaigns in a turbulent 2016 campaign season.

Backed by President Barack Obama and her party's political

elite, Clinton spent much of the last year fighting to unify Obama's coalition of minorities and younger voters, aided at times by Trump's deep unpopularity among women in both parties.

Trump has courted working-class white voters on the strength of his own celebrity, having scared off many would-be Republican allies during a campaign marred by extraordinary gaffes and self-created crises. Just four weeks ago, a video emerged in which a married Trump admitted to kissing women and grabbing their genitalia without their

permission.

Clinton also faced extraordinary challenges of her own in recent days after the FBI confirmed plans to renew its focus on the former secretary of state's email practices. The development is seen as particularly threatening for Clinton in states like Michigan, Pennsylvania and New Hampshire that don't offer early voting.

At least 41 million Americans across 48 states have already cast ballots, according to an Associated Press analysis. That's significantly more votes four days before Election Day than voted early in the 2012.

House Speaker Paul Ryan campaigned Saturday alongside Trump's running mate, Mike Pence — a rare show of unity, but not with Trump himself.

The speaker encouraged Republicans to "come home" to support Trump in Ryan's home-state Wisconsin, ignoring for a day his icy relationship with the Republican nominee. **AP**

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UNTIL: November 10, 2016
ADMISSION: Free
ORGANIZER: Rui Cunha Foundation
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Offbeat

TECHNICAL GLITCHES DELAY AUCTION
OF 123-YEAR-OLD JEANS

There are vintage jeans. And then there are the 123-year-old jeans up for sale in Maine.

The bona fide Levi Strauss & Co. blue jeans from the American Old West are still awaiting a new owner after technical glitches prevented the denim pants from

being auctioned Saturday in Maine.

Daniel Buck Auctions & Appraisals said the jeans are pristine because they were worn only a few times before the owner fell ill.

"They're brand-new Levis. They just happen to be 123 years old," said auctioneer Daniel Buck Soules, who worked for 11 years on public television's "Antiques Roadshow."

The jeans were purchased in 1893 by a store keeper in the Arizona Territory.

Solomon Warner established one of the first stores selling American goods in Tucson, and he survived being shot in an ambush by Apache Indians in 1870.

He was a big fella.

The cotton jeans with button fly feature a size 44 waist and 36-inch inseam.

Unlike modern Levi's, the jeans in those days had only a single back pocket. There were no belt loops; folks back then used suspenders. The denim was produced at a mill in New Hampshire, and the jeans were produced by Levi's in San Francisco.

Warner's jeans, which were stored for decades in a trunk, will be sold in the near future, Soules said Saturday evening.

Such jeans are valuable. A pair of 501 jeans manufactured in the 1880s sold for USD60,000 to a Japanese collector in 2005, Soules said, and another pair, from 1888, sold six months ago for six figures.

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ROOM 1

(2D) 2.30, 4.45, 9.30 pm

(3D) 7.15 pm

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Rachel McAdams

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 115min



INFERNO

ROOM 2

2.30, 4.45, 7.15, 9.30 pm

Director: Ron Howard

Starring: Tom Hanks, Felicity Jones, Irrfan Khan

Language: English (Cantonese)

Duration: 121min

TROLLS

ROOM 3

(2D) 2.15, 4.00, 7.30 pm

(3D) 5.45 pm

Director: Mike Mitchell, Walt Dohrn

Duration: 121min

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this day in history

2000 HILLARY CLINTON IS FIRST
FIRST LADY IN SENATE

Hillary Rodham Clinton, wife of the president, has won a seat for the Democrats in the Senate to become the only First Lady to win elective office in US history.

Votes are still being counted but exit polls show she has a clear majority over Republican rival Rick Lazio in the state of New York.

The Clinton family voted near their home in Chappaqua, north of the city, with the president telling reporters, "You can't put me down as 'undecided!'"

Mrs Clinton made her victory speech in Manhattan, flanked by husband Bill, her daughter Chelsea, outgoing Democrat Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan and incumbent senator Chuck Schumer. She told cheering supporters: "Today we voted as Democrats and Republicans, tomorrow we begin again as New Yorkers."

Mr Lazio only entered the race in May after charismatic New York mayor Rudolph Giuliani pulled out to fight prostate cancer.

During an acrimonious campaign he emphasized his strong connections to New York, while Hillary defied accusations she was a carpetbagger and appealed to Democrats in New York City, black, Hispanic, Jewish and women voters - and won through.

Mrs Clinton has also shown her tenacity in the face of the president's much publicized extra marital affairs.

In 1992, when Gennifer Flowers revealed that she had had an affair with him (which he admitted to only years later and then claimed it was confined to one encounter), she uttered the famous words on the CBS 60 Minutes program: "I'm not sitting here as some little woman standing by my man like Tammy Wynette. I'm sitting here because I love him."

She later had to apologize to the country singer Tammy Wynette who wrote and sang "Stand by Your Man" but was not the character in it - but Mrs Clinton had successfully made her point to the American public.

Then in January 1998 the story about the president's affair with White House intern Monica Lewinsky broke - which Bill Clinton strenuously denied.

Mrs Clinton was defiant once more, declaring in an interview with the NBC Today show that it was all inspired by "this vast right-wing conspiracy that has been conspiring against my husband since the day he announced for president".

She had a difficult moment later that year when her husband admitted to having had a relationship with Miss Lewinsky, and TV viewers watched them walking across the White House lawn - Chelsea between them - to the helicopter waiting to take them on holiday.

All that is in the past and now - as her husband prepares to leave office at the end of his second term - Hillary Clinton's supporters are even talking of her running for the top job herself.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

At a news conference the following day Hillary Clinton ruled herself out of the 2004 presidential election to serve her full term as New York senator.

Her husband left office in January 2001.

In her best-selling autobiography Living History published in 2003 Mrs Clinton said the two hardest decisions of her life were "to stay married to Bill and to run for the Senate from New York".

New York votes again in 2006, and Mrs Clinton is tipped for a landslide victory.

She is also one of the leading contenders to for the 2008 presidential elections.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19
Communication is everything, especially if you feel a project has gone awry. Don't be afraid to check in with staffers and refine the schedule during your off hours. Your coworkers may prove receptive to your suggestions.

Taurus April 20-May 20
Keep the upper hand and you're sure to come out ahead - just don't bow down in a power struggle with a coworker. Brown nosers are definitely not welcome here.

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21
Incremental changes will lead to improvements now, so don't rely on an upheaval to fix the situation. You'll have to take things more slowly if you want to get your coworkers on board.

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22
Make a solid offer, but don't promise more than you can deliver. The fate of a project or investment is in the hands of your customers or clients.

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22
You have too much going on right now, so keep your focus. Try a new approach to the same old routine - it'll help. If you're not careful, the tedium of day-to-day tasks will drain your energy.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22
No one will blame you for refusing to take on more than you can reasonably handle - if you're not supposed to go in today, then don't. It's fine to seek responsibility, but don't hesitate to delegate if you're feeling overwhelmed.

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22
Deadlines are less important than getting it right, especially when the bottom line is at stake. So if you need this day to decompress, do it. And don't skimp on the fine print, even if someone is breathing down your neck.

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21
Figure out an exciting way to get your point across. After all, people respond better when you take a creative approach. Even if you have to dig into your own pocket to make it happen, it'll be worth it in the end.

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21
Stick with your grueling schedule for now. Don't worry so much about what others are doing and avoid getting frustrated if you're shouldering more than your fair share. The extra hours will pay off soon.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19
Who knew things could go this smoothly? For once, everything seems to be going exactly as planned. Orders arrive on time, schedules are met, and everyone knows exactly what they need to do.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18
Don't be afraid to get specific. In fact, use your downtime to hone your pitch. Whether you're asking for a raise or pushing for a new assignment, the important thing is being clear about what you want.

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20
No one will fault you for being a smart negotiator, so don't trust offers that seem too good to be true. Ask the tough questions now, and you won't get stuck paying the price later.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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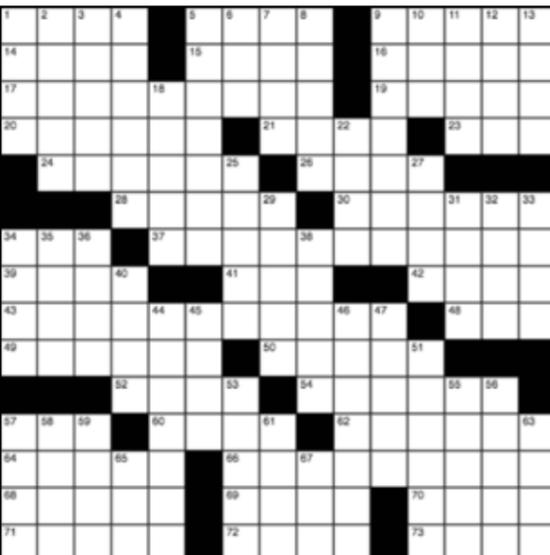
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ACROSS: 1- Move suddenly; 5- Struck, old-style; 9- Horselike African mammal; 14- Zeno of ...; 15- Feminine suffix; 16- Inventor Howe; 17- Frost personified; 19- Atty.-to-be exams; 20- More bohemian; 21- Tough trip; 23- Collector's goal; 24- Second day of the week; 26- Mary Kay competitor; 28- Arose; 30- Eluded; 34- Indignation; 37- Of necessity; 39- Bundle; 41- Crazy ...; 42- Racer Yarborough; 43- Needed to borrow books; 48- Sun. speech; 49- English Channel swimmer Gertrude; 50- They've got something coming; 52- German river; 54- Linger aimlessly; 57- Year abroad; 60- Warner ...; 62- Aztec god of rain; 64- Magna ...; 66- Decapitate; 68- Unit of heat; 69- Neutral color; 70- Like ... of bricks; 71- Snap course; 72- Western Indians; 73- Goldfinger portrayer Frobe;

DOWN: 1- ... vu; 2- Waker; 3- Right-hand page; 4- Captivating; 5- Notched; 6- 6, on a phone; 7- Part of MIT; 8- Aquarium fish; 9- Tree resembling the elm; 10- Windy City trains; 11- Prejudice; 12- Appraise; 13- Kind of prof.; 18- Ate; 22- Nights before; 25- Disgusting; 27- Pusher pursuer; 29- Fuzzy fruit; 31- Buenos ...; 32- Fashion magazine; 33- Textile worker; 34- Adjective-forming suffix; 35- Sudden assault; 36- Hamburg's river; 38- Madame de ...; 40- Slips; 44- Montgomery's state; 45- Bring up; 46- Very funny; 47- Hand tool; 51- "Hogan's Heroes" setting; 53- Cowboy display; 55- Fill with joy; 56- Chopper topper; 57- Entr' ...; 58- Okinawa port; 59- Mine finds; 61- Faction of a group, often religious; 63- 1/100 of a monetary unit; 65- Attempt, a score in rugby; 67- ...-Magnon man



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BOXING

Pacquiao wins lopsided decision with Mayweather watching

Tim Dahlberg, Las Vegas

FLOYD Mayweather Jr. stopped by to see an old foe, and Manny Pacquiao tried his best to give him a show. With Mayweather watching intently from a ringside seat, Pacquiao dropped Jessie Vargas in the second round and bloodied his face Saturday night on his way to a lopsided decision that gave him a piece of the welterweight title once again.

Pacquiao won on all three ringside scorecards — 118-109, 118-109, 114-113 — to take the piece of the title Vargas won in his last fight. The AP scored it 119-109 for Pacquiao.

“Not bad,” Mayweather said, giving Pacquiao a thumbs up after the fight.

It was vintage Pacquiao at times, even though he couldn't stop Vargas like he desperately wanted to. And with Mayweather at ringside it certainly will stir talk of a second fight between the boxers who went at it last year in the richest fight ever.

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That, of course, would depend on Mayweather coming out of retirement and Pacquiao being able to fight while still attending to his duties as a senator in the Philippines. Mayweather did not answer questions about a possible return to the ring shouted at him by writers at ringside.

“I invited him to be here tonight,” Pacquiao said, saying “we'll see” when asked if the two could meet again.

Pacquiao pressed the fight from the opening bell, trying to score a knockdown. He looked as if he would when he caught Vargas with a straight left that put him on the canvas, but Vargas got up quick and fought the distance.

“I feel I could do more but every round I tried to knock him out,” Pacquiao said.



Manny Pacquiao, right, of the Philippines, hits Jessie Vargas during their WBO welterweight title boxing match

Just before the bell rang to start the fight, Pacquiao smiled and waved a fist at Mayweather. He clearly wanted to impress Mayweather, who won their first fight easily.

But Pacquiao, who has not knocked out an opponent in seven years, wasn't going to stop the younger Vargas in his hometown. Vargas had difficulty dealing with Pacquiao's speed, but was more than willing to trade punches to try and lure him into a

brawl.

In the eighth round he succeeded at doing that, hitting Pacquiao with a big right and punching his gloves together as if to tell him to stand and fight. Pacquiao went right back after him and they traded punches before staring at each other when the bell sounded to end the round.

“Fighting Manny Pacquiao is like playing a very fast game of chess,” Vargas said. “You have to be alert at all times, there

are a lot of punches coming in. He was very fast and he was very sharp.”

Vargas was cut over the right eye by an accidental clash of heads in the eighth, and blood trickled into his eye but it didn't seem to be a factor.

The taller Vargas landed some good right hands of his own, but they were infrequent and he rarely followed up on them. Still, they were enough to keep Pacquiao away at times and offset some of his ad-

vantage with speed.

“I didn't want to be careless,” Pacquiao said. “I was very careful to go inside because I know he will counter me.”

Pacquiao was credited with landing 147 of 409 punches to 104 of 562 for Vargas. Pacquiao also was given a 101-70 advantage in power punches.

Mayweather took a ringside seat alongside his daughter to watch the man who helped make him untold millions when they fought in 2015. Mayweather won that fight, and Pacquiao's performance was largely panned, though he claimed to have an injured shoulder.

Pacquiao, fighting in his 22nd title fight in a pro career that stretches back to 1995, trained at night in the Philippines in the weeks leading up to the fight so he could tend to his day job as a newly elected senator. With the senate out of session, he was back in a more familiar place, with a crowd of some 16,132 nearly filling the UNLV campus arena to watch him take on Vargas, who was in only his second title bout.

Pacquiao, who earned a reported USD100 million to fight Mayweather in the richest fight ever, was guaranteed \$4 million plus a percentage of the revenue of the fight. Vargas got \$2.8 million.

Pacquiao improved to 59-6-2, while Vargas fell to 27-2. **AP**

Shiming, Magdaleno win titles

TWO-TIME Olympic gold medalist Zou Shiming of China won his first professional flyweight title Saturday night, taking a lopsided 12-round decision over Thailand's Prasitak Phaprom.

Zou knocked down Phaprom in the second round and dominated the entire fight in a rematch of their bout two years ago in Macau. He won every round on two of the ringside scorecards, and all but one round on the third.

The fight for the WBO's vacant 112-pound title was one of three title fights on the undercard of Manny Pacquiao's fight with Jessie Vargas.

Zou, who won gold medals in 2008 and 2012, was fighting for only the 10th time as a pro. He improved his record to 9-1, with the only loss coming last year in his only previous title fight.

“Now my dream is finally complete,” Zou said. “I'm a pro champion, an Olympic champion and now I'm a world champion.”

Zou was in such command of the fight that he began showing off in the middle rounds, much to the delight of the

crowd. But Phaprom never gave up, and Zou did not have the power to put him down.

There were two other title fights on the undercard, with Jessie Magdaleno taking the 122-pound crown held by Nonito Donaire, and Oscar Valdez of Mexico stopped Japan's Hiroshige Osawa to retain his WBO featherweight title.

Magdaleno, a hometown favorite, threw more punches and landed more than Donaire in taking a unanimous 12-round decision for the WBO version of the super batamweight title. He controlled most of the early rounds, but Donaire came on strong in the final rounds, landing a number of hard rights to the head.

Magdaleno, who had never gone past the eighth round in winning his first 23 fights, leaped on the ropes in the corner with his arms raised in victory as the fight ended.

“I worked so hard for this,” Magdaleno said. “I don't have words to describe it.”



Zou Shiming (right) of China, punches Prasitak Phaprom, of Thailand, during their WBO flyweight title boxing match

Two judges scored the bout 116-112, while the third had Magdaleno ahead 118-110.

“I thought I got control of the second half of the fight,” said Donaire, who fell to 37-4. “Losing never crossed my mind.”

Valdez was simply too strong for Osawa, dropping him in the fourth round with a left hook and consistently landing hard punches to the head. He finally stopped Osawa with a flurry of punches in the seventh round.

Valdez moved to 22-0 with 19 knockouts, while Osawa fell to 30-4-4. **AP**

opinion

World Views

Michael Schuman, Bloomberg

JAPAN MAY BE TOO SCARED OF FAILURE TO SUCCEED

Of all of the scary economic data that routinely streams out of Japan, this statistic should terrify you: USD800 million. That's the total value of venture capital deals completed in Japan in 2015, according to accounting firm Ernst & Young. Compare that to \$72 billion in the U.S. and \$49 billion in China. Even tiny Israel managed \$2.6 billion in deals.

It's a staggeringly small figure, and one that explains a great deal about why the world's third-largest economy continues to struggle, no matter how much cash the central bank pours into it. Too few Japanese are starting new companies.

The reasons for their reluctance are many and complex. For one thing, Japanese seem to be more risk-averse than their peers in other countries. In a 2014 report from the Global Entrepreneurship Monitor, less than one in three working-age adults in Japan considered starting a company a smart career choice - the second-lowest proportion in the study. That sentiment grows out of a conformist culture that puts a premium on stability and success. Fifty-five percent of potential Japanese entrepreneurs admitted in the same survey that they were afraid of failure, the second-highest rate among the countries studied.

Nor do Japanese youngsters get enough experience outside the Japanese system, which could stir their entrepreneurial instincts. According to the Institute of International Education, Japanese account for a measly 2% of all foreign students enrolled in U.S. universities, behind not only China and South Korea, but Brazil, Saudi Arabia and Taiwan. Worse, the ratio has been falling.

Outdated business practices pose additional hurdles. Banks remain overly fixated on receiving collateral for loans - something most start-ups don't have. Japan's fussy bureaucrats make life particularly difficult for entrepreneurs. According to the World Bank's Doing Business study, Japan ranks a dismal 89th in the ease of starting a company, behind such paragons of efficiency as Afghanistan and Burkina Faso.

The government and financial sector tend to protect established firms. Japan has a long and sad history of keeping inefficient "zombie" companies alive with continued financial support and other measures, diverting resources from potentially more productive investments. Research firm Capital Economics figures that the level of government debt guarantees, relative to the size of the economy, is far higher in Japan than in other advanced economies.

What all this means is that Japan doesn't undergo the "creative destruction" necessary to infuse fresh blood into the economy. The Global Entrepreneurship Monitor reveals that a mere 3.8% of Japan's working-age population is starting a new enterprise or running a company no more than three-and-a-half years old - the lowest ratio among the countries studied, except for Suriname. By comparison, the rate in the U.S. is 13.8%. The vast majority of Japanese work in older firms.

Unfortunately, unlike wine, companies don't necessarily get better with age. A 2014 study by the OECD figured that young firms contribute more to job creation than older ones. Examining all these factors in an August report, Capital Economics concluded that Japan's "productivity growth is unlikely to be strong enough in coming years to close the gap with the world's most productive economies."

Japanese policymakers can start fixing this problem by streamlining regulation to make it easier to start companies and opening coddled sectors to more competition to spur entrepreneurs. In that regard, the (now troubled) Trans-Pacific Partnership could help.

An overhaul of Japan's archaic schools would also be a good idea. William Saito, an entrepreneur who encourages young Japanese to follow in his footsteps, has made the case that an exam-obsessed, competition-inducing education system renders Japanese less able to cooperate collegially in teams, a critical factor in any thriving start-up culture.

Japan's entrepreneur gap gets at a much larger problem. The BOJ can try its utmost to stimulate growth and inflation, but unless inventive, aggressive companies are around to pick up that cheap cash and do something productive with it, policymakers will never be able to jumpstart the economy. The lesson is simple. Before embarking on wild experiments in economic management, get the basics of business right first.

THE BUZZ IC UNVEILS NEW CULTURAL HERITAGE WEBSITE

The Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) has launched a new cultural heritage website yesterday. This new site is based on a user-friendly design concept, focusing on the release of cultural heritage's information and activities, hoping to build an online communication bridge for enhancing the public's awareness of the protection of the region's heritage.

The new website (www.culturalheritage.mo) will replace the Macau heritage webpage (www.macauheritage.net), becoming a platform for the release and update of IC's information on cultural heritage. The site covers classified immovable

heritage and intangible cultural heritage, offering not only daily news but also the relative legislation, guidelines and public consultation information, among others. Likewise, the "Macau World Heritage" page (www.wh.mo) has also been replaced with a new version, keeping its URL unchanged and its primary functions are to release news related to the world-heritage classified "Historic Centre of Macao" and promoting education about the historic center.

Both above-mentioned sites are available in traditional Chinese, simplified Chinese, Portuguese and English.

Pitt seeks joint custody in divorce from Jolie

Anthony McCartney, Los Angeles

BRAD Pitt is asking a judge to grant him joint custody of his six children in his split from Angelina Jolie Pitt, according to a divorce filing Friday.

The actor's request was included in his response to Jolie Pitt's Sept. 20 petition to end their two-year marriage. The actress sought sole physical custody of their six children, who range in age from 8 to 15.

Custody has been the major issue in the breakup so far, with authorities investigating Pitt over what happened during a dispute on a private flight with his family in mid-September. The couple reached a temporary custody agreement that allowed the actor to visit his children while the investigation by a child welfare agency in Los Angeles is ongoing.

The outcome of the investigation could impact how a judge determines custody arrangements, although courts in California generally favor awarding joint custody. The actors could also reach a private agreement that would not involve a public custody fight in court.

Pitt's filing does not include



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any new details about the couple's breakup. Pitt cited irreconcilable differences and makes no mention of a prenuptial agreement that will govern how the pair divides their assets. He also cites Sept. 15 as the day of their separation, one day after the alleged plane altercation between Pitt and his 15-year-old son, Maddox.

Pitt was accused of being abusive toward the teenager, sources told AP, but authorities were not notified when the plane landed in Minnesota.

The actors were together for 12 years after becoming close while filming 2005's "Mr. & Mrs. Smith."

As one of Hollywood's elite power couples, the actors transformed the flurry of headlines into a force for good.

They adopted children

from Cambodia, Vietnam and Ethiopia. In 2006, they formed the Jolie-Pitt Foundation, to which they funneled many of the millions they made selling personal pictures to celebrity magazines.

Jolie Pitt, who became special envoy for the United Nations in 2012, became an outspoken voice for refugees, as well as for breast cancer treatment after undergoing a double mastectomy herself. Pitt built homes in New Orleans for victims of Hurricane Katrina.

The pair recently sold a home they purchased in New Orleans' French Quarter for USD4.9 million. Their only other on-screen role together is in 2015's "By the Sea," about a troubled American couple vacationing in France.

Pitt skipped the Sept. 28 premiere of the Terrence Malick's new documentary "Voyage of Time: The IMAX Experience," which he narrated. He stars with Marion Cotillard in Robert Zemeckis' upcoming spy thriller "Allied."

Jolie Pitt earlier this year finished shooting her fourth feature as director, "First They Killed My Father." The film, about the 1970s Khmer Rouge regime, was shot in Cambodia. AP

THE DECISIVE MOMENT

Xinhua/Niu Yixin



This photo taken yesterday shows skyscrapers shrouded by cloud and mist in Shanghai.

Station	Air quality
Roadside	40-60 Moderate
High Density Residential Area	60-80 Moderate
Ambient	65-95 Moderate

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WORLD BRIEFS



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AFGHANISTAN Fighters loyal to al-Qaida have taken on a more active supporting role for the Taliban during the current offensive in Afghanistan while the position of the Islamic State extremist group in the country "has distinctly weakened," U.N. experts said in a report circulated Friday.

SYRIA Kurdish-led Syrian forces backed by the U.S. said they have begun a military campaign to liberate the Islamic State group's de facto capital of Raqqa, urging civilians to avoid "enemy gatherings" in the Syrian city.

US The Treasury Department has issued new rules to close off North Korea's access to the U.S. financial system as part of an effort to starve it of revenues for its nuclear and missile programs.



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FRANCE After such a long wait, reaching the summit of men's tennis was an anticlimax for Andy Murray. Without playing a point, the Scot ended a seven-year wait to secure the world No. 1 spot when he advanced to the Paris Masters final after Milos Raonic withdrew from their semifinal on Saturday.

MONTENEGRO says an investigation has shown that Russian nationalists were behind an alleged coup attempt on election day because of the government's bid to join NATO. Chief Special Prosecutor Milivoje Katnic said yesterday that the investigation leads to the conclusion that "nationalists from Russia" organized a criminal group that planned to break into Parliament and cause violence in the tiny Balkan country.