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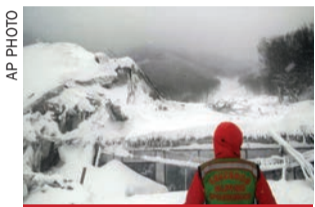
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PHILIPPINES State negotiators and communist guerrillas are set to resume peace talks in Rome with the Maoist insurgents warning that alleged government violations of an accord on human rights may prompt them to end a months-long ceasefire.

INDONESIA A former Reuters war correspondent on trial in Indonesia on charges of possessing hashish faces up to four years in prison, a prosecutor said yesterday. David Fox, a British national, was arrested Oct. 8 along with Australian Giuseppe Serafino on the tourist island of Bali.



SOUTH KOREA A Seoul court denied a request to arrest one of South Korea's most powerful men, the heir to the Samsung Electronics juggernaut, in a setback to prosecutors investigating an influence-peddling scandal that toppled South Korea's president.

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UM scholar: Global diplomacy on precipice of radical transformation



Donald Trump

Daniel Beitler

THE triangular relationship between China, Russia and the U.S. is poised for a radical transformation on a scale not seen since the Cold War, speculated a scholar at the University of Macau (UM) in an interview with the Times this week.

The transformation will be the result of fundamental policy shifts initiated by President-elect Donald Trump that are likely to redefine the basis of U.S. relations with both Russia and China.

Trump is expected to be inaugurated as U.S. president tomorrow (Macau time).

While it remains unclear which, if any, of his campaign pledges will be implemented in the coming years, Trump's rhetoric since his election victory in November has signaled both worsening

relations with China and an improvement with fellow 'strongman' Russian President Vladimir Putin.

The three countries top the list of the world's most powerful and influential, and the triangular relationship between them has the potential to define the course of global diplomacy for decades.

Michael Share, a UM scholar specializing in Russian-Chinese relations, told the Times that the change in diplomatic policy reflects a departure from the globalist thinking of recent presidents and a return to 19th-century geopolitical concepts such as economic protectionism, spheres of influence and the balance of power.

Share said such a radical recalibration has not been seen since Nixon's 1972 state visit to China.

The 1972 visit irrevocably damaged the Sino-Soviet relationship and ushered in a new era of U.S.-China cooperation after Chinese leader Mao Zedong opted to distance his country from its former benefactor. A similar choice could be presented before the Russian president in 2017.

"Better relations with Russia and worse relations with China [...] could put Putin into a very difficult situation as he might be forced to choose between [China and the U.S.]," Share told the Times. Either way "Russia will continue to play a stronger role in U.S.-China relations."

The scope for conflict in Sino-U.S. relations has widened since Trump was confirmed as President-elect last year.

Trump's threat to escalate trade tensions through the

application of tariffs on Chinese goods and to rule out the axiom of the "One China" policy has invited Beijing to respond in kind; warning of economic retaliation and the possibility of reclaiming the island-state of Taiwan by force if necessary.

Representatives from Trump's team have claimed that they are confident the U.S. would come out on top in a trade war with China. However, during Beijing's charm offensive in Davos this week, Chinese President Xi Jinping said that there could be no winners in a trade war.

While it is somewhat a sign of the times that in 2017 it would fall to the 'socialist' giant of China to school the 'capitalist' West in the merits of free trade and the dangers of protectionism, Xi's courting this week represents a view ultimately shared by others.

Share said that not only could there be no winners in a China-U.S. trade war, but that the two countries' economic interdependence would put the health of the entire global economy at risk, and would likely plunge it into an economic recession.

"Trump is considering placing tariffs on Chinese goods [of] up to 50 percent, which the Chinese say violates WTO and bilateral trade terms. In return, China would reciprocate, but both sides would lose out so badly that the whole world would go into [economic] depression," he said.

The problem of Taiwan represents an even thornier issue in Beijing's side, one that Share believes holds the key to the legitimacy of the Chinese regime.

"China will consider recovering Taiwan by force, because [the issue] is fundamental to China. If the regime loses [Taiwan], then it loses its legitimacy," he said.

Moreover, a failure to peacefully reunite Taiwan with the mainland might discredit Deng Xiaoping's "One Country, Two Systems" policy that had been subsequently extended to Macau and Hong Kong in their respective Joint Declarations with Portugal and Britain.

"If China goes into Taiwan, there will be a war and there will be nothing left of Taiwan. [...] If Taiwan goes south, Hong Kong and Macau will also go south," predicted Share.

In yet another indication of history repeating itself, the UM scholar discussed rumors of a Trump-Putin meeting to be scheduled shortly after Trump's inauguration.

"When he becomes president, it is thought that Trump will host a summit with Putin. Rumor is that it will be held in Reykjavik and that it will involve a significant reduction in nuclear weapons in return for a lifting of sanctions."

The summit, if confirmed, would be reminiscent of one held in the Icelandic capital in 1986 between U.S. President Ronald Reagan and Soviet Premier Mikhail Gorbachev, in a failed attempt to mutually reduce nuclear stockpiles.

As of 2014, there remain an estimated 15,000 nuclear warheads between the stockpiles of the U.S. and Russia, with each commanding far more than the rest of the world's nuclear powers combined.

19TH CENTURY PRINCIPLES

MICHAEL SHARE told the Times that the incoming U.S. president was threatening to return the world's largest economy to principles founded centuries before he was born, namely 'spheres of influence' and the 'balance of power'. The balance of power refers to an attempt by states to sign alliances and agreements with the aim of preventing the domination of any

one power. Spheres of influence denote geographic areas comprising minor powers and regional powers that fall under the protection or interest of more powerful patrons. "Xi, Putin, Trump are all strongmen, while Europe is divided and weak," said Share, which means the rules of global diplomacy might be left up to China, Russia and the U.S. to decide.

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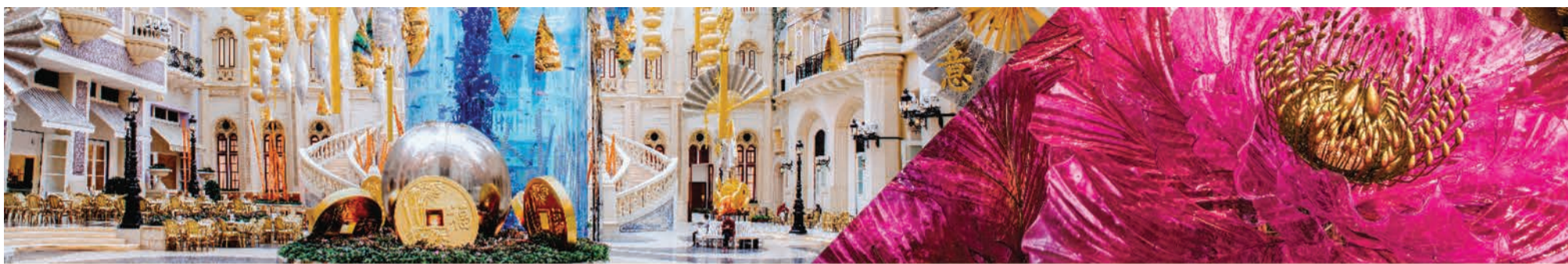
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GASTRONOMY JOURNEY

MGM MACAU RESTAURANTS LAUNCH LUNAR NEW YEAR PROMOTIONS



Wok fried long clams, prawns with lily bubs and honey bean, is plated with the fried savory puddings, which are decorated as a golden firecracker. It is a Cantonese classic cuisine from the late Qing Dynasty.



Crispy fried dumplings with crabmeat, dace fish, bean curd and black mushrooms, shaped as the edible new year red envelopes.

Starting this month, three restaurants at the MGM MACAU will offer Lunar New Year F&B promotions, featuring an array of traditional Chinese delicacies and fusion desserts.

Imperial Court's Executive Chinese Chef Louie Vong and Celebrity Chef Chow Chung have crafted

an a la carte menu with New Year staples that symbolize prosperity and fortune. The 'oven-baked Patagonian 51-tooth fish with egg white and conpoy', a highlight of the seasonal menu, uses sustainably sourced ingredients and is marinated with homemade sauce. Other festive offerings in-

clude dim sum, 'braised Hokkaido sea cucumber with scallions' and 'steamed fish meat and shrimp dumplings and crispy fried dumplings with crabmeat, dace fish, bean curd and black mushrooms' shaped like red packets for good luck.

Imperial Court will also introduce two Lunar New Year set menus with eleven and eight dishes, respectively; both numbers symbolize wealth and well-wishes in Chinese culture. Featured on both menus is the Qing Dynasty Cantonese classic 'wok-fried long clams and prawns with lily bubs and honey bean', plated with fried pudding and shaped like a golden firecracker. The sets also include 'braised egg noodles with shredded roast goose, ginger and spring onions', which traditionally represent longevity.

Diners can wash down these main courses with desserts from Pastry Bar, which fuse East and West in an array of New Year confectionery. Desserts on offer include the 'Lucky Orange', an orange-mango mousse with green tea sponge cake and sliced mango; 'Fok', an oolong tea mousse with chocolate

ganache chiffon sponge, modeled on traditional 'fai chun' banners; and 'Gold', a strawberry milk pudding tart shaped like a gold ingot.

Pastry Bar and Grande Praça Café are also offering a Lunar New Year Afternoon Tea Set of sweet and savory snacks, such as beetroot toast with horseradish butter and smoked salmon, chestnut macarons and berry choux. The festive tea set comes with traditional New Year Pudding and deep-fried mince pork dumplings.

Imperial Court's Lunar New Year set menus launch on January 23. They will be priced at MOP11,880 for a table of 12 persons and at MOP880 per individual, respectively. Standard a la carte and dim sum menus will be available from January 28.

Imperial Court's promotions end February 6, while Pastry Bar and Grande Praça Café's end February 11.

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Pastry Bar and Grande Praça Café offer a festive Lunar New Year Afternoon Tea Set for gathering with friends and family during the holiday.



MGM ANNOUNCES CHINESE NEW YEAR SPA PACKAGE

For those feeling tense about the upcoming festivities, MGM's Chinese New Year spa promotion promises to restore inner balance through a session of deep relaxation.

The two-hour package begins with 60-minute in a SoSound Lounger – a massage chair that emits harmonic frequencies and

plays music through attached headphones – accompanied by a Chinese foot massage.

Customers can choose an hour-long tuina or Signature Wellness Massage to conclude the session.

The package costs MOP1,688 per person and comes with a free Tria Red Packet worth MOP288,

which can be used to redeem any Tria retail item. Customers can also enjoy a 30-minute cupping treatment for an additional MOP250.

The promotion is valid until January 31. Prices are subject to 10% service charge and 5% government tax. Terms and conditions apply.





Rui Martins awarded in Tokyo

Rui Martins, vice rector (research) of the University of Macau (UM) and director of the UM State Key Laboratory of Analog and Mixed-Signal VLSI (AMS-VLSI Lab), received the Outstanding Service Award from the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) Council on Electronic and Design Automation, at the 22nd IEEE/ACM Asia and South Pacific Design Automation Conference (ASP-DAC). Held this week in Tokyo, Japan, the ASP-DAC attracted 233 registered participants from 19 countries and regions, amongst whom 214 were from academia and 19 were from related industries.

ANM calls MP to investigate Sonia Chan

Five members of the New Macau Association (ANM) visited the Public Prosecution Office (MP) to file a report against the current Secretary for Administration and Justice, Sonia Chan, and former Secretary Florinda da Rosa Silva Chan. The group, which included ANM vice president Sou Ka Hou and president Scott Chiang, urged the MP to investigate both Chans, following accusations that they had inappropriately recommended their relatives to work at the MP. Sou believes that inappropriate recommendations to government positions occur across all levels of government, with this situation being particularly egregious. Sonia Chan has already pledged to cooperate with the Commission Against Corruption (CCAC) regarding the accusations.

TOURISM

First session of Macau's Application Committee held

IN a session presided over by Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture Alexis Tam, the "Application of Macau, China for the UNESCO Creative Cities Network Committee" (Macau's Application Committee) conducted its first plenary meeting yesterday at the Tourism Activities Center.

According to a statement issued by the Macau Government Tourism Office (MGTO), those at the meeting discussed the status of the application, as well as the specific direction it should take.

During the meeting, Secretary Tam said it is one of the MSAR Government's major endeavors this year to file Macau's application for membership of the UNESCO Creative Cities Network.

If successful, Macau will become a member of the UNESCO Creative Cities Network in the field of gastronomy, earning the title "City



Aspect of the plenary meeting

of Gastronomy."

This will gain significant international recognition for Macau, noted the MGTO statement, "which will have far-reaching significance and give a powerful impetus to Macau's transformation into a World Center of Tourism and Leisure as well as adequate diversification and sustainable development of Macau's economy."

In the meeting, MGTO presented an introduction of the UNESCO Creative Cities Network and reported on pre-

parations it has completed, including the establishment of the Application of Macau, China for the UNESCO Creative Cities Network Committee last year.

The Office also organized the first Working Group explanation session, reported on the progress of application documents, visited and attended international events, as well as organized last November's "International Gastronomy Forum, Macau 2016".

This year, the Office will

make more efforts to prepare application documents, develop a thematic website and produce a feature video on gastronomy.

Macau's Application Committee also discussed the specific direction and policies of Macau's application, including Macau's plans for future development and its possible contributions to the UNESCO Creative Cities Network.

The committee also discussed the allocation of roles and job duties to various members of the Working Group, so as to make better progress in the application process.

The meeting was attended by MGTO director Helena de Senna Fernandes and other Committee members; including President of Management Committee of Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau, José Tavares, the President of Cultural Affairs Bureau, Ung Vai Meng, and President of the Institute for Tourism Studies (IFT), Fanny Vong.

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School principals ask for more sports fields

THE principals of nine non-tertiary schools, including the Escola Choi Nong Chi Tai, the Workers' Children High School, the Escola Secundária Técnico-Profissional da Associação Geral dos Operários de Macau, the Escola Hoi Fai, and the Fong Chong Taipa, met yesterday with Chief Executive (CE) Chui Sai On at the government headquarters. The meeting was also attended by lawmakers Lei Cheng I and Lam Hong Sam.

Vong Kuoc Leng, president of Escola Choi Nong Chi Tai, told the media after the meeting with Chui that the group mainly expressed their common appeals to the CE, with particular regards to local schools' lack of space for both teaching and sporting activities.

The group expects the government to build sports facilities on top of the Lin Fong Sports Centre. They look forward to the authority using some



available spaces for the construction of teaching buildings for schools in need, so as "to allow schools with fewer spaces to be improved."

Vong claimed that the CE also gave them feedback on the governmental reclamation of land plots, which the top official says will then be considered for repurposing, including areas to aid local schools.

Lam Lon Wai, the vice president of the Workers' Children High School, said they brought to the meeting more than 6,000 letters, and more than 8,000 signatures from paren-

ts, informing the CE about the aforementioned circumstances.

Lam recalled that, in specific areas in the northern region of the Macau Peninsula, 85 percent of the population consists of youth and newly established families.

Lam said that as the population keeps growing, the "Macau Canidrome, at this moment, is relatively suitable as a location to ease the northern region's land problems." According to Lam, they mentioned this to the CE, who considered the matter to be of utmost importance.

The group hopes that, besides looking for professional companies to design the city's retaken lands, the government can also take note of the opinions of residents who live in the northern regions during the consultation period.

"The government is encouraging students to do more sports and exercise, [...] however, it is difficult for the school to achieve that because spaces are scarce," explained lawmaker Lei Cheng I.

Lei, followed by the two principals, said that they also hope that the government, in its long-term planning, can help schools to solve the problem of space shortages.

The group expects the Blue Sky project to be concluded as soon as possible.

The "Blue Sky" project aimed to relocate 15 school institutions to better facilities in 15 to 20 years. Currently, only four schools have accomplished this goal, as written in the letter the principals delivered to Chui. **JZ**



IFT holds Career Day 2017

The Institute for Tourism Studies (IFT) held its Career Day 2017 this week at the Institute's Taipa campus. The event aims to provide more information on employment trends and graduate prospects in the tourism and hospitality industry. Twenty-two tourism and services organizations, with a combined 600 job vacancies, joined the event. Representatives introduced positions available in their companies and arranged on-site interviews for graduating students, according to a statement from the IFT. The statement referenced a recent graduates' employment survey of 2015/16 graduates, conducted around six months after their graduation. According to the survey results, slightly over 80 percent of the degree program graduates were employed at that time, with about 78 percent of that group employed in the tourism and hospitality sector.

Three Lamps building dropped from protection list

A three-storey building on Rua da Barca was removed from a list of heritage sites to be protected by the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC). During a press conference called by the Executive Council, Leong Wai Man, head of the IC's Cultural Heritage Department said that the decision was taken following several public consultations on the list, which included around 70 buildings. "The opinions we received over this building were so different from the rest of the sites," Leong cited, explaining that those opinions were "divided" and the owner "expressed strong opposition" to preserving the building. "During our consultation with the Cultural Heritage Committee, the members were unanimously in favour of protecting the other nine sites, but opposed this one 13 to three," the IC department head said, cited by TDM.

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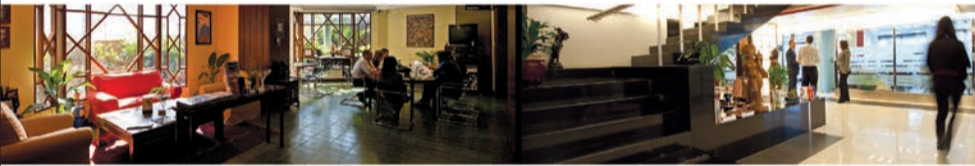
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IN a week packed with hearings from witnesses testifying in the case of the former Public Prosecutions Office (MP) Prosecutor-General, Ho Chio Meng, yesterday's session was the third of its kind, once again exclusively devoted to the hearing of a single witness. This time it was Wu Kit I, the current Deputy Chief of the Office of the Prosecutor.

Wu, a witness listed by both the prosecution and the defense, was at the stand mostly to reply to questions from the prosecution related to the several accusations made against Ho.

The highlights yesterday morning were the references to the Teachers' Resting Room, located on the 16th floor of the Hotline Center, as well as the microfilming works assigned to one of the companies owned by Wong Kuok Wai.

In fact, Wu started by explaining that she had discovered the venue where illegal acts are said to have occurred purely out of her own curiosity. This led her to discover the so-called "Teachers' Resting Room."

Wu stated that she was suspicious about a report from Chan Ka Fai that was a proposal to hire one of Wong's companies to complete a job, as he had stated that the works being undertaken by MP staff were taking too long.

As Wu said, her suspicious led her to the 16th floor of the Hotline Center where she learned from the security guard that Lam frequently visited that area.

If that wasn't suspicious enough, when checking the rental contracts of the floor, Wu said she found that of the ten units rented by the MP from five owners; two of them staff members of the MP.

Scrutiny of the other contracts led Wu on a trail of Wong's companies. She mentioned, "three of them had the same address [located on the same floor] and even the same contact person and phone number, to which the MP was paying bills in the sum of about 1 million patacas a month."

Wu also said that she was able to open the door to the "Teachers' Resting Room" without possession of the keys. That finding led her to inform the current Prosecutor General Ip Son Sang of the situation.

Describing the location in great detail, including the size, materials, areas and qualities of the items found, Wu continued to explain what she saw there. Wu said she found what she insisted to be a "dining table" although acknowledged that on its surface was only stationary, a calendar, a calculator and a stapler.

The detailed descriptions of Wu were specifically noted in yesterday's session since on

Witness claims to have found secret 'vice room'



Ho Chio Meng

previous occasions other witnesses had demonstrated a lack of memory.

According to Wu, while she continued to explore the area in the company of Ip, Ho suddenly arrived and claimed that all "these things belong to me" and said that he would remove the pieces from that place.

More findings were unearthed after Ip took office and, while planning to move his office location into the former Teachers' Resting Room, found some "secret doors" that gave access to "secret bedrooms" and the sauna room mentioned in previous sessions of the trial.

During Wu's explanation of her findings, Ho suddenly broke silence, disrupting the testimony of the witness by protesting the wording used by Wu in referring to the spaces, namely, "corruption or vice."

The presiding judge then intervened and warned the defendant about such behavior.

The witness had initially seemed very clear on every detail when answering questions from the prosecution. However, when questioned by the defense lawyers on some of those certainties, she changed her tone to "I'm not sure" and then, "I think it was..."

Eventually she even acknowledged that all the photos "I took" were in fact not taken by Wu, but from the Office head Tam Peng Tong and that the supposed talk with the security

guard that led her on the trail of the Teachers' Resting Room also never happened.

Answering the questions of the defendant's lawyer, Wu was unable to explain how she managed to enter the space without keys and, as she remarked, "without breaking the entrance."

"I just moved the handle a little and then it opened," she said, however also acknowledged: "I can't say it was easy, I can only say that I could open it without the keys."

To the question of Ho's lawyer, "Why didn't you just ask for the keys?" Wu replied, "I don't know!"

Then, in an afternoon dedicated mostly to an exhaustive review of photos and items found in the Accommodation Villa of Cheoc Van, the Prosecution tried to prove that Ho had made a personal profit for some 13 years by leasing a space that never served to lodge any foreign delegation or MP guests.

The witness also remarked that, over that long rental period, the MP had spent over MOP3 million in renovation and decoration works for the Villa on 25 separate occasions.

In the final part of her testimony, Wu explained how she had discovered several "illegalities" and unnecessary expenses managed by the MP under the helm of Ho, namely in the prices of 24 contracts with Wong Kuok Wai and Mak Im Tai com-

panies that, according to the witness, went down at least 30 percent "after the MP started to attribute the jobs in a proper manner."

"In some contracts the difference is as much as fourfold cheaper," Wu said giving the example of the fire prevention service contract.

The session ended in a heated manner with some unusual problems between the witness and the defendant's lawyers. Presiding judge Sam Hou Fai intervened to state that the defense is not following the rules and that is why they have been prohibited from asking questions.

On their side, the defense lawyers protested about the "time monopoly" given to the MP while they have been cut short after only two or three questions.

As has become customary, the session did not close before Ho once again took the chance to reply to the testimony presented.

This time he accused the current management of the MP of having selected for another tender a company that Ho claims also employs relatives of MP staff. He said that he had received a report days before his detention. The prosecution replied that Ho must prove what he claims.

The trial will resume today to continue to hear more witnesses listed by the prosecution.

Forum Macau appoints deputy secretary-general

The Chinese Ministry of Commerce has appointed Ding Tian as the new deputy Secretary-General of the Permanent Secretariat of the Forum for Economic and Trade Co-operation between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries (Forum Macau). Ding, who previously served in the Department of Foreign Assistance of the Chinese Ministry, was announced as the new DSC in a statement released by Forum Macau. Ding is said to be fluent in Portuguese, has worked in Cape Verde, Brazil and in East Timor, and possesses a deep knowledge of the Portuguese-speaking countries, as well as extensive experience in economic and trade-related matters.

Guangdong records 11 H7N9 carriers

Guangdong Health and Family Planning Commission announced on Wednesday that the province had found 11 carriers of the H7N9 virus. Two have passed away. Three cases were found in Foshan, two in Guangzhou, and one each in Zhongshan, Zhaoqing, Meizhou, Dongguan, Qingyuan and Shunde. On average, the carriers are 52 years old, with the oldest being 84 years old. An expert from the department says that Guangdong has begun the season with the highest rate of occurrence of the H7N9 virus, and predicted that the number of cases this year will be higher than the last. However, the expert said the situation in Guangdong is under control.

Cosmetic industry awaits licensing system

The Macau Beauty Industry Business Association celebrated its inauguration ceremony on Wednesday, according to a report by TDM. The Association says that Macau's cosmetic industry needs surviving space, and suggests that the government establish a dedicated department to support the industry. The Association president has recommended the implementation of a cosmetic professional examination system that would allow people from outside the medical industry to apply for licenses to operate simple cosmetic equipment. The president hopes that the government can grant the industry more recognition and assistance so that its professionals can improve their skills.

REAL ESTATE MATTERS

The Challenges Of Getting Around In Macau - Part 2

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Despite all of the parking issues mentioned in last weeks article, who can blame a person for buying a car in Macau?

If you travel frequently between Macau, Taipa and Coloane, a car is a necessity, not a luxury. A motorbike would certainly be better solution, but the diabolical quality of driving, spatial awareness and knowledge of road etiquette almost ensures that motorbike riders await a grizzly fate no matter how careful they are.

This brings us neatly to the parking conundrum.

Buying a private parking space is more expensive than buying an apartment in many cities in the world.

Metered spaces are now down to 10 minute intervals, with hefty consequences for those people who over stay. On January 1 we learned of a gentleman who parked on a 2-hour meter and over-ran his meeting by 20 minutes.

He could have expected to be fined for his breach of conduct, and no-one could argue against this. He came back to find his car clamped. Clamped!

Whilst this sounds ridiculous, it gets worse. Those people who purchased 'pre-paid parking meter cards' some time ago are left holding them like idiots since they are no longer accepted in parking meters. The slot has been closed up for some time.

Instead, you MUST ensure that you have a deluge of MOP 1 coins on hand at all times, ready to feed a hungry meter...But wait ...!

Since the meters only accept coins, they fill up quickly and become non-operational.

So. You pull up to the only space available, go through the car parking ballet and magic show that allows you to squeeze a normal four passenger vehicle into a parking space large enough accommodate a child's toy, only to find that the meter says 'not working'.

You can try to call the number on the meter, and if you are lucky enough to get through to the person on the other end which, in our experience, is approximately 33 percent of the time, make sure you know your location, meter number and number of the vehicle and are ready to communicate this. Obviously the common language is Cantonese which is fair enough, even though it's neither of the official languages of Macau.

So what's all of this got to do with Real Estate? Well, in case you haven't noticed, people are finding Macau an increasingly difficult place to live.

The frustration is shared across the board by people born and raised in Macau as well as those who arrived here on a temporary basis. If these issues are not addressed quickly, the consequen-

ces of this unrest will almost certainly mushroom into something far more serious.

In the spirit of wanting to make a positive difference, we re-iterate some ideas that were first published in March last year;

Possible Solutions. In no particular order;

1. Like most other advanced cities and countries, issue parking permits for local residents. There are not enough car park spaces, and parking permits allow residents the ability to park within walking distance of their home.

2. Increase the number of taxi licenses. The taxi license holders will complain, but increasing the amount of taxi's will also increase the amount of people who use them because they can actually rely on getting one.

3. Uber. Allow it. Please allow it. Find a way to make the system work because it is so much better, 'greener', hugely in demand and desperately needed!

4. Improve the Driving License learning and test center. The quality of driving and knowledge is disgraceful. The speed limit of just over 37mph (60kmh) on most roads and the traffic jams are the only reason more people aren't injured. Amongst other things, drivers simply do not know the correct way to drive around a roundabout.

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Cathay declines after carrier gives scant details on revamp



CATHAY Pacific Airways Ltd. shares dropped the most in three months after the carrier's planned business revamp fell short on details, failing to soothe investor concerns over a slide in earnings.

Changes at Asia's biggest international airline "will start at the top" and the carrier will eliminate some positions as part of a review, with key changes taking effect by mid-year, Cathay said in a statement Wednesday. The stock fell 3.9 percent to HKD10.40 in Hong Kong yesterday, the biggest loss since Oct. 13.

"We wanted to see hard changes, things like cutting capacity, what sort of savings level they hope to achieve," said Mohshin Aziz, an analyst at Maybank Investment Bank Berhad in Kuala Lumpur. "Not only did we want more decisive actions, but more sharing of how the plan is going to be implemented. We had neither."

With premium travel declining and the diminishing role of Hong Kong as a transfer hub for Chinese outbound travelers, Cathay has been struggling to revive earnings. It also has a challenge at hand as Emirates and other Middle Eastern airlines expand more into Asia, luring passengers with frills. Cathay shares have slipped 33 percent since Ivan

Chu took over as chief executive officer in March 2014 as the airline reported its smallest half-year profit in more than two years.

"If the statement is any indication, it could well be that he may not be there for long," Shukor Yusof, founder of aviation consulting firm Endau Analytics said by phone, referring to Chu. "They haven't embraced the changes. They've lacked the vision to grow the company and that has been one of the main reasons for the decline in the company's performance and profit."

A spokeswoman said the company doesn't comment on speculation when asked whether Chu will be replaced. Chu has been at the helm of the carrier for about three years now. His predecessors John Slosar and Tony Tyler both held the top job at the marquee airline for about three years. In both instances, the then chief operating officer was promoted to the chief executive's role.

The airline is looking at ways to pare costs as mounting competition from Chinese and Middle Eastern carriers have eaten into Cathay's premium long-haul customer base, causing passenger yields - a key measure of profitability - to drop to a seven-year low. **Bloomberg**

Chow Tai Fook reaches for young Chinese



Daniela Wei

CHOW Tai Fook Jewellery Group Ltd. is targeting young shoppers in mainland China with a new chain of lower-priced stores, as the world's largest jeweler tries to shore up its customer base amid sales that are set to fall for a third-straight year.

The new Monologue outlets will stock jewelry priced at 2,000 yuan (USD291) on average, about a third of the prices at the company's flagship Chow Tai Fook-branded stores, said Managing Director Kent Wong yesterday. The first of them opened in the southern city of Shenzhen in September, with as many as six more planned this year including in Dalian and Wuhan, he said.

"Chow Tai Fook is actively turning the brand image younger and more diversified," said Wong in a briefing in Hong Kong. "We don't expect the new shops to provide huge sales contributions as they are selling lower-priced products. But we have to do it or we'll lose the

young customers."

Chow Tai Fook, which operates more than 2,000 jewelry and high-end watch outlets mainly in Greater China, is aiming to capture a shift in Chinese shopping habits as the country's economic slowdown and an anti-corruption crackdown damped demand for luxury goods. In Hong Kong, where the jeweler is based, retailers are hurting from 21-straight months of falling sales as fewer mainland Chinese tourists visit the city.

"Chow Tai Fook is going down-market to seek new momentum as the high-end jewelry market is obviously losing customers due to the long-term anti-corruption trend and consumer preference changes," said Hannah Li, a Hong Kong-based analyst at UOB Kay Hian Ltd. Introducing low-end products in stores that are distinct from Chow Tai Fook will keep the company's premium image from being tarnished, she said.

Chow Tai Fook's shares have gained 15 percent this year, outperforming the 4.8 percent rise in Hong

Kong's benchmark Hang Seng Index.

The company will also open a store in April in Hangzhou specializing in wedding jewelry, said Wong. That effort is part of the 88-year-old jewelry chain's attempt to revive flagging sales with new business models. Last year, it announced plans to expand its on-

■ The new Monologue outlets will stock jewelry priced at RMB2,000

line presence and venture beyond its traditional bases to markets such as the U.S., Taiwan and South Korea

The jeweler has been shutting stores and negotiating lower rents in Hong Kong as analysts surveyed by Bloomberg forecast revenue to fall 11 percent on average in the twelve months ended March 2017, which would mark the third-straight fiscal year of declines.

In Hong Kong and Macau, Chow Tai Fook is aiming for further rental rate reductions of as much as 50 percent for its street-level stores in the twelve month ended March 2018, Wong said. The company has shut a net seven outlets in the two cities this fiscal year, he added.

While Chow Tai Fook is hoping for a further easing of its sales decline in 2017, "it is still too early to say if we are now in a recovery trend as there's too much global uncertainty," Wong said. "We need to wait till the second half of this year for a clearer look." **Bloomberg**

corporate bits

THE 13 HOTEL COMMISSIONS TWO GOLD-PLATED ROLLS-ROYCE PHANTOMS



Two bespoke, gold-plated vehicles will become the flagship cars of the 30 collection of Rolls-Royce Phantoms, commissioned by luxury entrepreneur Stephen Hung, Joint Chairman of The 13 Holdings Limited.

The two cars, identifiable by the 24-carat gold plating on

their exterior and interior, will be the centerpieces of the collection and will be reserved for the 13 Hotel's most important guests.

According to a press release by Edelman Hong Kong, great care and attention has been applied to the creation of the cars' defining feature - an exterior finish enhanced with 23.75 carat gold particles, a weight specifically chosen for even disbursement.

The finish uses 250 percent more paint than other Phantoms, resulting in 10 layers, one of which consists of a 40-micron deep layer of gold combined with glass and aluminum.

MCE RAISES RMB400,000 FOR GUIZHOU SCHOOL



Melco Crown Entertainment Ltd (MCE) has raised RMB400,000 for the "MCE Charity Bike Ride," an initiative organized by a group of MCE Volunteers.

The gaming operator said in a statement that the funds were donated to the construction of the "Melco Crown - Macau Red Cross Bo-Ai Primary School" in Shiqian, Guizhou province.

Twenty volunteers distributed stationery and witnessed the

completion of the school last week.

The "MCE Charity Bike Ride" Team was formed in 2009 to raise funds for immediate poverty relief and assistance to those in need, including victims of the Sichuan earthquake and poor students in Hainan.

The donation will directly benefit more than 200 students and around 14 teaching staff, MCE said.

FACEBOOK TO BUILD DATA CENTER IN DENMARK

Facebook will build a 56,500 square-meter data center in central Denmark, its third such center outside the United States.

Facebook executive Niall McEntegart says the facility to be built west of Denmark's third-largest city, Odense, "will be one of the most advanced, energy-efficient data centers."

Odense Mayor Peter Rahbaek Juel said yesterday's announcement deserved "a large Facebook 'like.'" The city sold the industrial piece of land for 68 million kroner (USD10 million).

No details were immediately available on when construction would begin or when the center will open.



NEW SILK ROAD?

First China-London freight train arrives



Sylvia Hui, London

THE first direct freight train service from China

to Britain arrived in London yesterday, another leg in Beijing's plans for closer trade ties with Europe along a modern-day Silk Road.

The 18-day trip saw dozens of containers packed mainly with clothes and household

goods transported from the city of Yiwu in eastern China to a freight terminal in Barking in east London, via Kazakhstan, Russia, Belarus, Poland and western Europe.

■ The train entered Britain from France through the Channel Tunnel, completing a journey of some 12,000 kilometers

The train entered Britain from France through the Channel Tunnel, completing a journey of some 12,000 kilometers. The service offers businesses a new middle ground between shipping and air freight — it's quicker than sending goods by sea, and cheaper than transporting by air.

China Railway already has more than 10 freight train services to several European destinations including Madrid and Hamburg. They are part of President Xi Jinping's "One Belt, One Road" policy to revive the fabled Silk Road trading routes to the West.

Weekly trains will initially be run to assess demand.

Analysts say the service is not yet economically significant, because the volume that can be transported is small compared with using container ships.

There also isn't yet a return service to transport goods from Britain back to China, though this could be in the works. Other European countries have used the service to export items like wine and olive oil to China, said Ramon Pacheco Pardo, an international relations lecturer at King's College London.

"Economically [its significance] is still quite small. But politically it's very significant because China wants to show it is connecting directly with Europe," he said.

The European Union is China's largest trading partner, with Germany and France being the biggest players. **AP**

Pooja Thakur & Frederik Balfour

SINGAPORE'S three-year decline in home prices could see relief from an unexpected quarter in 2017: Hong Kong.

So says Cushman & Wakefield Inc., which expects the slide in the city-state's home prices to end this year as foreign investors turned off by Hong Kong's move to increase the stamp duty for overseas buyers look to Singapore instead. Desmond Sim, head of research for Singapore and Southeast Asia at CBRE Ltd., said Singapore house prices are approaching their trough, with a forecast price move of flat to minus 2 percent. Savills Plc forecasts Singapore prices will rise 1 percent on average this year.

"The fallout from the stamp duty could be beneficial for Singapore," said Sigrid Zialcita, managing director for Asia Pacific research at Cushman & Wakefield. "Singapore is always seen as a place where you can preserve capital and we are expecting interest from foreign nationals to come back."

Hong Kong's November increase in stamp duty to 30 percent for foreigners makes Singapore's 18 percent rate more attractive

Hong Kong housing curbs may give Singapore property some relief

to overseas buyers, particularly mainland Chinese who are seeking investments abroad to help shield them from a further weakening of the yuan.

That will help limit the decline in Singapore property values to about 1.5 percent this year, according to the average estimate of five analysts surveyed by Bloomberg. Home prices have fallen 11 percent since 2013, when the island-state's government implemented the strictest of its own cooling measures.

The outlook for Hong Kong is more bearish, with prices in the secondary housing market seen dropping 8 percent, according to the average of seven analyst forecasts. While figures for new homes aren't available for Hong Kong, early indications are that prices in this segment will be more resilient as developers offer incentives to offset higher stamp duties.

The markets for Grade-A office space in Asia's two competing financial hubs are set to diverge further in 2017. Scarce supply in

Hong Kong's Central district and strong demand from Chinese financial companies for premium office space could push rents up as much as 5 percent in what is already the world's most expensive office market according to Knight Frank Plc. That

contrasts with a forecast of an average 6.2 percent drop in Singapore due to ample supply and an uncertain economic outlook.

Retail rents in both cities will also remain challenging this year. Singapore mall owners are bracing for another weak year as

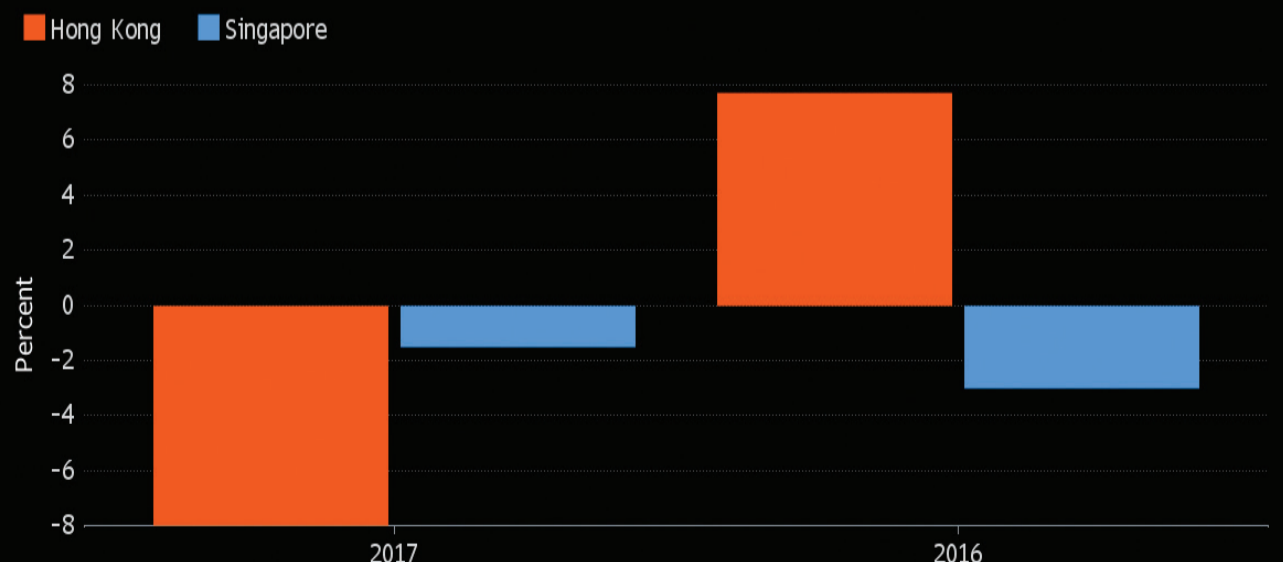
the sluggish economy weighs on retail activity and consumers shop online more. In Hong Kong, a two-and-a-half year slump in mall rents may continue as retail sales remain subdued. Marcos Chan, head of Hong Kong, Taiwan and Southern China research

at CBRE, sees prime mall rents falling as much as 5 percent amid declining tourist arrivals and softer domestic demand.

"We see no particular reason why the retail market or retail property will rebound anytime soon," said Chan, who still expects rents to stabilize by mid-year. "We will have to wait for some other triggers for the retail market to pick up before retail rents go back to an upward trend." **Bloomberg**

Curbs Take Hold

Property cooling measures in Hong Kong playing catchup with Singapore



Source: Bloomberg analyst and broker poll

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DAVOS

Chinese mogul urges Trump against scrutinizing media investments

CHINA'S biggest media mogul said he'd be a "happy buyer" of a top Hollywood studio if one were for sale and urged president-elect Donald Trump to resist calls for the government to scrutinize Chinese investments in the U.S. entertainment industry, warning such a move could hurt both sides.

"If the U.S. blocks Chinese capital, China can retaliate with protectionist measures. This won't be good for anyone," Dalian Wanda Group Co.'s billionaire Chairman Wang Jianlin told Bloomberg News Editor-in-Chief John Micklethwait during a panel at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland. "Let's not fight over entertainment."

Though Wang has voiced his interest in buying a top Hollywood studio before, his comments come days before the U.S. swears in as president a man who's repeatedly attacked China by deriding its trading and currency policies as being unfair. Wang's purchases in the U.S. have already prompted 18 members of Congress to urge the government to begin reviewing Chinese investments that may involve control of media and other soft-power institutions.

Wanda was the first Chinese firm to own a major Hollywood film production company with the USD3.5 billion purchase of "Godzilla"-maker Legendary Entertainment last year. In November, Wanda agreed to buy Golden Globe Awards producer Dick Clark Productions for USD1 billion. Wanda is the biggest operator of movie theaters in America after his AMC Entertainment Holdings Inc. purchased Carmike Cinemas Inc.



Despite the backlash, China's second-richest man brushed off the criticism he's faced in the U.S., saying he doesn't interfere with content and that as a businessman, he's primarily interested in making money.

"They produce their films and I only demand profits from them. A few years ago, there were concerns that AMC would only screen Chinese films after I bought it. That never happened," he said. "The U.S. companies I've bought are still run by Americans."

He's losing one big American chief. Thomas Tull, who founded Legendary Entertainment and sold it to Wanda, stepped down as chief executive officer on Tuesday, though he'll remain founding chairman and retain a stake in Legendary. Jack Gao, a senior Wan-

da executive, will be acting CEO while Legendary seeks a full-time replacement.

Still, what's eluded Wang over the years has been the purchase of one of Hollywood's "big six" studios.

"Of course, if we are able to buy one of the top six, that would be a great thing to do," Wang said. "However, these six companies aren't in a selling mood, so that's an issue we can't crack."

Hollywood's six major studios are Viacom Inc.'s Paramount Pictures, 21st Century Fox Inc.'s 20th Century Fox, Time Warner Inc.'s Warner Bros., Walt Disney Studios, Comcast Corp.'s Universal Pictures and Sony Pictures.

Wang, 62, joined the army as a teenager and then left to go into government before branching off

into real estate, where he built a fortune that now ranks second only to that of Alibaba Group Holding Ltd. Chairman Jack Ma in China. The Bloomberg Billionaires Index estimates his net worth at about \$31 billion.

For a story on Wanda's ambitions in China's health-care industry click here

Having developed Wanda into the one of the world's largest owner of shopping malls and luxury hotels, Wang in recent years has shifted the group's focus toward entertainment and sports via a string of acquisitions.

In addition to the U.S., Wanda is also the top owner of cinemas in China and Europe. The tycoon controls 12 percent of the world's movie theaters, giving him an edge over other foreign business-

men who have failed to make it in Hollywood, he said.

Asked whether Chinese movies will succeed overseas, Wang said "The Great Wall," his \$150 million fantasy epic starring Matt Damon and the biggest ever China-U.S. co-production, will be a test case. Produced by Legendary, the movie has been screening in China and over a dozen other markets, bringing in nearly \$200 million so far, according to Box Office Mojo.

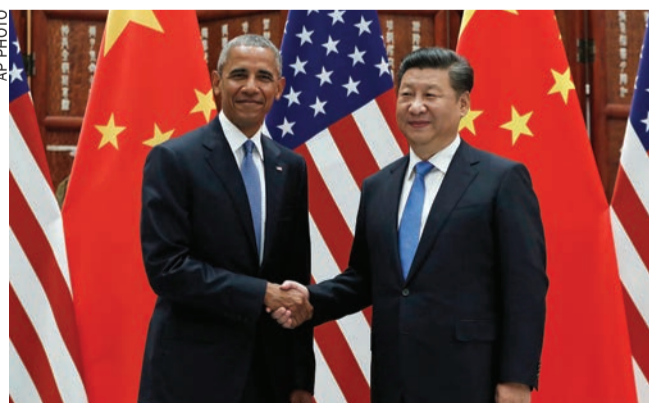
"Great Wall is the first test in making a Chinese film for the world," he said. "It would be a huge success if it sells \$400 million to \$500 million worldwide. Still, compared to Hollywood, we are lagging far behind and have just begun experimenting."

Wang also urged Hollywood studios to adapt more to the changing taste of Chinese audiences, the source of Hollywood's biggest revenue growth.

"Chinese films have more emotional attachment, while Hollywood films are focused on big scenes and how Americans save the world," Wang said. "Hollywood needs to adapt to Chinese audiences' taste more, instead of keeping spawning superheroes."

At home, Wanda is preparing to formally open its Qingdao Movie Metropolis, which it calls the world's largest film studio complex, next year. It's already shot the first major China-Hollywood co-production there: "The Great Wall," due for a February debut in the U.S. after an earlier introduction in China. Wang visited the U.S. in October, speaking at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, and offering subsidies for U.S. filmmakers to make movies at Qingdao. **Bloomberg**

Xi extols multilateral approach, climate accord



CHINESE President Xi Jinping extolled the merits of multilateral cooperation yesterday [Macau time], declaring that

the Paris accord to combat climate change must be kept on track and that major powers should "keep their differences under

control."

Xi's speech during a visit to the United Nations' office in Geneva came as he wrapped up a visit to Switzerland, and a day after he cast China as a champion of free trade and stability in an address to the World Economic Forum.

His remarks at the forum appeared to be a rebuke to the isolationist urges that helped bring Donald Trump to power. Xi's comments Wednesday tapped similar themes, again without any direct references to Trump.

"Trade protectionism and self-isolation will benefit no one," he told an event attended by new U.N. Secretary-General Antonio Guterres.

Xi said China would 'strive to build a new model of major-country relations' with the United States

"Major powers should respect each other's core interests and major concerns, keep their di-

ferences under control and build a new model of relations featuring non-

conflict, non-confrontation, mutual respect and win-win cooperation," Xi said, speaking through an interpreter.

He said China would "strive to build a new

model of major-country relations with the United States," as well as "a comprehensive strategic partnership of coordination with Russia" and other relationships, without giving specific details.

Xi praised the Paris accord as "a milestone in the history of climate governance."

"We must ensure this endeavor is not derailed," he said. "All parties should work together to implement the Paris agreement."

Trump, who has called climate change a Chinese hoax, has raised speculation that he might pull the U.S. out. **AP**

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MYANMAR

OIC hopes to send team to study Rohingya's plight

THE Organization of Islamic Cooperation plans to send a high-level delegation to Myanmar's troubled Rakhine state to assess the plight of the Rohingya Muslim minority, Malaysia said yesterday.

A resolution issued after a special meeting of OIC foreign ministers to discuss the Rohingya crisis urged Myanmar to accept the OIC's visit. It asked Myanmar to implement the rule of law, work toward a sustainable solution, and allow the safe return of refugees and "unimpeded and unconditional access" for humanitarian aid to the affected area.

Rohingya villagers and activists say hundreds of civilians have been killed since October, although figures cannot be verified because authorities have limited access for aid workers and journalists. Recent satellite images show thousands of houses were burned.

Myanmar's army began a crackdown in Rakhine state in October after nine policemen were killed. The security forces are accused of killings, rape and the burning of homes that have driven some 65,000 refugees across the border into Bangladesh in the past three months.

The government and the army say they have been con-

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Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak

ducting operations to clear the area of armed elements.

Malaysian Foreign Minister Anifah Aman said an independent assessment of the situation would help Myanmar's government since it has rejected accusations of widespread abuses against the Rohingya.

"In order to ascertain the reality of it, why not receive

an independent team to assess whether what has been said really happened or it is just mere propaganda. In actual fact, it is good for them," Anifah told reporters at the end of yesterday's meeting.

Earlier yesterday, Malaysia said the crisis was no longer Myanmar's internal affair because it has fueled an exodus

of refugees that could destabilize the region. Indonesia also offered to be a facilitator to find a solution to the crisis.

Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak, delivering a speech at the meeting, warned that the violence must end, or militants including the Islamic State group could infiltrate and radicalize the Rohingya.

Najib urged Myanmar to stop all discrimination and attacks, and repeated calls for the free delivery of aid and safe return of refugees.

"This must happen now. [...] the government of Myanmar disputes the terms 'genocide' and 'ethnic cleansing,' but whatever the terminology, the Rohingya cannot wait," he said.

Najib said Malaysia will donate another 10 million ringgit (USD2.25 million) for humanitarian aid and social projects in Rakhine, where most of the Rohingya have lived for generations. Many have been denied Myanmar citizenship.

Indonesian Foreign Minister Retno Marsudi said on the sidelines of the meeting that Jakarta was "more than ready to play a bridging role" to help Myanmar and its Muslim minority. Marsudi said she will fly to Yangon on Friday to meet with Myanmar leader Aung San Suu Kyi, and plans to travel to Rakhine tomorrow.

OIC Secretary General Yousef Al Othaimen said Myanmar must halt "ongoing discrimination and the unwarranted systematic abuse against the Rohingya."

A small group of Rohingya gathered at the building where the OIC ministers were meeting and repeated calls for an independent investigation into their plight. AP

AUSTRALIA

Leader of most populous state quits

AP PHOTO



New South Wales Premier Mike Baird

THE leader of Australia's most populous state resigned yesterday after his popularity plummeted over a series of decisions during 2016.

Sydney-based New South Wales Premier Mike Baird used social media to announce that the ruling Liberal Party would elect a new leader at a meeting on Tuesday. He would then quit the state parlia-

ment immediately after a 10-year career.

Treasurer Gladys Berejiklian, the party deputy, has said she will be a candidate and is widely regarded as the Baird's most likely successor.

The surprise resignation comes during a turbulent era in Australian politics when state and federal leaders' careers are often shorted lived.

Opinion polls showed the 48-year-old former banker was one on Australia's most popular politicians at the start of 2016, which he recently described as his annus horribilis, Latin for horrible year.

His popularity had plummeted by late 2016 after he outlawed greyhound racing on the grounds of cruelty, then lifted the ban in the face of a political backlash. A series of policy backflips that followed tainted him as a politician without strong convictions.

Baird told a news conference on yesterday that he was quitting now to give the next premier time to settle into the role before the next election in 2019 at the end of the current four-year term.

He said he got into politics because he was frustrated by government policy inaction.

"I said many times I didn't want to become a career politician. I wanted to go as hard as I could for as

long as I could and then step aside," Baird told reporters with an emotion-filled voice. "Well, today I'm making good on that pledge."

Baird said "serious health challenges" for his family were also factors in his resignation. His father, a former state government minister and federal government lawmaker, was recovering from open heart surgery and his mother requires 24-hour care for muscular dystrophy.

His sister Julia Baird, a prominent journalist who wrote in 2015 about her battle with a rare cancer, has suffered a recurrence of that cancer and has recently returned to hospital.

Baird was thrust into power in 2014 when Premier Barry O'Farrell suddenly quit in the face of mounting evidence that he failed to declare a 3,000 Australian dollar (USD2,800) bottle of wine that arrived as a gift on his Sydney doorstep. AP

INDIA

At least 24 children killed in road crash



A truck loaded with Asand collided with a school bus early yesterday, killing at least 24 young children in the northern Indian state of Uttar Pradesh, police said.

At least two dozen other children were injured when the speeding truck collided head-on with the bus, said Javeed Ahmed, the state's top police official.

The children, between the ages of 3 and 12, were studying at a school in the town of Etah.

Another police officer, Daljeet Chaudhry, said visibility was low due to dense fog.

Police officer Parasuram Singh said the truck driver suffered serious injuries to his legs, which were am-

puted at a hospital.

The area is about 270 kilometers southeast of New Delhi.

State education authorities had closed all schools in the district because of a severe cold wave, and Ahmed said authorities would check why the school had stayed open.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi tweeted his condolences, saying: "Anguished by tragic accident in UP's Etah. I share the pain of the bereaved families & condole [the] passing away of young children."

Accidents are common on Indian roads, with most blamed on reckless driving, poorly maintained roads and aging vehicles. AP

Unending vigil for S. Koreans camped near sex-slave statue



A tent made of plastic sheet is set by students to protect a statue of a girl representing thousands of Korean women enslaved for sex by Japan's imperial forces

Kim Tong-Hyung, Seoul

EVERY night they sleep above cold concrete, curled up in sleeping bags on rubber mattresses in a tent made of plastic sheets held together with tape. Their heads are inches away from cars zooming by — and from a bronze statue of a young girl that sits across from the Japanese Embassy in Seoul.

Most of the protesters are not much older than the girl the statue depicts. It represents thousands of women enslaved for sex by Japan's imperial forces before and during World War II, when Korea was a Japanese colony.

Some of these young protesters have been camping here for more than a year, determined to protect the small monument, which plays an outsized role in relations between Seoul and

Tokyo, two vibrant democracies and U.S. allies who have long struggled to move past their tumultuous shared history.

In recent days Tokyo has called back its ambassador to South Korea over another similar statue newly erected near the Japanese consulate in the southern port city of Busan, and a Buddhist monk has died after setting himself ablaze in protest of a 2015 agreement between the neighbors that was meant to settle, supposedly for good, the sex slave dispute.

The settlement included a cash payment for the dwindling number of victims, who are often described using Japan's favored euphemism, "comfort women," but there was no clear language about the statue.

Tokyo believes a clear understanding to remove the statue exists. Seoul says its powers

are limited on dealing with a private monument.

The volunteers in the tent don't trust their government and are determined to protect the statue, even in temperatures that can dip well below freezing.

"Whenever I see the statue, I think about how that could have been me if I'd been born during those times," said Choi (pronounced Chwey) Hye Ryeon, a 23-year-old college student who was at the tent Jan. 4.

"We want to create discomfort. We want Japan to see us here and think, 'This is not over,' and we want the South Korean government to know that we will never let them remove the statue."

The protesters in front of the Japanese Embassy, which is currently under reconstruction, began camping out two

days after the agreement on sex slaves was announced Dec. 28, 2015. They want Tokyo to accept full legal responsibility for the sexual slavery, acknowledging it as a war crime, punishing those involved and providing formal compensation to the victims.

Choi says 20 to 30 people turned out daily in the first few weeks; now about 20 protesters take turns staying in the tent in groups of two or three. They come once or twice a week in 24-hour shifts that start and end at 9 a.m.

Protesters share blankets and an electric stove powered by a cord connected to electricity at a nearby construction site. A table outside the tent has papers and pens for gathering signatures on a petition calling for Seoul to abandon the 2015 agreement, along with a plastic box for collecting donations.

The volunteers chat with visitors, who often bring them food and small presents like knitted scarves and instant hand warmers. But not everyone is friendly.

Right-wing supporters of the agreement's co-architect, South Korean President Park Geun-hye, occasionally shout insults, accusing them of being North Korean sympathizers. Choi says a man once told her he wanted to stab her. Park has been impeached and a court is deciding whether to remove her from office over a corruption scandal.

The statue was created in 2011 by sculptors Kim Woon-seong and Kim Seo-gyeong, who have since made six similar statues placed overseas and 43 across South Korea, including the one installed in Busan last month that prompted Tokyo to temporarily recall its

ambassador.

The statue is of a girl in her mid-teens who wears a traditional "hanbok" dress. She sits next to an empty chair, symbolizing victims who have died.

Japan has "strongly requested" that Seoul work to "solve" the statue issue "in an appropriate manner, based on the agreement," said an official from the Japanese Embassy in Seoul.

Some major South Korean presidential hopefuls have vowed to ditch the 2015 agreement if they win elections, which could take place in a few months if the Constitutional Court removes Park from office. Experts, however, say South Korea is unlikely to revoke the deal because it would damage Seoul's credibility.

At the same time, there's little chance the government will risk public uproar by removing the statues. Many of the protesters know this but want stronger assurances from the government.

"I impulsively joined the protests purely out of anger," said Park Seong-woo, a high school student who comes to the tent on Saturdays.

While the protesters' presence is normally quiet, every Wednesday at noon, those occupying the tent are joined by hundreds more who come to demand that Japan show more contrition to the former sex slaves.

Yoon Jae-min, a college student who was at the tent Jan. 11, said the 2015 deal showed that the Park government "doesn't protect its own people and doesn't hear their voices."

Those who keep watch over the statue at all hours sleep on the edge of the sidewalk, and they must brave not only the elements but also traffic. Choi says a driver once lost control of a car after midnight and crashed a few meters away from the tent.

Still, Choi says conditions were worse early in the protest, when police barred them from even having a tent. Now they at least have a shelter, made of a parasol, plastic sheets and duct tape. **AP**

INDONESIA

Ex-Garuda CEO named as suspect in corruption case

Indonesia's anti-corruption agency named Emirsyah Satar, a former chief executive officer of state-owned PT Garuda Indonesia, as a suspect in an international bribery case.

The agency, also known as KPK, is investigating the bribery case linked to parties in several countries in Asia and Euro-

pe, spokesman Febri Diansyah said in a text message. The agency was expected to announce more details about the case in a press conference, he said.

The corruption case is related more to individual actions and not Garuda's activities as a company, the airline said in a statement. Garuda is fully coope-

rating with KPK in its investigation, it said. Satar wasn't immediately available for a comment on his mobile.

Satar served as the chief executive of Garuda for a decade through 2014, overseeing a debt restructuring and an initial public offering that allowed it to expand its fleet to 134 aircraft. He's currently

the chairman of Lippo Group's Matahari-Mall.com, or PT Global ECommerce Indonesia.

Garuda slid 1.7 percent to 348 rupiah as of 3:32 p.m. in Jakarta, while shares of PT Matahari Department Store, which holds about 10 percent stake in MatahariMall.com, rose 1.2 percent to 14,875 rupiah. **Bloomberg**



Emirsyah Satar

Inaugural things to watch: The speech, the dress and more

Nancy Benac, Washington

FROM a morning stop at church through the swearing-in to the last dance of the evening, it's going to be an inaugural marathon today. Donald Trump will take Washington by storm, no matter what the weather. (Which, by the way, looks like rain.)

Some things to watch for on Inauguration Day:

35 OR 39?

Trump's oath of office is the only essential on Friday (tomorrow, Macau time); all the rest is window dressing. The Constitution sets out a 35-word oath for the new president. Some presidents make it 39 by tacking on "so help me God." There are conflicting stories about when the ad lib started. The National Archives says George Washington added the words when he took the oath at his 1789 inaugural. Some say the first eyewitness account of a president using those words came at Chester Arthur's inauguration in 1881. Historian Jim Bendat says Washington's use of the phrase is a myth, but every president since 1933 has done it.

THE SPEECH

Trump's inaugural address will set the tone for the launch of his presidency. Will he go the traditional route and offer a message of unity to a divided nation, play the role of disrupter of the established order, or blend a little of both? This won't be his usual off-the-cuff



In this Dec. 8, 2016, file photo, construction continues for the Inauguration and swearing-in ceremonies for President-elect Donald Trump on the Capitol

address. Aides say Trump has taken a big role in writing the speech and has been practicing at Trump Tower. Expect him to keep it short, around 20 minutes or so.

AWKWARD

When Trump is sworn in, Hillary Clinton will be sitting on the inaugural platform alongside husband Bill Clinton. She'll be intent on keeping a poker face, but that's got to be tough. All eyes will be watching to see whether Trump has any interaction with his vanquished rival, or mentions her in his address.

IT'S (NOT) JUST LUNCH

Washington ate alone after his 1789 inauguration. Trump will go straight from his swearing-in to a lavish luncheon of Maine lobster and Angus beef for 200 in the Capitol's Statuary Hall. It's not just about lunch, thou-

gh. Good relations between the new president and the Republican-led Congress will be key to the success of the Trump presidency. Early maneuvering has shown Trump and GOP legislators to be on different pages at times about important issues such as taxes and health care. So amid the toast-making and the gift-giving of the day, the legislators and new president will be feeling one another out.

POWER MARCH

Start your stopwatch. More than 8,000 people will march in the 1.5-mile inaugural parade down Pennsylvania Avenue, from the Capitol to the White House. That's actually a relatively restrained dose of inaugural pomp. Trump's team wants to keep the parade to 90 minutes so the new president has time to do some work. The longest parade, with 73 bands and 59 floats, lasted more than four

and half hours at Dwight Eisenhower's first inauguration in 1953.

FIRST STEPS

Trump aims to squeeze in a little work on his first day in office, perhaps in between the parade and the evening balls. What to watch for: His aides mention possible executive actions and perhaps the swearing-in of some members of his Cabinet.

BIG LEAGUE?

Trump has tweeted that "record numbers" of people are pouring into Washington for his inauguration. That's doubtful. There are still hotel rooms for rent. And, contrary to Trump's claims, stores still have plenty of ball gowns to sell. No one believes this inaugural will come close to the estimated 1.8 million people who attended Barack Obama's first inaugural. But with no official arbiter of crowd counts, expect a post-inaugural tussle over how many people really showed up.

DISSENTERS AND BIKERS

Protesters turn out for any inauguration. This year, one of the biggest pushbacks against Trump will be the Saturday women's march, which could draw 200,000 or more people. There will be plenty of action on Friday, though, with some demonstrators aiming to shut down or cause delays at security checkpoints going in to the swearing-in ceremony. And then there are the Bikers for Trump, promising to come

in throngs and serve as "a wall of meat" if needed to protect Trump's supporters.

CELEB WATCH

Trump says he's got the "biggest celebrities in the world" coming to town for his inauguration. Yes, there are A-list celebrities in town — but you may need to check out non-inaugural venues to find them.

Trump will have singer Jackie Evancho singing the national anthem at his swearing-in. Performers at his inaugural balls include the Radio City Rockettes, The Piano Guys, 72-year-old Tony Orlando and 81-year-old Sam Moore, from the soul duo Sam and Dave. Over at the nonpartisan Creative Coalition bash, the headliner is Grammy-winning Blues Traveler, and hosts will include Tim Allen and John Leguizamo.

Saturday's women's march, organized by women dismayed at Trump's election, will have Scarlett Johansson, America Ferrara, Amy Schumer, Frances McDormand and Zendaya, among others. Thursday's "Peace Ball" for liberal activists promised Solange and Esperanza Spalding.

FASHION POLITICS

There's always intense interest in what the new first lady will wear, both for the swearing-in and to the inaugural balls. This year, it's not simply a matter of fashion. It's political. A number of designers have said they don't want to dress Melania Trump because they disagree with her husbands' policies. The president-elect has shrugged off such talk and suggested his wife wouldn't even want to be dressed by some of those who are demurring. Musicians who have agreed to play the inaugural have faced a backlash from Trump critics. Watch to see if the first lady's designer does, too. **AP**



Smoke rising from the windows of the Plasco building

Amir Vahdat, Tehran

A high-rise building in Tehran engulfed by a fire collapsed yesterday, killing at least 30 firefighters and injuring some 75 people, state media reported.

The disaster struck the

Plasco building, an iconic structure in central Tehran just north of the capital's sprawling bazaar.

Iran's state-run Press TV announced the firefighters' deaths, without giving a source for the information. Local Iranian state television said 30 civilians were

Collapse of Tehran high-rise on fire kills 30 firefighters

injured in the disaster, while the state-run IRNA news agency said 45 firefighters had been injured.

Firefighters battled the blaze for several hours before the collapse. Police tried to keep out shopkeepers and others wanting to rush back in to collect their valuables.

The building came down in a matter of seconds, shown live on state television, which had begun an interview with a journalist at the scene. A side of the building came down first, tumbling perilously close

to a firefighter perched on a ladder and spraying water on the blaze.

A thick plume of brown smoke rose over the site after the collapse. Onlookers wailed in grief.

Jalal Maleki, a fire department spokesman, earlier told Iranian state television that 10 firehouses responded to the blaze, which was first reported around 8 a.m.

The Iranian military sent units to help with the disaster, state television reported.

Several embassies are

located near the building. Turkey's state-run news agency, reporting from Tehran, said the Turkish Embassy was evacuated as a precaution, though it sustained no damage in the collapse.

The Plasco building was an iconic presence on the Tehran skyline.

The 17-story tower was built in the early 1960s by Iranian Jewish businessman Habib Elghanian and named after his plastics manufacturing company. It was the tallest building in the city at the time of its

construction.

Elghanian was tried on charges that included espionage and executed in the months after the 1979 Islamic Revolution that brought the current ruling system to power — a move that prompted many members of the country's long-standing Jewish community to flee.

The tower is attached to a multistory shopping mall featuring a sky-lit atrium and a series of turquoise-colored fountains. It wasn't immediately clear if the mall was damaged. **AP**

30 missing in central Italy avalanche that buried hotel

Coleen Barry, Milan

AN avalanche buried a four-star spa hotel in a mountainous earthquake-hit region of central Italy, leaving at least 30 people missing, authorities said yesterday.

The civil protection agency said that they were working to get rescue vehicles to the Hotel Rigopiano through roads covered in snow, joining initial rescue efforts overnight by alpine rescue teams. The ANSA news agency quoted a rescuer as saying that there were fatalities, but details weren't immediately available.

Italian media said that the avalanche covered the three-story hotel in the central region of Abruzzo on Wednesday. The hotel is about 45 kilometers (30 miles) from the coastal city of Pescara. Earthquakes hit the region on Wednesday, including one with a 5.7 magnitude, but it wasn't immediately clear if the temblors triggered the avalanche.

Mountain rescue teams reached

the hotel by skis around 4 a.m. (0300 GMT), SKY TG24 reported. The station said that one victim had been removed so far.

Video footage showed rescuers with shovels digging through a wall of snow, and at least one man being led through the cleared path.

An ambulance was blocked several kilometers from the hotel, according to SKY, which also said that snowfall was so heavy that snow plows have had trouble clearing the road to the hotel.

Other video footage shows rescuers entering the hotel, with piles of snow and rubble cascading down the stairs into the entryway. Rescue team video also showed huge piles of filthy snow and debris piled up inside the hotel's corridors, having slammed through the outer walls of the building. The audio is completely silent.

ANSA quoted rescuers as saying they have been calling out to survivors, but no one has responded. But media have reported that two people had been rescued.

ANSA quoted a survivor as saying

AP PHOTO



that he was saved because he had gone outside to his car to get something when the avalanche hit.

The survivor, identified as 38-year-old Giampaolo Parete, told doctors that his wife and two children were buried in the avalanche. He said that the car hadn't been buried and that he waited there for rescuers.

The mountainous region of central Italy has been struck by a series of quakes since August that destroyed historic centers in dozens of towns and hamlets. A deadly quake in August killed nearly 300, while no one died in the strong aftershocks in October largely because population centers had already been

evacuated. In the meantime, the entire region has been hit by cold weather and buffeted by snowstorms, piling more suffering on to the hard-hit population.

People left homeless by the earlier quakes had been moved to hotels in the region, but it wasn't immediately clear who was staying at Hotel Rigopiano, which is located in the Gran Sasso National Park.

The hotel posted on its Facebook page Wednesday morning after the first quake that its telephone lines were out. In the hours since the report of the avalanche, users have been posting messages seeking information about the hotel. **AP**

Gambia president refuses to step down

Gambia's president-elect says he will be sworn in to office at the Gambian embassy in neighboring Senegal, as his country's political crisis continues. Barrow won the December election, but President Yahya Jammeh, in power for more than two decades, is refusing to step down, saying he does not accept the result, citing irregularities.

German intel head warns against threats

The head of Germany's domestic intelligence agency is warning that Europe needs to remain vigilant against the threat of extremist attacks. Hans-Georg Maassen told reporters in Berlin yesterday his agency has 548 extremists considered potentially dangerous enough to carry out an attack under surveillance. He says: "We have to assume that there will be more attacks in Europe and that means also more in Germany."

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14:50	RTPi Live
17:00	Happy Endings Sr.2
17:40	Castle S6 (Repeated)
18:20	Precious Pearl (Repeated)
19:10	TDM Talk Show (Repeated)
19:30	Soap Opera
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:15	Documentary Serie
22:10	Precious Pearl
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Portuguese Movie
01:20	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)

SATURDAY

10:35	Comedy
11:05	Blaze Riders
11:30	Documentary Serie
12:00	Miscellaneous
12:30	Documentary Serie
13:00	TDM News (Repeat)
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21:00	Non-Daily Portuguese News
21:10	Drama
22:00	Revenge S.4
22:45	Miscellaneous
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SUNDAY

10:30	Young Children
11:00	Sunday Mass (Live)
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Offbeat

RACCOONS RECOVER AT CALIFORNIA ZOO AFTER CROSS-COUNTRY RIDE



Baby raccoons that inadvertently hitched a cross-country ride to Northern California are recovering at the Oakland Zoo. Animal care authorities said this week that in September a man had unknowingly transported the raccoons from Florida to Marin County in a moving truck. The truck had been burglarized while in Florida, allowing a pregnant raccoon to enter through a broken window and give birth. The man discovered the raccoons while unloading his truck. Five of six baby raccoons survived but were near death after being without food or water for days. Wildlife education center WildCare nursed the raccoons to health, but found they could not release the animals into the wild. The Oakland Zoo is caring for the raccoons until they can be placed at a sanctuary or another zoo.

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20 JAN - 25 JAN

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Starring: Amy Adams, Jeremy Renner, Forest Whitaker
Language: English
Duration: 116min

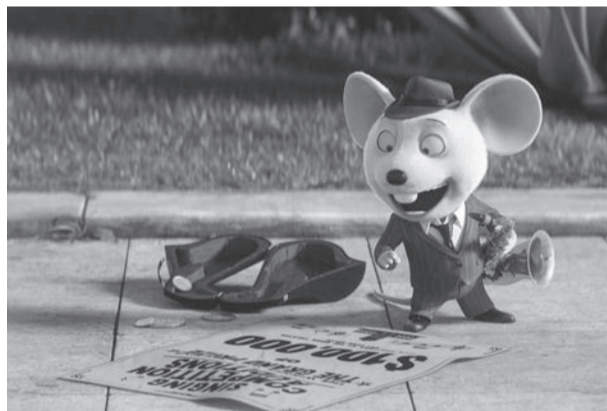
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ROOM 2
4:40pm
Director: Kunihiko Yuyama
Starring: James Cathcart, Kiyotaka Furushima, Megumi Hayashibara
Language: Cantonese (Chinese)



A STREET CAT NAMED BOB

ROOM 2
2:30, 9:30pm
Director: Roger Spottiswoode
Starring: Luke Treadaway, Joanne Froggatt, Ruta Gedmintas
Language: English
Duration: 103min



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ROOM 3
4:30, 7:30pm
Director: Garth Jennings
Starring: Matthew McConaughey, Reese Witherspoon, Seth MacFarlane
Language: Cantonese (English)
Duration: 108min

10000 MILES

ROOM 3
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Duration: 103min

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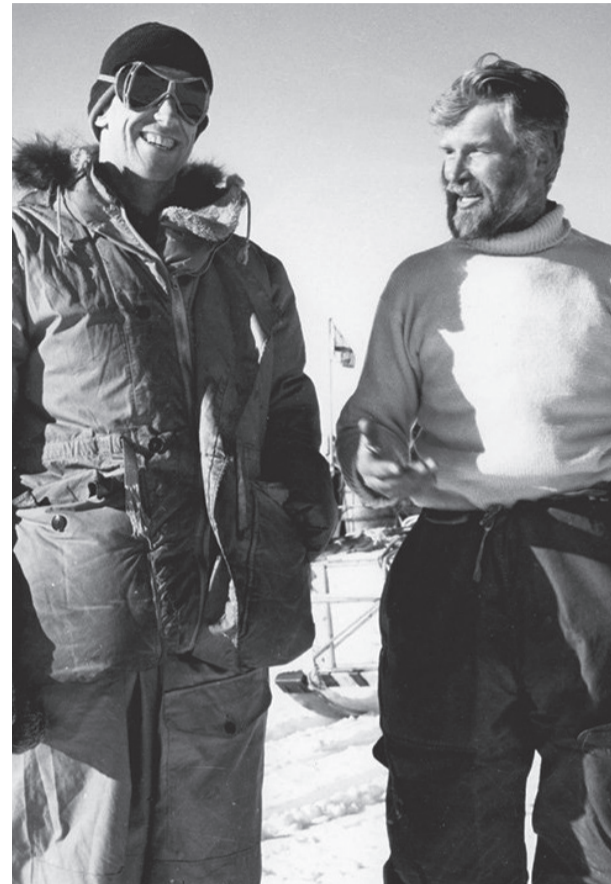
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this day in history



1958 EXPLORERS MEET AT SOUTH POLE

Members of the team attempting the first surface crossing of the Antarctic have joined up at the South Pole.

New Zealander Sir Edmund Hillary - who has already conquered Mount Everest - arrived with his team 17 days ago.

Early this afternoon Sir Edmund welcomed the British team led by to the South Pole.

The British and New Zealand teams are members of a joint Commonwealth Trans-Antarctic expedition but set off from opposite ends of the continent last November.

The New Zealanders started out from the newly-created Scott camp near the Ross Sea while the British began their journey at Shackleton camp near the Weddell Sea.

Both teams used motorised vehicles for the trip to the South Pole.

En route, Sir Edmund and his team were responsible for setting up food and fuel depots for the British team.

They will now attempt to reach Scott Base and complete the 2158-mile (3473-kilometre) Antarctic crossing.

However, the British team's departure from Shackleton camp was delayed and they are now running almost three weeks behind schedule.

They must now decide when to start the second leg of the journey given the worsening weather conditions.

Dr Fuchs said the team would definitely go on.

"We hope and expect to get out before the winter, if not - bad luck," he said.

Asked whether he had considered breaking his journey and continuing in the spring Dr Fuchs replied: "Are the people who suggested that prepared to pay for it?"

He thought it likely the team would reach Scott camp in the first week of March, Dr Fuchs added.

Expedition members are also carrying out scientific experiments including seismic soundings and gravimetric readings during their epic journey.

Courtesy of BBC

IN CONTEXT

Vivian Fuchs and his team, accompanied by Sir Edmund Hillary, went on to complete the first surface crossing of the Antarctic.

They reached Scott camp on 2 March 1958 after a journey of 99 days and more than 2,000 miles across the Antarctic.

Dr Fuchs' achievement was rewarded by an immediate knighthood and he returned home to Britain as Sir Vivian.

Sir Vivian and Sir Edmund wrote a book about the trip, *The Crossing of Antarctica*.

Sir Vivian was director of the British Antarctic Survey until his retirement in 1973.

He died in November 1999 aged 91.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 You're in the mood to work hard now - really, really hard.

Taurus April 20-May 20 You're in charge of creature comforts - from pillows to chocolate and sweet music.

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 Most of the world is in the mood to mingle now - which is usually the exact same mood you're in.

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 You just can't stop that stream of quick, witty, entertaining conversation from pouring out of your mouth.

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 Don't let anyone coerce you into giving them a single dime if you're not completely comfortable with why you're signing it over.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 The stars are telling you to accept gracefully the things you can't change, to have the courage to change the things you can.

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 Even though you're definitely the most sociable of all creatures, you're just not in the mood to mingle right now.

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 If you weren't satisfied with yesterday's selection of new people to interview for the position of new best friend or long-term lovers -- well, not to worry.

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 You're not known for doing anything 'just a little.' As far as the rest of the world knows, that mostly pertains to fun things.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 You can't think of anything you'd rather do than alphabetize your media collections. Once everything is exactly where you want it to be, though, you might want to turn your attention toward one other activity.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 The way you're feeling now... well, let's just say that you won't even be able to fake being satisfied if you're not.

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 If anyone has seen you alone for the past day or so, it's quite surprising. You're in the mood to be part of a couple, and if there's anything you can do to keep your guest list pared down to one, you'll do it.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



SUDOKU

Easy

9x9 grid for Easy Sudoku puzzle with numbers 7, 4, 5, 8, 1, 2, 1, 8.

Easy+

9x9 grid for Easy+ Sudoku puzzle with numbers 2, 3, 4, 7, 5, 3, 4, 3, 2.

Medium

9x9 grid for Medium Sudoku puzzle with numbers 6, 2, 1, 7, 4, 8, 5, 1, 4.

Hard

9x9 grid for Hard Sudoku puzzle with numbers 2, 3, 8, 1, 7, 4, 6, 2, 9.

WEATHER

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CHINA

Table of weather conditions for various Chinese cities: Beijing, Harbin, Tianjin, Urumqi, Xi'an, Lhasa, Chengdu, Chongqing, Kunming, Nanjing, Shanghai, Wuhan, Hangzhou, Taipei, Guangzhou, Hong Kong.

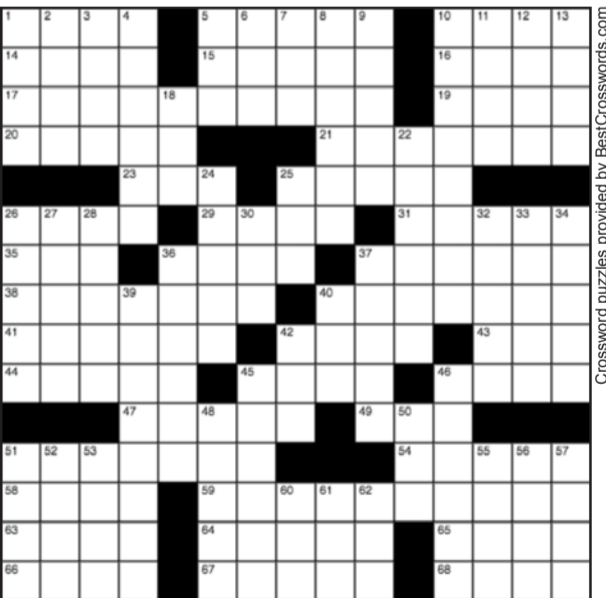
WORLD

Table of weather conditions for various world cities: Moscow, Frankfurt, Paris, London, New York.

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Breakfast brand; 5- Commerce; 10- Manager; 14- Stadium level; 15- More reasonable; 16- Miners' sch.; 17- A reactionary; 19- She played Carla on "Cheers"; 20- Pond scum; 21- Thrifty management; 23- Maiden name preceder; 25- Minute Maid Park player; 26- Flat sound; 29- Sunset direction; 31- Use a divining rod; 35- Black cuckoo; 36- Writing table; 37- Capital of Zambia; 38- Spanish hunter's cap; 40- Krypton, for one; 41- Planks; 42- Sixth month of the year; 43- Hot time in Paris; 44- French farewell; 45- DEA agent; 46- Mine finds; 47- Thespian; 49- Long, thin snake-like fish; 51- Conductor; 54- I don't give ___!; 58- Legal rights org.; 59- Privileged; 63- Posterior; 64- ___ France; 65- Explorer Vasco da ___; 66- Daly of "Judging Amy"; 67- TV host Gibbons; 68- Actor Estrada;

DOWN: 1- Singer James; 2- Female child; 3- An earth sci.; 4- Church instruments; 5- General on Chinese menus; 6- Far out!; 7- At least one; 8- Abhor; 9- Build; 10- Hooded cloak worn by Arabs; 11- Roman emperor after Galba; 12- Appear; 13- Neuter; 18- Majors in acting; 22- Manure; 24- Pitchers; 25- Invite; 26- Brazilian dance; 27- Hair net; 28- Mideast peninsula; 30- "___ Beso" (1962 hit); 32- Bet; 33- Glide along smoothly; 34- Alleviates; 36- Detract; 37- Knight's weapon; 39- Cherish; 40- Capek play; 42- Glass container; 45- Dried strip of egg dough; 46- Methuselah's claim to fame; 48- Bring up the rear; 50- Attack a sub?; 51- Trading center; 52- ___deucy; 53- Enthusiastic liveliness; 55- Food thickener; 56- Do followers; 57- Mont. neighbor; 60- Neckline shape; 61- Wood-shaping tool; 62- PBS supporter;



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CHINA SUPER LEAGUE

Football pioneer calls for rational signings to avoid bubble

DAYS after China abruptly began scrutinizing the recruitment of foreign players into the country's dominant Super League, one of the most influential men in Chinese football cautioned the industry not to overreact to the rules by turning their backs on overseas athletes altogether.

"I don't hope things suddenly move to another extreme," CMC Holdings Co. Chairman Li Ruigang, whose firm backed the record USD1.2 billion purchase of the Super League's broadcasting rights, said in an interview at the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland. "China needs international talents to bring skills, boost the ratings, popularity of the games, make the games more attractive."

Chinese teams, backed by the country's rich, have shaken up the global market for soccer talent by bidding up contracts. The Shanghai Shenhua team reportedly agreed to pay 32-year-old Carlos Tevez 40 million euros (\$42 million) a season, making him the



CMC Holdings Co. Chairman Li Ruigang

world's best-paid soccer player even though he's nearing the end of his playing career. That news came shortly after another of the city's clubs paid London's Chelsea a fee of \$75 million to bring over Brazilian reserve midfielder, Oscar.

Outside of China, teams have

complained about how such deals are inflating the market for talent, and last month, the Communist Party's flagship People's Daily newspaper chimed in with an editorial pointing out that 80 percent of the 4.1 billion yuan spent by the country's top division teams last season went toward foreign coaches and players.

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Then came Jan. 5, when China's Sports General Administration announced it would "regulate and restrain high-priced signings, and make reasonable restrictions on players' high incomes." In res-

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ponse, Super League officials announced clubs would be limited to playing three foreign players, down from four previously.

Also under the new regulations, the league scrapped the rights for

teams to use a player from Asia in addition to the overseas quota. Teams must also now field at least one player under the age of 23.

Shanghai SIPG coach Andre Villas Boas, whose team was among the most active in the transfer window, balked at the new rules as they've disrupted preparation for the new season.

"Such a huge change shouldn't be announced about a month before the new season," Villas-Boas said during a press conference at his team's training camp in Qatar. "Most of the clubs' team-building plans have been in accordance with the previous rules. That's when everyone gets caught off guard."

As to Li, he called for a more balanced approach to scouting foreign talent.

"I think China's soccer market should be more thoughtful and sophisticated. Buying talents at such high price is not reasonable," Li said. "It's not good for local soccer market or the global market. It disrupts the pricing."

CMC Holdings, an affiliate of China Media Capital, last year paid 8 billion yuan (\$1.2 billion) for five years of domestic television rights to Chinese football, or 100 times the league's previous 80 million yuan-per-season agreement. The company also lead a group that spent \$400 million to buy a 13 percent stake in Manchester City, a few months after President Xi Jinping visited the English Premier League club in 2015. **Bloomberg**

TENNIS | AUSTRALIAN OPEN

Djokovic out in second round, loses to Istomin



Serbia's Novak Djokovic gestures to the crowd after losing to Uzbekistan's Denis Istomin at the Australian Open in Melbourne

IT started badly for Novak Djokovic, who needed 24 serves, six break-point saves and 15 minutes just to hold his first game in the second round.

This was not the close-to-invincible Djokovic that

fans were used to seeing at the Australian Open, where he has won a record-equaling six titles, including five in the previous six years.

In his earliest loss at a Grand Slam tournament since 2008, Djokovic

lost 7-6 (8), 5-7, 2-6, 7-6 (5), 6-4 yesterday to No. 117-ranked Denis Istomin, a 30-year-old wildcard entry from Uzbekistan.

"All the credit to Denis for playing amazing. He deserves to win," Djokovic said of their four-hour, 48-minute match. "He was the better player in the clutch moments."

"Obviously, I was not pleased with my performance overall, but I have to congratulate my opponent. Whenever he needed, he came up with a big serve, big play."

Djokovic hadn't dropped a set to Istomin in six previous matches. But he lost the 85-minute first set in a tiebreaker and then seemed to get the momentum back, only for Istomin to finish stronger.

"It is the biggest win for me. It means so much," Istomin said. "Now I feel I can play with these guys,

and to be with them on the same level."

Djokovic was the only one of the men's seeded players to lose on a long day capped by ninth-seeded Rafael Nadal's 6-3, 6-1, 6-3 win over 2006 finalist Marcos Baghdatis.

Both players have had famously late nights at Melbourne Park — Nadal losing the latest-finishing final in Grand Slam history; Baghdatis losing to Lleyton Hewitt in third-round match in 2008 that finished at 4:34 a.m.

"I'm not used to losing Australian Open second round," Djokovic said. "I've done so well here."

That didn't matter to Istomin, nor seemingly to the Rod Laver Arena crowd.

The center court wasn't at capacity as the match extended into the scheduled night session, and Djokovic's usually vocal Serbian fans were also not a big presence.

Much of the crowd, sensing an upset, was behind Istomin in the fifth set. When the Uzbek made a backhand winner for the decisive break in the fifth game of the last set, he let out a roar and the audience roared, too. **MDT/AP**

CYCLING | TOUR DOWN UNDER

Caleb Ewan wins third stage

Australian sprinter Caleb Ewan won yesterday's third stage of the Tour Down Under cycle race while compatriot Richie Porte retained the overall lead with three stages remaining.

Ewan outspurred two-time world champion Peter Sagan to win the 144-kilometer stage from Glenelg to Victor Harbor, claiming his fourth stage win on the tour and the 19th of his professional career.

Both Ewan and Sagan were lucky to avoid a crash in the finishing straight, which brought down Spain's Gorka Izagirre and two other riders. Because it happened within 3 kilometers of the finish, Izagirre did not lose any time and remains in second place on general classification, 20 seconds behind Porte.

Ewan has won the

unofficial prelude to the Tour Down Under in each of the past two years, won the first and fifth stages of last year's event and has now won the first and third stages on the current tour. The 22-year-old from Australia's ORICA-Scott team has already had five stage wins this year.

"Today was pretty tough backing up after yesterday," Ewan said. "I went pretty deep and it really took me probably three quarters of the race to really get into it again."

"It didn't help that we had to ride back a super-strong break away in the end. Since we got on the laps we were going full gas so it was a tough break."

Today's fourth stage takes riders 149.5 kilometers from Norwood to Campbelltown in eastern Adelaide. **MDT/AP**

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Leanda Lee



TAKE IT FROM HIM, GIVING WORKS

Servant leadership is one of those idealistic concepts that you either know exists because you've been privileged to experience it, hold it as an ideal but remain agnostic, or are cynical about, as we often are of suggestions that altruistic qualities exist in the business world.

A rather old concept in organisational behaviour and management studies, servant leadership goes back to the 1970s. It says leaders serve first, and lead second. Being a servant leader is about looking after the interests of the people inside the company to help them grow, develop and perform to capacity, and to serve the interests of other stakeholders. The idea does not equate leadership with formal power or coercion. A servant leader's power and energy derives from within, not bestowed from without.

A more recent but similar idea which has cropped up over the last few years, seeping from academic journals into books (e.g. Adam Grant's "Give and Take"), mainstream business media, and about to have a resurgence in Harvard Business Review's "Big Ideas" webinar, is that service to others and generosity is a big part of individual and organisational success. There are Givers (who selflessly give without expectation of immediate gain), there are Takers ("...skilled at kissing up and kicking down") and there are Matchers (who seek to balance their contributions with what they receive). We each have a preferred approach but are rarely completely one type and can switch between preferred modes, such as being Givers at home and Takers in the boardroom.

Facebook reminded me recently of rather significant family-related sacrifice I had made for work a few years ago – forgoing skiing in Aspen certainly constitutes a significant sacrifice. Looking with hindsight at what eventually transpired, I realise that although that choice – among others – to give/be a martyr seemed justifiable at the time, I was naive about the link between the intrinsic reward I felt and my deeply ingrained expectations that those actions would ultimately be recognised. Eventually, I paid the price, but although the cost is known as generosity burnout, it can feel like generosity betrayal. "Pathological altruism" is a marvellous term for those really bad cases.

Giving, however, is a great attribute of a successful person, together with money and power! Some say it's a precursor to the latter. Service and giving offers us meaning. As a motivator it builds relationships and sets up collaboration. It's actually a stronger work motivator than interesting tasks or individual advancement.

Adam Grant did a study on the three types of workers – Givers, Takers and Matchers – and found that the most successful performers were Givers. The least successful were also Givers. It turns out there are two types of Giver: those who have Productive Generosity and those who end up with Generosity Burnout. All Givers focus on others, but the most successful also focus on their own interests. Selfless giving is not sustainable – it leads to exhaustion, burnout, bitterness and failure. Nice guys finish last and good guys finish first. The first are exhausted, the latter are energized by giving.

There is a general misconception that generosity is about being nice but it is more often about tough love and being prepared to tell people what they need to hear. Productively generous people know that success is not about pleasantries but interacting effectively with people, when to help others and when to focus efforts elsewhere. They set their own boundaries. They know that experiencing reward for their effort keeps them going, so they do it selectively.

Most employees are Givers. Successful Givers know how to scope their generosity, decide when they are uniquely qualified to offer assistance, give to other collaborators and learn to avoid the Takers. Others wait to be shown that their efforts have meaningful outcomes, and that their helping hand is valued; don't let those Givers be taken advantage of.

THE NEW CLASH ERUPTS AT BRAZIL PRISON WHERE 26 KILLED

Inmates threw rocks at each other and set up barriers yesterday inside a Brazilian penitentiary where 26 prisoners were recently killed in confrontations.

Live images on Globo television showed hundreds of prisoners in the yard of Alcauz Penitentiary outside the northeast city of Natal.

Inmates appeared to be separating themselves

into two groups with makeshift barriers of pieces of wood, mattresses and other material. Injured prisoners were seen being carried off.

No prison guards could be seen. "We need help immediately," Robinson Faria, the governor of the state of Rio Grande do Norte, told CBN radio. Faria said he had asked President Michel Temer to immediately dispatch troops from the Armed Forces.

US

Rules for pot in public fire up debate in Denver



DENVER started work yesterday [Macau time] on becoming the first city in the U.S. to allow marijuana clubs and public pot use in places such as coffee shops, yoga studios and art galleries.

Voters narrowly approved the "social use" measure last November. But the ballot proposal didn't spell out many rules for how the marijuana could be consumed, beyond saying that the drug can't be smoked inside and that patrons must be over 21.

Since then, the state Liquor Control Board has decreed that no businesses with a liquor license can allow marijuana use. That leaves it to restaurants that don't serve alcohol and other event spaces.

A workgroup made up of Denver business owners, city pot regulators and ma-

rijuana opponents met to discuss the details, debating even the simplest topics.

For almost an hour, they debated whether kid-friendly venues such as museums or zoos could host adults-only marijuana-friendly events at night. The measure includes a caveat that public pot use not occur near schools and places kids congregate.

"We don't want this around children, we all agree," said Emmett Reistroffer, a cannabis consultant who ran the public-use campaign.

But he urged regulators not to be too restrictive, pointing out that there's no law saying adults can't drink alcohol in front of children, such as at a professional football stadium.

"We do tolerate alcohol use by adults in front of

people under 21," he said.

Supporters hope to see the city start accepting applications from businesses by this summer, but regulators could easily drag out decision-making for months. It won't be an easy job, if the initial meeting was an indication.

City officials had to double the size of the room to accommodate the crowd, and a long white board for questions filled quickly with subjects such as "Hours of operation?"

Another hot topic: how patrons at the new weed-friendly clubs and coffee shops will get their marijuana.

The measure does not allow participating businesses to sell pot, so patrons would have to bring their own. Some neighborhood groups expressed doubt about allowing a pot club to open next door to a pot shop, but a police officer on the panel liked the idea.

"If the people going to these places don't have anywhere to buy it, you're going to attract a black market," Deputy Police Chief David Quinones said.

The workgroup plans to submit regulations to city marijuana regulators, who make the ultimate decision on which businesses get licenses, costing USD2,000 a year. Businesses can start requesting license applications today. AP

Station	Air quality	
Roadside	50-70 Moderate	
High Density Residential Area	55-75 Moderate	
Ambient	55-75 Moderate	

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WORLD BRIEFS

AUSTRALIA The leader of Australia's most populous state resigned yesterday after his popularity plummeted over a series of decisions during 2016. Sydney-based New South Wales Premier Mike Baird used social media to announce that the ruling Liberal Party would elect a new leader at a meeting next week. More on p12



IRAN A high-rise building in central Tehran engulfed by fire collapsed on yesterday, killing at least 30 firefighters and injuring some 75 people, state media reported. Iranian authorities did not immediately release definitive casualty figures, which is common in unfolding disasters. More on p14



OIC-ISRAEL Foreign ministers from the Organization of Islamic Cooperation yesterday indirectly condemned plans to move the U.S. Embassy in Israel from Tel Aviv to Jerusalem. A statement issued after a meeting in Kuala Lumpur rejected any actions that could undermine the Palestinian claim to part of Jerusalem.

BRITAIN-S. ARABIA The British government says six U.K. citizens have been killed and others injured in a road crash in Saudi Arabia. The Foreign Office said yesterday it was supporting the families of the dead Britons and "helping several more British nationals who were injured in the crash."

CZECH REPUBLIC The country is one step away from losing its status of one of the last havens for tobacco smokers in Europe. The upper house of Parliament, voted 45-12 yesterday to approve a smoking ban in bars, restaurants and cafes. The lower house gave its green light on Dec. 9.

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