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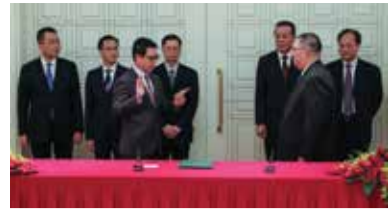
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**SOUTH KOREA** A lawyer for the jailed woman at the center of the biggest South Korean political scandal in decades says prosecutors threatened to "annihilate" her family and used other abusive language during questioning. Prosecutors denied the accusations.

**AUSTRALIA** Thousands of protesters mar celebrations of the national day by cranking up pressure on the government to acknowledge indigenous suffering. Australia Day celebrates the arrival of the first British colonists in Sydney Harbor on Jan. 26, 1788.

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## First live poultry H7 flu case in 2017

Macau will suspend its live poultry trade for at least three days immediately after a chicken sample tested positive for the H7 strain of bird flu yesterday. Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau chief, José Tavares, told the press that the flu-positive chicken were imported from the Chinese mainland and all poultry markets in Macau will receive strict sterilization procedure. He said all markets in Macau will suspend live poultry trade for at least three days. The bureau said they have sealed the market where the positive sample was found, and no infected birds have entered retail markets. Some 14,000 chicken and 4,000 pigeons in the market will be culled. The Health Bureau said a driver from the Chinese mainland has been recognized as having had close contact. The driver had return to the mainland and the bureau already reported the situation to mainland authorities. This is the first time in 2017 that Macau suspended its live poultry trade because of bird flu report. In 2016, the region had three suspensions of the live poultry trade for this reason.

## Shun Tak expands in Singapore

Shun Tak Holdings Ltd. has expanded its business interests in Singapore through the acquisition of a 70 percent share in a commercial development in the city. The development in question, located at 111 Somerset Road, will be 30 percent controlled by Perennial Singapore Investment Holdings, a subsidiary of Perennial Real Estate Holdings. The latter is a strategic partner to Shun Tak, cooperating in the company's Tongzhou and Hengqin projects. The transaction needed to secure the stake amounts to SGD350 million (about MOP1.97 billion), of which the majority will be settled in cash. In a statement issued by Shun Tak, the company presented its outlook for Singapore real estate future as remaining healthy in the medium to long run, "backed by sound government policy and solid underlying fundamentals."

# Almost no money laundering prosecutions

Renato Marques

**Y**ESTERDAY, the Third Standing Committee of the Legislative Assembly (AL) discussed the newly implemented law that aims to prevent money laundering and terrorism-financing activities.

According to Committee president Cheong Chi Keong, one of the topics discussed was the separation of the "prior crimes" that might be the origin of the money laundering activities. Opinions expressed suggested that these "prior crimes" should be treated separately from the charge of money laundering. This would promote a "radical change" on laws currently in force, which follow the directives from the Asia/Pa-



cific Group on Money Laundering (APG).

Cheang said, "the number of reports in the past 10 years are not few, but after being sent to the Public Prosecutions Office (MP), "the cases were not pursued."

He explained that "because

most of these prior crimes were committed out of the territory's jurisdiction, barriers to the application of the law are created."

According to the figures cited by Cheang, "only about 10 cases reached the prosecution stage," adding that "this happens becau-

## General minimum wage regulated within 3 years

RENATO MARQUES



**S**ECRETARY for Economy and Finance Lionel Leong clarified yesterday that a proposal for the implementation of a universal minimum wage will be ready within three years. Leong was speaking during the meeting of the third standing committee of the Legislative Assembly (AL).

"First we will do a review on the implementation of the law that established a minimum wage for the two professions [cleaning and security staff of buildings management]," Leong said. He added that the next step would be a "public consultation to hear many more voices from the

public before the report from the Executive Council and the discussion at the AL."

"Of course, the government is making efforts to implement this [law] within the next three years, but we must respect our mechanism," Leong said. He said that after a law is presented to the AL, the lawmakers must also present their opinions and discuss the topic.

He added that the approval of such laws is largely in the hands of the lawmakers, which is why the government "cannot compromise itself with a date for the entry into force [of such a law]." Leong concluded

that "if we state one date, this would be disrespectful to the AL."

In regard to the recent reports of a significant decline in the number of licensed gaming junkets operating in Macau during the past year, Leong said, "We hope that the gaming sector can develop in a healthy and sustainable way."

He added, "The fall in the number of junkets can have several reasons, like the government tightening regulations and guidelines for the junket operations. I won't deny that with the adjustments in Macau economy that moved to other locations, but this also happened in the past with a movement in and out of the market."

He concluded by saying that the government hopes to "improve also the junkets' conditions so the gaming sector can develop. This change might be a positive factor in the healthy and sustainable development of the sector." **RM**

## Unemployment rate remains unchanged

**T**HE unemployment rate for the October-December 2016 held stable as in the previous period (September-November 2016) at 1.9 percent. According to data released by the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC) yesterday, the underemployment rate was 0.6 percent, down by 0.1 percentage points.

Total labour force was 392,600 and the labour force participation rate stood at 71.8 percent. Total employment decreased by 500 from the previous period, at 385,000. The number of unemployed persons was 7,600, similar to that in September-November 2016. Fresh labour force entrants searching for their first job accounted for 8.9 percent of the total unemployed, down by 5.8 percentage points.

In the fourth quarter of 2016, the unemployment rate of local residents (2.7 percent) increased slightly by 0.1 percentage points. Total employment decreased by 9,200 quarter-to-quarter. Analyzed by industry, employment in the construction sector (37,200)

se information from outside must be requested, and this information is sometimes provided too late when processes have already been archived."

Methods of promoting this in the new law without "double penalization" and the penalties framework will be topics to be addressed in the upcoming meeting, said Cheang.

The second topic addressed was the supervision over the Bank Accounts, which, according to Cheang, is a topic on which the committee had received correspondence commenting on potential problems of implementation.

The government has said to the committee that there will be a transition period in which all rules will be explained clearly, especially to the Bank and Finance sectors as well as the Real Estate sector.

The final topic of discussion was the implementations directly related to the gaming sector. The topic has been slated by the government for further clarification in the next meeting.

dropped by 7,900, following the successive completion of large-scale entertainment facilities. Meanwhile, employment in Health & Social Welfare (13,400) rose by 1,600. Median monthly employment earnings of both the employed (MOP15,000) and employed residents (MOP18,000) remained unchanged from the third quarter of 2016.

For the whole year of 2016, the general unemployment rate stood at 1.9 percent and the unemployment rate of local residents was 2.7 percent, up by 0.1 and 0.2 percentage points respectively year-on-year. Median monthly employment earnings of both the employed (MOP15,000) and employed residents (MOP18,000) stayed flat from the previous year. With regard to household employment, the average number of employed persons per household was 1.7 in 2016, down by 0.1 year-on-year, and the median monthly employment earnings per household remained unchanged from 2015, at MOP28,000.

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# Angela Leong omitted from Zhuhai CPPCC

**A**CCORDING to a document issued last month by the Central Government's Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC), Macau lawmaker and SJM director Angela Leong will no longer serve as a member in the latest iteration of the Zhuhai CPPCC standing committee.



Angela Leong

The document issued by the Central Government announced the 286 members of the Ninth Committee of the Zhuhai CPPCC, who represent various sectors of business and society. The Ninth Committee held its first session earlier this month on January 12, when it elected its new chairman, vice-chairmen and secretary-general, under the supervision of the national standing committee.

Leong, who has previously been a part of the committee, was absent from this year's list of 286 members.

An official source told the Times that the Central Government is seeking to prevent persons of

influence from holding multiple affiliations within China and implied that the omission of Leong was not politically motivated.

"There is a policy in China, at a municipal level, whereby they are enforcing an existing law more vigorously. [The law dictates] that people should avoid holding multiple public and private positions within China," the source told the Times.

The source also said that there exists a quota for the number of 'special members' of Zhuhai's

standing committee, namely those who are not from Zhuhai. This quota has been flexible in the past but is now also being enforced more strictly "with no exceptions", the source explained.

The Times attempted to reach Leong's representatives through avenues including her office at SJM Holdings and the New Union for Macau's Development - the political association with which she normally aligns as a lawmaker - but no reply was received by press time. **PC/DB**



## Sands announces salary increases, bonuses

Sands China is increasing the salaries of its eligible full-time team members by an average of 2 to 6 percent, as cited in a statement issued by the gaming operator. In addition, the company is paying a discretionary bonus to all eligible full-time team members today. The salary increase takes effect March 1. Eligible full-time employees earning monthly salaries less than or equal to MOP12,000 (before tax) will receive a pay rise of MOP600, resulting in a salary increase of 5 percent or more. Eligible team members earning monthly salaries above MOP12,000 (before tax) will receive an average of a 2 to 2.5 percent pay rise. From among nearly 28,000 eligible full-time employees, qualified team members who have completed at least one full year of service in 2016 will receive a discretionary bonus on January 27, equivalent to at least one month's salary. In addition, Sands China will again distribute a "Special Award" in July 2017 to eligible full-time team members, equivalent to one month's salary.

## Violinist Ning Feng to perform in Macau

The Macau Orchestra of the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) will present the concert "Ning Feng Plays Elgar" on February 19 at St. Dominic's Church. Under the baton of young Taiwanese conductor Tung-Chieh Chuang, famed Chinese violinist Ning Feng returns to Macau to interpret Elgar's Violin Concerto. According to a statement released by the IC, this visit will include a "Music Hour - Violin Master Class with Ning Feng," to be held on February 17 at the Macau Museum of Art Auditorium. The master class aims to train and encourage local musicians and will be conducted in Mandarin and English.

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# Watchdog unclear over AL election rules

Renato Marques

**T**HE president of the newly inaugurated Electoral Affairs Commission for the Legislative Assembly election (CAEAL) Tong Hio Fong was unclear about the new election rules during his appointment yesterday. “We have to handle this on a case-by-case basis; the law states clearly what is considered content of an electoral campaign and we must follow the law for this,” he said.

“Whether an interview [is allowed or not], we can’t answer so clearly. We need to check on the content of such an interview to see if there is a violation [of the law].”

Tong was speaking at the inauguration ceremony of the members and president

of CAEAL, which was held yesterday at the government headquarters.

When questioned on several topics related to the works of the commission, Tong was reluctant to provide further details, saying, “We haven’t started working yet, we will disclose more information as soon as we have our first meeting.” He added that such a meeting would not occur until after the Chinese New Year.

Tong also said that the date for the election and the election campaign period will be discussed at CAEAL’s first meeting, among other issues.

In response to queries about whether the government and the commission has received any instructions regarding the declaration of loyalty to China and to Macau, Tong

said that he does not believe there is a need for such instructions to come from the central government, as such an action is taken according to and in compliance with the Basic Law.

When questioned on how CAEAL will monitor the candidates involved in the offenses, Tong responded that the Electoral Law contains clear rules on punishable offenses. He added that the Commission will proceed as quickly as possible to handle any cases that might arise, and will work alongside the Commission against Corruption.

All members of CAEAL swore and acknowledged their duties in front of Chief Executive, Chui Sai On, in a ceremony that had most of the current lawmakers present.



Tong Hio Fong

**T**o welcome the Year of the Rooster, many integrated resorts in the region have launched an array of festive dining and entertainment offerings.

Sands China will welcome the New Year with traditional Chinese New Year ceremonies and lion dances on Sunday at its various properties.

Sands China executives will officiate festivities at Sands Macao, The Venetian Macao, Sands Cotai Central and The Parisian Macao, including eye-dotting ceremonies and ceremonial lion and dragon dances.

As part of its entertainment program, Sands Resorts Macao will also present its all-new seasonal 3D Light and Sound Spectacular; “Seasons of Prosperity.”

The light show will run every 30 minutes between 6.30 p.m. to 11 p.m. until February 14.

Colorful decorations may be seen throughout the outdoor lagoon area of The Venetian Macao and around The Parisian Macao’s Eiffel Tower and Porte Cochère area, including lanterns, floral displays, tree lights and fans.

MGM Macau is cele-

## Local resorts celebrate CNY with festive treats

brating the Year of the Rooster with a peony blossom sculpture and a Garden of Fortune, combined with entertainment programs and special festive gourmet.

In Chinese culture, peony blossoms are symbols of prosperity, while the tangerine and gold represent good fortune and wealth.

Tomorrow a “Lion Dance Blessing Ceremony” will be held at the MGM VIP Lobby Entrance at 3.30 p.m., led by MGM China CEO and executive director Grant Bowie.

For festive and seasonal delicacies, Imperial Court Chinese Restaurant has delicacies to offer for a Lunar New Year feast with family and friends to celebrate the coming of a prosperous new year. Imperial Court has crafted an a-la-cart menu and a set menu with symbolism for this season.

Restaurant Rossio will also offer a CNY buffet with a wide selection of seafood, Asian and international delights from today until February 5.

To satisfy one’s sweet cravings, the resort’s



Tourists view the lights decoration for the Chinese lunar new year in Macau

Pastry Bar and Grande Praça Café will bring an array of East-Meets-West confectionery and a festive Lunar New Year Afternoon Tea Set to guests from today until February 11.

MGM’s Tria Spa is offering two CNY spa packages to kick-start the Year of the Rooster. The Beauty and Wellness Combo restores natural balance and well-being for deep relaxation and re-energizing. The treatments are available until January 31.

At Studio City’s Pearl Dragon, the restaurant is bringing seasonal delicacies for the New Year, including abalo-

nes, sea cucumber and fish maw. The Spring Festival’s traditional “poon choi” will be available and will come with six-head abalones, sea cucumbers, fish maw, poached chicken, roasted duck, conpoy, shrimps and more.

In addition to lobster, snow crab legs and foie gras, Spotlight will be serving an array of traditional festive dishes at dinnertime on the first three days of CNY.

Two-Michelin-starred Cantonese restaurant Jade Dragon at City of Dreams is celebrating the year with premium menus and various specialties.

In addition, Jade Dra-

gon is also offering an eight-course CNY set menu priced for six people.

R Bar at the Hard Rock Hotel will hold a dinner buffet tomorrow and on Sunday. The dinner buffet serves festive fare such as abalone rice with soup, braised dried oyster with sea moss alongside lucky sweet treats like glutinous rice balls in sweet soup, plus a free-flow of soft drinks and iced lemon tea.

The R Bar afternoon tea, with its selection of savory and sweet bites, is another ideal choice for festive gatherings. It is available between 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. daily

until February 6.

Meanwhile, Galaxy Macau will introduce the “Love My Fortune” theme under its “Love Unlimited Experiences” campaign, which showcases a collection of symbolic traditional Chinese décor throughout its lobbies for a traditional CNY celebration. Broadway Macao and StarWorld Hotel are also wrapped up in festival décor with a line up of festive events. In Broadway Macao, “CNY Pedicab Singers & Highlight Show” and a “High Five CNY Medley” will be presented to guests at the Happy Square to signify an exciting year to come.

Wynn Palace offers an extensive range of exquisite dining options for guests and families this year. In one of its restaurants, Andrea’s, the holiday menu is filled with authentic Chinese regional dishes. In another of its restaurants, Sweets, guests may choose a selection of traditional Spring Festival cakes and confectionery, including CNY coconut cake, turnip cake, taro cake and water chestnut cake. LV

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**INVESTORS** are turning more positive about Macau following a two-year slump in the world's biggest gambling hub. A sharper focus on the more profitable mass market is paying off for casino operators, while VIP punters are starting to return after their wings were clipped by Chinese President Xi Jinping's crackdown on corruption. Betting in Macau rose 10 percent last quarter to 60.4 billion patacas (USD7.6 billion). The signs of recovery are scaring away the bears.

Rattled by the recent slowdown, casinos and resorts in Macau looked to middle-class tourists to revive sales. Wynn Macau Ltd.'s new casino on the Cotai strip and Sands China

**GAMING**

# New Year bonanza to lift bets on Macau

Ltd.'s Parisian - a hotel complex with a half-size replica of the Eiffel Tower - are attracting crowds, while restrictions on cash machine withdrawals weren't as harsh as some had feared. Macau is set for a further boost over the week-long Lunar New Year holiday, which this year starts today. This is usually peak season for visitors. DS Kim, a Hong Kong-ba-

sed analyst at JPMorgan Chase & Co., said booking trends for junkets and hotels are upbeat and might be on track to surpass the Golden Week holiday in October last year. "We stay bullish on the sector for genuine upturns in demand, profits and cash flows in 2017 and onward," he said. Las Vegas Sands Corp. offered a note of caution when it kicked off casino earnings season in the U.S. on Wednesday. Results missed forecasts largely because of the success of punters at the newly launched Parisian in Macau, it said. In the earnings call, the company's president Rob Goldstein singled out one gambler in particular. "She wins every day and she is doing very well. And, she affected the numbers," he said.

Over the past 12 months, returns on a Bloomberg gauge of casino stocks were almost three times higher than those of the Hang Seng Index. In January 2016, Wynn Macau's shares

touched a record low and Sands China was trading at the lowest level since 2012. They're up 84 percent and 52 percent from this time last year. Galaxy Entertainment Group Ltd., another industry leader, has jumped 72 percent.

growth will peak at 15 percent in 2019, as the Chinese traveling population grows and the opening of the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge and light rail transit alleviate capacity constraints and help increase visitors. Growth will taper to high single digits through 2025, Tam said.

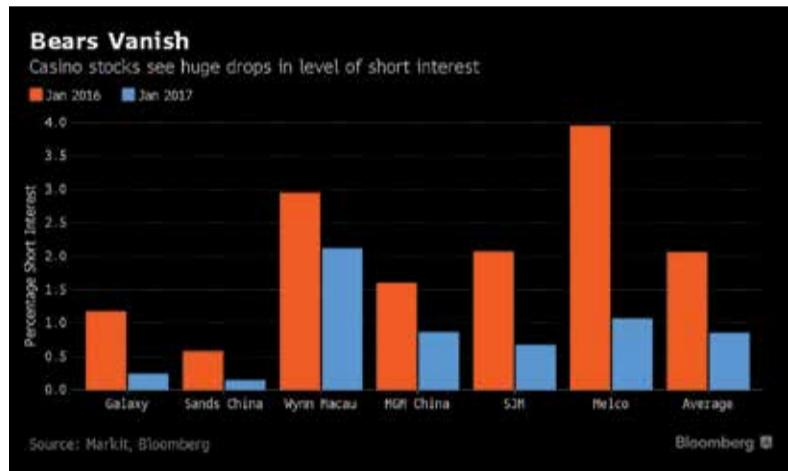
While valuations have come off November highs, when the Bloomberg Intelligence Macau Gaming index had a price-earnings multiple of 29, the highest since April 2010, the gauge is still trading at 25 times estimated earnings.

"It all comes down to valuation," said Angelamaria Hanelle, an analyst at China Merchants Securities (Hong Kong) Co. "Although the long term growth looks pretty good, it's more like the market already knows about it so I don't think there is much room to improve." Risks to the recovery include a wider smoking ban in VIP gaming areas later this year and potential for Chinese government policies restricting capital outflows. "Capital flight controls from the continued depreciation of the yuan could limit VIP growth and junket operators' financing capabilities," said CICC Research, which is "cautiously optimistic" on the Macau gaming sector. **Bloomberg**

**We stay bullish on the sector for genuine upturns in demand, profits and cash flows.**

DS KIM  
ANALYST AT JPMORGAN CHASE

Morningstar analyst Chelsey Tam said in a recent note that Macau's mass gaming revenue



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REAL ESTATE MATTERS

Common Misconceptions About Renting A Property In Macau - Part 1

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After many years of handling rental transactions we would have to be completely blind not to see some recurring patterns amongst tenants, especially when people first arrive in Macau.

This list of common misconceptions may look innocent enough, but the difference in expectation is usually the source of major rental conflicts, something that could be easily avoided with a little more clarity up front.

When you consider the rental process usually involves at least two different languages (sometimes three), its not surprising that misunderstandings are commonplace.

Bearing this in mind, it is wise to get all agreements in writing prior to signing a final contract.

What are some of the most common misconceptions?

I can take my time to look for an apartment...

The turnover of apartments in Macau is extremely fast. As supply is low and demand is high, there is a constant battle to find and confirm a suitable apartment in which to live before someone else takes it.

Whilst planning ahead is important, the best time to find an apartment is a maximum of four weeks ahead of your scheduled move date, although two weeks ahead is a more usual scenario. Owners will generally refuse to hold a property for more than four weeks unless there is compensation for the amount of rental income being lost whilst an apartment stands empty.

I need a gym and a pool...

Apartments offer a wide range of amenities to attract occupants.

The more expensive apartment buildings offer amenities like fitness facilities and pools, whilst other apartments might offer appliances such as washer/dryers and dishwashers in the unit.

Landlords often have to pay more and therefore charge more for these amenities, so it makes sense for potential tenants to consider carefully whether or not they will really make use of them?

An alternative is to join one of the hotel health clubs that offer monthly memberships. It may work out cheaper in the long term.

The cost of moving in will be minimal

When you hear the monthly rent you might need to take a seat and catch your breath, and in some cases the move-in fees may cause permanent heart failure!

As a standard requirement, you will need the equivalent of four months rent when moving into a new apartment.

You will be paying for the current month's rent, and this will either be the 'pro-rata' amount if you are moving in midway through the month, or it will be a while month's rent with the rent due on the moving-in date every month.

You will also need to pay a refundable security deposit usually equal to

two months rent that is held by the landlord or representative in case of damages or breakages in the apartment.

Finally you will also be required to pay an agency fee / finders fee if you are using an agent to find an apartment, and this is usually equal to one month's rent.

A word of caution here on utilities: Some things may be covered in the rent, others not. Ask if cable TV and trash removal are covered? Tenants usually pay on a consumption basis for utilities.

The agent is working for me, the tenant, not the landlord

Real estate agents have different practices around the world.

In Macau there is a particular need for collaboration in such a small community, and the parties on both sides pay agency fees.

It is the usual practice in most countries that different agents represent the owner and the tenant.

It is also fairly commonplace that whilst the agents are different, they may be working for the same company.

Then again there are times when the same agent is working with the owner and the tenant, effectively acting as a 'broker' in the arrangement. Whilst this is less common, it is better to clarify this with your agent when negotiations start, just so that you are clear on the agents role.

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## SINGAPORE

# Property comeback seen boosting large developers

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**Y**ES, you heard it right - Singapore's home prices are set to make a comeback after a three-year losing streak. And analysts think property developer stocks are the best way to play that rebound.

Amid a restructuring push to boost a slowing economy, the government could signal its intention to reconsider property cooling measures as early as the budget speech in February, Carmen Lee, head of research at Oversea-Chinese Banking Corp. said in an interview. That promises to boost the city-state's largest developer stocks.

"Between buying physical property and buying stocks, stocks offer you the liquidity and they are pricing in all the negatives," Lee said. "They may not outperform in the next one to two quarters but if you ride this out for 18 months or so, you will see better



Luxury property developments stand on Sentosa Island

upside."

Home prices in Singapore have been driven by the city-state's policies in recent years as the government vowed to rein in soaring values in one of Asia's most expensive housing markets. Fourth-quarter private home prices fell

0.5 percent versus the last quarter, when housing values dropped by the most in seven years, according to data released by the Urban Redevelopment Authority yesterday.

Prices have declined by about 11 percent since 2013 and sales have dropped to around half of that

year's level.

Singapore developers are trading at a one-year forward price-to-book of 0.7 times, an "undemanding" valuation that is close to its 2008-2009 lows, according to Credit Suisse analysts including Louis Chua. "We believe the risk-reward to be attractive today, with a potential easing of measures a key upside optionality," they wrote in a January research report.

Developer stocks have moved higher on expectations that there could be an easing of measures, Raymond Kong, a fund manager at One Asia Investment Partners Pte Ltd. in Singapore said in a phone interview. "We are looking for a pullback first; it just popped up too fast in a short period of time."

Singapore adopted strict measures to restrict speculation on residential and industrial properties after home prices climbed to a record three years ago. The resi-

dential curbs have included a cap on debt-repayment costs at 60 percent of a borrower's monthly income, and higher stamp duties on home purchases, after low interest rates and demand from foreign buyers raised concern prices had risen too far too fast.

In November, the government indicated that it doesn't intend to relax borrowing restrictions. "It is more prudent to have our current rules as the default position," Ong Ye Kung, Minister for Education said in a written reply to a parliamentary question.

Singapore's housing market saw a surge in home sales in 2016 as developers sold more than 8,000 units, a 9 percent increase compared with the previous year. Over 13,000 private residential units are expected to be completed this year, data from the Urban Redevelopment Authority showed. The pipeline supply will then drop to about 9,300 completed units in 2018 and 7,300 in 2019.

"As the supply overhang passes, we believe developers could resume land banking to position for growth," CIMB analysts Lock Mun Yee and Yeo Zhi Bin wrote in a research note, referring to the practice of buying land as an investment. "With low gearing and deep capacity for reinvestment, we think that developers are well paced to tap into new opportunities." **Bloomberg**

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# Apple sues Qualcomm over technology fees

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**A**PPLE Inc. has filed suit in China challenging Qualcomm Inc.'s fees for technology used in smartphones two years after Chinese regulators fined the chipmaker for its licensing practices.

Two lawsuits filed by the iPhone maker accuse Qualcomm of abusing its control over essential technology to charge excessive licensing fees, a Beijing court said on its microblog. It said Apple reports suffering 1 billion yuan (USD145 million) in "economic losses" and asks for 2.5 million yuan (\$360,000).

Most of Apple's iPhones and other products are assembled in China by contractors.

Apple filed a similar complaint on Jan. 21 in U.S. federal court in San Diego, California, accusing Qualcomm of demanding royalties for innovations on iPhones that have nothing to do with Qualcomm's technology. The U.S. lawsuit seeks \$1 billion in damages.

The U.S. Federal Trade Commission also has filed a lawsuit accusing Qualcomm of imposing unfair licensing terms on manufacturers.

Qualcomm, headquartered in San Diego, said in a statement it had not seen Apple's complaint to the Chinese court but defended its fees. The company said Apple rejected terms consistent with those accepted by more than 100 Chinese manufacturers.

Qualcomm agreed to change its licensing after Chinese regulators fined the company 6 billion yuan (\$975 million) in 2015 on charges it abused its control over technology to charge excessive fees.

In a separate statement, Apple complained Qualcomm demands royalties for phone features that nothing to do with its technology.

"For many years Qualcomm has unfairly insisted on charging royalties for technologies they have nothing to do with," said the Apple statement.

It also accused Qualcomm of withholding nearly \$1 billion in payments due to Apple, headquartered in Cupertino, California, in retaliation for cooperating with investigations by regulators in the United States, Europe, South Korea and Taiwan.

Qualcomm said its fees were consistent with changes worked out with Chinese regulators.

"These filings by Apple's Chinese subsidiary are just part of Apple's efforts to find ways to pay less for Qualcomm's technology," said Don Rosenberg, executive vice president and general counsel of Qualcomm, in the statement.

South Korean regulators last month fined Qualcomm \$853 million for violating antitrust laws, a decision Qualcomm is fighting. **AP**

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# Beijing releases new list of items banned for export to North Korea

Christopher Bodeen, Beijing

CHINA has released a new list of items banned for export to North Korea, ranging from wind tunnels to plutonium, following a new round of United Nations sanctions and complaints from U.S. President Donald Trump that Beijing was not doing enough to pressure its communist neighbor.

The step was seen by one leading expert on North Korea as an attempt to show that China is fully meeting its commitments, and to pre-empt any moves by the U.S. to punish Chinese companies that deal with the North. However, the expert questioned whether the ban would have much effect in slowing a North Korean nuclear weapons program that is already well advanced and gathering momentum.

A statement from the Chinese Commerce Ministry late Wednesday said the items included dual-use technologies that could aid the North's programs to develop nuclear, chemical and biological weapons as well as the missiles to deliver them.

While largely comprising specialty chemicals and rare alloys, the list also includes computer software, machinery, high-speed cameras, aerospace engines and six-axle truck chassis. Grinding machines, molds and radio transmitting equipment also joined plutonium and wind tunnels among the banned items.



The ban on "dual-use measures related to weapons of mass destruction and their means of delivery" takes effect immediately, the announcement said.

There was no evidence that the extensive list of items was prompted by anything other than the U.N. Security Council resolution passed in November in response to the North's missile test in September.

Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Hua Chunying yesterday said sanctions should be "implemented in an all-round and balanced way" and China was merely meeting its obligations.

However, the official Communist Party newspaper Global Ti-

mes suggested the timing had to do with the upcoming weeklong Lunar New Year holiday, a period during which North Korea last year staged a missile test and in 2013 held its third underground nuclear test.

The announcement "is also a warning for the North Korean side not to conduct another round of nuclear testing during China's Spring Festival this year," it quoted Yanbian University expert Jin Qiangyi as saying, using another term for the Lunar New Year.

China is North Korea's largest source of trade and aid, but has grown increasingly frustrated by its defiance of U.N. demands that it end missile tests and develop-

ment of nuclear weapons.

Although generally dismissive of sanctions, Beijing has signed on to successive rounds under the U.N. Security Council, while continuing to advocate a resumption of six-nation nuclear negotiations hosted by China that have been on ice since North Korea withdrew in 2009.

Beijing's unique relationship with North Korea's hereditary dictatorship has generated expectations that it holds the key to ending the threat from North Korea, something Chinese officials and scholars call a vast exaggeration. China also firmly opposes any measures that could lead to the toppling of Kim Jong Un's regime,

something it fears would lead to a massive wave of refugees crossing into China and the presence of South Korean and U.S. troops along its border.

Despite that, Trump complained in a tweet earlier this month that China "won't help with North Korea," even while it benefits from commercial links with the U.S.

Trump's nominee to be secretary of state, Rex Tillerson, has spoken in starker terms. He accused China of making "empty promises" on North Korea and warned of U.S. sanctions on Chinese companies found to be violating U.N. Security Council resolutions, recently beefed up to tighten restrictions on North Korean coal imports.

"If China is not going to comply with those U.N. sanctions then it's appropriate for the United States to consider actions to compel them to comply," Tillerson told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee earlier this month.

The U.S. is concerned that North Korea may already be able to arm short-range and mid-range missiles with atomic warheads, threatening U.S. allies South Korea and Japan, and American forces in each country.

Some experts believe North Korea is likely to have the capability to strike the U.S. mainland before Trump's four-year term is up.

China feels like it has not received credit for its previous concessions over North Korea, said John Delury of Yonsei University in Seoul. Trump's "antagonistic rhetoric" has only strengthened those feelings and China is now seeking to avoid U.S. secondary sanctions on its companies, Delury said.

China also has its own security concerns over North Korea's programs and would have banned the items in any case, he said. AP

IN China, Twitter is blocked but fake tweets by @realdonaldtrump look set to become the latest internet sensation.

Users are flocking to websites that let them generate images of fake tweets that look just like those sent from U.S. President Donald Trump's distinctive personal Twitter account — replete with his avatar and a real-time timestamp.

— @realdonaldtrump would like to wish you a Happy Chinese New Year, says one, referencing the holiday that falls tomorrow.

— @realdonaldtrump thinks Shanghai Jiaotong University is better than its crosstown rival.

— @realdonaldtrump wants to buy a jianbing (typical Chinese street food) and wants Mexico to pay for it.

— @realdonaldtrump's "favorite boy band" is the South Korean group GOT7: "They are so cute!"

Jike, a Shanghai-based startup running one such website, said yesterday that in just four days, users have created more than a million fake @realdonaldtrump tweets in Chinese

## Chinese send fake Trump tweets as jokes, New Year wishes



and English, often mimicking Trump's tone and fondness for exclamation marks. They are being shared on Chinese social networking sites to crack jokes, tout online goods and send Lu-

nar New Year greetings.

The fake Trump tweets circulating on Chinese social media reflect how Trump's use of Twitter is even seeping into the popular consciousness of a country where Twitter has been

blocked by censors for years.

Although Trump's comments on trade, Taiwan and the South China Sea have raised concerns in Beijing, there is a certain fascination about Trump among some young Chinese who see him as a symbol of American showmanship but overlook his anti-China rhetoric, at least for now.

"For young Chinese people, Trump has an extremely iconic image," said Lin Hang, a co-founder of Jike. "His Twitter content can easily spark conversations in China. His language style is very recognizable. So when netizens put their everyday life musings or roasts in his voice, it provokes a certain reaction, a certain resonance."

Jike, founded by Chinese who studied at the University

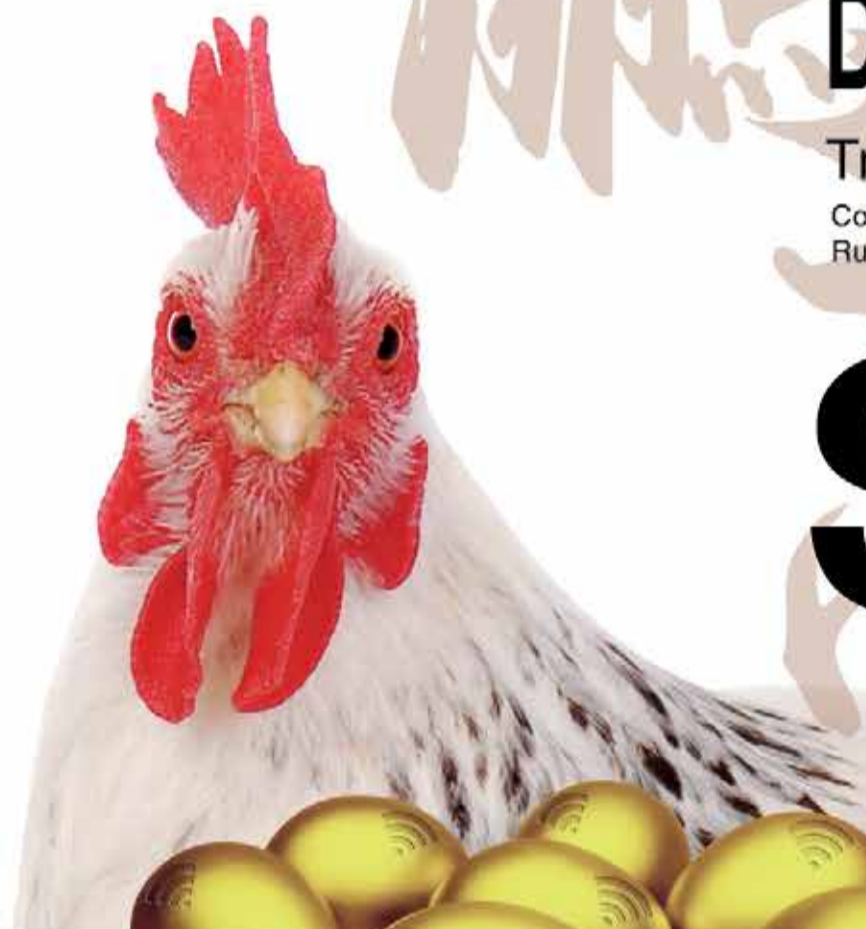
of Michigan business school and worked at Google, rolled out the website on Sunday, Lin said. Employees at the startup, which mainly produces a personalized news app, started sharing it with their friends that night as a joke.

It spread quickly from China's highly educated, English-speaking internet circles to other social groups and smaller cities, Lin said.

Despite tight government controls over online discourse, particularly surrounding sensitive domestic news, China's 700 million internet users have a freewheeling web culture that churns out a running stream of commentary, memes and wisecracks about international news.

Along with Twitter, other foreign social media sites such as Facebook and YouTube are also inaccessible within China.

Vincent Zhang, a 37-year old employee at Jiayuan, a Chinese online dating site, said many young Chinese had a relatively neutral view of Trump and saw him as a showman. AP



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INDIA

# Nonprofits closing doors as gov't cuts access to funds

A nonprofit running schools for children from India's lowest caste may run out of money to pay teachers in just months. A health institute in Bangalore is taking the government to court so it can continue its work, including anti-tobacco campaigns. A lawyers' group wanted to know why it lost its license to receive foreign donations, only to be told the government wasn't obliged to explain why.

The government has canceled such licenses for more than 200 nonprofits, accusing them of engaging in "anti-national" activities. But the nonprofits see the removal of their funding mainstay, as well intimidation and harassment by government agencies, as attempts to suppress dissenting voices.

"All our work in the social sector has come to an abrupt halt," said Martin Makwan, founder of Navsarjan, which has been fighting caste prejudice and inequality in the poorest parts of Gujarat state for nearly three decades.

Makwan opened the first of the three schools for Dalit children in 2005. The lowest caste in the hierarchy, Dalits face discrimination and violence from higher-caste children and teachers in regular schools.

In August, Navsarjan's license under the Foreign Contribution Regulation Act received its regular renewal. But four months later, the nonprofit received a letter from India's home ministry saying the license was being withdrawn for "activities detrimental to national interest."

Eighty staff members, mostly social workers and legal assistants, were laid off immediately. Appeals for local donations are falling short. "We hope to keep the schools running till the end



An Institute of Public Health field worker educates diabetic Munniamma, 62 (center) on how to stay healthy during a visit to her home

of March, but after that we won't be able to pay teachers' salaries," Makwan said by phone from Ahmadabad, Gujarat's main city.

In the southern city of Bangalore, a health nonprofit has taken the federal home ministry to court after it received a one-line email saying its FCRA renewal had been denied.

The Institute of Public Health has worked closely with the federal and Karnataka state government on several health-related and anti-tobacco campaigns. It will have to halt its programs without donations from foreign groups like the World Health Organization, the International Committee of the Red Cross and Bloomberg Philanthropies.

The law regulating foreign donations passed in 2010, but activists say the pressure on nonprofits increased under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who took office in 2014. An Intelligence Bureau report that year said economic growth was damaged when nonprofits rallied communities against polluting industries or infrastructure projects that would damage the environment.

Activists see a connection between the crackdown and the work done by such non-governmental organizations. Many infrastructure and industrial projects pushed by Modi's government are mired in problems over acquiring land from farmers, and

many NGOs have stepped in to ensure the farmers are adequately compensated.

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The Indian Social Action Forum has opposed government plans to build new nuclear power plants and promote genetically modified crops. When INSAF coordinator Anil Chaudhary challenged the license cancellation in court, he was told the government was not "obliged to reveal the reasons for its actions."

The law does not explain on what basis a group's activities could be deemed harmful to the

nation's interests. And it allows for no arbiter or appellate authority to hear challenges of the government's licensing decisions.

The court allowed INSAF to use funds it already has, but it can't receive fresh funds from abroad till the case is resolved. "We won a brief reprieve in court," Chaudhary said, but the months lost gathering evidence and in court appearances could have been spent doing "more constructive work."

The government denies there is any political motivation in the FCRA decisions. "All nongovernment organizations are supposed to follow FCRA rules. Any violation is being dealt with under the law. There's nothing beyond that," said K.S. Dhatwalia, a Home Ministry spokesman.

The U.S., Britain and Germany are the biggest donors to Indian nongovernment organizations. In 2011, the most recent year for which figures are available, Indian nonprofits received more than USD2 billion from foreign countries, including \$650 million from the United States.

Most activists also see the crackdown as part of a global wave of conservative governments acting to decrease the scope for civil society.

Other activists say the freedom historically enjoyed by civil society groups in India has greatly contributed to the country's image as a vibrant democracy and role model on the world stage. **AP**

PHILIPPINES

# President's drug crackdown faces court challenge

A survivor of a Philippine police raid that killed four other drug suspects asked the Supreme Court yesterday to stop such operations and help him obtain police records to prove his innocence in a test case against the president's bloody crackdown.

Lawyer Romel Bagares said his client Efren Morillo and other petitioners also asked the court to order police to stop threatening witnesses.

More than 7,000 drug suspects have been killed since President Rodrigo Duterte took office in June and ordered the crackdown, alarming human rights group and Western governments.

Four policemen shot Mo-

rillo and four other men in impoverished Payatas village in metropolitan Manila in August. Morillo survived and denied police allegations that he and his friends were drug dealers or that they fought back, according to Bagares and the court petition.

Morillo, a 28-year-old vegetable vendor and the four slain men, were garbage collectors who were shot with their hands bound and could not have possibly threatened police, the petition said.

Three of the victims were ordered to kneel on the ground at the back of the shanty before they were shot to death. The last to be killed "begged to be spared,

hugging the legs of one of the armed men and sobbing. As he would not let go of his hold, the man shot him on the nape," the petition said.

If the court grants Morillo's petition to indefinitely stop such drug raids in the Payatas community and help him obtain police surveillance records and other documents, it will encourage relatives of drug raid victims and human rights groups to take legal action against the anti-narcotics police.

According to Bagares, police kill drug suspects then make it appear the victims died while fighting back.

"Because he survived the attack of the perpetrators

and identified each and every one of them, his life is in grave danger," Bagares said in his petition, which asked the court to prohibit the police officers from entering an area 5 kilometers from the homes and workplaces of Morillo and other petitioners, who include the other men's relatives.

Police officials did not immediately comment on the court petition. National police chief Ronald Dela Rosa told a Senate inquiry that he opposes suggestions to temporarily stop Duterte's crackdown against illegal drugs due to allegations of extrajudicial killings and other abuses.

While acknowledging that some rogue police may have



Choi Kyung-jin (left) the widow of a South Korean businessman who was kidnapped and killed, watches police chief Dela Rosa (right) showing her househelp Marissa Morquicho documents at the start of the Senate probe into the killing yesterday

illegally killed innocent people, Dela Rosa stressed that 33 officers had been killed and more than 100 others wounded in clashes with drug suspects.

The Senate hearing was looking into the killing in

October of a South Korean businessman. He was kidnapped by police with the intent of getting ransom from his family but ended up dead at the national police headquarters, police said. **AP**

# May-Trump meeting to test UK-US 'special relationship'

**B**RITISH Prime Minister Theresa May has won the race to be the first foreign leader to meet President Donald Trump in Washington. But her trip to the U.S. capital is anything but a victory lap.

May's staff worked feverishly to secure the two-day trip, which includes a meeting with the president this weekend at the White House. British officials hope it will help cement the U.K.'s place as a pre-eminent American ally and provide proof of what Britons — more often than Americans — call the trans-Atlantic "special relationship."

But May faces the challenge of persuading a president who has vowed to put "America first" of the benefits of free trade with Britain and the vital role of the 28-nation NATO military alliance.

And she must build a working relationship with a populist



Theresa May

president whose protectionist outlook and loose way with facts have alarmed many European politicians, including some of May's own allies.

May insists she's up to the task of being America's steadfast but plain-speaking friend, telling British lawmakers on Wednesday that "I am not

afraid to speak frankly to a president of the United States."

Her message in the U.S. will include elements of a gentle history lesson, as she urges the two nations to "lead together."

In a speech to Republican legislators in Philadelphia today [Macau time], May plans to say that the trans-Atlantic re-

lationship "made the modern world" and built the institutions that have underpinned the global order since the end of World War II.

Linking Britain's vote to leave the 28-nation European Union with the win of political outsider Trump, she'll say that "as you renew your nation just as we renew ours, we have the opportunity — indeed the responsibility — to renew the special relationship for this new age."

Excerpts from the speech were released in advance by May's office.

May's seeming embrace of Trump — in the wake of his commitment to building a Mexico border wall and other recent edicts — drew criticism from the prime minister's opponents.

Former Labour Party leader Ed Miliband tweeted: "Today he starts on wall, praises waterboarding, bullies climate

scientists. She says they can lead together. Surely decent Tories feel queasy?"

May is likely to get a warm welcome at the Republican retreat and in the White House.

Trump has already pronounced Britain "very special!" in one of his tweets. He has also has restored to the Oval Office a bust of Britain's World War II Prime Minister Winston Churchill that was removed while Barack Obama was president, to the chagrin of some patriotically minded Britons.

May's office says she intends to admire the bust when she visits the White House. She'll also give Trump, whose mother was born in Scotland, a Quich, a traditional Scottish cup of friendship.

Victoria Honeyman, a politics lecturer at the University of Leeds, said the effusive tone coming from Trump's White House marked a change from the Obama years.

"Obama has been a more Asia-Pacific-focused president, so this is a return — at least in rhetoric — to the good old days of the U.S.-U.K. special relationship," she said. "But it's very difficult to know exactly what Theresa May is going to get out of this other than warm words." **AP**

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20:25	Mensagem de Sua Excelência o Chefe do Executivo, Dr. Chui Sai On, por Ocasião do Ano Novo
20:30	Lunar
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23:00	Precious Pearl
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## Offbeat

## THIEF IN GERMANY DRIVES TRACTOR THROUGH WALL, STEALS SAFE



Police in northwestern Germany are searching for a brazen thief — or thieves — who knocked down the wall of a house with a tractor and made off with a safe. Police say the tractor was used early yesterday to bash down the wall of the home in the town of Buende, west of Hannover, according to the dpa news agency. The thief or thieves grabbed the safe and fled, and the John Deer farm tractor was left halfway inside the house. Authorities say the home's residents weren't harmed in the robbery but refused to say what was being kept in the safe or to give any further information because of the ongoing investigation.

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2 FEB - 8 FEB

## POKEMON: THE MOVIE 19

ROOM 1

4:40pm

Director: Kunihiko Yuyama

Starring: James Cathcart, Kiyotaka Furushima, Megumi Hayashibara

Language: Cantonese (Chinese)

## LA LA LAND

ROOM 1

7:30, 10:00pm

Director: Damien Chazelle

Starring: Ryan Gosling, Emma Stone

Language: English

Duration: 128min



## RESIDENT EVIL: FINAL CHAPTER

ROOM 2

2:30, 7:30, 9:30pm

Director: Paul W. S. Anderson

Starring: Milla Jovovich, Ali Larter, Shawn Roberts, Ruby Rose

Language: English

Duration: 103min

## LEGO BATMAN MOVIE

ROOM 2

4:30pm

Director: Chris McKay

Starring: Jenny Slate, Will Arnett, Ralph Fiennes

Language: Cantonese (English)

Duration: 108min



## MOANA

ROOM 3

2:00, 4:05, 6:10, 8:15pm

Director: Ron Clements, John Musker

Starring: Auli'i Cravalho, Dwayne Johnson, Rachel House

Language: Cantonese

Duration: 103min

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28 JAN - 15 FEB



## JOURNEY TO THE WEST: THE DEMONS STRIKE BACK

2:30, 4:30, 7:30, 9:30pm

Director: Hark Tsui

Starring: Bei-Er Bao, Mengke Bateer, Kenny Lin

Language: Cantonese

Duration: 109min

## this day in history



## 1945 AUSCHWITZ DEATH CAMP LIBERATED

The Red Army has liberated the Nazis' biggest concentration camp at Auschwitz in south-western Poland.

According to reports, hundreds of thousands of Polish people, as well as Jews from a number of other European countries, have been held prisoner there in appalling conditions and many have been killed in the gas chambers.

Few details have emerged of the capture of Auschwitz, which has gained a reputation as the most notorious of the Nazi death camps.

Some reports say the German guards were given orders several days ago to destroy the crematoria and gas chambers. Tens of thousands of prisoners - those who were able to walk - have been moved out of the prison and forced to march to other camps in Germany.

Details of what went on at the camp have been released previously by the Polish Government in exile in London and from prisoners who have escaped.

In July 1944 details were revealed of more than 400,000 Hungarian Jews who were sent to Poland many of whom ended up in Auschwitz. They were loaded onto trains and taken to the camp where many were put to death in the gas chambers.

Before they went they were told they were being exchanged in Poland for prisoners of war and made to write cheerful letters to relatives at home telling them what was happening.

According to the Polish Ministry of Information, the gas chambers are capable of killing 6,000 people a day.

Another report from Poland told of mass arrests in the village of Garbatka near Radom in the early hours of one morning in August 1942. Workmen were accused of plotting to blow up a local factory. Twenty were executed on the spot, the rest were sent to Auschwitz.

Since its establishment in 1940, only a handful of prisoners have escaped to tell of the full horror of the camp.

In October last year, a group of Polish prisoners mounted an attack on their German guards. The Germans reportedly machine-gunned the barracks killing 200 Polish prisoners. The Poles succeeded in killing six of their executioners.

When the Red Army arrived at the camp they found only a few thousand prisoners remaining. They had been too sick to leave.

The capture of Auschwitz comes as the Red Army has made important advances on three fronts: in East Prussia to the north, in western Poland as well as Silesia in eastern Germany. Fighting is continuing around the historic Polish western city of Poznan.

The Polish capital, Warsaw, was liberated a week ago after five-and-a-half years of German occupation.

Courtesy of BBC

## IN CONTEXT

Although few details of the liberation of Auschwitz were given in the British press at the time, it had gained a reputation as the worst of the German concentration camps.

On 8 May 1945 a State commission compiled by the Soviets with advice from Polish, French and Czechoslovak experts revealed the full horror of conditions at the camp.

Nearly 3,000 survivors of various nationalities were questioned and on the basis of their evidence the report estimated 4,000,000 people had perished there between 1941 and early 1945.

The dead included citizens from the Soviet Union, Poland, France, Belgium, Holland, Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, Hungary, Italy and Greece. The commission, which had previously investigated conditions at Majdanek, Treblinka and other camps, described Auschwitz as the worst in its experience.

It found evidence of experiments carried out on humans "of a revolting character".

According to the evidence, the commission said the Germans had moved out up to 60,000 inmates - those still fit enough to walk - when they retreated. The few thousand who were left behind were freed by the Russians.

They also found seven tons of women's hair, human teeth, from which gold fillings had been extracted and tens of thousands of children's outfits. The final death toll was later revised downwards, by the Auschwitz Museum, to between 1 and 1.5 million, including almost 1m Jews.



YOUR STARS

**Aries**  
Mar. 21-Apr. 19

There is a lot to be discovered just beyond the boundaries of your normal peripheral vision today, so let your curiosity steer you straight to stimulation. Take time to go the long way and explore all the nooks and crannies.

**Taurus**  
April 20-May 20

No one needs to know what you do with your free time unless you want them to know. A person has a right to their privacy. Remember this right when a certain nosy nobody comes sniffing at your door.

**Gemini**  
May 21-Jun. 21

Your feelings for someone have been growing, but are they growing in a healthy direction? Today, you need to step back from your current crush and reassess the situation.

**Cancer**  
Jun. 22-Jul. 22

Time is on your side today - finally! After a long period of feeling as if you have no control over your own calendar, you're back in charge now. And now that you are, the first thing you should schedule for yourself is some alone time.

**Leo**  
Jul. 23-Aug. 22

The time is right for a successful trip -- if you are planning any travel, today is the day to push these plans forward and make them happen. Making all the arrangements could take more time than you thought.

**Virgo**  
Aug. 23-Sept. 22

Being diplomatic is nice, but today you should feel free to take control. It's a good time to flex your muscles and step into the spotlight. People around you are going to be more receptive than ever to your suggestions.

**Libra**  
Sep. 23-Oct. 22

You have more freedom than ever before -- are you making the most of it? Be your own boss in every sense of the word today. At work, the bolder you get, the bigger the impression you make.

**Scorpio**  
Oct. 23 - Nov. 21

Today it will probably come to your attention that you are more idealistic than many of the people you surround yourself with. Maybe you crave the realism your friends bring to your life.

**Sagittarius**  
Nov. 22-Dec. 21

Today, when you suddenly feel an overwhelming affection for a person who you never even liked all that much, you will be awakened to the powerful force that is your compassion.

**Capricorn**  
Dec. 22-Jan. 19

If your ego has been feeling a bit battered lately, get ready for that all to change today. But do not look to outside forces to do the changing -- it will all come from inside of you.

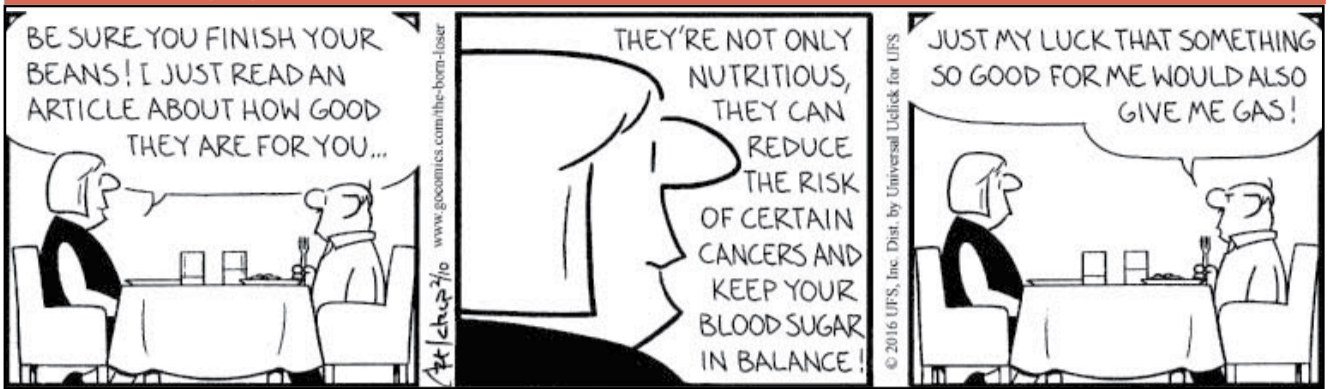
**Aquarius**  
Jan. 20-Feb. 18

Making connections is important today. Therefore, you should call upon your charm, perseverance, and attention to detail to help you make the most out of the opportunities at hand.

**Pisces**  
Feb. 19-Mar. 20

The good luck pendulum is swinging back toward the business and financial areas of your life today! Look for either a big expenditure to disappear suddenly, a new source of income to show signs of growth.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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<b>CHINA</b>			
Beijing	-6	5	clear
Harbin	-17	-10	cloudy/clear
Tianjin	-4	3	clear
Urumqi	-15	-9	clear
Xi'an	-2	6	clear/cloudy
Lhasa	-6	10	cloudy
Chengdu	4	13	overcast/cloudy
Chongqing	10	13	overcast
Kunming	7	18	clear/overcast
Nanjing	3	10	cloudy
Shanghai	5	10	cloudy
Wuhan	3	12	cloudy
Hangzhou	4	13	clear/cloudy
Taipei	13	21	cloudy/overcast
Guangzhou	12	23	clear
Hong Kong	16	21	cloudy
<b>WORLD</b>			
Moscow	-10	-3	flurry
Frankfurt	-7	1	clear/cloudy
Paris	0	8	clear/overcast
London	-1	5	clear/drizzle
New York	3	11	drizzle/clear

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Botch; 6- Stow, as cargo; 10- Walk in water; 14- French farewell; 15- Former partners; 16- Black; 17- Charged toward; 18- Flesh; 19- Unit of force; 20- Haunt of Robin Hood; 23- In what way; 24- Charged particle; 25- Overhead trains; 26- Indy 500 sponsor; 27- Longing; 32- "Casablanca" role; 35- Jai alai basket; 36- Actress Vardalos; 37- In spite of; 41- JFK listing; 42- Lobster state; 43- Small batteries; 44- Short dagger; 46- Young fellow; 48- River inlet; 49- 1980's movie starring Bo Derek and Dudley Moore; 50- Sorority letters; 53- Expression of appreciation; 58- Island feast; 59- Go sky-high; 60- Big; 61- Formerly, formerly; 62- Time; 63- "Silas Marner" author; 64- Greek goddess of the earth; 65- "Betsy's Wedding" star; 66- Religious offshoots;

DOWN: 1- Waterlogged soil; 2- Boise's state; 3- Tendon; 4- Precious; 5- Outsmart; 6- Yellowish citrus fruit; 7- Canned; 8- Unwilling to listen; 9- This, in Tijuana; 10- High-speed skiing; 11- Ethiopia; 12- "\_\_\_ you dare!"; 13- Opposite of WSW; 21- Alley-\_\_\_; 22- Showed again; 26- Spotted; 27- Type of question; 28- Town near Padua; 29- \_\_\_ glance; 30- Columbus' ship; 31- Jokes; 32- Supermodel Sastre; 33- Trent of the Senate; 34- Steps up; 35- Voucher; 38- That is to say...; 39- Rat-a-\_\_\_; 40- Pop; 45- Monetary unit of Zaire; 46- Was ahead; 47- Fishes; 49- \_\_\_ cotta; 50- Adapted to a dry environment; 51- Gold bar; 52- Cancels a dele; 53- Distinctive quality; 54- Dept. of Labor div.; 55- Fleece; 56- Praise; 57- Boy or man; 58- Lower limb;



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FOOTBALL

# Southampton beats Liverpool, reaches League Cup final

Steve Douglas, Liverpool

**L**IVERPOOL'S season is in danger of unraveling after Juergen Klopp's team missed out on a place in the English League Cup final following a 1-0 loss to Southampton at Anfield.

Substitute Shane Long scored on the counterattack in injury time to seal a 2-0 aggregate win in the semifinals for Southampton, which reached the final of English football's second-tier cup competition for a second time.

Manchester United, which leads Hull 2-0 after the first leg of the other semifinal, is the likely opponent at the showpiece at Wembley Stadium next month. For Liverpool, though, the chances of silverware this season are diminishing by the week.

On Saturday, the Reds' title hopes in the Premier League took a huge hit with a 3-2 loss at home to Swansea, which dropped them to fourth in the standings and 10



points behind first-place Chelsea. A loss to Wolverhampton Wanderers in the FA Cup fourth round on Saturday — when Klopp is set to play a weakened team — and Liverpool may have to wait another season to win a trophy.

In 2017, Liverpool has won just one of seven games — and that was an FA Cup replay at fourth-tier Plymouth.

“If we would doubt the way we are after these little, little problems we

have now, it would be a really strange thing,” Klopp said. “We don't have the points or results that we want, but we know what we want to do. Tonight it didn't happen, but it was a really good performance.”

Having said that, Klopp accepted that Southampton was the deserved winner.

Leading 1-0 after a dominant display in the first leg two weeks ago, Southampton came to Anfield with problems in central defense

following Jose Fonte's recent departure to West Ham and an injury to star player Virgil van Dijk.

A makeshift partnership of youngster Jack Stephens and Maya Yoshida was thrown together and the pair excelled in bitterly cold conditions, stifling the Premier League's most prolific attack. The 22-year-old Stephens particularly stood out on only his fourth start for the club, reading the game well and looking assured in pos-

session in the biggest game of his career.

When Liverpool did force openings, Daniel Sturridge twice volleyed over from close range and Philippe Coutinho — on the day he signed a new long-term contract — miskicked on the volley.

Then, moments after substitute Divock Origi was denied a penalty following an attempted tackle by Stephens, Southampton broke downfield through Josh Sims, who played in Long at the end of a 70-yard run. Long took one touch and buried his shot past Loris Karius from an angle, right in front of the visiting fans.

There was no way back for Liverpool and Southampton could look forward to playing in its first cup final since 2003 — when it lost in the FA Cup to Arsenal at Millennium Stadium in Cardiff. The Saints lost the 1979 League Cup final to Nottingham Forest and have only one major trophy to their name, the 1976 FA Cup after beating Manchester United.

“Now we go to Wembley,” Southampton manager Claude Puel said, “not just to participate, but to win this cup.”

Southampton has beaten Premier League opponents — Crystal Palace, Sunderland, Arsenal and now Liverpool — in every round so far, without conceding a goal.

Southampton will meet Manchester United or Hull in the EPL Cup final. **AP**

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**Kapok**  
 Eric Sautedé



**THE VIRTUES OF OPTIMISM**

For reasons most probably linked to my carefree upbringing, I am resolutely optimistic about human nature, and the capacity for good rather than self-destruction. Given the present context, this has become a challenging position to hold: ineptocracy and populism prevail, and rational discourse has been submerged by emotive boasting. One of my secrets for this enduring optimism has been to keep my expectations low: being reasonably hopeful prevents roller-coaster effects, bearing in mind that what goes up will ultimately come down - and vice-versa.

When I read in some headlines this week that Mak Soi Kun, the legislator with the second-highest vote in 2013, was questioning the statistics provided by the Policy Research Office of the government in relation to population growth by 2020, it initially prompted a significant amount of exhilaration in my cortex: could it be that Mr Mak had read my column four weeks ago - the vanity of me! Could it be that the Study Report on the Population Policies of Macao is so obviously baloney that even a below-average - duty wise - legislator realises such and starts to question publicly the basis of such an important piece of decision-making material?

I had in mind that Mr Mak had fulfilled close to zero of the eight promises he made during his campaign, so, I went beyond the catchy titles, and confirmed that apples never fall far from the tree: instead of disputing the forecasted population figure of 710,000 by 2020 as too conservative, he was actually wondering why it was so high. Clearly, Mr Mak does not read Macau Daily Times, and obviously doesn't get projections and reports from the Statistics and Census Office either, otherwise he would know that the DSEC has made a forecast of 752,000 by 2021 and that given the by-census latest results, the average growth rate of the past five years can reasonably lead us to believe that the population could reach 741,000 by 2020.

But then we will enter an electoral year, so Mr Mak was posturing as the true defender of the "real" Macao residents' interests. The response of the head of the Policy Research Office was of similar nature: "this is actually just an indicative number," he said, and of course only a limited happy few will be allowed to enter the gold-paved territory of our beloved SAR! No mention of the thousand hotel rooms opening in the next five years. No mention of the quadrupling of our territory because of the further integration with Hengqin.

Considering what Mr Mak stands for, this is worrying: he has Liaison Office endorsement; he works for the Nam Kwong, a company that openly states that it is "directly under the central government based in Macao"; and he, together with his second in command, Zheng Anting (a former junket operator), represent the Jiangmen communal associations - a very influential grassroots and pro-establishment network of associations of people originating from a neighbouring district (claiming up to 100,000 potential supporters), that benefits from lavish Macao Foundation funding. These are also the people who were directly involved in the Sin Fong Garden imbroglio. I don't mind that Mr Zheng was not born in Macao, as he actually reflects the electorate: less than 39% of the 2017 electorate were born in Macao, whereas 54% were born in China. The question remains though: what interests are these people actually defending? And the same goes for Mr Chan Meng Kam (also not born in Macao), the so-called "king of the votes" who supposedly gives the communal interests of Fujian a voice in politics.

Contrary to some hasty news reports, there will be fewer people below 30 voting this year, compared to 2013: so indeed, the virtues of optimism will require due cultivation.

**THE BRITISH OFFICIAL: UK DOES NOT CONDONE TORTURE**

A senior British lawmaker, reacting to comments by U.S. President Donald Trump, says Britain does not condone torture "under any circumstances whatsoever."

David Davis, the Brexit secretary overseeing Britain's withdrawal from the European Union, made the comments to Parliament as Prime Minister Theresa May headed to the

U.S. to meet with Trump. (more on p15).

Davis said the British government's position on torture was plain: "We don't condone it."

Trump used his first television interview in the U.S. to voice his belief that torture "absolutely" works and condoned its use in fighting Islamist terrorism.

MACAU

**New publications show significant decline**



ACCORDING to a statement issued yesterday by the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC), approximately 588 books and 29 periodicals were slated for publication last year. The figures, which are issued in accordance with membership regulations of the International Standard Book Number (ISBN), show a decrease of 134 books (-18.6 percent) and an increase of three periodical titles (+11.5 percent) in comparison with the previous year, 2015.

Moreover, in 2016, 447 publications were submitted to the Macau Central Library collection under the Legal Deposit Regime, including 381 titles applying for ISBN.

Last year, a total of 41

publishers submitted new applications under the ISBN system, including four governmental departments, one school, nine commercial organizations, 18 civic organizations, eight individuals and one other "special group". This brings the cumulative total of publishers in the territory up to 852, representing a 13-fold increase compared with the 62 publishers registered when the Macau component of the ISBN Agency was founded in 2000.

Meanwhile, compared with the growth measured last year, the data shows that the development of Macau's publishing industry was influenced by the state of the economy - specifically gaming - and therefore did not grow as

rapidly in the past two years when compared to the years before that.

The number of newly-published books last year decreased to levels almost equal to that of 2012 and 2013, noted the IC in its statement. The slowdown is despite a growth in the awareness of ISBN application for publishers in the territory, the bureau said.

"The international standardization of book publication has greatly strengthened the ability to bring Macau books to the international market," wrote the IC commenting on the introduction of the ISBN system in Macau about 17 years ago.

To apply for ISBN, applicants can download an application form from the Macau ISBN Agency website, isbn.library.gov.mo, and submit the completed application form together with one copy of the finalized cover page, title page and copyright page.

First-time applicants are required to submit a copy of supporting documents of commercial registration or non-profit social organization registration, whereas individual publishers are required to submit a copy of their Macau identification card.

Station	Air quality	
Roadside	50-70 Moderate	
High Density Residential Area	60-80 Moderate	
Ambient	60-80 Moderate	

SOURCE: DSMG

WORLD BRIEFS



**NEW ZEALAND** Former prime minister Helen Clark says she's stepping down from her senior role at the United Nations when her term expires in April. The move comes three months after Clark failed in her bid to land the U.N.'s top job.

**INDONESIA** Police on the resort island of Bali detain five Indonesians returning from Turkey on suspicion they traveled abroad to join the Islamic State group.

**THAILAND** Police say they are seeking two suspects, a South African and a Briton, in the killing of a British man in the Thai resort town of Pattaya.



**HIMALAYAS** Ten Indian army soldiers are killed when avalanches hit a military post and a patrol along the highly militarized Line of Control that separates the Indian and Pakistani-held portions of the Himalayan region of Kashmir, the army says.



**NETHERLANDS** A Dutch satirical show's video introducing the Netherlands to the new Trump administration now has the ministerial seal of approval. State Secretary for Social Affairs and Employment Jetta Klijnsma, who is featured in the video, has called it the "greatest video ever," her spokesman said.

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HOLIDAY TIMES

Macau Daily Times will not be published during the holidays. The Times will be back on the stands on Wednesday February 1. However the MDT website will be updated with breaking news during the recess period. We wish our readers, advertisers and friends the best of times. Kung Hei Fat Choi!