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**TURKEY-EU** Tensions between Turkey and Western Europe simmered yesterday, with Turkey's foreign ministry formally protesting the treatment of a Turkish minister who was escorted out of the Netherlands over the weekend and what Turkey called a "disproportionate" use of force at a protest afterward. Turkey had a similar dispute with Germany last week.

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## João Palla's art of revealing the 'invisible' and the 'vernacular'

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Q&A JOÃO PALLA  
ARCHITECT

# ‘Today there are not so many opportunities for architects in Macau’

Daniel Beitler

Architect João Palla, who has worked extensively in Macau over the past few decades, is showing a series of his works in an exhibition at Casa Garden. The exhibition, which opened earlier this month, is titled “Tracing \* Liners”, and involves traffic road markings superimposed or merged with other objects, such as steel plates.

Palla has an interesting take on architecture and heritage preservation in Macau. Just this week he launched an online petition calling for a halt to the demolition of the Lai Chi Vun shipyards on the basis that they constitute a valuable memory for local people.

The architect has an interest in the city’s history and his opinions are partly formed through an understanding of the context of Macau. Palla says that over the years he has seen Macau undergo significant changes.

“When I first came in 1982, Macau was very, very slow. We wanted to have things go a bit quicker. I guess nowadays it’s the opposite,” he told the Times through laughter.

He sat down with the Times to explain his exhibition and the inspiration behind it, and to talk history, architecture and the future of Cotai.

**Macau Daily Times (MDT) - You are often described as an architect, an artist, a photographer and a designer. Do all of these labels fit you?**

**João Palla (JP)** - I don’t consider myself an artist, nor a photographer – I am an architect and I do what I have learned: the design process. I consider this exhibition as a design process more than anything else. So it’s something within my practice of thinking about reality and the will to transform it [into art].

**MDT – What was the inspiration for the “Tracing \* Liners” exhibition?**

**JP** - In this case I built some pieces – maybe not artworks, but pieces – and I see them as something that helps me move forward [in my process]. During this process I thought as an architect. Building as

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an architect is more or less this process [...] that ends with the actual construction. In a way you are interpreting reality, but it also involves creativity. I started by looking at the lines made on the road as part of a daily activity. In order to draw a line on the road or pavement, there are five guys that need to be involved, responsible for different parts [of the process]. I love that ‘dance’, that act.

I very much like the common activities made by common people that somehow are invisible [go unnoticed]. I found out that I am somehow led to observe activities that I would describe as “vernacular”, or made by the common people. This is an inspiration in my

work [as an architect], for example with [my project] with bamboo scaffolds. I am fascinated by the ancient practices and activities [particularly within architecture] that contrast with the globalization trend... these activities still exist and that attracts me a lot.

**MDT – What are the opportunities like for young architects in Macau?**

**JP** - I think that there should be a lot of new opportunities for architects. However, what I see in Macau is, unless you are working for a casino, the freelancers struggle to maintain their activity and I believe that it should actually be the other way around. There are new, you-

“**In Macau, maybe there are no buildings – apart from the churches – that have their original structures.**

ng architects looking for work and there are few private architecture firms that provide their services [in Macau]. I don’t know why... it’s a

pity because there should be more opportunities for young people to make a career [in architecture], like in Hong Kong. Today there are not so many opportunities for architects in Macau.

**MDT – Is there anything inconsistent in Macau’s architecture given the various ‘worlds’ that exist here, for example the Portuguese colonial style, the Chinese traditional ‘grey-bricks’ and the casino towers? Or is this the very culture of Macau?**

**JP** - There is nothing inconsistent about it... actually I think it is the consistency of having everything together in Macau [laughs].

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It has been like that since the beginning. Initially you had Chinese temples, grey-brick houses and fishermen villages [...] but then you had churches, walls and civic architecture with the Portuguese. In a way, these "two cities" have grown together since the beginning.

There are still some traditional Chinese dwellings in Macau, which used to comprise small communities that shared knowledge and certain activities. They are still visible – not that lifestyle – but some of the buildings and communal areas. Even today, if you really search for them you will find them.

**In Macau there is a human scale, but Cotai is really not designed for locals. [...] People from Macau only go to Cotai if they work there.**

**MDT - Does the casino world fit seamlessly in with these two historic pasts?**

**JP** - Yes, why not? In the 20th century you had a few casinos that were huge buildings – the tallest in Macau – and they stood out. You had the Hotel Central and later the Hotel Estoril [...]. Then later came the Lisboa, which became an icon of Macau. Now, if you ask me about the kind of architecture that has been completed in Cotai, I am very critical. I think this kind of architecture is to some extent repetitive, which I totally dislike. I don't think that's ho-

nest. At least from my [education], an architect should follow their own investigation and not copy things.

**MDT - What do you think of the totality of architectural preservation in Macau? Is it right that almost every heritage building is repurposed as a museum?**

**JP** - I think that we live in different times and buildings have the capacity to be converted and fitted out in so many different ways. The concept behind [this] rehabilitation [...] is to take an old building and maintain its formal and structural characteristics, but convert it into something that is pleasant and useful to the public and contemporary life. That means you need to have water and electricity and internet [access].

You have to adapt the building to have these facilities... but you cannot lose its style or fundamental aspects. You need to feel that you are in an old building, and not a new building with an old façade. Most of the buildings in Macau that have an old façade, have had their interiors totally demolished and rebuilt. That was a trend in Europe during the 1980s when people didn't care for the type of construction or the material constitution [of the buildings], but nowadays in Europe you would never be allowed to demolish parts of the building that would be considered heritage. In Macau, maybe there are no buildings – apart from the churches – that have their original structures [in entirety]. It was already 'artificialized' long ago. A lot of the preservation is on the surface.

**MDT - What are your thoughts on the urban planning of Cotai?**

**JP** - Cotai is a new city with a programmed urban plan. It was programmed to have hospitals, schools, residential areas and sports facilities, as well as hotels and leisure. What has been built according to the initial plan is [a lot less].

There are very few residential units there.

The plots of land are very large, so the scale of the city is totally different to what the Macanese people are used to. The Macanese people like to walk on the street – it's the street life, not the American life. This kind of American model in Cotai means that you cannot walk, for example from The Venetian [Macao] to Studio City... it would take too long. In Macau there is a human scale – you shop, get some street food - but Cotai is really not designed for locals, its designed for a specific set of people. It's totally nonsense actually, because people from Macau only go to Cotai if they work there – they don't go because they want to.

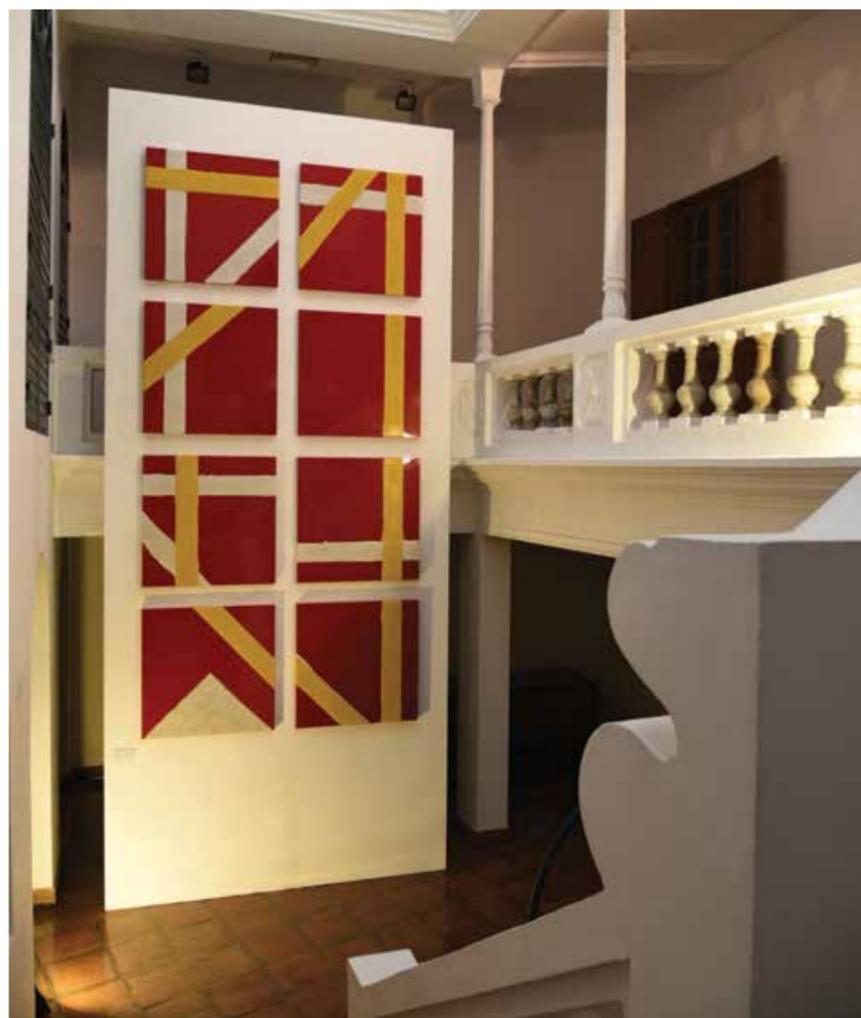
**MDT - Is that Cotai plan now irreversible?**

**JP** - Well, today you don't have much land left [in Cotai]. Unless the government plans to build more residential units there, I don't think anything will change.

**MDT - You established an online petition this week calling for an end to the demolition of Lai Chi Vun shipyards. Why are they so important?**

**JP** - I am ashamed of the demolition of shipyards in the Lai Chi Vun area. For me they are both heritage and the memory of an old profession in Macau. It is a crime [...] to deprive younger generations of knowing the past [of Macau].

Macau used to be based [economically] on maritime activities. The shipyards were the basis of Macau's success before industry. At one point in Macau's history, [the now-peninsula] was an island and the sea was the only way of getting to the outside world. [...] All of the temples in Macau are related to the goddesses of the sea, fishermen and boats – not only A-Ma – and this [connection] goes back further than the Portuguese. So the shipyards are a very important symbol of Macau's relationship with the sea.



KIM JONG NAM MURDER

# Malaysia says it will give Kim's family time to claim body

Eileen Ng, Kuala Lumpur

**M**ALAYSIA'S health minister said yesterday that the government will give relatives of North Korean leader Kim Jong Un's estranged half brother two to three weeks to claim his body before deciding what to do with it.

Malaysian authorities say Kim Jong Nam died after two women smeared his face with the banned VX nerve agent at Kuala Lumpur's airport on Feb. 13, but North Korea — which is widely suspected to be behind the attack — rejects the findings.

North Korea has demanded the body back from Day One and objected to Malaysia's autopsy. Pyongyang also has refused to acknowledge that Kim Jong Nam was the victim and has referred to him as Kim Chol, the name on the passport Kim was carrying when he was attacked in a crowded airport terminal.

On Friday, Malaysian police confirmed that Kim Chol



A CCTV surveillance camera is attached by the entrance gate at the North Korean Embassy in Kuala Lumpur

and Kim Jong Nam was the same person, but refused to say how they identified Kim.

“Now with the positive identification of the body, we are told that he had a wife or wives and children,” Health Minister Subramaniam Sathasivam told reporters yesterday. “So we hope that those people will respond and come forward to claim the body. In the absence of that, then we will address it as a govern-

ment [...] in trying to find how we are going to take the next step.”

“I think after identification, we'll give ourselves about two to three weeks to solve the problem,” he said.

The body is being kept at a morgue at a Kuala Lumpur hospital.

Since Kim's death, relations between the two countries have steadily deteriorated, with each expelling the other's ambassador. Last Tuesday, North Ko-

rea blocked all Malaysians from leaving the country until a “fair settlement” of the case was reached. Malaysia then barred North Koreans from exiting its soil.

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SUBRAMANIAM SATHASIVAM  
MALAYSIAN HEALTH MINISTER

Malaysian Deputy Prime Minister Ahmad Zahid Hamidi said yesterday that negotiations with North Korea were taking place, but he did not give details.

There are nine Malaysians in North Korea — three embassy staff members and their family members. Some 315 North Koreans are in Malaysia, according to Malaysian officials.

Both countries have also scrapped visa-free travel for each other's citizens.

Although Malaysia has never directly accused North Korea of being behind the attack, many speculate that Pyongyang must have orchestrated it. Experts say the VX nerve agent used to kill Kim was almost certainly produced in a sophisticated state weapons laboratory, and North Korea is widely believed to possess large quantities of chemical weapons.

Four of the seven North Korean suspects being sought by Malaysia are believed to have left the country the day Kim was killed. Police say the other three suspects, including a North Korean diplomat, are believed to be in hiding at the North Korean Embassy in Kuala Lumpur.

The attack was caught on surveillance video that shows two women going up to Kim and apparently smearing something on his face. He was dead within 20 minutes, authorities say. Two women — one Indonesian, one Vietnamese — have been charged with murder but say they were duped into thinking they were playing a harmless prank. **AP**

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# LRT's dependence on public funds generates concerns

**T**HE last TDM Macau Forum talk show discussed the operation of Macau's Light Rapid Transit (LRT), with several guests believing that the LRT will be paid for with public money, and not from the fares.

Chok Seng Cheong, the President of the Board of Supervision of the Macao Institution of Electrical & Mechanical Engineers (AEEMM), claimed that it is impossible for the LRT to become "a business," before the five to ten years mark in its existence, indicating that the survival of the LRT will have to be supported by public resources.

Chok estimated that if the LRT expects to balance its costs and profits, then each fare should be five or six patacas.

Chok believes that the fares

will not be convincing enough to encourage residents to give up their private cars to take the LRT.

Kou Kun Pang, from the Traffic Affairs Consultative Committee, said that the eventual price should not only be calculated based on residents' incomes, but also based on the city's current economic situation, transportation policies, governmental financial aid, and the LRT's own cost.

Kou also said that the society may consider "whether it, as a whole, will reap benefits from the LRT even if the LRT loses money."

Kot Man Kam, President of the Associação de Estudos Sintético Social de Macau questioned whether the government can allocate a certain percentage of



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the gaming taxes to support the operation of the LRT.

The Taipa Line of the Macau Light Rapid Transit (LRT) project is scheduled for launch in 2019. However, in a recent MDT report, local authorities responsible for the system conceded that they still have no estimates for ticket fares, nor do they have projections on the number of passengers expected to use the service on a daily basis.

An emailed statement from the Transportation Infrastructure Office (GIT) said that studies

on ticket pricing are being conducted and would be announced closer to the system's launch.

"To cope with the goal of the Taipa Line opening in 2019, the government is conducting relevant studies and preliminary works on the LRT ticket pricing. To formulate the future policies, the government will carefully consider various factors including social and economic benefits, public affordability [and] system operating costs," noted the GIT statement. "Relevant progress will be announced in due course." **JZ**



## Ho finds new lawyer

Following Leong Weng Pun's withdrawal from the case last week, former prosecutor general Ho Chio Meng reportedly hired a new lawyer to defend him. According to Radio Macau, Oriana Pun will lead the defense from now on. Oriana Pun has been a lawyer since 2005 and is currently a member of the board of directors of the Macau Lawyers Association. The Court of Final Appeal issued a statement last week indicating that Ho Chio Meng had five days to find a new lawyer, or the court would have appointed a lawyer to defend him.

## MAF: 5,000 + tickets sold

More than 5,000 tickets were sold before 7 p.m. on Sunday, making it a successful first day of sales for the 28th Macao Arts Festival (MAF). A statement issued yesterday by the Cultural Affairs Bureau states that tickets for more than 14 performances were sold out. This edition of the MAF will be held from April 28 to May 31.

### ADVISORY BODY WANTS HIGHER PARKING METER PRICES

**TRAFFIC AFFAIRS** Consultative Committee member Kou Kun Pang thinks that the government should have increased parking meter fares between one and three times the value of current fares, which was the amount decided upon. The fare increases will begin next month. According to a report by All About

Macau, Kou noted that, currently, many residents would rather park at a meter than in a parking lot, which leads to meters being occupied for long periods of time. This preference for parking spaces paid for through a meter is one of the causes of traffic congestion as drivers search for the parking meter parking spaces.

## UM launches worldwide search for new rector



**T**HE University of Macau (UM) will launch a worldwide search for a new rector. The announcement follows the notification from rector Wei Zhao on Sunday, who said that he does not intend to seek renewal of his appointment when it expires in 2018. Wei Zhao has been the rector of UM since 2008.

A statement issued yesterday indicates that in the next stage, the University Council will form a selection committee for the recruitment of a new rector. Information on the progress of the recruitment process will be reported to all stakeholders in a timely fashion.

According to the statement, "the committee will abide by the important principles of fairness, justice and transparency in the worldwide search for the new rector to lead the next stage of UM's development."

Regarding the current rector's two remaining terms at UM, Peter Lam, chairman of the University Council, is cited in the statement saying that Wei Zhao has brought "many contributions" to UM, which has resulted in "great progress in recent years in overall performance and in areas such as international reputation, research and publication, and the nurturing of talents."

## Macanese Association reopens canteen next month

**T**HE Macanese Association (ADM) will be resuming its canteen service on April 10, just two days after the reopening of their completely refurbished headquarters at Rua do Campo, according to a statement from the president of the board of the Association, Miguel de Senna Fernandes. After almost two years since its closure due to renovation works, the official ceremony of the inauguration of the renewed facilities will take place on Saturday, April 8.

"At the moment, we are in the final stages of the decoration works as well as the equipment testing and food preparation, in a completely renewed headquarters environment, to guarantee an excellence to our members," Senna Fernandes said in a statement sent to the press.

Updates also extend to the price list of the canteen service, that according to the



Miguel de Senna Fernandes

ADM were "adjusted according to the current market prices of similar establishments and taking into account the quality of the food offered."

The new price list will be known soon to all interested in the association.

The board of the ADM also approved an update to both the joining fee and the annual fee for association members. The amounts now established will be introduced in 2018.

## Exhibition about Shanghai refugees in Macau opened in Portugal

The opening ceremony of the exhibition "Shanghai Portuguese Refugees in Macau (1937-1964)," organized by the Macau Archives, as well as the launching of a publication about Shanghai Refugees by Portuguese historian Professor Alfredo Gomes Dias, were held at the Alfredo Pimenta Municipal Archives of the Municipality of Guimarães, Portugal, on March 3. The exhibition was previously held at the Macau Archives in 2015 and in the Macau Scientific and Cultural Centre in Lisbon in 2016. It showcases a selection of over one hundred records that illustrate the historical background of the Macanese diaspora around the world, the social inclusion of the Macanese in Shanghai, the journey of Portuguese refugees to Macau and the aid they received in Macau. It will also show the documentation and materials of one of the Shanghai Portuguese refugees, Clementina Fernandes. The exhibition will be held in Guimarães until September 1.

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# CPPCC announced strong opposition to Hong Kong independence



Yu Zhengsheng, CPPCC chairman, presides over a plenary meeting

**T**HE Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) added into its work report, for the first time, a firm opposition to Hong Kong independence, according to Chinese press.

The closing meeting of the 12th Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC) was held yesterday morning in Beijing and was presided over by CPPCC Chairman, Yu Zhengsheng.

The meeting approved three drafts regarding CPPCC's work over the past year and this year.

In the drafts, besides a new entry referring to strongly held opposition to Hong Kong independence, it is also written that the CPPCC will assist Hong Kong's CPPCC members in convincing more schools to adopt the national education curriculum.

As usual, the work report reaffirmed China's stance on its "one coun-

try - two systems" policy in both Hong Kong and Macau.

During another previous CPPCC meeting session, many of Macau's CPPCC members proposed that the mainland should allow more cities to be included in the free travel scheme to Macau.

CPPCC members, including lawmaker José Chui and the president of the Association of Returned Overseas Chinese Macau, Liu Yiliang, suggested that these additional cities, along with Macau, should have a common development direction, which would in turn benefit the diversification of Macau's industry.

In their joint proposal to the CPPCC, the Macau delegates said that the free scheme would bring more advantages than disadvantages to Macau. In addition, they suggested that these additional cities should only open to Macau, not Hong Kong.

# Malaysia calls for Macau-Kota Kinabalu direct flights

**S**ABAH authorities have requested a re-launch of direct flights between Kota Kinabalu, the capital of the Malaysian state of Sabah, and Macau.

The Borneo Post reported that Assistant Minister of Tourism, Culture and Environment Pang Yuk Ming hoped that relevant authorities in the MSAR could assist such efforts, recalling that there used to be Macau-Kota Kinabalu direct flights several years ago.

Pang was speaking at the Belt and Road Initiative of Tourism Development Conference that was organized by the Macau Malaysian Chamber of Commerce for the Malaysia China Chamber of Commerce (MCCC) Sabah branch.

"Macau offers entertainment and cosmopolitan modernity, whereas Sabah offers nature. [...] I believe by working together, we can offer attractive tourism packages that boost the tourism and economic developments of Sabah and Macau," he said.

Responding to his proposition, Macau Government Tourism Office (MGTO) director Maria Helena de Senna Fernandes noted that her office would act on the request at the governmental level.

Fernandes also reportedly encouraged the private sector,



Kota Kinabalu

which includes the chambers of commerce and airline companies, to call for the reestablishment of Kota Kinabalu-Macau direct flights.

Frankie Liew suggested that Macau and Sabah had the potential to develop a mutually beneficial relationship.

According to him, the Malaysian state could utilize Macau as a stepping-stone to enter China; while the MSAR could enter Southeast Asian countries through Sabah.

"We fervently hope that the resources and criteria in both places will complement each other and subsequently create a win-win situation," he said.

According to the outlet, the conference also saw the signing of a Letter of Intent in establishing cooperative ties between the Sabah Association of Tour and Travel Agents and the Macau Malaysian Chamber of Commerce.

The two parties also signed a memorandum of strategic partnership between the MCCC Sabah branch and the Macau Malaysian Chamber of Commerce.



# AL election on September 17

Chief Executive Chui Sai On has issued a pair of executive orders which set September 17 as the date for elections to the Legislative Assembly (AL). As well as fixing the day of the elections, the executive orders also establish the ceiling for each candidate's expenses regarding the election campaign at a little over MOP3.5 million (MOP3,549,622.00). Both the executive orders were published last Friday in the government's official gazette.

# Polytec Group confident on project's completion

Or Wai Sheun, president of Polytec Asset Holdings, says that he is confident in the timely completion of Polytec Group's current project before July, according to a report by TDM. The current project is located on the T and T1 areas at the landfill of Areia Preta, occupying an area of 66,630 square meters. He said that the current project has been conducted day and night, and is expected to be completed in May. He further informed that the current project will not become another Pearl Horizon (the troubled Polytec Group project) and will not become another of society's problems.

# GTET roadshow kicked off at ITB Berlin

Global Tourism Economy Forum ("GTEF") is scheduled to host its 6th edition in Macau from October 16 to 17. The first stop of GTEF 2017's international roadshow was in ITB Berlin. There, the GTEF team pursued a full schedule of activities from March 8 to March 10, including a formal presentation of GTEF 2017 to the 16 Central and Eastern European countries (CEECs) at the Hungarian Embassy in Berlin. GTEF 2017 will engage prominent leaders in the public and private sectors in the discussion regarding regional collaboration and how tourism stakeholders are able to break down barriers, find common ground and grow stronger together.

## CRIME

# Locals tricked to buy goods at 'discount prices'

Renato Marques

**T**WO cases of embezzlement were reported yesterday by the police during a press conference. One of the cases goes back to March 2015 and involves two victims, both Macau residents, who had presented on separate occasions complaints over a third woman, a 20-year-old resident, that allegedly had the capability of buying jewelry and watches from a local shop for well below market prices.

The first victim had contacted the Judiciary Police (PJ) in March 2015 claiming to have made a MOP21,000 payment to the suspect in order to buy a pair of rings that would cost the general public MOP28,000. The suspect accepted the payment and was from that point uncontactable to the customer. The customer claimed to have been deceived and filed a complaint at the PJ.

A couple of months later, in May, another woman also made a similar complaint regarding the same suspect.

In this second case, the victim said to have handed the sum of MOP114,330 to the suspect for her to get a pair of watches priced at HKD420,000.

As in the first case, after handing the money to the suspect she lost contact with her.

After two years of investigation, the PJ have reported that they finally detained the suspect, on March 8, when she was preparing to leave the territory by the Border Gate Checkpoint.

With the help of the immigration authorities she was taken in custody and handed to the PJ for further investigation. Questioned by the force, the suspect admitted to having received the money from the two women while she was working at

the shop as a salesperson between January and May that year.

She said that since she had left the job, she could no longer provide the sales with discounts to the women and since she needed the money to face daily expenses she retained it for herself. She was conducted to the Public Prosecutions Office (MP) where she was charged with the crime of breach of trust.

In a separate case, the police received a complaint in September 2015 from a mainland woman, who claimed to have been also scammed by a friend while both were playing in a local casino.

Because the victim needed to go to the toilet, she handed her handbag and one gaming chip in the value of HKD100,000 to her friend. After using the toilet she saw her handbag left alone in the restroom

and no signs of the friend.

On March 10, the suspect was caught while trying to enter Macau. She denied the crime but according to the PJ, the review of the surveillance video shows clearly that after she got the chip from the friend, she went straight to the cashier to change it into cash and promptly left the casino.

As she did not provide any information on the whereabouts of the money, the PJ continues to investigate the case. The suspect was already presented to the MP where she was charged with the crime of breach of trust.

## ELDERLY MAN CAUGHT STEALING AT AIRPORT

**A** MAN from Shanghai, aged around 60, was caught by a Duty Free shopkeeper at the local airport trying to sneak a black cup into his backpack. The case happened on March 11 and was reported by the shopkeeper, who found the man's behavior suspicious. When he was approached by the shopkeeper the man returned the cup to the shelf and left the shop. The shopkeeper was unconvinced by his actions and the woman decided to review the surveillance footage of the shop where she saw the man taking many other

items prior to being caught. She informed her supervisor and the police were called. Officers in the venue started to look for the man and found him standing near another duty free shop in the departure hall. After being asked to open his backpack the man complied and the PSP officer found inside a number of sweets, magnets, key chains and coasters, all belonging to the duty free shop. The theft, in total, amounted to MOP337 and the man was taken into custody by the police and charged with theft.

BOTTOM OF FORM

# China fines repeat offender USD170m for stock manipulation

CHINESE regulators seem to have run out of patience with Tang Hanbo.

The China Securities Regulatory Commission on Friday ordered Tang to pay a total of 1.17 billion yuan (USD170 million) in two cases of stock market manipulation, one of which was the first to involve trading through the stock connect between the mainland and Hong Kong. Tang, 43, has been punished for illegal trading at least twice before. But it appears his previous penalties from the CSRC, which include 39 million yuan in 2014 and 15 million yuan in 2015, weren't enough to deter his bad behavior.

On Friday, Tang, a Chinese national based in the city of Shenzhen, was ordered to pay 251 million yuan for allegedly using the link between the Shanghai and Hong Kong exchanges to manipulate a Shanghai-listed stock, Zhejiang China Commodities City Group Co. He was also hit with 925 million yuan in fines and disgorgement over domestic trades carried out from Decem-



ber 2014 to April 2015.

"It seems to be the record fine imposed by CSRC on individuals by amount so far," said Eric Liu, a partner at Zhao Sheng Law Firm in Shanghai. "This is not the first time Mr. Tang was sanctioned by CSRC for manipulating stock prices and that is one of reasons why the fine amount is that high."

The penalties imposed on Tang are smaller than the 3.47 billion yuan the CSRC plans to impose on Xian Yan, a former controller at Guangxi Future Technology Co. The regulator will penalize

Xian for suspected violations on information disclosure and stock manipulation, spokesman Zhang Xiaojun said at a briefing on Feb. 24. The penalties haven't been officially announced by the CSRC.

Trading Chinese stocks using connect-enabled accounts in Hong Kong has less regulatory oversight because mainland regulators and exchanges have real-time identification of every investor. Authorities in Hong Kong can only get such data by requesting it from brokers. **Bloomberg**

# HSBC names outsider for chairman, taps AIA boss for job

HSBC says it's tapping the head of Asian life insurer AIA Group to be its chairman, turning to an outsider for a job it has traditionally filled from within its own ranks.

The London-based bank said yesterday that it named AIA chief executive Mark Tucker to replace Douglas Flint, 61, who has been chairman since 2010.

HSBC is Europe's biggest bank but earns most of its income from Asia. The bank, which last month reported annual profit slumped by four-fifths, is revamping its business as it seeks to improve profitability.

The bank said Tucker, 59, will take over the reins in October with a 1.5 million pound (USD1.8 million) salary. Tucker is an insurance industry veteran and spent many years at Britain's Prudential before joining AIA in 2010.

His first task will be to lead the search for a successor to



Mark Tucker

HSBC's CEO Stuart Gulliver, who plans to retire by 2018.

Gulliver and Flint have been led efforts to restructure HSBC's business, laying off tens of thousands of staff and exiting markets such as Brazil and Turkey to focus more on Asia, but the strategy carries high risks as economic growth in China slows. **AP**

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AS BREXIT NEARS

# A look at how 5 people are coping

**Gregory Katz, London**

**B**REXIT. It's coming, but no one knows what form it will take. Prime Minister Theresa May is expected to fire the starting pistols within days, leading to at least two years of complex negotiations between Britain and 27 other European Union nations with competing interests.

The results will redefine Britain's role outside the EU, transform immigration and trade laws, and affect everything from intelligence sharing to the classification of bananas.

Brexit hasn't happened yet. The formal process is about to begin. But the June 23 referendum in which Britons voted to leave the EU is already having an immense impact on peoples' lives. Not because of what they know about Brexit, but because of what they don't.

Five people — three in Britain, two in continental Europe — tell how they are coping with the uncertainty:

## THE GERMAN ACADEMIC

German-born Henning Meyer and his German wife have lived in London long enough to easily qualify for British nationality. And it's likely the British government will eventually decide to allow EU nationals already living in Britain to stay even after the split, so they could probably live here even without U.K. passports.

But the Meyers are leaving. They are building a small home in Berlin and selling their place just north of London. They no longer feel welcome here and they believe London's role as a vital international hub will soon shrivel.

"If you're not allowed to live here as Germans, there is no reason for us to be here," says Meyer, 38.

They took six months to decide to abandon Britain — a move shaped by the belief that something fundamental had been altered in the tolerant, multi-cultural society they had embraced.

"It's not just the immediate reaction after the referendum," he said. "You know everybody knows what happened to — not me personally — but Polish citizens or others who have been subject to abuse or even worse. So what also changed is how the referendum campaign altered the public discourse in this country. Because it was a shameful campaign and it has made stereotyping xenophobia mainstream."

He said some friends no longer feel comfortable speaking German with their children on London streets, and others try to conceal their Polish or German identities. Meyer doesn't want to live that way.

## THE LATVIAN STUDENT



Katrina Rubina's dream is almost in her grasp. She fears Brexit will snatch it away. The 18-year-old high school student's cherished goal — call it an obsession — is to study in Britain, a country with a proud tradition of academic rigor that regularly turns out skilled graduates who can compete in Europe's tight job market.

"I've been dreaming about studying in the U.K. for a long time," Rubina says. "Since I was 6 years old, purely because of Harry Potter. At first I imagined everything there is like that, but of course it is not. But I never lost that dream. U.K. symbolizes for me a new beginning. I can leave everything I did here in Latvia and take only the things that I want with me to the U.K."

Her fear is that Brexit will shortly make it much harder for students from other Eu-

ropean countries to study in Britain. She anticipates many roadblocks: New visa rules, rather than the border-free travel Latvians and other EU citizens now enjoy, a hike in tuition for non-British students and, most importantly, a sharp cut in scholarships for EU students.

That's made getting to Britain a now-or-never proposition. She and many other Latvian hopefuls are flooding British universities with applications — academic officials note a marked increase since the referendum.

She has been provisionally accepted at the Royal Holloway in London to study international business, but needs an excellent showing on her final round of exams. Her counselor has told her she must study still harder — competition has increased because so many students are trying to get to Britain before the rules change.

"I'm not going to give up all my hard work just because there is Brexit," she says. "I'm going to find a way to get there anyway."

## THE MAN OF STEEL



John Reid & Sons is looking to hire six people at its steel fabrication plant in southern England — and managing director Simon Boyd thinks the 98-year-old company's expansion is a Brexit blessing.

He has argued for years that membership in the EU was holding Britain back because of a welter of regulations. The day Brexit comes into full force, he says, will be the day when Britain is liberated from unwanted workplace rules and the capricious dictates of the European Court of Justice.

He knows that in a legal sense nothing has changed, that the implementation of Brexit is at least several years away,

but thinks the business climate has dramatically improved now that the end of EU regulation — overregulation in his view — is in sight.

The midsize firm he runs is already reaping benefits — the falling value of the British pound since the Brexit vote has helped its exports — and the company's largest ever expansion project is being planned in consultation with local officials. The 56-year-old Boyd, who started his career making tea and sweeping floors, says orders and inquiries for major projects increased after the referendum vote and should shoot still higher in the coming years.

"I think government is in an excellent position to negotiate a really good deal with our European friends, and we can get out of this really damaging European Union," says Boyd, who chafes at the way European workplace rules hamper his flexibility in a business that is cyclical by nature.

"I can't see anything other than positive possibilities," Boyd says.

## THE BRITISH RETIREE IN SPAIN



If Brexit means that retirees Karen and Peter Watling have to leave the Mediterranean coast of Spain to return to the British Midlands, expect them to be kicking and screaming on the plane back home.

"I would hate it. He would hate it," says Karen Watling, 70. "It's not what we chose to do."

Their decision to retire in Spain after long careers in England made perfect sense — before Brexit. They enjoy a reciprocal health care arrangement between Britain and Spain that allows them to receive free medical care and medication, which is crucial because Peter, also 70, has a serious ailment.

Karen Watling doesn't expect the health care agreement between the two EU countries to survive Brexit, which would force them to seek government-sponsored health insurance in Spain or reluctantly move back to England.

"For us it would be a disaster because it would be well over 300 euros a month plus medication," she says of the insurance she would need in Spain. "We wouldn't be able to afford it."

Brexit has already hit their purchasing power. Their pensions are paid in British pounds, which have, since the referendum, dropped by about 15 percent in relation to the euro.

Karen Watling says she has been anxious and tearful since June 23. She is angry at the government — believing that Britons living in other EU countries are being used as a bargaining chip — and mortified by what the referendum results say about the country where she worked as a teacher for decades.

"I'm certainly not proud of what Britain seems to have become," she says. "Britain is never going to be Great Britain again."

## THE ITALIAN LONDONER



Brexit has cost Marco Vineis money, plenty of money each month as the cost of importing meats and cheese from Italy has risen because of the drop in value of the British pound. But the founder of Gastronomica seems most upset by Brexit's emotional pain, not its financial toll.

"I feel myself quite a Londoner, even if I wasn't born here," says Vineis, 52, in his salami- and cheese-filled deli, where the aroma of rich Italian espresso lingers. "Now I feel myself a bit of a foreigner. So, this feeling I don't like it a lot. This is after 25 years I've been here."

He expects his business to survive, even if he has to start selling English cheddar rather than pay the high cost of importing Italian pecorino. But he is baffled — and hurt — by Britain's decision to break away.

"Before Brexit, we didn't think it would change so much," he says. "People didn't realize how many rights people living in Europe get. The freedom to go from country to country without a border. It is a moment to reflect about our condition. It means that after years of war and conflict and fighting we reach this wonderful system, and we should not lose it. I don't know why they are doing this." AP

CHINA'S top political advisory body voted yesterday to appoint Hong Kong Chief Executive Leung Chun-ying to the ceremonial post of vice chairman, ahead of his departure from office in July.

Leung announced in December that he wouldn't seek a second term as leader of the Chinese-controlled territory, a former British colony that returned to Chinese rule in 1997.

His five-year term has been marked by increasingly bitter political divisions between pro-democracy activists and Beijing loyalists. Leung has said Hong Kong is an "inalienable" part of China and independence is not possible.

Members of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference voted to appoint him on the final day of their annual 10-day meeting. The body advises China's rubberstamp legislature and is made up of politicians and representatives from business, the arts, civil society, sports and academia.

China regularly rewards retired or retiring officials for their loyalty with largely ceremonial posts that require them to attend meetings but do little else. Tung Chee-hwa, Hong Kong's first chief executive after its return to China, is also a conference vice chairman.

The Hong Kong-based South China Morning Post said there were questions over

CPPCC

## CY Leung leader given role in top political advisory body

whether Leung's dual roles in Hong Kong and Beijing contravene the "one country, two systems" law, under which Hong Kong retains a separate economic, legal and political system from the communist-governed Chinese mainland until 2047.

Premier Li Keqiang said at the opening of this year's meeting of the legislature that the Chinese government would "continue to implement, both to the letter and in spirit, the principle of 'one country, two systems.'"

Li also for the first time publicly denounced the territory's independence as an option, saying: "The notion of Hong Kong independence will lead nowhere." AP



President Xi Jinping (right) shakes hands with Hong Kong Chief Executive Leung Chun-ying after the latter's appointment as a vice chairman of the CPPCC

## Law would outlaw insults to Communist heroes, martyrs

DAMAGING the reputation and honor of heroes and martyrs could be a civil offense under a proposed draft of China's civil law as the Communist Party further tightens the space for public discourse on historical issues.

The official Xinhua News Agency repor-

ted yesterday that delegates to China's ceremonial parliament had introduced the provisions for ratification this week.

Liberal academics and intellectuals have been increasingly pressured in recent years to adhere to the Communist Party's official interpretations on historical matters.

A professor was forced into retirement in January for criticizing Mao Zedong, while a writer was convicted of libel last year after he challenged the veracity of a famous tale of Communist Party soldiers who allegedly sacrificed themselves in a battle against invading Japanese forces.

### PHOTO REPORT

## Great Hall in shadow and light



A security personnel wearing white gloves guides participants arriving for a plenary session

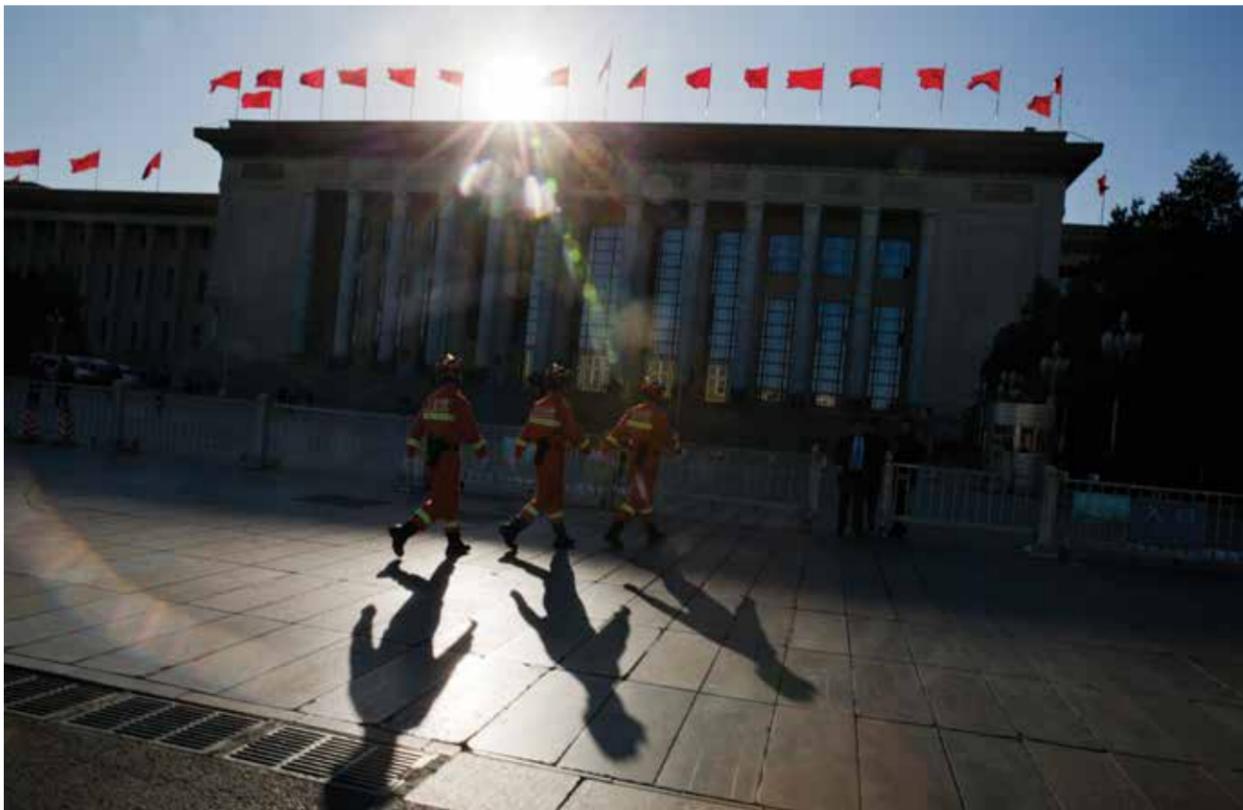
CHINA'S ceremonial parliament and its official advisory body traditionally hold their annual sessions at Beijing's Great Hall of the People during the first two weeks of March, a time when the Chinese capital is finally emerging from the long winter freeze.

This year's gatherings were blessed by unusually clear weather, with little of the choking smog that so often grips the city, and the resulting sunshine cast heavy black shadows

of the building and people on the surrounding plaza.

The sessions draw a veritable army of attendants, from the sentinels who guard the hall year round, to the special police, K9 units and firefighters brought in to prevent and contain any threats to the safety of participants.

Also a lively presence are the young, mostly female ushers who make sure the participants find their seats and the leaders always have a steaming cup of tea ready by their elbow.



Firefighters march in front of the Great Hall of the People

SOUTH CHINA SEA

# Duterte asks military to tell Beijing vast sea area 'is ours'

Rise to be part of the Philippine continental shelf, where the country has exclusive rights to fish and exploit resources, including undersea deposits of oil and gas, Philippine officials said.

**“You go there and tell them straight that this [Benham Rise] is ours, but I say it in friendship.”**

RODRIGO DUTERTE



AP PHOTO

Beijing and Manila have a separate long-running territorial feud in the South China Sea west of the Philippines, but tensions have eased considerably since Duterte took office in June and began reaching out to China. He has placed the dispute on the backburner while seeking Chinese trade and economic aid.

The Philippine military spotted the Chinese survey ships crisscrossing the Benham Rise waters suspiciously from July to December last year, Defense Secretary Delfin Lorenzana said last week. He said the government is considering an increase in patrols and the building of territorial markers in the offshore region.

The Chinese ships' presence in the area was to be discussed late yesterday at a meeting of National Security Council executive members and Duterte.

The Department of Foreign Affairs said it asked China through its embassy Friday to clarify what the survey ships were doing in Benham Rise.

In 2012, the U.N. Commission on the Limits of the Continental Shelf declared Benham

**P**resident Rodrigo Duterte said yesterday he has told the military to assert Philippine ownership of a large ocean region off the country's northeastern coast where Chinese survey ships were spotted last year, in

a discovery that alarmed Philippine defense officials.

Duterte said he ordered the military to assert ownership of Benham Rise in a friendly way, repeating that his country has no option but to be diplomatic because "I cannot match the

might of China."

"My order to my military, you go there and tell them straight that this is ours, but I say it in friendship," Duterte said in a news conference when asked about the issue in the waters facing the Pacific Ocean.



AP PHOTO

Chinese military officers file into near the Great Hall of the People



AP PHOTO

Participants arrive near the Great Hall of the People



AP PHOTO

A hospitality staff member pose for photos near the shadow of a tall light pole near the Great Hall of the People

John Rogers, Los Angeles

IT would seem all but impossible to sum up one of the most distinguished careers in photojournalism in only four words, but that's just what Nick Ut does when he says, "From hell to Hollywood."

And the Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer, who is retiring this month after 51 years with The Associated Press, has the pictures to prove it, the most famous being a stunning black-and-white image from the Vietnam War that's come to be known simply as "Napalm Girl."

It's the photo of a terrified child running naked down a country road, her body literally burning from the napalm bombs dropped on her village just moments before Ut captured the iconic image.

"That photograph illustrated dramatically what had become a regular occurrence in Vietnam over the years — napalm on distant villages, civilians killed and scared by the war, pictures we'd rarely had in the past," said Peter Arnett, a distinguished network news war correspondent and Pulitzer Prize winner himself. "This picture revealed the kind of details that were an integral part of what the war had been about, which made it so significant and important to be published."

Ut was only 21 when he took that photo on June 8, 1972, then set his camera aside to rush 9-year-old Kim Phuc to a hospital, where doctors saved her life. He would go on to take literally tens of thousands more over the next 44 years, including images of practically every A-list celebrity who walked a Hollywood red carpet or entered a courtroom on the wrong side of the law.

"Every star who has trouble, they will see me," jokes the friendly 65-year-old photographer who, although his thick, dark hair has grayed over the years, retains both a boyish charm and irrepressible enthusiasm for his work.

On a recent morning in a conference room of the AP's Los An-

# AP's legendary 'Napalm Girl' photographer Nick Ut to retire



In this June 8, 1972 file photo taken by Nick Ut, South Vietnamese forces follow terrified children, including 9-year-old Kim Phuc (center) as they run down Route 1 near Trang Bang after an aerial napalm attack on suspected Viet Cong hiding places

geles bureau, Ut clicks through a portfolio showing a few of his most famous images.

There's one of a sobbing Robert Blake, the actor's head on a courtroom table moments after he was acquitted of killing his wife. In another, Michael Jackson is dancing on an SUV outside a courtroom where he would be acquitted of child molestation. Perhaps the most ironic of all, of a tearful Paris Hilton headed to jail for driving violations, was taken on June 8, 2007, the 35th anniversary of the day he took the "Napalm Girl" picture.

Warren Beatty once called Ut aside at a Hollywood Walk of Fame ceremony to spend 30 minutes talking about the "Napalm Girl" photo. After learning he was

the one who took it, actress Joan Collins opened a bottle of champagne for Ut during a shoot at her home. It was a much friendlier reaction, he says, than the one he got when he previously photographed her heading into a courtroom to settle an acrimonious divorce.

## That picture changed my life. It changed Kim's life.

NICK UT  
AP PHOTOGRAPHER

"That picture changed my life. It changed Kim's life," he says of the pair's chance meeting in a dusty Vietnamese village called Trang Bang. He'd just finished photographing four planes flying low to drop the napalm that would set Phuc's village ablaze when he saw a terrified group of men, women and children running for their lives from a pagoda.

After getting that perfectly framed photo, he set aside his camera, gave the badly burned girl water, poured more on her wounds, then loaded her and others into his AP van to take them to a hospital. When doctors refused to admit her, saying she was too badly burned to be saved, he angrily flashed his press pass. The next day, he told them, pictures of her would be displayed all over the world, along with an explanation of how the hospital refused to help.

"I cried when I saw her running," Ut once told an AP reporter. "If I don't help her — if something happened and she died — I think I'd kill myself after that."

Now a 53-year-old wife and mother of two who lives in Canada, Kim Phuc remains Ut's close friend.

But her photo, dramatic as it was, represented only a small slice of the horror Ut saw during those war years.

As he flips through photos of villages destroyed, dead bodies piled everywhere and parents grieving over dead children, Ut tells how he came to be a combat photographer.

The 11th of 12 children, he grew up idolizing one of his older brothers, Huynh Thanh My, an actor whose good looks seemed to have him destined for movie stardom until the Vietnam War got in the way. Huynh was hired by the AP and was on assignment in 1965 when he and a group of soldiers he was with were overrun by Viet Cong rebels who killed everyone.

At his brother's funeral, Ut approached the late Horst Faas, photo editor for AP's Saigon bureau, to ask for a job. But Faas, a two-time Pulitzer winner, turned him down cold. He didn't want the Huynh family losing another son.

After weeks of Ut's pestering, Faas finally relented, hiring him on Jan. 1, 1966, but giving the 15-year-old strict orders: Under no circumstances was he to carry his camera into a war zone.

So Ut spent the next couple of years working in the darkroom and shooting feature photos around Saigon until one January morning in 1968 when the war came to him.

"I remember Nick coming in later that morning very excited and saying, 'The Viet Cong are fighting near my house. I have pictures of Vietnamese troops attacking them, great pictures,'" Arnett, who worked for the AP then, recalled in

a recent interview.

From that day forward, 17-year-old Huynh Cong Ut was a combat photographer.

Over the coming years he would be wounded four times and have a rocket come so close to his head that it literally parted his hair. His closest friend in the Saigon bureau, noted photographer Henri Huet, died in 1971 after volunteering to take the weary Ut's place on an assignment during which the helicopter he was in was shot down.

It was Huet, Ut says, who gave him his nickname, Nick, after others in the bureau had trouble getting his given name straight.

"That's why I keep the name Nick Ut. In Henri's honor," he says in a voice momentarily thick with emotion.

When Saigon fell to the rebels in 1975, two years after the U.S. military pulled out, Ut had to flee Vietnam like thousands of others. After a brief stay in a California refugee camp, the AP put him to work in its Tokyo bureau.

It was there he met his wife, Hong Huynh, another Vietnamese ex-pat. She even hailed from the same neighborhood as Ut, but the two had never met. They moved to Los Angeles in 1977 when Ut began the Hollywood chapter of his photo career. They have two grown children and two grandchildren, ages 8 and 10.

He plans to spend retirement helping take care of those grandchildren and, oh yes, taking more pictures.

"I'll take pictures until I die," laughs the diminutive photographer who is instantly recognizable around Los Angeles for his 5-foot-3-inch frame and his ear-to-ear grin. "My camera is like my doctor, my medicine." **AP**



Nick Ut (left) meets Phan Thi Kim Phuc (the Napalm Girl) during a presentation at the Liberty Baptist Church in Newport Beach, California, in 2012

SOUTH KOREA

# Park's advisers offer to resign after her ouster

Hyung-Jin Kim, Seoul

**T**HE senior advisers to ousted South Korean President Park Geun-hye offered to resign yesterday, news reports said, three days after the country's Constitutional Court formally ended her rule over a corruption scandal.

Park, whose power had been suspended in a parliamentary impeachment vote in December, was formally removed from office Friday after the court dismissed her from the top post. Park vacated the presidential office on Sunday.

Nine senior presidential advisers tendered their resignations to acting leader Hwang Kyo-ahn, Yonhap news agency reported, citing unidentified government

officials. Other South Korean media carried a similar report.

Hwang's office could not immediately confirm the report, and calls to the presidential Blue House weren't answered.

Park's Blue House had 10 main presidential advisers on foreign policy, economy and other issues, but one position has been vacant since the arrest of one adviser over the scandal.

After being removed from office, Park has lost her presidential immunity and will likely face a direct investigation over allegations she colluded with a long-time confidante, Choi Soon-sil, to extort money from businesses and allow Choi to meddle in state affairs though she has never held an official post.

Dozens of high-profile figures,

including Choi, Samsung heir Lee Jae-yong and top government officials are already facing criminal trials.

Park has expressed defiance about the corruption allegations, raising worries about a further deepening of the national divide over her fate. Three people died and dozens were injured in violent clashes between Park's supporters and police following the court's ruling.

"Although it will take time, I believe the truth will certainly come out," Park said in a statement read by her former presidential spokesman, as hundreds of her supporters chanted her name and waved national flags.

She had previously apologized for putting trust in her jailed friend, Choi Soon-sil, but denied



Ousted President Park Geun-hye (center) smiles as she is greeted by supporters upon her arrival at her private home in Seoul on Sunday

any legal wrongdoing.

South Korea's main opposition party has called Park's statement "shocking" and "very regrettable" because she did not express remorse.

Park's departure from the Blue House came a day after tens of thousands of opponents and supporters divided the streets of

downtown Seoul with massive rallies, reflecting the deep split in the nation.

South Korea now has to elect a president by early May. Opinion polls show the Democratic Party's Moon Jae-in, who lost to Park in 2012, as the favorite to become the country's next leader. **AP**

# Saudi king visits Japan, seeks help on diversifying economy

Elaine Kurtenbach, Tokyo

**K**ING Salman and hundreds of business leaders from Saudi Arabia are in Japan for talks this week mainly expected to focus on economic ties.

The visit is the first by a Saudi king in 46 years, though Salman visited more recently as crown prince.

Saudi Arabia is one of Japan's biggest suppliers of crude oil, accounting for about a third of its total imports of oil from the Middle East.

The kingdom is striving to diversify its economy away from its heavy reliance on oil exports, and Salman is on a month-long tour of Asia to advance his kingdom's economic and business interests.

Japan's Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshihide Suga told reporters yesterday that Japan is willing to provide support for the economic power in the Middle East.

"We will discuss growth strategy, including our 'Saudi Vision' project," he said, referring to Japanese collaboration with Vision 2030, a roadmap adopted by the kingdom last year for its development and economic objectives.



Saudi King Salman, right, meets with Japan's Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida

He did not confirm reports that the countries would agree to set up a special economic zone in Saudi Arabia.

Salman met with Japanese Foreign Minister Fumio Kishida and later with Prime Minister Shinzo Abe.

Reports say Japan plans to urge that Saudi Aramco, the state-run oil company that is being partially privatized, seek a share listing on the Tokyo Stock Exchange.

Separately, Saudi Arabia's sovereign wealth fund and Japanese telecoms provider and energy company Softbank have joined forces in setting up a USD25 billion private fund for technology investments.

Trade between the countries fell overall last year as oil prices dropped. Japan's 2.1 trillion yen (\$18.6 billion) in imports from

Saudi Arabia in 2016, mostly oil and gas, dwarfed its exports of 546.3 billion yen (\$4.8 billion).

The delegation arrived late Sunday on about 10 aircraft. Officials said top hotels and car hire services would be busy handling the unusually large group during its four-day visit.

Salman's stop in Japan follows visits to Indonesia and Malaysia. He is due to travel on to Brunei, China and the Maldives.

While seeking investment and help with Saudi industrialization and development of its services sector, Salman has also offered help. Earlier, he pledged \$1 billion in development finance for Indonesia and closer cooperation for combating transnational crime such as human trafficking, terrorism and the drugs trade. **AP**



British national David Taylor



Australian national Sara Connor (right)

INDONESIA

# Bali court sentences Brit, Aussie to prison in cop's death

**A** court on the tourist island of Bali yesterday sentenced a British man charged with attacking a traffic police officer and causing his death to six years in prison and his Australian girlfriend to four years.

David Taylor, a dreadlocked DJ who adopted a more sober appearance for the trial, said he accepted the judge's decision.

During the trial, his girlfriend, Sara Connor, who faced the same charge, said she wasn't an active participant in the attack. But the judges found that her role prevented the officer, Wayan Sudarsa, from

defending himself.

Prosecutors sought eight-year prison terms for Connor and Taylor, who were arrested last August in the death of Sudarsa, whose bloodied body was found on the beach outside the Pullman Hotel in the popular tourist area of Kuta.

They were charged with committing violence leading to death, which carries a maximum 12-year prison term under Indonesian law.

Erwin Siregar, a lawyer for Connor, said an appeal was being considered.

"It seems she doesn't accept the sentence,

but has not yet decided whether to appeal," Siregar said. "My position is that we have to appeal. We will meet in next two or three days to decide."

The 34-year-old Taylor, who promoted himself as DJ Nutzo, admitted hitting the Indonesian man repeatedly with a cellphone, binoculars and a broken beer bottle, leaving him face down and unconscious. But he said he didn't realize Sudarsa would die.

Connor, 46, and Taylor were drinking beer on the beach in the hours before the late-night incident. **AP**

## MERKEL AND TRUMP

# Opposing styles with common interests

David Rising, Berlin

**G**ERMAN Chancellor Angela Merkel heads to Washington today ahead of her first meeting with President Donald Trump. The encounter between the trained physicist and veteran politician, renowned for her measured comments and reserved style, and the billionaire real-estate outsider whose off-the-cuff tweets and undiplomatic approach have rocked American politics could produce an interesting dynamic.

But despite the difference in styles, hopes are high that Europe's most powerful leader will be able to use her savvy and experience to dispel some of the angst that has grown internationally over the first weeks of Trump's administration.

Though she's talked by phone with Trump, this week's meeting in person with the new president will present her with a good opportunity to get a read of "who is calling the shots" and "who has the president's ear," said Sylke Tempel, an expert with the German Council on Foreign Relations.

"You can only find that out when you're there, and this is a situation where she's particularly good because she observes things," Tempel said.

In Merkel's 12 years as chancellor she worked well with both Presidents George W. Bush and Barack Obama, and she's also demonstrated that she won't be pushed around by leaders who

try to use what Tempel called "macho" tactics with her.

"Putin tried that on her, Erdogan tried that and there are quite a few others," Tempel said. "She has an enormous amount of patience, an internal calm and self-confidence, and the kind of personality that would say 'I've seen macho characters come and go, and I've seen men making a lot of mistakes.'"

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In addition to establishing a relationship with Trump and getting a firsthand read of the new White House dynamics, there are a wide range of issues that Merkel is expected to address.

With Trump's "America first" economic leanings, his questioning of multilateral trade deals and enthusiastic endorsement of Britain's decision to leave the European Union, Merkel's main goal is expected to be to impress upon the president her view that a strong EU is also in Washington's strategic and economic interests.

Alluding to this, she told Parliament on Thursday that she plans to emphasize that "even if in parts of the world we see protectionist and nationalist approaches on the rise, Europe may never isolate, seal itself off or withdraw."

She's bringing with her a trade delegation that reportedly includes the heads of both BMW and Siemens, whose companies together employ around 120,000 people in the U.S. in their factories and related businesses.

Trade between the U.S. and Europe is "advantageous for both sides," Merkel said after meeting German business leaders in Munich yesterday.

"Talking directly is always much better than talking about each other," she said. "That will be my motto on this visit, which I am looking forward to."

Trump has vocalized several other differences with Merkel, notably on the campaign trail last year when he called her decision in 2015 to allow 890,000 asylum seekers into Germany a "disaster" and said that "Hillary Clinton wants to be America's Angela Merkel."

Trump has also openly suggested that NATO is obsolete and has urged European countries to live up to commitments to spend at least 2 percent of gross domestic product on defense, though U.S. Vice President Mike Pence reassured Europeans in Munich last month that America's commitment to the alliance



German Chancellor Angela Merkel

was "unwavering." Trump has elicited European concerns on multiple other issues, too, including his more friendly approach to Russia and his position on climate change.

In pointed remarks about Germany specifically, White House trade adviser Peter Navarro last month said that the country was using a "grossly undervalued" euro to "exploit" the U.S. and EU, and last week singled out the U.S. deficit with Germany as "one of the most difficult" trade issues Washington faces.

Finance Minister Wolfgang Schäuble scoffed at the idea Germany was somehow using currency manipulation to bolster exports, telling a group of foreign reporters in Berlin last week that

the trade surplus was due to "the competitiveness of German industry" — in other words, Germany makes products Americans want to buy.

Despite the differences, Merkel told Parliament she would emphasize how much the U.S. and Europe have in common.

"I am deeply convinced that the trans-Atlantic partnership based on common values is in all of our interests, not only for us Europeans," she said.

"I'll hold my talks with President Donald Trump in this spirit. Precisely because the nature of the trans-Atlantic relationship has changed, Europe has decided to take more responsibility in the future, both in our own neighborhood and beyond." **AP**

**I**N Syria, last year was the worst yet for the country's rising generation, with at least 652 children killed in 2016, the United Nations' child relief agency said yesterday.

There was no letup to attacks on schools, hospitals, playgrounds, parks and homes as the Syrian government, its opponents and the allies of both sides showed callous disregard for the laws of war.

UNICEF said at least 255 children were killed in or near schools last year and 1.7 million youngsters are out of school. One of every three schools in Syria is unusable, some because armed groups occupy them. An additional 2.3 million Syrian children are refugees elsewhere in the Middle East.

The figures came in a UNICEF report released ahead of the sixth anniversary later this week of the 2011 popular uprising

## MIDDLE EAST

## UNICEF says 2016 was worst year yet for Syria's children

against President Bashar Assad's rule. The uprising, which was part of the Arab Spring movements across the Mideast, quickly escalated into full-blown civil war.

Children were among the first victims of the government's brutal crackdown.

On March 15, 2011, a small demonstration broke out in the capital of Damascus and three days later, residents in the southern Syrian city of Daraa marched to demand the release of teenage students arrested for writing anti-government slogans on their school's walls. They were tortured in detention.



The UNICEF report warns that for Syria's young generation, coping mechanisms and medical care are eroding quickly, driving children into child labor, early marriage and combat. Dozens of children are also dying from preventable diseases.

A report released a week ago by the international

charity Save the Children said Syrian youngsters are showing signs of "toxic stress" that can lead to lifelong health problems, struggles with addiction and mental disorders lasting into adulthood.

The use of child soldiers is on the rise in Syria, UNICEF also said. At least 851 children were recruited by

armed factions last year — more than twice compared to the year before.

Children across the country are at risk of severe injury while playing around land mines and cluster munitions. Demining operations in opposition-held areas have been severely hampered by inaccessibility to outside experts.

Meanwhile, the Norwegian Refugee Council said that as the sixth year of Syria's conflict nears its end, 13.5 million people remain in need of aid in dire and deteriorating conditions. Half as many are displaced in their own country, with almost 5

million refugees in neighboring countries where conditions keep getting increasingly desperate.

"Over the last year in Syria, all parties involved have blocked vital aid supplies and millions have become poorer, hungrier and more isolated from assistance and from the world," said NRC's Mideast director, Carsten Hansen.

"We join the rest of the international humanitarian community on this milestone of shame to voice outrage at the plight of millions of civilians living in a downward spiral of despair," the organization added.

It said parties to the conflict continue using siege and starvation as a weapon of war. Around 5 million people remain trapped in areas of active fighting, including almost one million in besieged areas who have no access to sustained humanitarian assistance. **AP**



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## what's ON



## THREE PHANTOMS

TIME: 8pm (Tuesdays to Fridays)  
2pm & 8pm (Saturdays)  
2pm & 6pm (Sundays)

UNTIL: March 26, 2017

VENUE: The Parisian Theatre, The Parisian Macao Hotel

ADMISSION: MOP180, MOP280, MOP480

ENQUIRIES: (853) 2882 8818

## ARTEFACTS OF EXCELLENCE - SEAL CARVINGS BY LUO SHUZHONG FROM THE MAM COLLECTION

TIME: 10am-7pm (Last admission at 6:30pm, closed on Mondays)

UNTIL: July 2, 2017

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

ADMISSION: Free

ENQUIRIES: (853) 8791 9814

## 4:35 - WORKS BY LEI CHEOK MEI

TIME: 12pm-7pm (Closed on Tuesdays)

UNTIL: April 26, 2017

VENUE: Intersection of Av. do Coronel Mesquita and Av. do Almirante Lacerda

ADMISSION: Free

ENQUIRIES: (853) 2853 0026

## TRANSCIENCE: DAREDEVILS AND TOWERING WEBS

TIME: 12pm-8pm (Closed on Mondays)

UNTIL: March 31, 2017

VENUE: Taipa Village Art Space, 10 Rua dos Clerigos, Taipa

ADMISSION: Free

ENQUIRIES: (853) 2857 6118

## Offbeat

## BARN YARN: RETIREES KNITTING SWEATERS FOR CHILLY CHICKENS



Sweaters for chickens? It sounds like a joke, but a plucky group of retirees in suburban Boston has hatched a plan to keep poultry warm during the New England winter.

The unusual project began after members of a knitting club at Fuller Village, a retirement home in Milton, Massachusetts, heard about the hardships that some chickens suffer this time of year.

Certain breeds shed their feathers and grow new plumage in the winter months. Others imported from tropical climates just aren't suited for the wintry conditions.

Organizer Nancy Kearns said the project benefits birds kept on a neighboring estate known as the Mary M.B. Wakefield Charitable Trust.

"I don't think in my wildest dreams I ever thought anybody made sweaters for chickens," said Barbara Widmayer, 76, who started knitting when she was 15 years old.

Among the sweaters Widmayer crafted by hand was one for Prince Peep, a rooster native to Malaysia.

"There's so much going on these days that's kind of contentious in the world," she said. "It was actually very calming to me to work on this."

Another knitter, 76-year-old Libby Kaplan, said the experience has helped her to overcome her fear of birds.

"One person I heard say there were more important things to do in this world. 'Make things for people that need it.' I think animals need to be warm, too, and I'm so glad we did it," Kaplan said.

The chickens seem to like their sweaters: Estate spokeswoman Erica Max says egg production has jumped noticeably since the birds began wearing them.

It's got some members of the club wondering what exotic project to take on next.

## TV canal macau



13:00	TDM News (Repeated)
13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
14:50	RTPi Live
15:20	Portuguese League: Tondela - Sporting (Repeated)
17:00	Criminal Minds S.8
17:40	Labirint (Repeated)
18:30	TDM Sports (Repeated)
19:30	Soap Opera
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:00	TDM Interview
21:40	Once Upon a Time S2
22:10	Labirint
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Miscellaneous
00:05	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)
00:40	RTPi Live
03:45	Champions League: FC Porto - Juventus (Live)
05:45	RTPi Live

## cinema



## CINETEATRO

02 MAR - 08 MAR



## KONG: SKULL ISLAND

ROOM 1  
(2D): 2:30, 4:45, 9:30pm  
(3D): 7:15pm

Director: Jordan Vogt-Roberts

Starring: Tom Hiddleston, Samuel L. Jackson, Brie Larson

Language: English (Chinese)  
Duration: 118min

## THE FOUNDER

ROOM 2  
2:30, 4:45, 9:30pm

Director: John Lee Hancock

Starring: Michael Keaton, Nick Offerman, John Carroll

Language: English (Chinese)  
Duration: 115min

## LA LA LAND

ROOM 2  
7:15pm

Director: Damien Chazelle

Starring: Ryan Gosling, Emma Stone

Language: English  
Duration: 128min

## THE GIRL WITH ALL THE GIFTS

ROOM 1  
2:30, 4:30, 7:30, 9:30pm

Director: Colm McCarthy

Starring: Gemma Arterton, Glenn Close, Sennia Nanua

Language: English (Chinese)  
Duration: 111min

## MACAU TOWER

02 MAR - 15 MAR



## LOGAN

2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:30pm

Director: James Mangold

Starring: Hugh Jackman, Patrick Stewart, Dafne Keen

Language: English (Chinese)  
Duration: 137min

## this day in history



## 1958 'BONNY' PRINCE ALBERT OF MONACO BORN

A celebratory 101-gun salute has been fired in Monaco after Princess Grace - formerly film star Grace Kelly - gave birth to a son.

In spite of elaborate arrangements made for announcing the birth, the world learnt about the baby's arrival when a woman at a palace window shouted to waiting journalists: "It's a boy, it's a boy".

The 8lb 11oz baby who was born at just before 1100 local time is to be named Albert Alexandre Louis Pierre.

He will be known as Prince Albert.

The baby takes automatic precedence over his one-year-old sister, Princess Caroline.

The young princess appeared on a palace balcony in the arms of her father, Prince Rainier III, shortly after her brother was born.

Prince Rainier later broadcast an address to the nation announcing the Crown Prince's birth.

Speaking to journalists, the princess' mother, Margaret Kelly said both her daughter and the baby were doing well.

"It is a bonny, bonny prince," Mrs Kelly said.

Flags and flowers have been put up all over the principality and tomorrow has been declared a public holiday.

It is also expected that Prince Rainier will pardon all six prisoners in Monaco's jail.

The new baby makes doubly sure control of Monaco will not pass to its neighbour France after the death of Prince Rainier.

A treaty between the two countries in 1918 stipulated if there was ever no heir to Monaco's throne the principality would become subject to French laws.

Prince Rainier, 35, has ruled Monaco since 1949.

He succeeded his grandfather to become the country's 31st ruler.

Courtesy BBC News

## IN CONTEXT

Seven years later Princess Grace had her third child, Princess Stephanie. Grace Kelly appeared in her first film in 1951.

She made 11 films before giving up her career when she married Prince Rainier in 1956.

Princess Grace was killed in a car crash in September 1982 after her car went off a cliff road in Monaco.

Princess Stephanie, who was in the car with her mother, was injured in the crash but survived.

Prince Rainier died in April 2005. His son Albert took over as head of state in July, following a three-month period of mourning.

**YOUR STARS**

**♈ Aries**  
Mar. 21-Apr. 19  
Here we go with the extra energy thing - as if you ever needed any 'extra' energy. You'll be running on high, so it's really only fair to let everyone around you know they might be in danger.

**♉ Taurus**  
April 20-May 20  
Talk about high energy. You're ready to take on the world - and anyone in it who gets between you and your dear ones. That goes double for folks you're not fond of. You're already as loyal as a friend could possibly be.

**♊ Gemini**  
May 21-Jun. 21  
Your substantial verbal skills will receive a boost of charisma from the heavens - as if you need it. This will come in quite handy when you cross paths with a friend who's feeling a bit blue.

**♋ Cancer**  
Jun. 22-Jul. 22  
It's time to let the world know exactly what you want from it. What you're after now is intensity, passion, excitement and enthusiasm. Quite the list! And you won't settle for anything less than all of it.

**♌ Leo**  
Jul. 23-Aug. 22  
Talk about organized. You haven't been this efficient since... well, have you ever been this efficient? Not in recent memory. You'll get an awful lot done, that's for sure.

**♍ Virgo**  
Aug. 23-Sept. 22  
The universe has added a strong dose of mega-efficiency and intuition to your already limitless ability to take care of business and get things done. You'll be more than able to share the wealth, too.

**♎ Libra**  
Sep.23-Oct. 22  
You're never shy about letting people know what you want and you're so darned charming about it that they don't mind rushing right out to get it for you. At the moment, those abilities will be even more potent.

**♏ Scorpio**  
Oct. 23 - Nov. 21  
Heaven help anyone who messes around with someone you love. You not only won't stand for it - you'll cut them to ribbons for even thinking about it. They'll definitely take off with their talk between their knees.

**♐ Sagittarius**  
Nov. 22-Dec. 21  
A friend or relative will approach you with a certain look on their face. The 'I need to borrow money' look. If you've seen it before, helped out and not yet been repaid, think hard before you do it again.

**♑ Capricorn**  
Dec. 22-Jan. 19  
The universe has temporarily bestowed super powers on you. What kind? Well, take a peek in your cosmic utility pack. There's even more of the ability to organize, categorize and systematize. Scary, huh?

**♒ Aquarius**  
Jan. 20-Feb. 18  
You can come out now. The drama - no, the melodrama - of the past few days has ended, and you can get back to business as usual. There may be a few residual traces of emotionality left over.

**♓ Pisces**  
Feb.19-Mar. 20  
You haven't had this much energy in... well, can you ever remember having this much energy? Put it to good use. Take a look around and see what needs to be done.

**THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom**



**SUDOKU**

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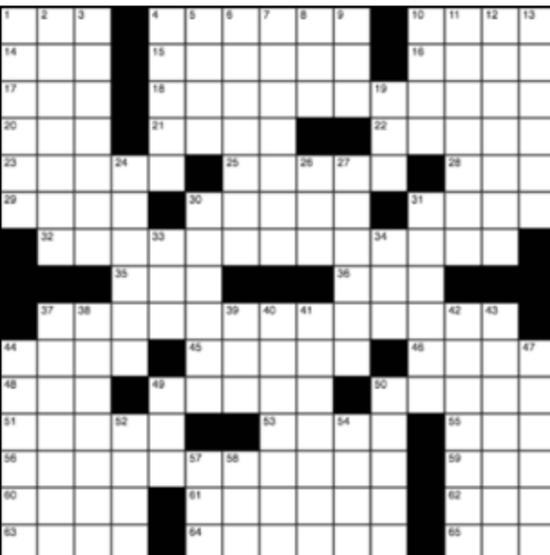
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<b>CHINA</b>			
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Harbin	-5	6	cloudy/clear
Tianjin	3	15	clear
Urumqi	-8	-2	cloudy
Xi'an	1	8	drizzle/overcast
Lhasa	-3	9	cloudy
Chengdu	6	13	cloudy/overcast
Chongqing	9	13	drizzle/overcast
Kunming	7	22	clear
Nanjing	2	13	overcast/cloudy
Shanghai	6	12	overcast/cloudy
Wuhan	2	14	overcast/cloudy
Hangzhou	5	13	drizzle/cloudy
Taipei	14	17	moderate rain
Guangzhou	14	21	drizzle
Hong Kong	16	21	drizzle
<b>WORLD</b>			
Moscow	-1	5	cloudy
Frankfurt	2	12	cloudy
Paris	5	16	overcast/cloudy
London	7	13	cloudy
New York	-5	-1	overcast/heavy snow

**CROSSWORDS**

**ACROSS:** 1- Conspiration org.; 4- Hurry; 10- Bone: Prefix; 14- Actress Zadora; 15- Love affairs; 16- Injure; 17- TV alien; 18- Gloomy; 20- TKO caller; 21- Off-ramp; 22- Stage whisper; 23- Register; 25- Trap; 28- So-so grade; 29- Pest control brand; 30- Wispy clouds; 31- Orange cover; 32- Amusement; 35- Land in la mer; 36- Ich bin \_\_\_ Berliner; 37- Partly automatic; 44- Richard of "Chicago"; 45- Sweatbox; 46- Those, to Juan; 48- Part of ETA; 49- \_\_\_ Haute; 50- Sun-dried brick; 51- Orange Bowl site; 53- Set right; 55- Barbell abbr.; 56- Violent fight; 59- Pie-mode link; 60- Pack \_\_\_ (quit); 61- Steal; 62- President pro \_\_\_; 63- Gumshoes; 64- Owner; 65- Before, of yore;

**DOWN:** 1- Was merciful to; 2- Absence of sound; 3- Yellow-orange; 4- Veronica of "Hill Street Blues"; 5- U.S. trading place; 6- Entreat; 7- Large New Zealand reptile; 8- West ender?; 9- Defense advisory grp.; 10- Cries of discovery; 11- Water-soluble glucoside; 12- Three-pronged weapon; 13- Hosted; 19- Fat chance!; 24- Punctual; 26- TNT part; 27- Picture theater; 30- Wrinkle; 31- Leased; 33- Biblical high priest; 34- Soccer standout Hamm; 37- Arranged in order; 38- Unpredictable; 39- Nasser's org.; 40- Tumult; 41- Like some jacks; 42- Quarantine; 43- Person who mends shoes; 44- Ploy; 47- Opening word; 49- Up to, briefly; 50- Freud contemporary; 52- Range: Abbr.; 54- Church center; 57- Biblical verb ending; 58- Letter after pi;



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- PJ (Picket) 28 557 775
- PSP 28 573 333
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- Kiang Wu Hospital 28 371 333
- Commission Against Corruption (CCAC) 28326 300
- IACM 28 387 333
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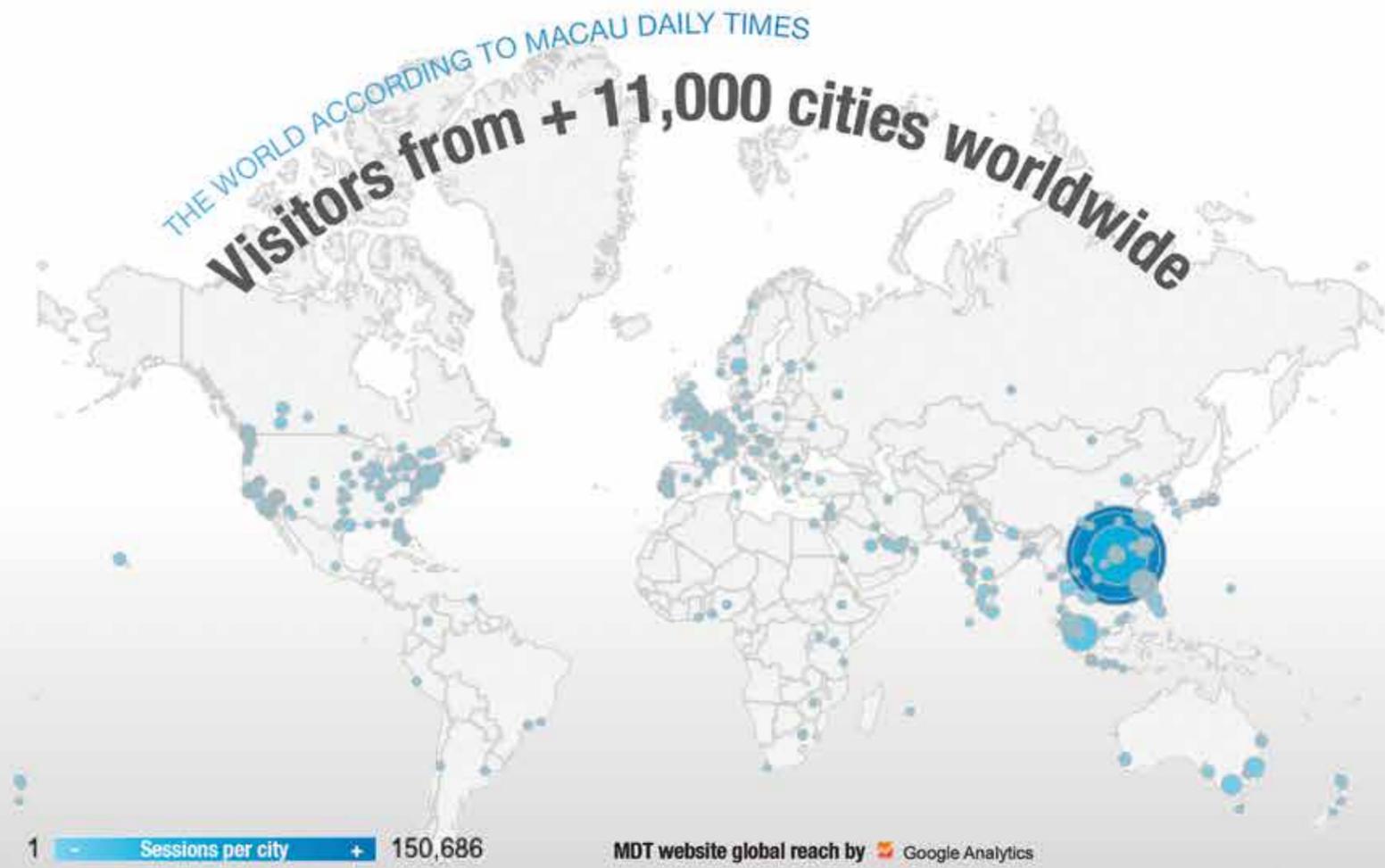
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NASCAR

# Martin Truex Jr. wins at Vegas, Kyle Busch bloodied in brawl

Mike Cranston, Las Vegas

**M**ARTIN Truex Jr. finished speaking to reporters after winning the NASCAR Cup race yesterday [Macau time] and retreated into a corner of the media center where a tablet awaited with the video cued up.

Truex had to see the Kyle Busch-Joey Logano brawl, too.

"I'm sure NASCAR is going to love that one," Truex said.

Truex passed Brad Keselowski with two laps to go and avoided a last-lap wreck and ensuing fight that left Busch's forehead bloodied in a wild finish.

An aggressive Joey Logano got into Busch as they raced for third, sending Busch spinning down pit road at Las Vegas Motor Speedway.

"It was nothing intentional," Logano said. "But obviously he thinks that."

As Truex headed toward victory circle, Busch walked down pit road, turned right and threw a right hook at Logano's face. Logano's crew members brought Busch to the ground as NASCAR officials yelled for them to stop.

When they were separated and Busch got to his feet, he had a bloody gash above his right eye.

"There wasn't much talking, just a lot of swinging," said Logano, who said he was unhurt. "I was racing hard there at end."

Busch, who had recovered from a speeding penalty that left him a lap down to get into contention, was escorted to the infield care



center and quickly released as the track buzzed.

"I got dumped. He flat out just drove straight in the corner and wrecked me," Busch said. "That's how Joey races, so he's going to get it."

The fight overshadowed a dominating day for Truex and a tough-luck finish for Keselowski, who appeared to be pulling away after a restart and on his way to his second win in as many weeks when he ran into mechanical problems.

"I just know it was something major," he said. "It wouldn't turn and I lost brakes."

Truex passed him and held on to become the first driver to win all

three segments in NASCAR Cup's new stage racing.

Kyle Larson was second, followed by Chase Elliott, Logano and Keselowski.

Truex won the first two race stages and took re-took the lead with 39 laps to go after a lengthy cycle of green-flag pit stops. After a hard-charging Keselowski went in front, Danica Patrick blew an engine, bringing out a caution.

Keselowski, who started from the pole, just beat Truex out of pit road road after their four-tire stops. He chose the outside lane on the restart and shot ahead until his car slowed at the end of the 267-lap race.

That gave Toyota a win after Ford victories in the season's first two races.

"I've been on the other side of those things plenty of times, so it definitely feels good to take advantage of somebody else's issue for once," Truex said.

Denny Hamlin was sixth, followed by Ryan Blaney, Jamie McMurray, Matt Kenseth and Clint Bowyer.

Jimmie Johnson was 11th, marking the first time since he became a full-time driver in 2002 that he has failed to have a top-10 finish in the first three races.

As Dale Earnhardt Jr. finished 16th, Kevin Harvick's hope of

bouncing back from a disappointing finish at Atlanta lasted only 68 laps. He crashed hard into the wall when his right front tire exploded.

"It started vibrating four or five laps before it blew out," Harvick said. "I was trying to ride it to the end of the stage."

Harvick was credited with a 38th-place finish a week after leading 292 laps a week earlier only to be caught seeding on pit road. He surrendered the points lead to Keselowski.

The 1.5-mile track was slick with the temperature in the 80s in the desert. And it was a rough homecoming for Daytona 500 champion Kurt Busch. Shortly after venting his frustration over the radio, he had to come in for a new battery with 66 laps to go and finished 30th.

**NOW WHAT?:** NASCAR will review the fight and issue any penalties in the coming week.

**SPEEDING:** Kyle Busch was one of three drivers to get caught speeding on pit road, with the pass-through penalty leaving him a lap down. Speeding has been a hot issue this season as NASCAR has gone to more precise timing lines.

**LONG WAIT TIMES:** Harvick was annoyed at how long it took the medical crew to get to his car and transport him to the infield care center. NASCAR for the first time this season is using a traveling set of doctors and paramedics in hopes of better consistency.

"I thought we made that better, but obviously we haven't," Harvick said.

**TROUBLE:** Patrick (rear gear change) had to start from the rear, fell a lap down in the first stage and ended up 36h after the dead engine. Ricky Stenhouse Jr. finished 33rd in a backup car after an axle shaft poked out of wheel.

**UP NEXT:** The middle race of the Western swing is next Sunday on the mile track at Phoenix. **AP**

FOOTBALL

# South Korea without Son Heung-min for crucial match vs China

**S**OUTH Korea will be without in-form Tottenham Hotspur forward Son Heung-min in its crucial 2018 World Cup qualifier in China later this month.

Son, who scored a hat-trick this weekend as Spurs thrashed London rival Millwall 6-0 to move into the last four of the FA Cup, is suspended for the March 23 game in the Chinese city of Changsa.

With South Korea returning to Seoul to face Syria five days later, national team coach Uli Stielike still included Son in his

24-man roster, announced yesterday in Seoul.

The 2002 World Cup semifinalist beat China 3-2 last September and sits in second place in Group A in the third round of qualification with 10 points from five games, one point behind Iran. There are five games remaining and the top two teams from the group qualify automatically for the World Cup in Russia.

"We will do our best to get the win in China and start the second half of the round on a high note," Stielike told a news conference

in Seoul.

China, which has qualified only once for the World Cup, is struggling with just two points but is aiming for an upturn in results after appointing 2006 World Cup-winning coach Marcello Lippi in October.

To add extra tension to the match, it comes at a time when relations between the countries off the field are at a low point after South Korea agreed to cooperate with the U.S. on a missile defense system.

China has argued that

the system is a threat to its national security and has hit back with a string of economic measures that include instructing domestic tour companies not to sell tour packages to South Korea.

"Outside factors will not have a bearing on the game," Stielike, who selected four China-based players in his squad, said. "We are just focusing on preparing as well as we can."

Last week, China refused a request from the Korea Football Association to charter a flight from



Changsa to Seoul to allow its players more time to prepare for the subsequent game against Syria, forcing the KFA to make alternative plans.

"After China's decision, we asked a South Korean

air carrier to reschedule the departure time of its flight, so our players can now return home quickly after playing the match on the road," said KFA spokesperson Cho Jun-heon. **AP**

opinion

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**HETEROTOPIA IS NOT A THEME**

The theme for the 28th Macau Arts Festival, "Heterotopia," was announced last week at a press conference and was poorly explained by the new president of the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC), Leung Hio Ming.

He said: "Heterotopia is a heterogeneous space that exists in the real world, which existence is both strange and familiar. The establishment of different spaces is precisely what gives charm and uniqueness to performing art works, allowing the audience to experience the unparalleled warmth and wisdom of life."

Clear?

According to the few definitions available, this pretentious and esoteric term was discussed by the philosopher Michel Foucault to describe "spaces of otherness" that are simultaneously physical and mental. Instances of this can include making a phone call or seeing oneself in a mirror.

It's a lot to wrap your head around and, even once you do, you are still left perplexed as to what that will entail for the actual festival.

To the IC's credit, some of the performances showcased at the press conference actually do bear some relation to this "theme."

One, titled "Remote Macao," is described as an "unconventional walking-tour theater" act. Participants walk through the city's streets wearing headphones and listening to a common synthetic voice.

Others attempt to explore multiple states. "Hu(r) mano" professes to explore the tension between the "human me" and "urban we," while children's theater show "Metamorphosis" involves the transformation of a caterpillar into a butterfly.

For me, these few performances bear unconvincing links to the festival's theme. Meanwhile, most of the other shows hold no relation (unless you try really, really hard), and in any case might have been included in this year's program even if the festival had no overarching theme.

What's truly amazing is that the IC can select a theme that is both so nuanced that nothing can definitively be said to belong to it and also so broad that it encompasses everything.

For example, any performance can be made to concur with a theme concerning "space" and "otherness" — after all, what kind of show can hold absolutely no relation to "space"? But then if a theme, which is supposed to link the 100+ activities at the festival can be used for any one of billions of other activities, does it not become a little redundant?

"Love" is a theme, as is "The Sea" or "The Future," as these are all exclusive categories that do not encompass everything under the sun. Heck, even "Cats" are a theme. "Heterotopia" is not.

"Heterotopia" is a theme in the same sense that "Expression" or "Meaning" are themes. Sure, they work, but they don't really add anything.

Still, it's a breath of fresh air that, unlike for many other events in the MSAR, the theme has a brief translation into English and Portuguese, making it somewhat remarkable. The problem here is that the conciseness of written Chinese often makes the translated themes needlessly lengthy and impossible to remember.

Take for example the theme for the 5th Ministerial Conference of Forum Macau held last year, "Working toward stronger Sino-Portuguese-speaking countries' trade and economic relations — combining efforts, jointly building a platform, sharing fruits of development," which might as well be the theme every year.

IC president Leung also shed some light last week on the themes for the next two years of the festival. According to him, Macau can look forward to "localization" and "human" for the 29th and 30th editions of the festival respectively.

If these seem more down-to-earth to you, remember that in the same vein and under the original plan this year's theme was penned to be "space."

**THE BUZZ** OBAMA BOOKS TO BE PUBLISHED WORLDWIDE, FROM IRELAND TO INDIA

The publishing of the upcoming books by Barack and Michelle Obama will be a global event.

Penguin Random House announced yesterday that it has lined up publishers from Ireland to South Africa for the two books, to be released by the Crown imprint in the U.S. and Canada.

The advance from Penguin Random House for the former president and first lady, whose popularity

extends well beyond the U.S., is widely believed to be tens of millions of dollars.

Penguin Random House acquired the books jointly last month.

The publisher has Spanish-language editions planned for Spain, Mexico and several countries in South America. English editions will come out in the United Kingdom, Australia, India and elsewhere.

**BREXIT**

**Scotland's leader Sturgeon seeks new independence referendum**

**SCOTLAND'S** leader will seek authority to hold a new independence referendum in the next two years because Britain is dragging Scotland out of the European Union against its will, she said yesterday.

First Minister Nicola Sturgeon said that she would move quickly to give voters a new chance to leave the United Kingdom because Scotland was being forced into a "hard Brexit" that it didn't vote for. Britons voted in a June 23 referendum to leave the EU, but Scots voted by 62 to 38 percent to remain.

Scotland must not be "taken down a path that we do not want to go down without a choice," Sturgeon said.

She spoke in Edinburgh as Britain's Parliament was on the verge of approving a Brexit bill that would allow the U.K. to start the formal withdrawal from the EU within days.

She said she would ask the Scottish Parliament next week to start the process of calling a referendum, to be held between the fall of 2018 and the spring of 2019. She said by then, details of Britain's post-Brexit deal with the EU would be clear and Scottish voters would be able to make "an informed choice."

The British government must agree before a legally binding referendum can be held. There was no immedi-



Scottish First Minister Nicola Sturgeon

te response from British Prime Minister Theresa May's office.

In a 2014 referendum, Scottish voters rejected independence by a margin of 55 percent to 45 percent, but Sturgeon said that the U.K.'s decision to leave the EU had brought about a "material change of circumstances."

Sturgeon said that she had sought compromise with May's government, but had been met with a "brick wall of

**Scotland must not be 'taken down a path that we do not want to go down without a choice'**

intransigence."

Sturgeon has been seeking a deal that will allow Scotland to stay in the European single market and customs union. But she said she has become convinced May is pursuing a "hard Brexit" that would leave Britain outside those arrangements, which many U.K. businesses see as crucial.

"I am not turning my back on further discussions should the U.K. government change its mind," she said.

Sturgeon is taking a big gamble. Although the prospect of Brexit has likely boosted support for independence, polls do not indicate it has majority backing. And there is no guarantee that the EU would allow an independent Scotland to remain a member.

"Sometimes you've got to do what you think it right in politics," Sturgeon said. "And I think it's right for Scotland to have a choice." AP

**THE DECISIVE MOMENT**

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Royal start. Retired cyclist Anna Mears from Australia (right) receives the Commonwealth Games relay baton from Britain's Queen Elizabeth II at the launch of the relay at Buckingham Palace in London yesterday.

Station	Air quality	Icon
Roadside	65-95 Moderate	☹️
High Density Residential Area	65-95 Moderate	☹️
Ambient	65-95 Moderate	☹️

SOURCE: DSI/MG

**WORLD BRIEFS**

**PAKISTAN** Islamabad is hosting female lawmakers from 12 countries at a conference on the role of women in strengthening democracy. Along with those from Pakistan, women lawmakers from Iran, Iraq, Turkey, Jordan, Australia, Romania, Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Jordan, Maldives, Indonesia and Nepal are attending the event.



**JAPAN** King Salman and hundreds of business leaders from Saudi Arabia are in Japan for talks expected to focus on economic ties. The visit is the first by a Saudi king in 46 years. More on p12



**US-VIETNAM** Nick Ut Pulitzer Prize-winning photographer is retiring this month after 51 years with The Associated Press. A stunning black-and-white image from the Vietnam War that's come to be known simply as "Napalm Girl," changed his life. More on p12



**USA-GERMANY** Chancellor Angela Merkel heads to Washington today ahead of her first meeting with President Donald Trump. The encounter between the trained physicist and veteran politician, renowned for her reserved style, and the billionaire real-estate outsider who has rocked American politics could produce an interesting dynamic. More on p14

**THE EUROPEAN UNION** has extended for six months sanctions against 150 Russia-linked people over the territorial disputes in eastern Ukraine. The EU said in a statement yesterday that the asset freezes and travel bans for those concerned were extended because the situation on the ground had not changed.