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CHINA has ordered stepped-up safety measures over the CNY travel rush in the wake of terrorist threats and the fatal stampede in Shanghai. Beijing estimates about 2.8 billion trips will be made by train, bus, plane and car during the 40-day travel rush that began in early February and ends around March 15.
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SAUDI ARABIA has condemned the killing in N Carolina of three American Muslim college students as a "heinous terrorist" act, and called for respecting religious beliefs and halting incitement against Muslims. The statement carried by the official Saudi Press Agency yesterday also condemned as a "terrorist" act the attacks that killed two people in Denmark.

ISRAEL An Israeli settler group is under fire for releasing a YouTube video portraying Israeli leftists as collaborators with European anti-Semites. "The eternal Jew" depicts a grotesquely animated Jew with a long, bent nose who informs on his brethren in return for a coin tossed from his European master.

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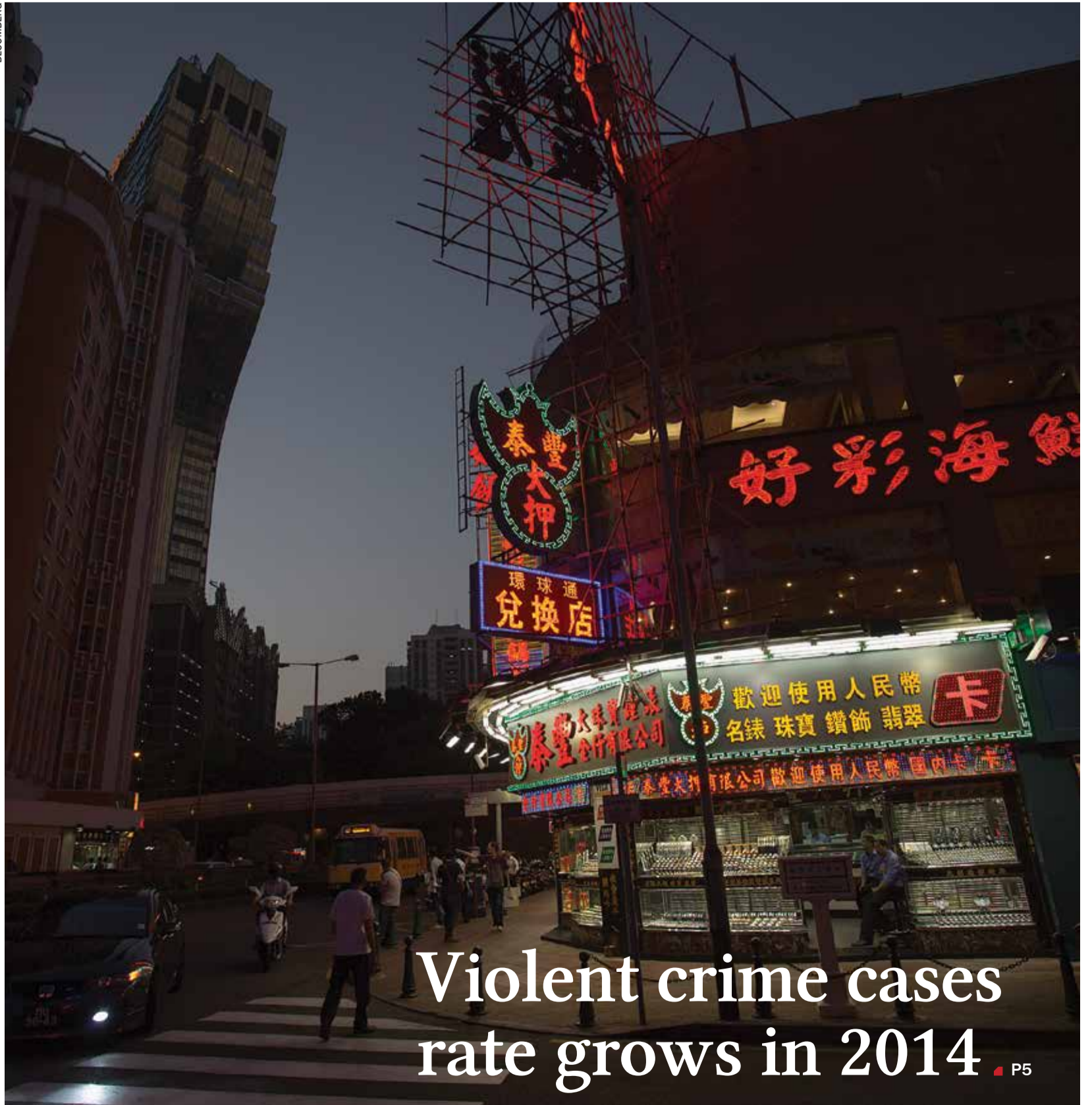
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Vietnam sees rise in exports to Macau

Vietnam's exports to China's Hong Kong and Macau grew impressively in 2014, state-run Radio Voice of Vietnam (VOV) reported on Friday. The broadcaster quoted the Vietnamese Consul General to Hong Kong and Macau, Hoang Chi Trung, as saying that Vietnam's exports to Hong Kong reached USD5.2 billion in 2014, up 26.7 percent year-on-year. Meanwhile, exports to Macau increased by 17.4 percent and the number of Vietnamese migrant workers in Macau also rose. Hong Kong has invested USD3 billion in 99 projects in Vietnam, ranking second among 60 economies. Hong Kong will continue to be a gateway for Vietnamese products to reach countries throughout the world, said the consul general.

Gov't vows better petrol price control

The Macau government has received 150 applications for the petroleum products importation permits. The Macau Economic Services director, Sou Tim Peng, said yesterday on the sidelines of the TDM Forum that the authorities want to better understand the import prices and storage of petroleum products. He also wants to introduce competitors into the market through the system. Under the permit system, importers have to submit to the government the import costs and amounts of their products. This will help the government to better monitor the importers. The permit system will come into effect today. The authorities estimated that it will take them around one to three business days to process an application.

Credit to SMEs increases by 9.4 pct

Credit limit approved by Macau banks and granted to Small and Medium Enterprises (SMEs) rose by 9.4 percent reaching MOP25.4 billion in the second half of 2014. Figures released by the Monetary Authority of Macau show that by the end of December last year, the outstanding value of total SME loans increased to MOP60 billion, which is a 15.1-percent rise from the end of June and a 48.4-percent increase from a year earlier. When compared to the numbers at the end of June 2014, the value of SME loans to non-monetary financial institutions, restaurants and hotels, and wholesale and retail trade, increased at respective rates of 143.1 percent, 10.4 percent and 8.9 percent. The utilization rate, which is defined as the proportion of outstanding credit balance to the credit limit granted, rose by 2.3 percent from six months ago to 66.7 percent currently.

Downtown visitors doubled as CNY closes in



Brook Yang

ONE week prior to the Chinese New Year, downtown Macau has seen an increasing influx of tourists. Many visitors from nearby cities are visiting to shop for goods and gifts, while some are attracted by the festive ambience and well-preserved traditions.

"Since last Thursday, the crowd has obviously increased. The number of pedestrians is double the usual amount. Around three and four o'clock, the walkways here are congested," a Public Security Police officer told the Times at the busy commercial street of San Ma Lo.

Ms Tang is one of the New Year shoppers who are coming from neighboring cities. In front of a pharmacy in Senado Square at nightfall, the Times found her organizing several packages of new clothes, toiletries and milk powders. "We spent thousands of yuan today," she said.

By her side was Mr Tang, who was urging the family to hurry up and set off for the backhaul. "We drove with ten family members from Jiangmen city. It's only about one hour's driving. By the time we arrived at the border, it was eight in the morning and it was not crowded," he said.

Because of the proximity, Ms Tang's family often comes to Macau for shopping, especially for bringing back canned milk formula. "We feel more assured by the quality here. So, this time, we bought more than a dozen of cans, using up the Customs' quota of each adult bringing in two cans," she explained. "It is, indeed, too crowded during this time," she added.

Coming specially for the Chinese New Year, a young Syrian man, Mr Orwa, four

The crowd is how a New Year crowd should be

WINSTON WEI

nd Macau "completely different" from the nearby city of Guangzhou where he resides. "But both cities are perfect. If only people here also spoke Mandarin, we could talk," he said with excitement.

"We didn't expect so many people and so many lights. But we don't feel crowded; we

are used to it in Guangzhou," he said, pointing to the lighting decorations surrounding the square.

On different festival occasions, the Senado Square will be dressed up with lanterns and seasonal flowers. By tradition, Lunar New Year displays tend to showcase the most warmth and festivity.

"The ambience for Chinese New Year here is very rich, more than what we feel in Shanghai and other mainland cities. The street lanterns in the Cantonese regions are the best; some traditions are also preserved better here," said Winston Wei from Shanghai, when stopping to take a family photo in front of the lantern display.

Surrounded by flows of visitors, Mr Wei said that the crowd doesn't bother him. "The crowd is how a New Year crowd should be. It's not that much; any tourism attractions in China could be this crowded," he stressed.

However, the family of four spent more than two hours yesterday passing through the border gate. "The government should take measures to make the border crossing more efficient under this circumstance. Also, we find it's not convenient for families with young children to travel here," he added.

"It's ok to have this influx of tourists if the public security can be maintained well. The government should better control and regulate the flow of entries, as well as traffic, so that we can wait less and move more smoothly," another visitor, Ms Jiang, suggested.

'Fortune comes with flowers'

A Chinese saying has it that "Fortune comes with blooming flowers." With the Lunar New Year approaching, many families are decorating their homes with seasonal flowers and potted tangerines in anticipation of an auspicious year. In order to facilitate local florists delivering more potted plants and bouquets from the mainland, the Macau Customs Service (SA) has doubled the entry quota at the Inner Harbor Ferry Terminal.

According to a Customs supervisor, Lei Hoi Heng, the entry quota at the Inner Harbor Terminal will be increased from 450 to 1000 people for the period between February 13 and 18.

"The increased quota is mainly for florists with potted plants to land; other importers will land at the South Sampan Pier (Cais De Sampanas Sul)," he told the TDM. He added that the SA has deployed personnel to maintain order, while Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau officers are carrying out quarantine work on site.

Boats and boats of fresh flowers and potted tangerines are being delivered from Zhuhai's Wanzai Port to Inner Harbor during the early mornings. A Wanchai crop company representative, Mr Chan Kit Keong, said that his three boats could fit a thousand and some hundreds of plant pots. "The flower prices this New Year have climbed by ten percent compared to last year, due to the warm weather," he said.

Some flower farmers have seen good business, thanks to the good harvest. Because of a warm winter, several kinds of flowers, such as chrysanthemums and orchids, are blossoming earlier than usual, just in time for the festivities.

GAMING

Analyst predicts few gaming tables for new casinos

NEW casino projects may be granted only 100 to 150 gaming tables each and this is a prediction that an UBS Securities Asia Limited analyst has said is becoming increasingly likely, according to Macau Daily.

"There have been rumors that Galaxy [phase two] can accom-

modate 500 [new gaming tables]. The management [of the resort] hopes that they can have 300 [new gaming tables]. The market predicts that they get 200, and it is possible that ultimately they only get 100 to 150. The result will come out as soon as March or April," said UBS

analyst Anthony Wong.

The analyst pointed out that the Macau government has set a three-percent target for the annual growth of gaming tables in the next decade. This means that the six new casino projects that are set to open in the coming years will receive a total of 1,800

tables. However, the allocation of the tables will be determined by how many the operators already have, along with their non-gaming facilities.

Moreover, Wong predicts that the February gaming revenue will slump by 37 to 42 percent year-on-year.

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Shanghai entrepreneur allegedly sued by casino for billions in debts owed

A US-based Chinese news website has alleged that a well-known Shanghaiese entrepreneur has been sued by a Macau casino operator for RMB1 billion in gaming debt. Furthermore, this may trigger a political earthquake in Shanghai due to the businessman's close relationship with the mayor.

A report by Boxun.com,

which was cited by Macau Daily, alleged that businessman Shao Dongming has been gambling in Macau since 2011 and has been nicknamed "the red king of gambling" due to his million-dollar bets.

However, after gambling in a casino during the Chinese New Year period in 2012, Shao was said to accumulate

a gaming debt that amounted to RMB1 billion. The casino initially tried to negotiate with him to have the debt repaid over a period. However, it is alleged that Shao used his relationship with the law enforcement agencies in Shanghai, and was able to control the personnel sent by the Macau casinos for negotiation.

The casino was said to have

taken the debt to the court in Macau, and has asked for assistance from the Macau members of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference to launch a complaint to the Commission for Discipline Inspection of the Central Committee of the Chinese Communist Party.

The report claimed that Shao used to brag about his

relationship with Shanghai officials, including the current mayor Yang Xiong. Given the allegation that Shao was protected by the officials of Shanghai, the Commission for Discipline Inspection was said to have instructed a stringent inspection into the issue, which may cause a political earthquake in the Chinese city. **MDT**



The Macau exhibition will be set up in an old building facing the Biennale's Theme Pavilion

ARTS

Biennale works reflect Mio's struggle under Cultural Revolution

Brook Yang

A set of 30 artworks created by Macau-based contemporary painter Mio Pang Fei have been selected and arranged at the Macao Museum of Art (MAM). They will soon be ready to be transported to Italy and debuted at the 56th Venice Art Biennale in May.

These exhibits will make up the core of the Macau Pavilion exhibition at the Biennale. Together they will show the painter's journey to explore a modern Chinese aesthetic that he calls "Neo-Orientalism," while also repre-

senting his adventures in the study of Western art throughout the special 1960s-70s era in China.

The exhibition will take up two floors and a yard. The first thing people will see upon entering is a Post-Calligraphy installation right next to the entrance. It is a set of wooden slips that showcases Han Dynasty-style calligraphy.

"The calligraphy has no intent but to simply present a traditional art form to the Western audience and let them to see if its beauty resonates," the artist explained. "I've always tried to predict the future of Chinese

painting. Throughout thousands of years of evolution in Chinese arts, of course some problems in our heritage have accumulated. But we can't see those problems until we take an outside perspective," he told the Times. "So

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MIO PANG FEI

I took a Western approach to showcase our Oriental art," he added.

In order to pursue such a path, Mio said he committed to years of intense studying, thinking, exploring and experimenting under the harsh conditions that were implemented during the Mao-ideology-dominated "Cultural Revolution."

"The Cultural Revolution is a very important period to me. It's not only the misery, but [the fact] that I persisted along the path," he stressed.

"When we tried to paint and study those Western

genres, we were constantly frightened that the neighbors would find out, or that our home would be searched," he said, recalling a denunciation campaign (known as "pidou") targeting him, which is still fresh in his memory. "But without oppression, the things I learnt wouldn't carve a deep impression in my memory. Step by step, it took me many years to develop [an understanding of] contemporary art history from the books. That impression is much deeper than [the one] today's students can get when flipping through the book pages," the 79-year-old painter added.

Accordingly, the exhibition – titled "Path and Adventure" – inevitably emphasizes a collaborative memory of that special era. Through three curated series of works, visitors will see several pieces that Mio secretly created during the 1960s, some

Water Margin Series paintings that he created after moving to the liberal territory of Macau, and a documentary that more deeply explains his path to the Neo-Orientalist style.

At the MAM last Thursday, Mio Pang Fei revealed another wooden installation to the media. Titled "The Special Era," it features a number of items from Chinese daily life in the 1960s, such as food stamps and Mao jackets.

"We put it in the yard, so that right after people enter through the door, they will have a clue that [the exhibition space] is a Chinese place among the many foreign exhibitions, and that there are some things from that era inside," he explained.

While most of the collateral events are taking place in venues scattered around the entire city, the Macau exhibition will be set up in an old building facing the Biennale's Theme Pavilion, which is located in a former armory. According to the curatorial staff, this is a favorable location, as everybody who visits the Theme Pavilion will pass by it. The same building has hosted the local delegation in previous years.

Since 2007, Macau has presented a total of 14 local artists at the Venice Biennale. Comparing with art exhibitions held overseas, Mio said that the contemporary art scenes in China are not yet as open, in terms of concepts, creations and the scale.

"The mainland has also been opening up; it's much different from the past. Nowadays, I don't need to come to Macau, as I can also freely create art in the mainland. Nevertheless, our exhibitions can be more open and allow greater thematic expression," he said.

Violent crime rises by 8.4 percent



Wong Sio Chak (left)

Catarina Pinto

VIOLENT crime cases have increased over the past year, rising by 8.4 percent year-on-year, according to figures released on Friday by the Secretary for Security, Wong Sio Chak. Authorities recorded a total of 811 violent crime cases in 2014 (up from 748 cases in 2013), which include crimes of extortion, rape, drug trafficking and abuse, robbery and child sexual abuse.

Extortion-related crimes were recorded as having one of the highest surges, rising 50.7 percent year-on-year and numbering at 34 more cases than in 2013. Mr Chak revealed in a press conference on Friday that “nude chat” cases, which are included in the extortion category, rose significantly.

The secretary recalled that Macau authorities only started recording this type of crime in July 2013. Since then, the number of cases has “skyrocketed”. “We might have had this type of crime before, but only in 2013 did we start receiving complaints involving ‘nude chats.’

It’s generally young people [involved], but victims’ ages range from 18 to 50 years old. Almost all victims are male,” he revealed.

After being asked if authorities would consider suggesting severer penalties to help combat this manner of crime, Mr Chak pointed out that penalties are already quite severe. This is because charges related to “nude chats” may entail prison time of up to eight years.

He acknowledged that “nude chats” - as a form of Internet crime - are difficult to investigate. He also admitted that victims, although conscious of the fact that they’re being deceived, initially agree to participate in nude chats and are later blackmailed.

A total of 60 cases of “Skype sex extortions” were reported in 2014, double the 30 recorded in the previous year, with victims usually engaging in an Internet video chat while naked. The victims are typically later blackmailed into paying the other party a specific amount of money in order to avoid having their nude images propagated online. Cases reported last year even involved students and

professors.

Instances of rape recorded an increase of 37.5 percent, as authorities recorded 33 cases last year, against 24 in 2013.

Drug trafficking, on the other hand, was down by 15.2 percent in 2014, figures show, while drug abuse dropped by 51.7 percent. Last year, cases of drug abuse totaled 157, whereas authorities had recorded a total of 325 cases in 2013. Drug trafficking declined from 231 cases in 2013 to 196 last year.

The Secretary stressed that authorities have paid great attention to drug trafficking and abuse cases, and efforts to combat these crimes have been successful. However, these issues are still of great concern among Macau society, “and authorities need to work on measures and policies” to tackle the problem, he added.

Juvenile delinquency is another matter of concern, as crimes involving youth rose by 27.5 percent. “We cannot deny that a more divided society, [along with] the amount of information people get hold of through the Internet, the gaming sector, and the attention families pay to their children... all those elements [might play a role in juvenile delinquency],” Mr Chak said, adding that society in general, as well as families, schools and authorities, all have a role in combating crimes committed by young people.

Among these crimes, young people driving under the influence (DUI), mainly in the form of drunk driving,

is considering revising penalties that are applied to DUIs. It is likely that this will be one of his office’s priorities in the 2015 Policy Address.

Regarding human trafficking, the secretary told reporters that there were five cases last year. However, in only one case were authorities able to take suspects into custody, namely four people from Tanzania. Mr Chak said that this type of crime had decreased in frequency.

The secretary also confirmed what the head of the Judiciary Police had revealed earlier this month: casino-related crimes have increased over the past year, possibly due to the industry’s “readjustment phase”. Gaming revenue declined month-on-month since last July.

In 2014, criminal activity in general increased by 2.4 percent, as authorities recorded a total of 14,016 cases. A total of 4,796 people were referred to the Public Prosecutions Office (MP), more 35 than in the previous year.

CRIME IN FIGURES - 2014

Violent crime	
Extortion	101
Rape	33
Drug traffic and abuse	196
Robbery	120
Child sexual abuse	13
Murder	0
Crimes against persons	
Abduction	220
Minor bodily harm	1769
Threat	258
Insult	162
Grievous bodily harm	13
Crimes against heritage	
Fraud	1154
Usury	239
Theft	3375
Juvenile delinquency	27

CRIME IN FIGURES - 2013

Violent crime	
Extortion	67
Rape	24
Drug traffic and abuse	231
Robbery	150
Child sexual abuse	17
Murder	2
Crimes against persons	
Abduction	150
Minor bodily harm	1681
Threat	227
Insult	136
Grievous bodily harm	13
Crimes against heritage	
Fraud	843
Usury	185
Theft	3846
Juvenile delinquency	22

WONG SIO CHAK PLEDGES MORE SUPERVISION OVER POLICE FORCES

THE SECRETARY for Security, Wong Sio Chak, has revealed that his office plans to focus on reinforcing supervision of police forces in the 2015 Policy Address, which will be delivered and discussed next month and throughout April. As there have been crime cases involving police officers recently, Chak told a press conference on Friday that the office is planning to review current disciplinary mechanisms for handling cases of misconduct. He pledged “a more serious” training and management regime for police forces.



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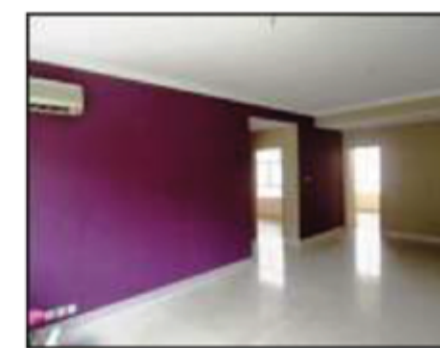
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TOURISM

MGTO to launch four new walking routes today

THE Macau Government Tourist Office (MGTO) will roll out four new walking tour routes today as part of the "Step Out, Experience Macau's Communities" program. With the eight new tour routes, including the redesigned versions of four existing routes, the Office seeks to encourage tourists to explore different neighborhoods in Macau, and to balance the visitor trends around the city.

The themes of the walking routes are "Footsteps into the Historic Centre"; "An Experiment of Creativity"; "Crossroads of China and Portugal"; "A Legacy of Arts and Culture"; "Enchanting Stories of Our Lady of Fatima Parish"; "The Marriage of East and West in St. Anthony's Parish"; "Bygone Days of Taipa Village" and "Nostalgia in Coloane". The routes cover all the parishes in the SAR.

Following the launch of the walking routes today, visitors can find the themed



guidebooks in local hotels or MGTO's Tourist Information counters. The electronic version of the guidebooks is also available on the MGTO website. The guidebooks show the eight routes along with relevant information, including sightseeing attractions, dining options, transportation, shopping, performance activities and public facilities.

Moreover, MGTO joins

hands with local organizations to present community tourism activities and boost the charm of each community. The Office has arranged different performances at certain sightseeing points along the tour routes during weekend in order to further enhance the atmosphere of each neighborhood. With the variety of activities offered, the Office believes that visitors can enjoy a more interesting stroll along these routes, explore different local quarters for hidden gems, and catch a glimpse of the essence of Macau.

The original four walking tour routes were rolled out in September 2013 with the purpose of highlighting the attractions of different local districts for visitors to explore. MGTO has since conducted a survey to collect opinions regarding the routes, and has redesigned and launched the current eight routes based on the results of the survey.

MGTO also announced that

the tourism notification system will be launched today and will remain active until February 26 "to ensure an effective delivery of hospitality to visitors during the Lunar New Year." The authorities will be releasing relevant information online, including daily updated figures of mainland China and other visitor arrivals.

MGTO said that it will also be releasing updated information on room rates of local hotels and guesthouses on its website.

Meanwhile, MGTO has requested that associations and travel agencies coordinate the scheduling and timing of tourists' arrivals at the main tourist spots, so as to reduce impact on surrounding areas and to "safeguard the city's tourism image."

"At the same time, together with the police authorities, the Office will continue fighting against illegal accommodation," it said.

MGTO is also presenting a series of events throughout the holiday season, including the "Parade of the Gigantic Golden Dragon," the "Parade for the Celebration of the Year of the Ram" as well as a "Fireworks Display for the Celebration of the Chinese New Year." **JPL/CP**

UM signs protocol with Indian institute

The University of Macau (UM) has signed a memorandum of understanding with the Indian Institute of Technology Guwahati (IITG), aimed at "enriching the academic programs and promote the exchange of students," the university said in a statement. "This is the first top institution in India to sign such a document with the UM," it said. The memorandum of understanding aims to encourage further cooperation between faculty members, departments, and research institutions; all while pursuing various forms of collaboration, including academic staff visits to give lectures, hold seminars and discussions, teach courses, or conduct research. Student visits to attend courses and carry out studies, as well as the joint development of teaching programs, are also part of the agreement. "As UM launches a new global strategy, it is natural that we want to establish close links with IIT Guwahati. Both Rector Biswas and I anticipate significant collaboration between our two institutions which will benefit our two regions," said UM rector Wei Zhao in a statement.

GIT website attacked

The Transportation Infrastructure Bureau's (GIT) website was attacked by hackers on Thursday night, the Bureau has revealed in a statement. Some parts of the website redirected users to "obscene content," thus affecting the normal use of the website. Upon receiving notice of the incident, GIT said that the Bureau asked its officers to follow up the case, and reported the attack to the Judiciary Police, who are now conducting an investigation.

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SANDS CHINA ACHIEVES RECORD RESULTS



Sands China announced financial results for the 2014 fiscal year on Friday, and has reported all-time highs in all three key performance indicators: net revenues, adjusted EBITDA (earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization) and profit. Net revenues for 2014 increased 6.7 percent to USD9,505.2 million. Increases were recorded in every segment of the business. These were mainly driven by increased visitation, resulting from efforts in marketing and management's focus on both mass market and VIP guests.

Adjusted EBITDA for 2014 were at an all-time high USD3,261.0 million, an increase of 12.4 percent compared to figures from 2013. The performance was driven by revenue increases in all business segments as a result of an increase in visitation, management's continued focus on both mass market and VIP guests, and the company's integrated resort business model. Profit for 2014 also increased 15.0 percent to a record USD2,547.7 million. "Our properties continue to generate market-leading visitation, and in 2014 we welcomed nearly 70 million visitors to our properties. We are incredibly proud to help drive increased visitation to Macau and Cotai from across the region, and to contribute to Macau's diversification," said Sheldon Adelson, Chairman of Sands China.

CTM: 'WALK FOR A MILLION' FUNDRAISING CONCLUDED

CTM was able to raise a total of MOP45,460 from over 1,700 donations between last November and January 2015.

The company partnered with the Charity Fund From The Readers of Macao Daily News (Charity Fund) to establish a donation platform via its Internet and mobile networks, and to launch the Bonus Point Redemption Scheme for the purpose of raising more funds for "Walk For A Million".

Between November 18 and January 31, CTM customers could make a donation of MOP30 each time through their mobile device or the donation website. A total of MOP38,340 was raised, with more than 1,200 donations recorded upon conclusion of the campaign.

In the meantime, CTM also launched the Bonus Point Redemption Scheme between last November and this January. For every 500 CTM bonus points donated by customers to the Charity Fund, CTM made a cash donation of MOP10 to the Charity Fund, with the objective of raising more funds for society's underprivileged groups. With over 350,000 bonus points redeemed by customers, the campaign raised a total of MOP7,120 for the Charity Fund.

Alibaba: SEC seeking information on fight over fake goods

E-COMMERCE giant Alibaba said that U.S. regulators have requested information on Chinese authorities' allegations that the company has failed to do enough to prevent fake goods from being sold on its websites.

Alibaba said it is cooperating with the request from the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission. The company, which raised a record USD25 billion last year in its initial sale of stock in the U.S., said the SEC is seeking information related to its interactions with Chinese regulators.

China-based Alibaba Group Holding Ltd. disputed the allegations, firing back at the Chinese regulators with charges of bias



Chinese e-commerce giant Alibaba Group founder and executive chairman Jack Ma

and misconduct. But the company quickly settled the public dispute with the government, promising to do more to fight online sales of counterfeit goods.

The SEC's letter states that its inquiries should not be seen as indicating Alibaba has violated any U.S.

securities law, the company said.

SEC spokesman John Nester declined to comment.

Alibaba also said it wasn't legally obligated to disclose the SEC inquiry but chose to do so "because we value being open with our investors and feel that disclo-

sure could help avoid false rumors or speculation."

Shares of Alibaba slipped 51 cents to \$88.54 in after-hours trading following the company's announcement. That's down from \$102.94 last month before news emerged of the Chinese regulators'

allegations. The company went public at \$68 a share in September and ended its first day of trading at \$93.89. Disappointing holiday sales have also weighed on the stock recently.

For years, Alibaba faced complaints that it failed to stamp out sales of counterfeit goods on its e-commerce websites. But Chinese regulators stayed silent, apparently reluctant to disrupt the rise of an Internet star even as they accused foreign automakers, dairies and others of violating anti-monopoly or consumer protection rules.

Then late last month, China's Cabinet-level State Administration of Industry and Commerce accused Alibaba of allowing sales of fake goods and hurting consumers. It was a warning that Alibaba and other Chinese companies that aren't government owned face tougher scrutiny at a time when they are moving into new markets spanning retailing, banking and taxi hailing. **AP**

Leading China taxi apps to merge

LEADING China taxi apps Didi Dache and Kuaidi Dache announced a plan to merge, creating a new challenge for Uber Technologies Ltd.'s global expansion.

Didi Dache, backed by Internet giant Tencent Holdings Ltd., and Kuaidi Dache, backed by rival Alibaba Group, command about 99 percent of the taxi hailing market in China and are used mostly by taxi drivers.

Executives from the two companies said in an announcement that they will share management of the newly merged firm, with the brands retaining their own corporate identities. They said a formal announcement would be made in coming days.

The move stands to slam the door on the China market, offering a potential further setback for Uber, which faces legal challenges in South Korea, India, Europe, California and

other markets for using drivers who lack taxi licenses.

Online seller Alibaba and Tencent, which operates the popular WeChat social media service, are launching services in personal finance, entertainment and other fields. Alibaba and Tencent have been picked by Beijing to be among the investors in China's first privately financed banks since the 1949 Communist revolution. **AP**

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Chinese tourists spend 33 million euros in Portugal

TOURISM income generated in Portugal by tourists from China totaled 33.5 million euros from January to August 2014, more than double the figure for the same period of 2013, said Thursday in Beijing the President of Turismo de Portugal.

João Cotrim Figueiredo told Portuguese news agency Lusa that the number of Chinese visitors to Portugal in the first half of 2014 increased 69 percent to 55,400.

The President of Turismo de Portugal also said that Chinese tourist reservations for Portugal in February increased by over 50 percent compared to the same period of 2014.

The increase was determined af-



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Chinese tourist reservations for Portugal in Feb increased by over 50 pct

ter "consultation of airlines" about movement during the Lunar New Year, which starts on 19 February.

"The available figures are not definitive," but the result of the query "points to Portugal as a destination benefiting from demand from Chinese tourists," said Cotrim Figueiredo.

"The exchange rate is expected to drive consumption by Chinese tourists during their visit to Portugal," said the president of Turismo de Portugal.

Portuguese Real Madrid soccer star, Cristiano Ronaldo, is the face of Portugal's tourism promotion in China. MDT/Macauhub

Benguela Railroad reconnects coast and interior of Angola

THE inaugural train on the Benguela Railroad (CFB), linking the Angolan coast to the country's border with the Democratic Republic of Congo, arrived Thursday in Luau, eastern Moxico province, according to Angolan press reports.

The journey began Tuesday, departing from the city of Lobito, and took about 30 hours to travel 1,344 kilometers to get to Luau, a town near the border with the neighboring country.

The railway line was completely rebuilt by the China Railway Construction Corporation (CRCC), as part of a public works project of Chinese design costing an estimated US\$1.83 billion.

The final section of the CFB, between Luena and Luau (town on the eastern border), 334 kilometers and seven stations, was completed in 2014 and has been in testing so far, with the departure of the "inaugural train" linking the two extremes of country, and carrying dozens of guests.

Construction of this line began on 1 March, 1903, during the period of Portuguese colonization, and was completed about 26 years later, but the civil war in Angola led to its destruction in 1983.

The link between Lobito and Luena, the capital of Moxico province, was restored in 2012, and passenger transport now extends to Luau.

This line is expected to transport 20 million tons of cargo and four million passengers per year. MDT/Macauhub

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Gov't orders heightened travel safety after deadly stampede

CHINA has ordered stepped-up safety measures over the Lunar New Year travel rush in the wake of terrorist threats and a December stampede in Shanghai that killed 36 people.

The government estimates about 2.8 billion trips will be made by train, bus, plane and car during the 40-day travel rush that began in early February and ends around March 15.

While the travel peak is always hectic, special measures have been put in place this year, including the posting of more armed security guards, restricted access to



Chinese travelers queue up at the main entrance of the Beijing railway station

■ A circular from China's Cabinet posted over the weekend demanded greater attention to safety and threatened punishment for officials found lacking in their duties

crowded areas such as train platforms and the stationing of watchmen on elevated posts to keep an eye out for trouble.

A circular from China's Cabinet posted over the weekend demanded greater attention to safety and threatened punishment for officials found lacking in their duties.

Shanghai fired four top officials and disciplined seven others over the Dec. 31 stampede in the city's historic riverfront Bund area, saying some of the officials were attending an opulent banquet as the disaster unfolded.

An investigation blamed the officials for failing to take proper precautions at

the scene and for not responding fast enough to the disaster — the worst to hit China's showcase financial center in recent years.

Authorities are also on guard against attacks blamed on ethnic Uighur extremists seeking independence for the northwestern region of Xinjiang. Rumors have circulated online about plots being planned against transportation sites, similar to the March 29, 2014, attack on a train station in the southwestern city of Kunming in which 31 people were slashed and stabbed to death.

Beijing says that and other attacks were carried out by radicals inspired by extremist Islamist teachings. **AP**

GUANGXI

Fog disrupts air traffic

HEAVY fog disrupted air traffic and stranded more than 3,000 passengers at a pivotal airport in south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region over the weekend.

As of Saturday 7 p.m., 30 departure flights from the scenic city of Guilin had been delayed and another 19 canceled. At least 3,200 passengers were stranded in the terminal building, Guilin Airport authorities said in a press release.

At 9 p.m., the visibility on the runway still too low for landing. All the incoming flights were forced to land in the neighboring cities of Nanning, Guiyang, Changsha, Guangzhou, Chongqing or Kunming, it said.

Guilin Airport is a pivotal airport in sou-



Heavy fog hit Guangxi last week, lowering the visibility to less than 500 meters in most parts of the region

th China, with flights to most parts of China and international flights to Seoul, Kuala Lumpur, Singapore, Bangkok as well as flights to Hong Kong, Taiwan and Macau.

HONG KONG

Ferry captain convicted in deadly 2012 collision

THE captain of a Hong Kong commuter ferry that collided with another boat in 2012, killing 39 people, was found guilty of manslaughter, local media reported.

A nine-member jury also found Lai Sai-ming guilty of endangering the safety of others at sea, in what was Hong Kong's biggest maritime tragedy in decades, the South China Morning Post newspaper and Radio Television Hong Kong said.

The same jury found the captain of the other, smaller boat, Chow Chi-wai, innocent of manslaughter but guilty of endangering the safety of others at sea. All of those killed, including eight children, and most of the nearly 100 injured in the collision were aboard his boat.

The two captains had blamed each other for the Oct. 1, 2012, collision, which left this highly organized and overwhelmingly safe southern Chinese city traumatized.

The verdicts came down on Saturday after a 60-day trial and four days of deliberations.

The manslaughter charge carries a maximum sentence of life in prison, while endangering safety at sea carries a maximum of four years and a fine



of 200,000 Hong Kong dollars (USD25,000).

The verdicts were not posted online and Hong Kong High Court clerks could not immediately be reached for comment.

The ferry was heading from Hong Kong Island to the outlying island of Lamma when the collision occurred. The smaller boat, owned by the Hong Kong Electric Co., was taking employees of the company on a harbor excursion to watch the Chinese National Day fireworks display.

Fleets of ferries form the backbone of the city's transportation network, running frequently to outlying islands, the Chinese mainland and the gambling enclave of Macau.

The South China Morning Post quoted the judge in the case, Andrew Bruce, as saying that both captains had been "grossly negligent" in failing to keep a proper lookout and not responding effectively to avoid the collision. **AP**

Jackie Chan's son apologizes after release from jail

THE son of actor Jackie Chan apologized to the public and asked for a second chance following his release from a six-month jail sentence for allowing people to use marijuana in his apartment.

Jaycee Chan, 32, said at a news conference on Saturday that he was rededicating himself to his family and entertainment business career. He said he had "no reason, no excuse" for the behavior that led to his arrest in August alongside Taiwanese actor Ko Kai and others.

"After this correction by the justice system, I have changed my outlook on life and my values," Chan said.

Chan and Ko tested positive for marijuana, and police seized more than 100 grams of the drug from his Beijing apartment. He could have been sentenced to up to three years, but was shown leniency by the court for having come clean with his law breaking.

Chan's news conference was broadcast live on Chinese state broadcaster CCTV, illustrating the propaganda value Beijing hopes to gain from the high-profile case amid a sweeping anti-drugs crackdown.

Over the first half of last year, Beijing saw a 53-percent rise in



drug investigations in the city to more than 1,800 cases. More than 8,400 suspects have been detained during that time, an increase of 79 percent over the same period last year.

Chan, whose mother is former Taiwanese actress Lin Feng-jiao, was raised in Los Angeles and has appeared in about 20 films, most of them low-budget Hong Kong and mainland Chinese productions.

Chan's arrest put his entertainment career in jeopardy, with several Chinese management companies saying they would refuse to employ celebrities caught using drugs. While professing his love for show business, Chan said he was now focused on spending time with his parents over next week's Lunar New Year holiday. **AP**

Sri Lanka's new president makes India his 1st visit abroad



Sri Lanka's then-incoming President Maithripala Sirisena waves to supporters as he leaves the election secretariat in Colombo

Katy Daigle, New Delhi

SRI Lanka's new leader is underlining India's importance as a regional ally by making it his first official foreign destination as president, following years of increasingly uneasy relations with New Delhi and amid international pressure to speed up post-civil war reconciliation efforts at home.

President Maithripala Sirisena's four-day visit, which begins with his arrival Sunday evening, has been welcomed by Indian officials, who are planning a ceremony and banquet for him today and top-tier meetings befitting the countries' "unique" historical and cultural ties, Indian foreign ministry spokesman Syed Akbaruddin said.

Relations between India and Sri Lanka had become tense in recent years, as China grew cozier with the island nation, long considered by India as being within its traditional sphere of influence.

Last year, President Xi Jinping became the first Chinese leader to visit Sri Lanka in 28 years as he courted Colombo's support for a maritime trade route. Sri Lanka also irked New Delhi by allowing two Chinese submarines to dock along its coastline, and by brokering deals for billions in Chinese loans and infrastructure projects.

Sirisena has said his government will review the loans and projects approved under his powerful predecessor and one-time ally, Mahinda Rajapaksa, whom he defeated in a stunning election upset last month. While campaigning for the election,

Sirisena had criticized the Chinese projects as debt traps, but he has since announced plans to visit China after his India trip.

"We will be making a new beginning with India," government minister and spokesman Lakshman Kiriella told reporters in Sri Lanka on Sunday.

Meanwhile, Sirisena will be looking this week to boost bilateral trade with India, now standing at around \$1 billion. He is to visit a Buddhist temple complex in the eastern state of Bihar before traveling to the southern Indian city of Tirupati later Tuesday and returning to his country Wednesday.

He and Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi are also likely to focus talks on Sri Lanka's efforts to establish reconciliation in the wake of its long civil war, which Sirisena has named a priority for his government.

Sri Lanka's ethnic Tamil minority complain that little has been done to restore trust and national unity since the 25-year civil war ended with the routing of ethnic Tamil rebels in 2009, despite pledges to devolve power to Tamil-populated provinces.

India, with its own sizeable Tamil population, has also voiced concerns about the slow pace of reconciliation efforts, and has urged Sri Lanka to heed international demands for an independent investigation into alleged war crimes.

"This is an important issue. We will discuss issues relating to the reconciliation and reconstruction in Sri Lanka," Akbaruddin, the foreign ministry spokesman, told reporters

in New Delhi on Saturday.

Rajapaksa had been widely popular in the Sinhalese-majority nation for ending the war, but became increasingly unpopular abroad as he refused international calls for an independent investigation into alleged human rights violations during the war, saying a government inquiry would be sufficient.

Many had expected that Sirisena would agree to an independent probe, but his government has said it wants time to set up its own judicial mechanism.

Thousands of civilians are suspected to have died in the final months of the war when government forces crushed the Tamil Rebels' quarter-century fight for an ethnic homeland.

On Saturday, Sirisena urged the Tamil diaspora to be patient, noting that progress has been made through the release of private lands held by the military, but saying "there is a need for necessary time to achieve" full reconciliation and unity within society.

Amnesty International praised Sirisena for taking "important steps" in restoring an independent judiciary and other institutions in the country, while also urging efforts toward ending discrimination, protecting free speech and conducting a speedy and thorough investigation into the rights abuse allegations.

"It is important that the international community supports Sri Lanka through these initiatives, beginning with India, which is one of its closest and most important partners," the rights group said Sunday.

MYANMAR

Troops recover bodies of 13 rebels in renewed clash

MYANMAR troops fighting ethnic rebels near the Chinese border have recovered the bodies of 13 insurgents and captured eight others following heavy government losses this week, state media reported yesterday.

The clashes are some of the fiercest in the country in two years and threaten to derail efforts of a nominally civilian government to sign a nationwide cease-fire with more than a dozen rebel groups that have been fighting for self-rule for decades.

According to Myanmar Ahlin daily on Sunday, troops found 13 bodies, captured eight seriously wounded rebels and seized 98 weapons. As many as 47 soldiers were killed and more than 70 wounded earlier this week in fighting that involved airstrikes on rebel positions near Laukkai, capital of the self-administered Kokang zone. The region is about 800 kilometers northeast of the country's biggest city, Yangon.

Kokang rebels used to be part of the now-defunct Burmese Communist Party until a cease-fire was signed with the then-military government in 1989. Officials

blame the renewed fighting on a renegade faction led by Phone Kya Shin, which attempted to seize Laukkai.

Myanmar army chief Senior Gen. Min Aung Hlaing accused other ethnic armed groups of supporting the Kokang rebels, though he did not name them.

The rebel group's general secretary Htun Myat Lin also told The Associated Press by phone on Saturday that they were supported by other insurgents, including Kachin, Shan and Arakan groups, a claim denied by a Kachin spokesman.

Myanmar only recently emerged from a half-century of brutal military rule. Since assuming power in 2011, the government of President Thein Sein has been trying to strike peace agreements with rebels in resource-rich border regions.

Though preliminary pacts have been reached with most of the ethnic groups, clashes occasionally occur with Kachin, Shan and others. In addition to control over jade, timber and other natural resources in areas under their control, they want assurances that they will have some say over future troop movements. **AP**



Myanmar army chief Senior Gen. Min Aung Hlaing

To combat fraud, Visa wants to track your smartphone

Ken Sweet, New York

THOSE days of calling your bank to let them know that, yes, you really are in Thailand, and yes, you really did use your credit card to buy USD200 in sarongs, may be coming to an end.

The payment processing company Visa will roll out a new feature this spring that will allow its cardholders to inform their banks where they are automatically, using the location function found in nearly every smartphone.

Having your bank and Visa know where you are at all times may sound a little like "Big Brother." But privacy experts are actually applauding the feature, saying that, if used correctly, it could protect cardholders and cut down on credit card fraud.

Credit and debit card fraud costs consumers and banks billions of dollars each year, and that figure has been growing as data breaches have become more common. The banking industry had \$1.57 billion in debit card fraud in 2013 and \$4 billion in credit card fraud in 2012, the latest years for which data are available, according to the Federal Reserve.

Facing these high costs, banks



and the payment processors have been stepping up their efforts to cut down on fraud, and Visa's announcement is just one small piece of this drive. JPMorgan Chase's CEO Jamie Dimon has said repeatedly that his bank spends \$250 million overall on cybersecurity every year, and plans to double that spending.

Here's how it works: starting in April, banks will update their smartphone apps to include Visa's new location-tracking software. If the consumer opts in, the Visa software will, over a period of time, establish a customer's home territory of roughly a 50-mile ra-

dius. If the person uses his or her Visa card at stores in that area, those transactions will be considered low risk for fraud.

When that person travels outside their home area, the phone will notify Visa that they've entered a new city or country, using either the phone's cellular data plan or the next time the phone connects to a Wi-Fi network. When that person uses their Visa card for a transaction in that location, Visa will already know he or she is there and will be less likely to flag the card for a fraud alert.

"We will be able to compare the

merchant's location to the most recent cellphone location to show it's a less risky transaction," Visa executive Mark Nelsen said.

The feature is optional and can be deactivated at any time. Visa also says none of the location tracking will be used for marketing purposes.

One type of fraud Visa's feature will directly address is counterfeit credit cards. Criminals can take stolen credit card information and code it onto a new card using equipment that can be readily purchased online. Counterfeit cards look like any other credit card, but have someone else's information on the magnetic stripe.

Nelsen said Visa hopes the new security feature will prevent "a good portion" of fraud perpetrated with counterfeit cards, because those cards are often used in a location other than where the actual card owner lives.

Visa's new anti-fraud measure, which the company announced on Thursday, won't address every potential fraud situation. If a card user has both their phone and credit cards stolen, for example, Visa wouldn't necessarily know that the card was at risk of fraudulent use until the cardholder contacted the company.

The current version of Visa's

anti-fraud software doesn't address the possibility of stolen credit card data being used to make online purchases, but a future version will, Nelsen said.

Visa is just one of dozens of financial companies trying to figure out the best way to use new technologies to combat fraud. MasterCard said Friday it is rolling out a pilot program later this year that will integrate biometric data, such as face, voice or fingerprints, into its payment system to help authenticate transactions.

Many travelers have had the experience of having their credit cards declined when using them for the first time in a foreign city or country because the bank assumed the charge was fraudulent. The only solution in those situations was for the cardholders to call the banks or credit card issuer every time they travel to let them know where they will be.

The process is cumbersome and time-consuming for cardholders and also for banks, which incur large expenses to staff call centers to deal with these types of calls from customers. Some banks use systems like text message alerts, but that usually requires customers to reply or call a number before the transaction will go through.

"The goal is to let more of those good transactions go through so we can focus on the real fraud," Nelsen said.

Privacy experts were generally warm to the idea, as long as banks are clear on how a customer's smartphone location will be used. AP

A man from India who was slammed to the ground by a police officer had been singled out by police after a caller said a "skinny black guy" with a toboggan hat was walking in the neighborhood and peering into garages, recordings show.

The man, Sureshbhai Patel, 57, doesn't speak English and was slammed to the ground face-first by an officer when he didn't respond to commands. But he had committed no crime, the Madison police chief said.

Officer Eric Parker was arrested and is being fired. He has not commented publicly, and court records were not available Friday to show whether he has a lawyer.

Patel filed a lawsuit over the Feb. 6 incident in Madison, where he was visiting his son's family. His injuries include partial paralysis but he hopes for a full recovery, according to the lawsuit and Patel's lawyer. The lawsuit says Patel's civil rights were violated. It seeks an unspecified amount of money.

USA

Indian man slammed down after caller reported 'black guy'

The Indian government is taking the incident seriously and is "extremely disturbed" by the treatment of Patel, a spokesman said Friday.

"This is a matter of concern for us, and India and the U.S. as open pluralist societies need to address these issues and find ways in a mature manner so that these are aberrations and are not the norm," said Syed Akbaruddin, India's foreign ministry spokesman.

Embassy of India spokesman Sridharan Madhusudhanan said in an emailed statement that the office has been in touch with Patel's family, the doctors who are caring for him and the U.S. Embassy in Delhi.

"Our understanding of the situation is that while there has been some progress, the medical con-



Sureshbhai Patel

dition of Mr. Sureshbhai Patel is still a matter of concern," Madhusudhanan said.

The incident began when a man called police complaining that an unfamiliar man was wandering about his neighborhood and peering toward garages. He said the man had been seen wandering the day before as well.

"He's a skinny black guy. He's got a toboggan on," said the caller, who isn't identified.

Police arrived in patrol cars within minutes and found Patel walking in his son's neighborhood in Madison, a Huntsville suburb of about 46,000 people near high-tech businesses, the University of Alabama-Huntsville, and NASA's Marshall Space

Flight Center.

Video shot from inside one of the cruisers shows two officers walking toward the man on the sidewalk and attempting to talk to him.

"What's going on, sir?" asks one of the officers. "You're what? India?"

Police pepper the man with questions about what he is doing and where he is going, but answers are inaudible and someone on the recording is heard saying, "no English." Patel appears to try to walk away and one of the officers warns: "Do not jerk away from me again."

One of the officers, neither of whom is identified, restrains Patel by pulling his arms behind his back and then slams him face-first into the ground less than 90 seconds after the confrontation began.

"He don't speak a lick of English," one of the officers says as another officer arrives.

Madison Police Chief Larry Muncey said the officer's actions weren't justified.

"I found that Officer Eric Parker's actions did not meet the high standards and expectations of the Madison City Police Department," Muncey said.

Chirag Patel has told local news media that his father has only been to America once before and is visiting to help care for his grandson.

Attorney Hank Sherrod says the man was stopped and hurt at least partly because of his brown skin.

"I think skin color made him more likely to be a victim of police power," Sherrod said Friday.

As word of Patel's treatment and injuries spread, a site established on gofundme.com to help cover medical and other expenses generated more than USD104,000 in donations by Friday night. Sherrod said Patel has no insurance. AP

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Offbeat

US: 5 STUDENTS WRONGLY GIVEN
'FIFTY SHADES' PUZZLES

A Pennsylvania school district superintendent says five middle school students were mistakenly handed word search puzzles based on "Fifty Shades of Grey" with such terms as "leather cuffs" and "spanking."

The Valley Independent (<http://bit.ly/1F6liC5>) reports Monessen Schools Superintendent Leanne Spazak issued a statement apologizing and saying the puzzles were "mistakenly and unknowingly" put in a stack of worksheets given to five students last week.

Spazak didn't say how that happened or whether any employees were disciplined.

A staff member collected the sheets from the five students once they began sniggering at words like "bondage," "submissive" and even more explicit terms.

One student kept a copy, however, and posted it on social media, which prompted parent complaints and media inquiries.

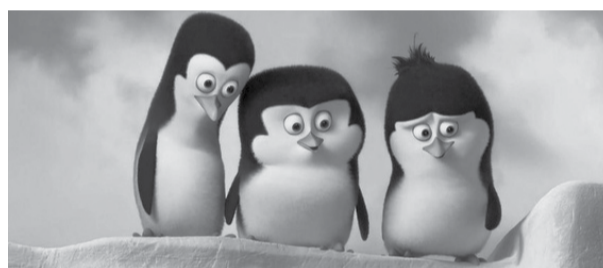
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CINETEATRO

12 FEB - 17 FEB



PENGUINS OF MADAGASCAR

ROOM 1

2.15, 5.45 pm

Language: Cantonese (Chinese)

Duration: 127min

STAND BY ME DORAEMON

ROOM 1

(2D) 4.00, 9.30 pm

(3D) 7.30

Language: Cantonese (Chinese)

Duration: 95min



KINGSMAN: THE SECRET SERVICE

ROOM 2

2.30, 4.45, 7.15, 9.30 pm

Director: Matthew Vaughn

Starring: Colin Firth, Michael Caine, Samuel L. Jackson

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 127min

JUPITER ASCENDING

ROOM 3

(2D) 2.30, 4.45, 9.35 pm

(3D) 7.15 pm

Director: Andy Wachowski, Lana Wachowski

Starring: Channing Tatum, Mila Kunis

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 127min

MACAU TOWER

12 FEB - 18 FEB

JUPITER ASCENDING

2.30, 4.30, 7.00, 9.30 pm

Director: Andy Wachowski, Lana Wachowski

Starring: Channing Tatum, Mila Kunis, Eddie

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Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 127min



this day in history

1959 CASTRO SWORN IN
AS CUBAN PM

Cuba's revolutionary leader Fidel Castro has become the country's youngest ever premier.

At the age of 32, he has been sworn in as Prime Minister in the Cabinet Room of the Presidential Palace in Havana.

Dr Castro led the resistance against the seven-year military rule of President Fulgencio Batista and commanded the 26 July Army, a guerrilla force that drove the old regime into exile on New Year's Day.

But this is the first time he has assumed administrative responsibilities within the new, provisional government.

Cuban newspaper 'Revolution' - regarded as the voice-piece of the 26 July Army - explained his appointment is to solve the problem of "a dispersal of power", as many workers and industries have observed Castro's pronouncements and not the government's since the revolution.

According to the newspaper, "now the government, the revolution and the people will take the same path."

Dr Castro was on leave from his previous post as Commander-in-Chief of the armed forces when Dr Jose Miro Cordoba - prime minister since 5 January - and his cabinet resigned, without explanation, two days ago.

As well as his supporters, a hoard of Cuban and foreign media witnessed Fidel Castro being sworn into office wearing his olive-green rebel army fatigues and sporting his trademark square cap and beard.

He told them: "We have great plans and we suffer when we cannot put these into effect rapidly, but technical preparations take time."

He also denied he had any interest in taking over as president, saying legal moves to lower the age of eligibility for the post last week were the initiative of the incumbent president Manuel Urrutia Lleo.

President Urrutia and Prime Minister Castro are old allies and are expected to work together to achieve revolutionary aims of economic reform and improved living standards for all Cubans.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

Fidel Castro became patron of the Whiskers Club in Derbyshire, UK, on 23 February after promising not to shave his two-year-old beard until his country had a "good government".

The Cuban Cabinet refused to accept Dr Castro's resignation on 18 July 1959, claiming President Urrutia was obstructing reforms, and the President was prompted to step down instead.

Antagonism with the US grew and the Americans imposed economic sanctions on Cuba from 1960.

Cuban alliance with the USSR led to the nuclear missile crisis in 1962.

Dr Castro passed a new constitution and became president, secretary general of the Communist Party and commander-in-chief of the army in 1976.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 Just pay attention and everything should make sense...

Taurus April 20-May 20 Travel may be on your mind today - or maybe just exposure to different cultures...

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 Your energy levels are higher than ever today - and you should be able to push through...

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 Life is a little harder for you today, but that doesn't mean you should give up...

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 Be sure to speak up today - people are likely to agree with you, even in issues that generate lots of heat...

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 You can't decide between two courses of action this morning - and that could haunt you for the rest of the day...

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 You are striking a new balance between work, family, and the rest of your life today...

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 You're feeling a pull from an odd direction - so go with it! Just because a message comes through subliminal channels...

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Though your energy is burning brightly, you may still find it hard to make decisions...

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 You face a challenge today - but it brings with it an opportunity! See if you can push through whatever is in your way...

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Your personal life is making things considerably more interesting today - so see if you can focus on that to the exclusion of all else...

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 How can things get better? You should find that you're feeling more optimistic after today's activity...



SUDOKU

Two Sudoku puzzles: 'Easy' and 'Easy+'. Each is a 9x9 grid with some numbers pre-filled.

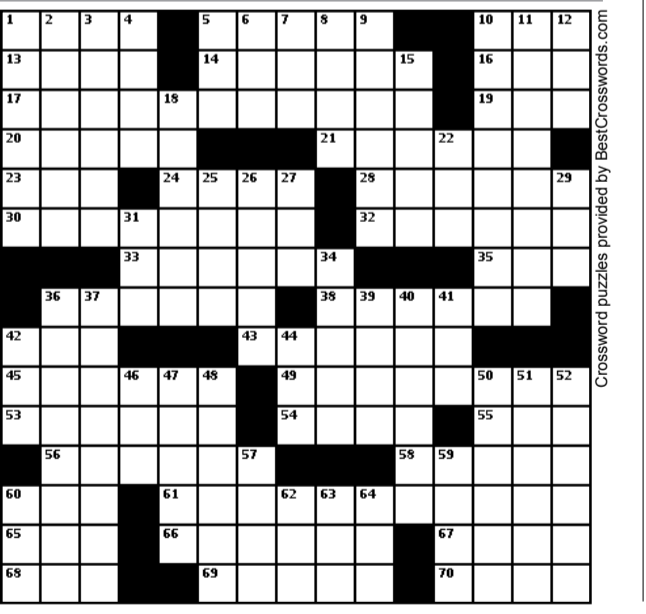
Two Sudoku puzzles: 'Medium' and 'Hard'. Each is a 9x9 grid with some numbers pre-filled.

WEATHER

Table with columns: MIN, MAX, CONDITION. Rows list weather for various cities in CHINA and WORLD.

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Dr. Zhivago's love; 5- The end of ___; 10- IBM products; 13- Ancient Athens's Temple of ___; 14- Kappa follower; 16- Garden tool; 17- Public assembly; 19- British record label; 20- Actress Verdugo; 21- Low bow; 23- Diarist Anais; 24- ___ Valley, Calif.; 28- One making fun; 30- Ragged; 32- Flammable gas; 33- Speaks publicly; 35- Cpl., e.g.; 36- One's husband or wife; 38- Self-defense method; 42- Belonging to us; 43- Boil; 45- Black Sea peninsula; 49- Spanish Miss; 53- Soak up; 54- English public school; 55- Witty remark; 56- Maximally; 58- Station; 60- Faulkner's '___ Lay Dying'; 61- Person who lives in a suburb; 65- Lair, often for wild animals; 66- Rubber; 67- General ___ chicken; 68- Keats work; 69- Pulitzer category; 70- Ammo; ; DOWN: 1- Bewail; 2- Decorative ivy; 3- Take as an affront; 4- Org.; 5- Draft choice; 6- Not for a Scot; 7- CPR expert; 8- Baseball stats; 9- Congenitally attached; 10- Long-tailed gallinaceous bird; 11- Start; 12- Cinque follower; 15- Shoelace end; 18- Capital of Lesotho; 22- Exclamation of relief; 25- Some nest eggs; 26- Doles (out); 27- Ox tail?; 29- Stutz contemporary; 31- Likewise; 34- Shooting sport; 36- Said of a pedestal with molding; 37- Unsullied; 39- ___ extra cost; 40- Girl in a Beach Boys song; 41- ___ Lingus; 42- South American tuber; 44- End for Siam; 46- Pop's partner; 47- Uneven; 48- Utterly senseless; 50- Mischievous; 51- Tastelessly affected; 52- Bear witness; 57- Skier's transport; 59- Tolkien tree creatures; 60- Tumult; 62- G-8 nation; 63- Sleep stage; 64- Lingerie item



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BOXING

Pacman to fight Mayweather in May

THE Filipino boxing sensation Manny Pacquiao is likely to face the American fighter Floyd Mayweather in the ring in May this year, according to a report by The Sunday Telegraph.

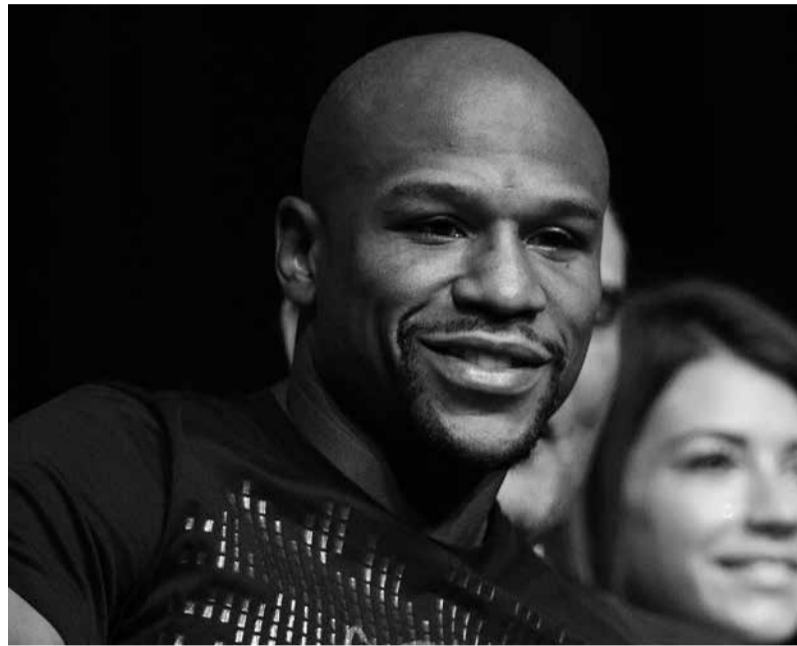
People have been speculating for a while about when the fight will take place. The Sunday Telegraph has quoted an anonymous source as saying that Mayweather will be signing the contract and announcing the contest soon, which is estimated to be worth USD250 million. Some have speculated that the US fighter will unveil the arrangement officially at the NBS All-Star Game tip-off on Sunday (Monday in Macau) at Madison Square Garden.

The anonymous source also told The Sunday Telegraph that Pacquiao has "100 percent signed his side of the deal," and "it is now over to Mayweather to close the deal and announce the fight."

Pacquiao, on the other hand, has revealed that he has started



Manny Pacquiao



Floyd Mayweather

training in his home country for his next fight.

Mayweather previously appeared on CBS coverage of a boxing event in December, and announced that he would be fighting Pacquiao on May 2.

Nevertheless, the negotiations between the two camps

seemed to have stalled throughout January. The hope of a long-awaited fight between the two champions was reignited after Pacman and Mayweather met face-to-face last month at a basketball match in Miami, before having another private meeting in the former's hotel

suite for an hour. The Sunday Telegraph suggested that both camps have agreed on MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas as the venue for the fight.

The discussion of the two facing each other in the ring was triggered when Pacquiao called out Mayweather following his

defeat of Chris Algieri in November at the Cotai Arena.

It is estimated that Mayweather will take his career earnings to over half a billion dollars when he fights Pacquiao. Nevertheless, the American boxer will have to risk losing his status as an unbeaten fighter. **Staff reporter**

CRICKET

South Africa opens with World Cup win over Zimbabwe

Dennis Passa
AP Sports Writer

ANOTHER match, another easy win for one opponent over another at the Cricket World Cup.

A record-breaking partnership of 256 between David Miller and J.P. Duminy led South Africa to a 62-run win over Zimbabwe yesterday. The Proteas scored 339-4, led by Miller's fast-paced innings of 138 off 92 balls, which included 30 runs off one over and a World Cup record nine sixes.

Duminy added an unbeaten 115.

On the opening day Saturday, four-time champion Australia beat England by 111 runs and co-host New Zealand defeated 1996 champion Sri Lanka by 98 runs.

Zimbabwe began its chase well in Hamilton but was all out for 277. Hamilton Masakadza scored 80 and combi-



South Africa's Morne van Wyk

ned with Chamu Chibhabha (64) in a 105-run stand to give Zimbabwe a chance, before South Africa spinner Imran Tahir (3-36) stifled the run chase.

In the most anticipated match yesterday, India was playing rival Pakistan at the sold-out Adelaide Oval. India

skipper Mahendra Singh Dhoni won the toss with some positive history in his corner — defending champion India has won all five times the two teams have met in the World Cup back to 1992, and won the toss on four of those previous occasions.

Virat Kohli helped move India on its way toward a sixth, producing a big innings when it really counted to score 107 and guide India to 300-7 ahead of Pakistan's reply later yesterday.

In the only match to-

day, the West Indies will play Ireland at Nelson, New Zealand.

Captain William Porterfield has played in all three of Ireland's World Cup campaigns and says that no one is likely to underestimate its ability to beat top eight teams.

The left-handed batsman was a member of Ireland teams that beat fourth-ranked Pakistan at the 2007 World Cup and England at the 2011 tournament and he says if Ireland was to beat the West Indies "I don't think it will be a surprise. We've played enough cricket. There are not many teams that won't know much about the 15 lads who are in our squad."

Ireland beat Bangladesh in its final warmup match in Sydney while the West Indies lineup was fully stretched to beat Scotland by three runs.

The six-week tournament features 42 pool matches which will reduce the event from 14 teams to eight, then just seven more games which will whittle those eight teams to two for the March 29 final at the Melbourne Cricket Ground. **AP**

ILLEGAL BETTING

New Zealand police pounce on gamblers at World Cup opener

NEW Zealand police ejected several men from the opening match of the Cricket World Cup between New Zealand and Sri Lanka for what they suspect were prohibited betting activities.

At least one man was evicted from Hagley Oval on Saturday for "using his communication devices to provide match information to people outside this country," an International Cricket Council spokesman confirmed to Fairfax Media.

Police said plainclothes officers mingled in the crowd of 17,000, on the lookout for "betting cheats" who were making excessive use of laptops or mobile phones. The operation was part of a crackdown on "courtsiding" or "pitchsiding," in which gamblers take advantage of broadcasting delays to gain an advantage over sports

bookmakers.

Fairfax Media said police observed a group for about 10 minutes, near the end of New Zealand's innings, before detectives led the men away for questioning. They were taken to a police tent at the ground where they were interviewed before being ejected.

The ICC spokesman was quoted as saying, "We've got systems in place, and these systems are working. We're dealing with the problem the best we can."

Courtsiding is not illegal in New Zealand, but does breach terms under which spectators are permitted to attend games.

New Zealand coach Mike Hesson said yesterday he was aware of the police operation, and was confident officials could control improper betting. **AP**

opinion

Insight
Paulo Barbosa



**WHEN THINGS AREN'T
WHAT THEY SEEM**

1. Álvaro Santos Pereira, a former Portuguese economy minister who now works for the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD), recently published a book about his experience as a governor.

The controversy surrounding his book relates to his confessed dislike of one of the top ministers in the current government (Paulo Portas, a Macau regular). Besides petty politics, the other issue that has generated media attention is the former minister's confession that he did not believe in the official statistics that basically indicated an improvement in Portugal's overall general situation and a decrease in the unemployment rate. As he did not believe that those official statistics reflected reality, he produced his own estimates, which he used to establish policies.

I thought about Álvaro Santos Pereira when I saw the news agencies' headlines about the annual economic rankings of 300 cities worldwide, as produced by the Brookings Institution and JP-Morgan Chase: "Macau ranks No. 1 in economic performance among world cities" read the title from Associated Press. "Macau, the Chinese territory known for casino gambling, outperformed the rest of the world's major cities economically last year," according to the article's lead.

The US-made study meant very good press for Macau, especially for those who have read about the region but have never been here. Macau, that unknown place, must be heaven on earth, they probably thought.

If you believe in the "Álvaro Santos Pereira school of economics," you will seriously doubt the report's conclusions, which are based on the gross domestic product (GDP) per capita growth and the employment growth.

The study tells those who live here something they already know: there's a lot of money being made in Macau. The problem, we also know, is in the way that it is distributed. There isn't much reliable data available to assess the latter aspect, but statistics buffs will appreciate knowing that research conducted by the Macau Economic Association concluded that the income gap between the rich and poor has widened, despite the booming local economy. The research indicates that the Gini coefficient (used to measure wealth inequality and ranging from zero to one, where zero expresses perfect equality) increased to about 0.4 in 2011, approaching the international warning level.

There are other indicators that must be considered when measuring the effects of the region's reported "top economic performance." For example, the real-estate boom is pushing flat prices to values beyond the reach of the average local family. The "economic performance" is also expected to result in the population swelling to 700,000 by 2016. So, things are not as they seem when we read a newspaper title which claims that Macau outperforms all the other cities in the world. We must consider, to a certain extent, whether the economic performance is benefiting or hitting the locals. Given the complexity of the issues involved, I guess both are true.

2. Another complex issue in Macau is that of human resources, with several lawmakers calling for a ban (or almost) on the importation of workers, and many companies facing increasing difficulties in hiring workers while avoiding a high employee turnover rate. Here's an idea to solve the issue: it was reported that Japan will open a hotel that will be staffed by robots. Named Henn-na Hotel ('Strange hotel'), the establishment will open in July and will have 72 rooms available on its first phase.

"The Japanese hospitality industry will be replaced by 'actroids' (robots with strong human likeness) that will act as receptionists. They will also have the capability of responding with intelligent conversation to human guests. Services like porters and other engaging menial tasks like cleaning will be done by robots," reported the Travel and Tour World. Here's an idea for the likes of Kwan Tsui Hang, Song Pek Kei and other local lawmakers.

Dear reader; in this constant state of confusion, can you tell if I'm joking or not?

THE BUZZ NETANYAHU CALLS FOR 'MASSIVE' JEWISH IMMIGRATION TO ISRAEL

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu is calling for the "massive immigration" of European Jews to Israel following the shooting attack outside a Copenhagen synagogue that killed a Danish Jew.

Netanyahu says the government yesterday will discuss a USD46 million plan to encourage Jewish immigration from France, Belgium and Ukraine.

"This wave of attacks is expected to continue," Netanyahu said at the start of a Cabi-

net meeting. "Jews deserve security in every country, but we say to our Jewish brothers and sisters, Israel is your home."

A 37-year-old Jewish security guard was killed while standing guard at a bat mitzvah celebration. Jair Melchior, Denmark's chief rabbi, said he was "disappointed" by Netanyahu's call for immigration following the attack.

"Terror is not a reason to move to Israel," he said.

Station	Air quality
Roadside	100-130 Bad
High Density Residential Area	105-135 Bad
Ambient	95-125 Bad

SOURCE: D5IMG

WORLD BRIEFS

It's mud madness at Brazilian Carnival party



A man jumps into the mud during the traditional "Bloco da Lama" or "Mud Block" carnival party

Jenny Barchfield, Paraty

FORGET the sexy nurses, the pirates and devils. At the Bloco da Lama Carnival street party, swamp creature is the costume of choice.

Last weekend, revelers in the seaside colonial town of Paraty threw themselves into deposits of black, mineral-rich slime, emerging covered head-to-toe in the sludge. Bikinis and trunks disappeared beneath the mud, which highlights both gym-pumped pectorals and beer-fed guts.

Those hoping to remain pristine didn't last long at the Bloco da Lama, which translates from the Portuguese as "Mud Street Party."

One woman wearing a spotless, white bikini was

chased by a reveler freshly emerged from the mud who said: "She's so clean, it makes me want to hug her."

Her swimsuit soon became a black bikini.

"Usually when you think of Brazilian Carnival, you think of sequins and feathers — not mud," said French tourist Marion Douchet, 28, as she smeared the stuff onto the back of her neck and the few other spots clean skin was still visible. "It's fun, it's original and it's exotic."

Patricia Azevedo, who owns a hotel in town, said the mud was helping her beat the intense mid-summer heat.

"When you go to a normal 'bloco' you're all packed together like sardines and

it gets insanely hot," said Azevedo, 43, a vine tiara giving her swamp creature look the crowning touch. "The mud is really refreshing — plus I don't even need sunscreen."

Legend has it the "bloco" was born in 1986 after local teens hiking in a nearby mangrove forest smeared themselves with mud to discourage mosquitoes and then wandered through Paraty. The party grew year after year, but revelers eventually were banned from parading in the colonial downtown after shopkeepers complained pristine white walls were stained with the hard-to-remove mud.

Now revelers dance on the beach instead, getting down and dirty to competing soundtracks of Brazilian funk and house music amid cavemen chants of "uga, uga."

As the afternoon wore on and the number of empty beer cans abandoned on the sand multiplied, so did the flying mud balls, hurled willy nilly by over-enthusiastic teenagers. Real estate in the mud deposit became scarce.

"It's good spirited fun," Azevedo said. "I mean, I haven't looked at myself in the mirror, I'm sure I look ridiculous. But then again, everyone does." **AP**



GERMANY Police in the German city of Braunschweig cancelled a popular Carnival street parade yesterday because of fears of an imminent Islamist terror attack. Police spokesman Thomas Geese said police received credible information that there was a "concrete threat of an attack with an Islamist background" on the parade and therefore called on all visitors to stay at home.

DUBAI State-backed conglomerate Dubai World says it has reached a deal with creditors to rework terms on USD14.6 billion of debt, giving it more breathing room as it works to move beyond its financial challenges. The company said it will pay back \$2.92 billion worth of the debt earlier than scheduled this year and extend repayment of the rest from 2018 until 2022. The lenders include banks and investors from the Middle East, Europe and Asia.

USA The payment processing company Visa will roll out a new feature this spring that will allow its cardholders to inform their banks where they are automatically, using the location function found in nearly every smartphone. **More on p14**

USA A man from India who was slammed to the ground by a police officer had been singled out by police after a caller said a "skinny black guy" with a toboggan hat was walking in the neighborhood and peering into garages, recordings show. **More on p14**

THE DECISIVE MOMENT



The Times CNY dinner. The Macau Times Publications Ltd offered its staff and contributors a fine dine at one of the best Chinese treats in town, The Canton. After the well humored gathering the team went on to see Frank Stallone's show nearby. What a party!



NEW YORK Prince woke up early Saturday to share some love and hits on Valentine's Day to a star-stud crowd. Former basketball star Michael Jordan, Beyonce, Jay Z, Chris Rock and Queen Latifah, were among those dancing and singing to his rousing set in downtown New York City.

NEW ZEALAND Police ejected several men from the opening match of the Cricket World Cup between New Zealand and Sri Lanka for what they suspect were prohibited betting activities. **More on p19**