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VIETNAM Workers at a major Vietnamese footwear factory for Nike and Adidas ended a weeklong strike after the government agreed to their demands on retirement payouts.

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AUSTRALIA Prince Harry arrives in Australia's national capital next week to begin four weeks of training with the Australian army before the British royal ends his decade-long military career. The fourth in line to the British throne will lay a wreath at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Canberra on Monday in his first public function on arriving in Australia.

TURKEY's military says that nine British citizens have been arrested trying to cross into Syria. They were taken into custody in Hatay province, the military said. The group of three men, two women and four children, was seized by the military while trying to sneak across the border yesterday. *More on terrorism on p15*

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Macau Daily Times will not be published on Monday, April 6 due to Easter's holidays. The Times will be back on the stands on Tuesday, April 7. However the MDT website will be updated with breaking news during the recess period. We wish our readers, advertisers and friends the best of times.

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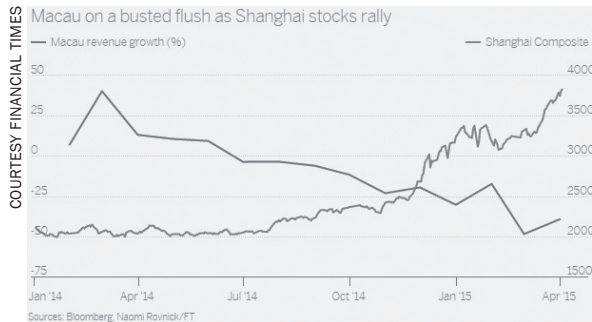
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Gaming dollars ending up on mainland stock markets



It would be unusual to compare the New York Stock Exchange to the Las Vegas Strip. But China is different," the Financial Times stated yesterday on its popular fastFT comments online.

Casino revenues in Macau - the only place in the country where casinos are legal - fell 39.4 percent in March, as we published yesterday based on data from the Gaming Bureau (DICJ).

At the same time, the Chinese domestic stock market - which spent several years in the doldrums after a bubble burst in 2007 - "has suddenly gone on a tear, closing at a fresh seven-year high today [yesterday]," the fastFT comments observed.

So the question is: What does betting have to do with equities?

In China, "quite a bit," argues the Financial Times. Because of capital controls designed to stop money leaving the country and very poor rates of interest on offer from government-owned banks, the stock market is one of the few places Chinese investors can make money. It is also one place they can legally gamble, as casinos are banned on the mainland, unless they go to Macau. Some retail investors may of course pore over companies' annual reports or take a macro-economic view. But the Shanghai market, as described by analysts at Capital Economics, is "increasingly divorced from economic fundamentals" and is often driven by momentum.

Macau's gaming halls, which in terms of cash takings overtook the Las Vegas strip long ago, "have been dealt a bad hand by an anti-corruption drive spearheaded by Chinese president Xi Jinping since he took power in 2012." Anti-corruption officials have been scrutinizing Macau, for potential money laundering activities by gamblers, making even "the most honest of rich folk nervous about visiting."

Macau used to attract corruption but that changed dramatically. According to research from the Polytechnic Institute of Macau, around half the VIP gamblers in 2010 were either government officials or executives of state-owned enterprises. They stopped coming.

Expectations that the Chinese renminbi could rise in value against the dollar, due to the nation's trade surplus and increasing foreign direct investment, may be another reason for "China's [top] 1 percent to keep money in the domestic stock market instead of taking the risk of illicitly subverting capital controls" to bet in Macau casinos, FT argues. PC

World Autism Awareness Day celebrated in Macau

CARITAS Macau held an award presentation ceremony for its cross-city painting competition at Galaxy Macau yesterday. The event, co-organized with another care association from the neighboring Hong Kong Autism Awareness Alliance, recognized a total of 64 paintings created by autistic and mentally-challenged artists from the two cities.

Themed "Me and Mine," the fourth edition of the event since 2012 coincided with the "World Autism Awareness Day." The event received a total of 194 artworks from both SAR regions, from which 32 local paintings have been selected to receive awards. According to Paul Pun, secretary general of Caritas Macau, the theme seems simple, yet carries significant connotations. The painting competition encouraged the participants to present their own perception of those around them through a nonverbal medium.

The secretary-general of the Macau Artist Society, Elsa Poon, who was one of the five professional judges



to select the winning paintings, praised the contestants' inner artistic potential and talent. "Although some of the participants are seniors, their painting techniques aren't bad at all, they were able to express what's in their hearts. Besides, most contestants have their own mindset, which they could use drawings and paintings to make explicit," she said.

Among the dozens of colorful paintings, the well-known local artist recalled one that impressed her the most. "Compact City", an intricate and detail-oriented black-and-

white portrayal of certain parts of the city, was rated the Champion in the Open Category for People with Autism (Macau). Its painter, Leong Ieng Wai, "has drawing potential, his paintings are so meticulously detailed, which has demonstrated his phenomenal drawing skills," said Elsa Poon.

Previous years' themes likewise revolved around the topic of "self", as people suffering from autism generally have sociability limitations, narrowing their social circles to an almost individual level.

Yesterday's award ce-

remony also featured impressive musical performances conducted by some service recipients under the charitable organization. Starting today and continuing until the 15th of this month, the 64 hand-drawn art pieces (including those from Hong Kong) are on display in the east wing of Galaxy Macau. The group's volunteer team will also join hands with some service receivers from the five care units under the charitable organization in an art workshop on April 11 to create a large-scale painting. Staff reporter

F&B and luxury goods sector baffled by gaming slump

PLUMMETING gaming revenue has proven headache-worthy not only for casino operators but also for business operators from the food and beverage and luxury item sectors, according to the director of the Industry and Commerce Association of Macau, Ho King Lun.

Last month, the city recorded a plunge of nearly 40 percent in casino revenue year-on-year. Such a downturn, which some analysts are forecasting will continue, has prompted widespread fear amongst local business owners. Some are beginning to seek out investment opportunities on the mainland or

in Thailand, according to a report by the TDM English news.

"Many friends and members have said that the food and beverage business dropped by 20 percent and the retail sales of luxury [items] also saw a cut of 40 percent. On the other hand, mass-oriented businesses remain unaffected for the moment. What we are seeing is, a general economic downturn," said Ho, adding that rent-related expenses and other living costs in the city seem to be remaining intact in spite of the ongoing economic adjustment.

The association's director also revealed that an investment fund worth HKD 5 million has been

set up, which is being financed by members of the association in a bid to help small and medium-sized enterprises develop their businesses outside of Macau. The association is considering allocating part of its fund to investment in Bangkok, Thailand, following a field trip to a shopping mall funded by a local Thai businessman in February. Aside from that, of the three regions for Guangdong and Macau commercial cooperation, he thought the market in the town of Cuiheng in Zhongshan city was the most likely to be "ripe" for business development from small and medium-sized enterprises.

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THE Transport Bureau (DSAT) has confirmed that it is installing parking meters in the Hac Sa Beach car park area. Coloane residents and beach-goers have been complaining of difficulties in finding a parking space there, as the public car park is often used as a 'dumping site' for unwanted vehicles.

"Having inspected the site and sought opinions from local residents, DSAT is planning to install 79 two-hour parking meters and 150 five-hour parking meters in the parking area along Estrada Nova de Hac Sa and Avenida de Luís de Camões, to improve the situation of long-term occupancy and increase flexibility," DSAT told The Times in an email.

Some of the parking meters were installed a few weeks ago, mainly at the entrance and left side of the parking area.

Last December, the Ti-

DSAT set to install parking meters in Hac Sa Beach car park

mes reported that abandoned cars covered in pine needles, wrecked cars, and even vehicles with Transport Bureau notices on the windshields had been parked near Hac Sa beach for a long period of time.

Macau resident Georgia Creeden, who lives near the Hac Sa beach area, counted a total of thirty-nine cars parked long-term in the Hac Sa Beach car park early this week.

"With the development and rising population of Coloane, traffic and parking pressure in the district is becoming more significant. DSAT has received various opinions regarding this matter. As many residents enjoy driving to Coloane and Hac Sa Beach on vacations and



festivals, there is a high demand for the parking area," DSAT stated, adding that it has, "actively looked for spaces to alleviate the pressure."

The parking meters' ins-

tallation is being carried out in stages, according to DSAT, who plans to complete the operation within the first half of this year.

The bureau has pledged "to continue looking for

suitable [areas for parking] and optimize the traffic environment of Coloane." DSAT added that it will remain in close communication with the Public Security Police Force (CPSP) to ensure the prosecution of illegal parking.

The illegal parking is, indeed, what drove residents, restaurant owners and beach-goers to previously complain of the car park situation around the Hac Sa Beach area.

Ms Creeden told the Times last December that, "some of the cars and wrecks had been there for months." The resident added that some of the cars appear to belong to people living in Taipa, who park their second car in Coloane "free of charge and use it

occasionally."

She emailed DSAT last year alerting authorities to the high number of abandoned cars parked for an extended period in the Hac Sa beach parking area.

The Times also reported on the issue in April 2013. DSAT urged the public not to use public car parks as car dumps and alerted citizens to the appropriate measures for disposing of older vehicles. DSAT urged owners of vehicles no longer in use to apply for the cancellation of their vehicle at the bureau by presenting their ID card, an original copy of the vehicle's registration card and vehicle disposal documents, as well as the Property Registration Card, among other documents.

COOPERATION

Forum Macau center temporarily located in Tap Seac



THE distribution center for Portuguese-Speaking Countries' products, a sector of the Forum Macau and the Macau Trade and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM), is expected to be located close to the future Pac On

harbor in Taipa. However, it will be temporarily located in Macau Peninsula's Tap Seac district while the Pac On construction works are still ongoing.

The new coordinator of Forum Macau's secretariat, Echo Chan,

revealed that there are plans for the center to be operational before the next ministerial meeting in 2016. She spoke to journalists on the sidelines of the launch of a website which focuses on cooperation between China and Lusophone countries.

The website (www.platform-chinapl.mo) includes information about the member countries and services offered to small and medium companies, as well as

information about product exhibitions and conventions held in Macau.

According to diplomat André Panzo, Secretary-General of the Permanent Secretariat of the Forum, this new online service platform represents "an historical factor" that will strengthen multilateral relations.

"This link has been lacking for a long time. It will allow visitors to know the reality of each of the [Forum Macau] member countries in an integrated and business-friendly way," he said.

IPIM's president Jackson Chang indicated that the new website intends to "strengthen the role of Macau as a service platform between China and the Portuguese speaking countries." **PB**

ECHO CHAN: FUND INSTALLATION TAKES TIME

ECHO CHAN has downplayed the lack of projects approved by the cooperation fund between China and Portuguese-speaking countries. According to Chan, the fact that only two projects have been approved since June 2013 doesn't mean that the fund is inefficient. "We need to understand one thing: In cooperation projects it takes time to find a partner, and analyze a project," she said.

Residents' deposits decrease by 2.6 pct

Residents' deposits decreased 2.6 percent month-on-month in February, reaching MOP469.6 billion, according to data released by the Monetary Authority of Macau (AMCM). MOP and USD deposits increased at respective rates of 0.1 percent and 1.5 percent while HKD and RMB decreased 3.1 percent and 8.7 percent respectively. AMCM said in a statement that currency in circulation increased 8.1 percent while demand deposits dropped 4.5 percent. Domestic loans to the private sector increased 0.4 percent from a month ago to MOP346.2 billion. Among these, MOP94.2 billion was MOP-denominated and MOP224.9 billion was denominated in HKD. External loans grew 1.8 percent to MOP355 billion.

SMG foresees only one level eight typhoon

The Macao Meteorological and Geophysical Bureau (SMG) is forecasting only one signal 8 typhoon this year. SMG has issued a statement saying that Macau will be hit by four to six tropical storms this year. The Bureau said that the Maysak typhoon currently heading toward the Philippines will not affect Macau. According to CNN, the storm has weakened and is expected to continue to lose strength before it reaches the Philippines. Temperatures this summer are expected to average 28 degrees Celsius.

CRIME

Construction site brawl leaves 6 wounded

SIX people have been injured - one of them suffering serious injuries - after taking part in a brawl yesterday morning. The incident involved a total of 13 people, with seven of the participants fleeing the scene. They are currently being sought by police.

Authorities say that seven individuals were removing materials from the construction site of the Studio City resort when six workers tried to stop them from doing so. A

quarrel arose and a fight broke out between the two groups.

All of the wounded are workers are between 22 and 46 years of age. Six of them are from mainland China, while one is a local resident.

The Health Bureau (SSM) issued a statement about the incident, saying that all injured parties were taken to the Conde de São Januário Central Hospital (CHCSJ) and remained fully conscious during the medical

procedures.

The most seriously injured worker was subject to a computerized tomography to verify the extent of the trauma to his head and chest. According to the SSM, he remains in stable condition in the emergency ward. The remaining persons involved in the brawl suffered minor bruises and scratches and have been discharged from hospital. **PB**

Review of Culture pays tribute to Charles Boxer



The cultural magazine, Review of Culture (RC) – International Edition, has paid its tribute to Charles Boxer, following last year's 110th anniversary of the revered figure's birth. Regarded as one of the greatest historians when it comes to the Portuguese expansion, Boxer has left the city a great legacy in the form of a more than 300-book collection, along with various articles that were published in print before his death in 2000 at the age of 96. As part of this tribute, several authors have presented articles about the historian, creating a clear picture of his vast work and focusing on the key themes of his life, career and contributions. The magazine is published by the city's Cultural Affairs Bureau and has been made available at various shops. It is also available at the Central Library, at the Historical Archive of Macau and at the libraries of local universities.

Michelin-starred Indian restaurant unveils exclusive set menus

THE Michelin-starred Indian restaurant Golden Peacock, located in the Venetian Macau, will serve up cuisine from the Indian state of Kerala this coming April 10-20, with an exclusive edition of its set menu and more than 100 kinds of palate-stimulating homemade pickles, available from 10th to 20th next month.

The fresh menu to be offered, called "Journey Through God's Own Country," seeks to gratify both veggie lovers and connoisseurs of ordinary Indian cuisine with its vegetarian and non-vegetarian options. Each set menu consists of five courses, highlighting two authentic dishes from the Southern India, namely "Vendakka, Vendakka, Vendakka" from the vegetarian set menu and "Appam with Lamb Stew" from the other.



Justin Paul

The notion of such an exotic culinary experience stemmed from the restaurant's head chef, Justin Paul, who is also a Kerala native. The culinary master told the media that he hoped to bring "a slice of his home" to the city. "This menu is truly from the heart," said

Paul. "As a chef, my work is a labour of love, and this is especially true with this special menu. I'm so excited and proud to introduce these dishes from my homeland to our guests. I hope they enjoy savoring their unique flavors as much as I enjoy preparing them."

The limited edition menus will be released in celebration of Kerala's traditional New Year's Day, which falls on April 15 this year. For the festive occasion, the master chef, under whose leadership the restaurant won an entry in the 2013 Michelin Guide, has unveiled a so-called "101 Pickles Station" offering a vast variety of Indian pickles and preserves from across southern India over 10 nights, which will be exclusively available at the Indian restaurant during the abovementioned period.

The chef at the helm of "Golden Peacock," Justin Paul, has won numerous accolades for his culinary expertise, which spans a wide range of Indian and Middle Eastern cuisines. The Indian restaurant has attracted much attention from the media and food critics worldwide since its opening in February 2013. Soon after its opening in the same year, the restaurant received a one-star rating in the Michelin Guide for both Hong Kong & Macau's 2014 and 2015 editions, and was also included in the 100 Top Tables 2014 of South China Morning Post and Hong Kong Tatler Best Restaurants guide for 2015. **Staff reporter**

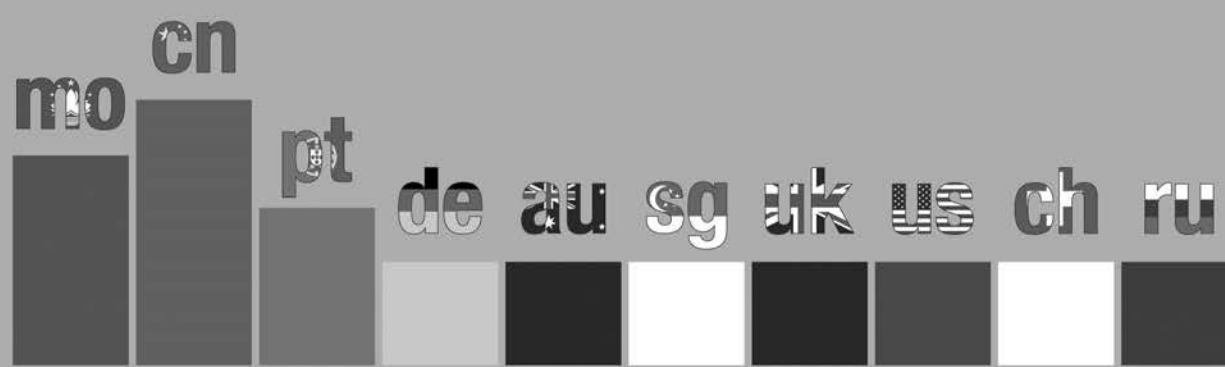
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FOR many of us, ascending to a top position within a large-scale company might seem almost unattainable due to the unimaginable amounts of time and effort required to do so. In spite of this, for Ivo Estorninho, a Macanese executive currently in charge of two high-end hotels in Guangzhou, striving for his goal against all odds has proven a worthwhile endeavor. For him, it is just a matter of time, passion and attitude.

The bilingual Macanese man, has just received the "Asia Pacific Best Starwood Careers Award" from his employer, global high-end hotel company Starwood Hotels and Resorts. The accolade is a recognition of the contribution Estorninho has made to the company due to the extensive human resources training provided to at the two hotels he has managed since 2008. 500 candidates from the Asian Pacific region were in the running for the award.

Tremendous success does not come without motivation and passion. Ivo is no exception. Growing up interested in pursuing novel ideas and meeting new people, the self-acclaimed "fortunate man" took a risk to pursue a career in hospitality, against the background of a lethargic local hotel industry more than 25 years ago. He spent four years in Portugal studying hotel management after secondary school, and entered the industry right after graduation as an assistant manager at a local hotel. "When I decided to work for the hotel industry, it was out of pure passion. No one knew what would happen, we didn't have big casinos and hotels at that time. All I knew was that I always wanted to do something different," Estorninho said proudly, adding that almost all his peers from his high school went for other professional careers such as architecture and law. Ivo feels that working in a hotel enables him to "help people" and grants him freedom to travel, both of which he has thoroughly enjoyed throughout his career.

The Macanese executive told

Macanese hotelier awarded by global brand



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the Times that he has never been motivated by the thought of obtaining an award, yet admitted that occasional encouragement is important to him. To many, a pat on the back probably means more than expected, on which the hotel practitioner with far more than two decades of work experience seemed to agree. "Recognition, something that can't be bought with money, is something everybody needs," said Ivo. "It doesn't

have to be a grand award to be valuable. If I have done something well, a pat on the shoulder, or simply encouraging words like 'well done', is delightful enough." This is a strongly held philosophy of Estorninho, one he deeply believes and has applied to managing his team, with whom he has maintained enduring rapport. The general manager continued: "I have a close relationship with my team, as I have to make sure that I 'serve them well' in order for them to deliver good service to guests."

Appreciating his team's efforts and performance, the award-winner says that he is glad to see many of the staff that he trains advance in the career and be promoted within his resort hotels. However, to determine if one is talented and has enough potential as a hotel practitioner, working attitude

is the crux, which could be reflected in a phrase from his mouth – "Hire for the attitude, train for the skill." Estorninho commented: "A high potential staff member has to be assiduous, with a good attitude and a desire to succeed in the hotel industry." In his opinion, a man's success comes from his good manner at work instead of his practical skills because the

latter can be acquired one by one through training programs. Through his company's internal staff training program, the "Starwood Careers Program," staff are able to only hone their vocational skills and develop their sense of leadership level by level. The general manager would like to return the favor to the company by raising more and more talented employees through the training program. "Training is vital, I always have the opportunities to learn since I worked to build my own career," said Ivo. "What I have been doing is working to return the learning opportunities to my team. I keep providing them with training options. It is not often that someone with a desire to succeed is unable to be trained."

Positive about the future of the local hospitality market, Estorninho also urged local undergraduates majoring in hospitality-related subjects to venture outside of Macau to gain international exposure through internships before coming back for work. Recalling the hardships he endured during the early stage of his career, the local manager said that successful professionals need to be fearless even if they start from the bottom. **Staff reporter**

ADJUSTMENT PERIOD

"**ALL ECONOMIES** go through adjustment periods. It's a normal phenomenon," says Ivo Estorninho, commenting on Macau's slowing gaming economy. "Macau itself has always been a tourist destination, and has withstood different climates over the years. This period the city has been impacted by a variety of external and internal factors.

We have already laid a firm foundation [for the tourism industry], what really matters now is whether the city has a clear direction," he said, adding that the economic slowdown has brought with it a clear warning of the need to address economic diversification, as the city has much more to offer than just chips and slot machines.

EDUCATION

Russian research center opens at the University of Macau

THE University of Macau (UM) unveiled its newly established Russian Centre this week with an opening ceremony. Several scholars participated alongside the head of Regional Projects Department at the Russkiy Mir Foundation, and a representative from the Consulate General of the Russian Federation in Hong Kong and Macau.

According to Professor

Yufan Hao, Dean of the Faculty of Social Science, the research seeks to explore the politics, economy, history, language, art and culture of Russia, and serves as an important learning platform between Macau and the vast country.

"The Russian research centre provides the UM's teachers and students with a platform and window to learn more about the Russian nation," said

the dean of FSS. "As we know, the Russian language is among the five official languages of the United Nations, and Russia has a significant role to play in international affairs." He continued: "The Russian Centre is an interdisciplinary center. Although it focuses on language, literature and art studies, it also involves other majors from FSS, such as international relations, history

and economy, as Russia is as historically significant as China and the United States. Various aspects about the country need scholarly and expert research." Yufan Hao then added that the center would see expansion in the near future.

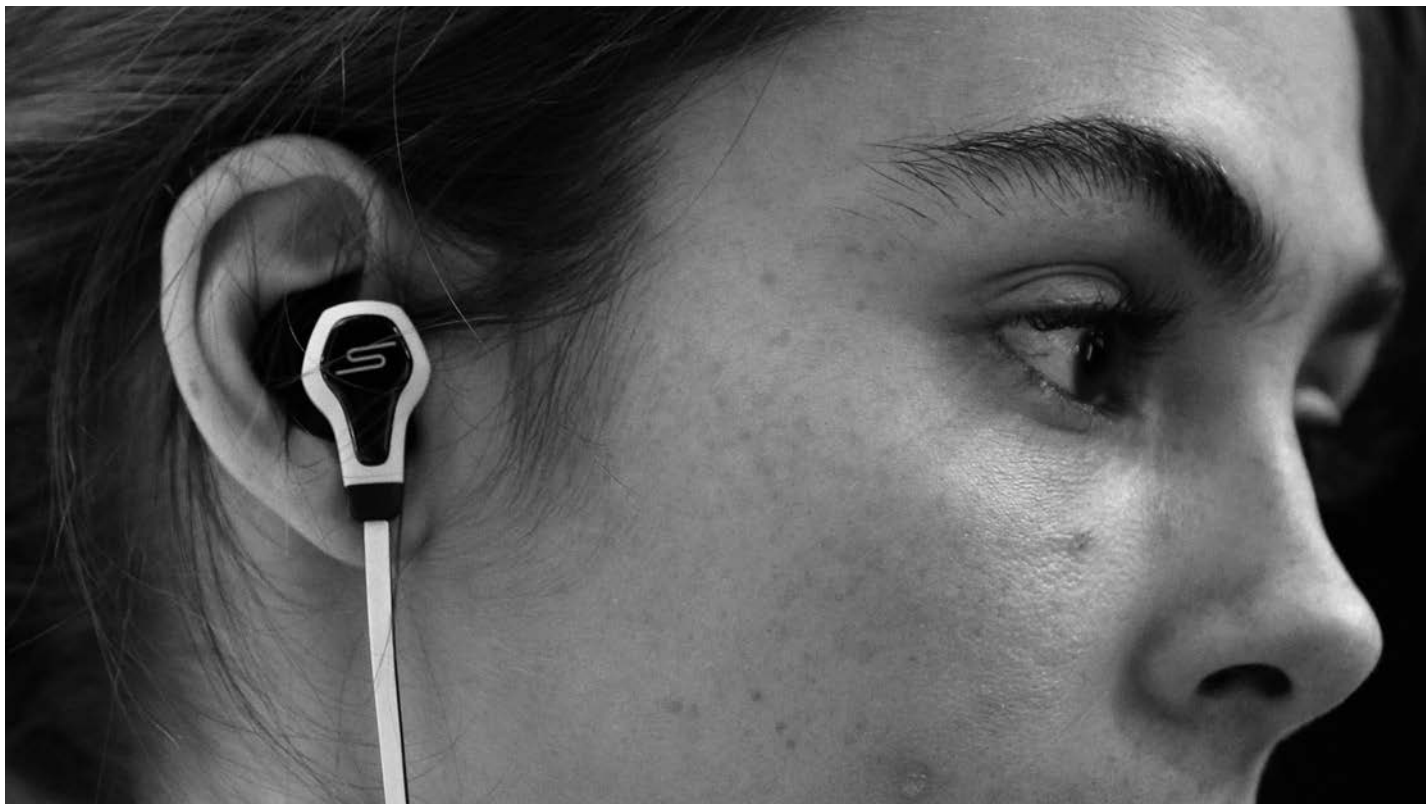
The centre is currently under management of two directors, one from the university (who is not yet decided) and one appointed

by the other party. Liudmila Gubareva, one of the appointed co-directors of the center, hoped the activities that are to be organized by the center in the future will promote the cultural exchanges being experienced on various levels between the two countries.

Dr Robert Wessling, a Russian scholar and also one of the university's residential colleges' Associate Master, told media

that he would lead more than fifty students from his residential colleges to Russia for interaction and studies this May.

This is the city's second Russian research center to be established by the Russkiy Mir Foundation in partnership with a local tertiary education institution. The first of these was founded at the University of Saint Joseph in 2009. **Staff reporter**



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Apple, Spotify streaming music deals said to be probed by EU

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THE world's largest record labels are being questioned by European Union regulators as part of a probe into their deals with music-streaming services from Apple Inc. and Spotify Ltd., according to three people familiar with the case.

The EU sent questionnaires seeking information on record labels' deals with streaming services, the people said on condition of anonymity because the EU's early-stage probe isn't public yet. Regulators weren't specifically targeting one company, such as Apple which is working on a Beats

Music streaming platform, two of the people said.

Record labels and artists haven't managed to replace falling revenues from CDs and vinyl with a boom in music streaming services such as Spotify that offer free music online. Only a quarter of Spotify's users pay for the premium version of the service. Singer Taylor Swift pulled her albums from Spotify last year. Neither Apple nor rapper Jay Z, who is planning an artist-owned streaming service, will offer free music.

The EU questionnaires build on a wider antitrust investigation into online sales announced last week where

the EU said it would probe restrictions that might prevent customers getting a wide choice of products and services on the Internet, from so-called geo-blocked video content to limits on buying goods.

21st Century Fox Inc., Time Warner Inc.'s Warner Brothers unit and other studios are also being scrutinized by the EU over licensing deals with pay-TV broadcasters that limit access to content outside one country.

The European Commission declined to comment on the questionnaires. Apple didn't respond to requests for comment. Spotify declined to immediately comment. **Bloomberg**

■ **Record labels and artists haven't managed to replace falling revenues from CDs and vinyl with a boom in music streaming services**

Malaysia reverses course on sale of 1MDB's USD3b power arm

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Joyce Koh and Lianting Tu

MALAYSIA scrapped a plan to seek buyers for state investment company 1Malaysia Development Bhd.'s power business, reversing course just a week after saying it appointed a bank to field interest in the assets.

The government, which had hired CIMB Group Holdings Bhd. to run a sale of 1MDB's Edra Global Energy Bhd. unit, told the bank its services are no longer needed and will push ahead with an IPO of the business, according to statements Wednesday. Bankers seeking roles representing buyers had been speaking to potential bidders from Malaysia, the Middle East and China, people with knowledge of the matter said, asking not to be identified as the information is private.

A debt-fueled splurge by 1MDB landed power plants from Malaysia to Egypt, as well as \$11 billion of borrowings -- equal to 3.6 percent of Malaysia's gross domestic product. Malaysia is now seeking to wind down the fund after 1MDB nearly defaulted on a loan and Fitch Ratings said its debt was weighing on the country's credit rating.

"This flip-flop adds to the confusion over who is in the driving seat when it comes to realizing 1MDB's assets and paying off the debt," Dilip Parameswaran, the Hong Kong-based head of independent advisory firm Asia Investment Advisors Ltd., said by phone on Wednesday. "For an investor, it is hard to figure out the value of their assets." **Bloomberg**

corporate bits

CTM LAUNCHES LOCAL DATA USAGE AUTO-SUSPENSION SERVICE

Following the recent launch of their "Local Data Usage Auto Alert Service" in February, CTM has introduced a new "Local Data Usage Auto-Suspension Service", in effect from April 1. After the service is activated, the local data service will be automatically barred if the customer exceeds their total free local data entitlement limit, providing customers with a way to use their mobile data service at ease while being protected from extra charges.

CTM's postpaid mobile customers whose current total data entitlement is equal to or larger than 500KB are entitled to subscribe to the "Local Data Usage Auto-Suspension Service" for free. For service activa-

tion, customers can simply key in "#129*1#" and press dial on their handset. Upon successful subscription, customers who have used up their monthly free local data usage will receive a data barring notification via SMS. After the data feature capability has been barred, a final confirmation SMS will be sent to the customer. On the other hand, customers can key in "#129*2#" and press dial for service deactivation, or "#129*3#" for a status enquiry, free of charge.

Following the recent launch of the "Local Data Usage Auto Alert Service" in February, CTM stated in a press release that the "Local Data Usage Auto-Suspension Service" is



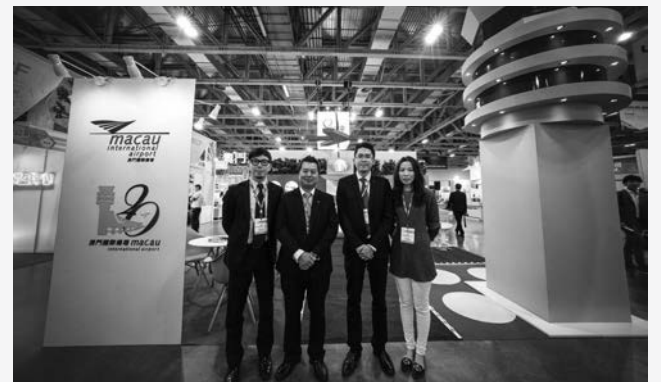
another effective and protective measure that will allow customers to better manage their use of local mobile data services, so as to further protect the right of customers to avoid excessive data charges. CTM stressed that the company will continue to fulfill its commitment to providing an excellent service experience for customers and optimizing its protective measures for mobile data services.

The Macau International Airport Co., Ltd. (CAM) participated in the 'Macau International Environmental Co-operation Forum & Exhibition 2015' that took place at the Venetian Macao from 26-28 March.

The company presented their plan for a new the airport environmental protection scheme. By increasing green elements, the company hopes to improve the airport environment and achieve their goal of being a "Green Airport."

In order for the airport to achieve a sustainable development and higher energy efficiency, CAM stated in a press release that it is planning to upgrade equipment, such as replacing electrical vehicles, installing solar shading film along the curtain wall, and enhancing the air-conditioning

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and LED lighting systems. In addition, CAM is continuing to research the use of new energy and technologies, such as solar energy and waste recycling. In 2014, MIA achieved an Airport Carbon Accreditation at Level 2 Reduction

and adopted by Airport Council International (ACI). MIA will continue to strive to upgrade the facilities for carbon reduction as well as reach its emission reduction requirements as an international environmental organization.

REAL ESTATE MATTERS

The 25 questions you must ask as a tenant renting a property - Part 4

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The Most Important Questions To Ask.....

If you have not seen the earlier articles on this subject, here is a brief introduction to the series. Of course you can find the articles online on the Macau Daily Times website.

With the high costs and the potential happiness of your family at stake, it is natural to be concerned that you are both making a good decision and getting value for money.

The trouble is you may find yourself renting a property whilst starting a new job, moving your family to a new country and enrolling the kids in a new school all at the same time.

Of course it is important to do your homework about any potential property you are considering to rent, and with so many things going on you also have to remember to ask your agent the most important questions about the property you are considering.

The list below is in no particular order, and is intended as a starting point to help identify which questions to ask.

This week we start with.....

Where's the exit?

Once you sign a lease, you are committed until the initial term of the lease is up, after which there is an early termination clause.

A lease term in Macau is usually two years unless its been negotiated for a different time frame, and most leases allow tenants to give notice after an initial term of 12 months.

So what happens if six months into your 2 year lease you are offered a new and wonderful opportunity 3,000 miles away?

Before signing, find out the penalties for breaking the lease.

Also, remember that verbal agreements aren't the same as written ones, and when the owner assures you "it won't be a problem" to break your lease with 30-days written notice, ask him to put it in writing.

Breaking a lease is serious business that could adversely impact you down the road. Not only will you likely forfeit your security deposit and any monies the landlord holds in your name, but you will also burn a bridge for future rental references.

Smart prospective tenants who know their careers might take them elsewhere negotiate an exit clause in case of a job transfer. But be warned, landlords aren't always willing to agree to this,

Are there rules for rubbish disposal, recycling and common areas?

Yes indeed there are!

In some buildings, only certain household-generated trash can be put in the common garbage disposal.

Some buildings say you can't put out garbage until 6 p.m. on the night before collection.

Some buildings require you to recycle, separating glass and plastic from food waste.

Don't forget to ask about the waste disposal details and requirements of

the building to help avoid any potentially embarrassing incidents.

Under what circumstance would you enter my apartment without notice?

As a tenant, you may not own the apartment but that doesn't mean that the owner or their representatives should be able to enter your home anytime they like.

In most instances an owner or representative should give you notice prior to entering your apartment, and any legit property agency will be very up front about what circumstances would warrant them entering an apartment.

How do you handle showing the apartment before I move out?

Showing the apartment to potential tenants is one of the instances when the property agent may ask your permission to enter the apartment.

You can ask the agent about this when you are first shown around the building, and it's important to ask exactly how they'll handle showing your apartment.

How far in advance do I need to give notice before moving out?

In many instances you'll have to give notice well in advance of moving out. If not, your lease could automatically renew and you could lose your security deposit when you try to cancel the agreement.

Next Week: "...Can I sublet the apartment?" and others...



PROJECT POKER

BY GRZEGORZ "DAWARSAW" MIKIELEWICZ

Life Tilt: Where's your head at?

We all know how devastating tilt can be in our game. You play well, you feel well, you go all in as a huge favourite, and suddenly boom, your hand is crushed and your opponent takes 'your' pot away. How cruel! How unfair! For a moment, shorter or longer, you feel annoyed and frustrated, maybe even angry. Some of your next decisions may be not optimal. More losses may follow. I guess we all know that feeling.

If you are good and experienced player, your tilt will be much smaller than other people's tilt. You may be even one of those players who had conquered their tilt and no bad beats are affecting your game anymore. That would be perfect! But there is something - in my opinion - much more disturbing than regular tilt. Imagine that instead of having tilt for few minutes, you experience it for few hours, full day, or even a week! Sounds scary? Now let's think how it is possible.

Regular tilt is caused directly by poker hands and developments. You are not tilted until some unlucky hand happens. The other tilt I have described above, let's call it life tilt, is caused by your personal experience. Maybe you had a fight with your boyfriend/girlfriend, maybe had annoying phone call, maybe your favourite sports team just lost important game. There may be hundreds of reasons. Do you know that feeling inside your chest when something like this happen?

Now the question is, will that feeling affect your game? In general, my answer would be:

yes, it will affect your game in a negative way. You need to be honest with yourself here - am I calm enough to play well? For some reason, no matter what happens in the outside world, when I sit to my poker session, only good decisions matter to me and the rest it put aside.

So, how can you avoid playing with life tilt? The easiest answer would be to take a break. Maybe play a video game or just watch a movie. Trying to kill your life tilt by playing real-money poker game is definitely not the best idea. The games will be always there, and to compete at your best level, your mind needs to be clear and calm. Let's say the life tilt costs you one buy-in every two weeks. We are talking 25 buy-ins a year here! It's a large percentage of your potential winnings. Remember: money not lost is money won.

In my opinion life tilt is more costly than a regular tilt. And it's also more dangerous because for some players is much more hidden as well. And they have hard time finding out why they feel a little bit anxious during the play. You can avoid that by simply asking yourself a few short questions before starting your session: Is there something that bothers me? Is there something on my mind that I need to take care of first? Am I feeling comfortably enough to play? But you also need to remember that one of the keys to winning at poker is to be honest with yourself.

So maybe at the very end you should also ask yourself: 'Am I lying to myself and will that cost me money?'

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MOZAMBIQUE

World Bank grants new loan for paving roads

THE World Bank has approved additional financing of US\$73.6 million to support the implementation of the second phase of the program for Maintenance and Management of Roads and Bridges of the government of Mozambique, according to a statement sent to Macauhub.

This third tranche of additional funding for the Management and Maintenance of Roads and Bridges Program fills a funding gap for repairing roads damaged in southern Gaza province after successive floods in the Limpopo River basin in 2013.

"The damage caused to the road network by repeated flooding isolates many rural communities, preventing their access to basic services, markets and transport," said Mark Lundell, director of the World Bank for Mozambique, Madagascar, Mauritius, the Seychelles and Comoros.

Most of Gaza province's roads are located in the lower area of the Limpopo River basin and are prone to flooding, and over 70 percent of the road network of the province, about 2,200 kilometers, suffered damage in the 2013 floods.

The government of Mozambique has estimated that the repair of the road network would cost about US\$183 million and in December 2013 the World Bank provided additional funding of US\$70.15 million. **MDT/Macauhub**

OECD revises Portugal's projected economic growth upwards

PORTUGAL'S economy is expected to grow between 1.3 percent and 1.5 percent in 2015, reaching 2 percent in 2016, benefitting from a drop in oil prices and the devaluation of the euro, said Wednesday in Lisbon the Secretary-General of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

"The growth of gross domestic product (GDP) reached 0.9 percent in 2014 and we expect it to total at least between 1.3 percent and 1.5 percent in 2015, and to keep this trend to close to 2 percent in 2016," said Angel Gurría, during the public presentation of the "Strategy Skills for Portugal" report.

Cited by Portuguese news agency Lusa, the Secretary-General of the OECD said that the combination of factors such as lower oil prices, lower interest rates in the short and medium term and the drop in the



Tourists pose for a selfie at the Nossa Senhora do Monte or "Our Lady of the Hill" viewpoint overlooking Lisbon

value of the euro against other currencies had created, "potential for development and more dynamic growth for years to come."

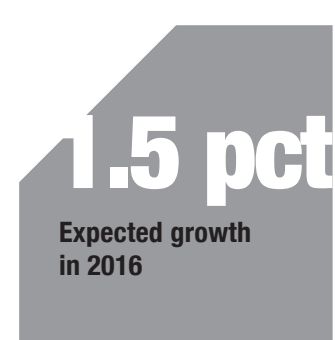
In its Economic Outlook, published on 25 November, the OECD said it expected growth of the Portuguese economy of 0.8 percent in 2014, below the government forecast of 1 percent, and a budget deficit of 4.9 percent, above the 4.8 percent forecast under

the new European System of Accounts.

For 2015, the OECD projected growth of 1.3 percent and a budget deficit of 2.9 percent, and in both cases the forecasts were more pessimistic than those of the government by two tenths of a percentage point.

For 2016, and according to its Economic Outlook, the OECD forecast expects the Portuguese economy to grow faster and for GDP

growth to reach 1.5 percent while the budget deficit would be reduced to 2.3 percent of GDP. **MDT/Macauhub**





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Beijing says Myanmar apologizes for deadly border bombing

CHINA'S Foreign Ministry says Myanmar has apologized for a cross-border bombing last month in which four Chinese farmers were killed, an incident that injected rare tensions into generally good relations between the neighbors.

A statement on the ministry's website said Myanmar Foreign Minister Wunna Maung Lwin expressed regret over the incident in a meeting in Beijing yesterday. It quoted him as saying that Myanmar accepted the findings of a joint investigation into the March 13 bombing and will discuss compensation for the victims.

"Myanmar will punish those responsible according to the law and strengthen internal management to prevent the occurrence of similar incidents in future," Wunna Maung Lwin was quoted as saying. "Myanmar is willing to join



In this Feb. 17, 2015, photo provided by the Eleven Media Group, Myanmar red-cross members carry an injured victim during a clash between government troops and Kokang rebels in Kokang, northeastern Shan State

with China to strengthen stability in the border area." The incident came during an

upsurge in fighting between Myanmar government soldiers and ethnic Kokang re-

bels in Myanmar's northeast near the border with China. Myanmar presidential

spokesman Ye Htut confirmed the Beijing meeting but declined to comment on the Chinese statement.

"We have officially expressed our regrets about the casualties, but I am confident that this incident will not affect Myanmar-China friendly relations," Ye Htut told The Associated Press.

Myanmar had originally rejected China's claim that a Myanmar plane dropped a bomb that caused the deaths, although it agreed to the joint investigation. A Myanmar official suggested it could have been the work of a group seeking to create confusion.

The fighting involving ethnic rebels near the border has killed hundreds of Myanmar soldiers and sent thousands of refugees fleeing into China. That has threatened to further upset ties that have been strained in recent years by Myanmar's perceived shift toward the U.S.

Beijing has disavowed any links with the Kokang rebels, saying it respects Myanmar's sovereignty. Myanmar officials have said former Chinese soldiers have trained the rebels, an allegation the insurgents have denied. **AP**

TAIWAN

Farmers expanding into indoor LED-lit, pesticide-free fields

CHANG Chen-kai is part of Taiwan's new generation of high-tech farmers that is harnessing the island's technological edge in light-emitting diodes to grow vegetables indoors under bright LED lights.

Chang works in an air-conditioned "grow-room" at a plant factory operated by ARWIN, a biotechnology company, where plants grow in nutrient-filled water instead of soil and the temperature and humidity are controlled. LED lights imitate the cycle of night and day.

These high-tech indoor farms yield more crops per area than soil, and don't need traditional toxic pesticides. Plants grown under LED lights grow twice as fast because the intensity of lights and nutrients provided in the water, growers say.

"To grow vegetables in the water (under lights), you need less land," Chang said, and "you don't need pesticides."

Such plant factories are gaining popularity for raising everything from common lettuce to the exotic ice plant, a thick leafy vegetable from South Africa that looks like it has water bubbles on its leaves and can fetch USD400 per kilogram.

In recent years, Taiwanese manufacturers have been able to produce cheaper LED lights that consume less electricity and give off light that mimics the intensity and spectrum of sunlight.

TingMao Agricultural Biotechno-



A technician displays a clipping of a South African "Ice Plant", (*Mesembryanthemum crystallinum*), from under the LED light panels in the TingMao Agricultural Biotechnology grow room in Taipei

logy was an early pioneer, starting its plant factory in 2007, and today is the leading producer of LED-grown vegetables in Taiwan. It has also set up its own restaurant using vegetables from its factory to allow consumers to taste the vegetables themselves.

But Lily Chang, a food writer and professor at Innovative Institute of Technology, isn't convinced that LED-grown vegetables are as nutritious as those grown in soil.

"Natural soil-based plants get nutrients from soil," she said, that are "extremely difficult for us humans to manufacture."

Consumers should insist that the government to draw up regulations on the chemicals used in the water of LED-grown plants and hygienic standards, she said. **AP**

HONG KONG

British banker's murder case adjourned to May

Kelvin Chan, Hong Kong

A British banker accused of the murders of two Indonesian women appeared briefly yesterday in a Hong Kong court, where pretrial proceedings were adjourned for five more weeks as prosecutors requested more time.

Rurik Jutting is charged with the murders of Sumarti Ningsih on Oct. 27 and Seneng Mujiasih on Nov. 1.

Jutting called the police to his apartment on the edge of Hong Kong's Wan Chai nightlife and red light district, where they found the bodies of the two women, according to a police statement at the time.

Sumarti's body, with injuries to the neck, was found stuffed into a suitcase left on the upscale apartment's 31st floor balcony while Seneng's body had cuts to her neck and buttock. A knife was found at the scene.

When asked if he understood a list of charges amended to include Seneng's name, Jutting said "I do" to each charge but was otherwise expres-



Rurik Jutting, right, a British banker, sitting in a prison bus, leaves a court in Hong Kong

sionless.

Eastern Court magistrate Jason Wan adjourned the case until May 8 after prosecutors said they needed more time to file documents to make their case against Jutting.

Defense lawyer Tim Parker said "there seems to be some yo-yoing" on whether the prosecution is ready. But the judge said an adjournment is "not unusual and unreasonable for complicated cases like this one" which require a lot of medical documents.

The case is expected to

be committed to trial at Hong Kong's High Court.

Jutting, a Cambridge graduate, had worked for Bank of America Merrill Lynch in structured equity finance and trading. In November he was deemed fit to enter a plea based on the results of psychiatric reports but has yet to do so.

The victims had originally come to the Asian financial center to work as migrant domestic helpers but Seneng had let her domestic worker visa lapse and Sumarti had returned to Hong Kong on a tourist visa. **AP**

Hong Kong Exchange pledges to defend investors in mainland

Pakistan approves order for eight submarines from China



Eduard Gismatullin

HONG Kong Exchanges & Clearing Ltd. said it will help international investors defend their ownership rights should problems arise amid concerns about Chinese legal protections for shareholders.

The bourse amended its clearing rules last month, committing to provide certificates of ownership to investors who bought shares through Hong Kong's exchange link with Shanghai. HKEx said it would also help investors prove their ownership of mainland stocks.

"These amendments to the rules will reinforce the interests of foreign investors," said Marc-Andre Bechet, a legal director at the Association of the Luxembourg Fund Industry. Luxembourg is a home for investment funds with about USD3.7 trillion in net assets, according to ALFI. The changes "will be definitely welcomed by investment managers."

International funds need tangible proof they actually own the shares they've purchased. Such assurances

had been unclear with the bourse link, established last year to give foreigners unprecedented access to the Chinese equity market. In a December report, the Asia Securities Industry & Financial Markets Association said there was no clear system for confirming who owns Chinese stocks purchased through the Hong Kong exchange.

"Funds in the U.S. and Europe need to show that they've got good ownership title, they need to be able to enforce their shareholder rights," James Fok, HKEx's head of global strategy, said in an interview. "We are very comfortable with the fact that an investor holding their shares through HKSCC as a nominee has full and good legal title to their shares in the mainland." HKSCC stands for Hong Kong Securities Clearing Co., which is HKEx's clearing entity.

Executives from HKEx met fund managers from Luxembourg and Ireland last month to discuss investment through the link.

Luxembourg's financial regulator has given eight funds permission to use the program, according to Patrick Hommel, a member of the secretariat

general at the Commission de Surveillance du Secteur Financier.

Officials from the Central Bank of Ireland also met HKEx representatives, and the nation's financial regulator may soon grant its first approval to a fund to invest through the link, according to the Irish Funds Industry Association. The IFIA's Chief Executive Officer, Patrick Lardner, welcomed the changes, saying that they may encourage fund managers to start investing through Stock Connect.

Proving ownership of Chinese shares is so far the biggest outstanding issue that prevents many investors from using the link, said Ben Valentine, the head of pan-Asia electronic execution at Citigroup Inc. in Hong Kong.

Global investors have purchased about 41 percent of the aggregate 300 billion yuan (\$48.4 billion) quota of shares available through the link.

"Make no mistake, China is the market people are focused on," Valentine said. "Based on the assumption that all this stuff gets resolved, it's just going to be a bigger uptick in terms of the volume that we are going to see going into China." **AP**

PAKISTAN'S government has approved a deal to buy eight submarines from China, in what some analysts say will be the largest defense contract between the countries - and the biggest arms export deal for China.

Although officials from Pakistan's navy neither gave a price tag nor revealed the types of submarines being pursued, they confirmed a decision "in principle" during a hearing of the parliamentary defence committee in Islamabad.

A former senior Pakistan navy officer close to the talks said the contract could be worth USD4bn-5bn. "China has agreed again to fill a strategic gap," he said. "It was about time we placed an order."

Chinese analysts valued the deal at less than half that amount.

Islamabad has long been Beijing's top arms customer, driving China's emergence as a big exporter of military hardware. Pakistan bought more than 40 per cent of China's arms exports over the past five years, said the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute.

China's arms exports surged 143 per cent over the same period, making it the world's third-largest arms exporter, behind only the US and Russia.

Analysts in Islamabad say Beijing may have agreed to the deal to help counter the perceived threat from India, amid fears the country is building its navy to claim a presence in the Pacific.

"China has its own strategic reasons to help Pakistan in this area," said Ali Sarwar Naqvi, a former senior Pakistani diplomat. "As India prepares to head into the Pacific Ocean, the Chinese are looking to head into the Indian Ocean."

Ian Storey, at the Institute of Southeast Asian Studies in Singapore, agreed there was clear strategic rationale.

"India has been modernising and expanding its navy for over a decade now," he said. "While Pakistan can never close the gap between its own and India's conventional armed forces, submarines would provide the Pakistan navy with a credible deterrent." **MDT/FT Exclusive**

Eric Talmadge, Yokohama

DEFENSE

US hopes Japan navy will be more active in Pacific

EVEN as Japan remains divided over proposed changes in the role it should play in regional security issues, senior U.S. and Japanese military officers say they hope the Japanese navy may soon be freed up to play a more active role in the Pacific and beyond, plying some of the world's most hotly contested waters.

Vice Adm. Robert Thomas, commander of the U.S. Seventh Fleet, said he expects revisions headed for approval in Japan's parliament will make it easier for the Japanese and U.S. navies to cooperate more smoothly in the Indian and Pacific oceans and in "multilateral exercises across the region."

The proposed guidelines are important to Washington because Japan is the United States' closest and most stalwart ally in Asia. They come as Japan is already shifting its defense priorities from northern reaches near Russia to the East China Sea, where Tokyo and Beijing are locked in a dispute over a chain of uninhabited islands.

Japan is setting up an amphibious unit similar to the U.S. Marines to respond quickly to any invasion of those islands and is also planning to upgrade its air defenses with F-35 stealth fighters and Global Hawk drones.

One of the key strategic goals for Tokyo and Washington is to allow Japan to participate in what is known as collective self-defense, meaning that it would be able to come to the aid of an ally under attack even if that did not entail a direct attack on Japan or its own military.

"They have the capacity and the capability in international waters and international airspace anywhere on the globe. That's the important point," Thomas told reporters this week. "The decisions that are pending with regard to collec-

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An officer stands on the deck of the USS Blue Ridge during a port call in Yokohama, near Tokyo

tive self-defense will clearly allow the Japan Maritime Self-Defense Forces to interact with, frankly, a lot of international partners, not just the US Seventh Fleet, in a more flexible fashion."

China's air force recently held its first exercise in western Pacific Ocean, reportedly conducting drills between Taiwan and the Philippines. According to the Japanese Defense Ministry, Japanese fighters are also on track to set a new high for emergency scrambles against airspace incursions, increasingly by Chi-

nese aircraft.

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, wary of the expansion of the Chinese military, has been a major advocate of loosening postwar restrictions on Japan's military. Tokyo and Washington both want Japan to be able to send its troops farther from its shores with fewer restrictions and join in a wider range of activities, from humanitarian operations to exercises in more locations and with a broader range of partners.

"There are areas that we can't now do in a seamless way (with the Seventh Fleet), so

we hope that these areas will be improved in the process of formulating the guidelines," Vice Adm. Eiichi Funada, commander of the Japanese fleet, said alongside Thomas at the news conference on the deck of the Blue Ridge.

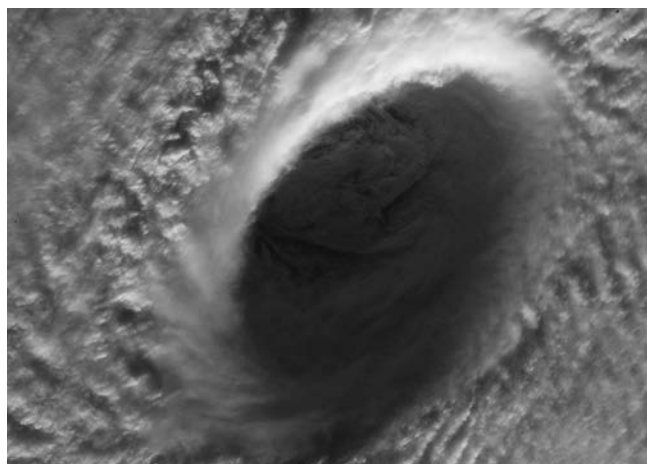
He said that Japan has been very concerned with the expansion of the Chinese military in recent years. "Their recent exercises were also a matter of attention for us. We are not sure what the exact significance of the exercises was, but as part of the expansion of the Chinese military, it

is something that we must watch with caution and continue to collect intelligence on."

Thomas was more cautious. "The fact that the PLAN — the Chinese navy — and the Chinese air force continue to expand operations in international waters and international airspace is a natural evolution for them," he said. "The Chinese navy and more and more the Chinese air force operate globally as do the Japanese as does the United States, as do many international navies with those kinds of capabilities." AP

Super typhoon weakens after entering Philippines

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Typhoon Maysak taken by astronaut Samantha Cristoforetti from the International Space Station

A super typhoon blamed for the deaths of at least four people on islands in the western Pacific Ocean has weakened after reaching Philippine waters and is expected to further lose strength as it approaches the country's northeastern coast, officials said.

Esperanza Cayanan, an officer of the government's weather bureau, said as of yesterday morning Typhoon May-

sak was 915 kilometers northeast of eastern Borongan city, packing winds of 175 kilometers per hour and gusts of up to 210 kph. It is moving northwest at 19 kph.

Officials said they had readied rescue teams and relief goods to prepare for Maysak's landfall tomorrow evening or early Sunday in northeastern Aurora or Isabela provinces and warned tourists headed to beaches for the Easter

holidays to exercise caution.

Storm surges of up to 3 meters tall are possible in the eastern coast, while moderate to heavy rains are expected within a 200-kilometer radius from the typhoon's eye.

The weather bureau is set to issue a low-level storm warning later Thursday for the eastern provinces, which will suspend sea travel. The military went on alert

Wednesday in the northern Philippines.

Cayanan said the storm was expected to weaken further after making landfall, and that it was possible it would be downgraded to a storm or tropical depression as it crosses land.

The typhoon threatens holiday plans in the predominantly Roman Catholic Philippines, where Filipinos travel to their home provinces and to resorts. AP

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TRAGIC EASTER IN KENYA

At least 15 dead, 60 wounded as gunmen attack university

AL-SHABAB gunmen attacked a college in northeast Kenya yesterday, targeting Christians and killing at least 15 people and wounding 60 others, witnesses said.

Even as security forces cornered the gunmen in a dormitory at Garissa University College where they could be holding hostages, survivors described to The Associated Press a harrowing scene, where people were mercilessly gunned down and bullets whistled through the air as they ran for their lives.

Collins Wetangula, the vice chairman of the student union, said he was preparing to take a shower when he heard gunshots coming from Tana dorm, which hosts both men and women, 150 meters away. The campus has six dorms and at least 887 students, he said.

He said that when he heard the gunshots he locked himself and three roommates in their room.

"All I could hear were footsteps and gunshots nobody was screaming because they thought this would lead the gunmen to know where they are," he said. "The gunmen were saying sisi ni al-Shabab (Swaihi for we are al-Shabab)," Wetangula said.

When the gunmen arrived at his dormitory he could hear them opening doors and asking if the people who had hidden inside whether they were Muslims or Christians.

"If you were a Christian you were shot on the spot," he said. "With each blast of the gun I thought I was going to die."

The gunmen started to shoot rapidly and it was as if there was an exchange of fire, he said.



Students of the Garissa University College take shelter in a vehicle after fleeing from an attack by gunmen in Garissa, Kenya

"The next thing, we saw people in military uniform through the window of the back of our rooms who identified themselves as the Kenyan military," Wetangula said. The soldiers took him and around 20 others to safety.

A spokesman for al-Shabab says it is responsible for the ongoing attack. Ali Mohamud Rage said in a radio broadcast that fighters from the group are conducting a "heavy" military operation inside the campus.

Kenya's security forces are trying to dislodge the gunmen from at least one dorm where the attackers could be holding hostages.

Michael Bwana, a 20-year-old student who fled the attack, said he and other survivors have been trying to call their trapped friends but their phones are switched off. Either the students tur-

ned off their phones for their own safety or the gunmen have seized the handsets, he said.

"Most of the people still inside there are girls," Bwana said, referring to the student dormitory in which gunmen are believed to be holding an unknown number of students.

One suspected extremist was arrested as he attempted to flee the scene, Interior Minister Joseph Nkaissery told a press conference in Nairobi.

Augustine Alanga, a 21-year-old student, described a panicked scene as gunshots rang out outside their dormitory in the pre-dawn hours when most people were asleep.

The shooting became more intense almost immediately, he told AP by phone. The heavy gunfire forced some students to stay indoors as others fled with gunmen firing at them.

He said he saw at least five heavily armed, masked gunmen.

"I am just now recovering from the pain as I injured myself while trying to escape. I was running barefoot," said Alanga, who was one of scores of students who managed to escape through barbed-wire fencing.

At the time the attack started

— 5:30 a.m. — morning prayers were underway at the university mosque, where students were not attacked, he said.

A mortuary attendant in the town of Garissa says at least 15 people have been killed and at some 60 were injured. The attendant saw the casualties arrive by ambulance. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to speak to the press.

Some of the more serious wounded were being flown to Nairobi, the capital, authorities said.

Local residents donated blood outside Garissa hospital in the shade of a tree.

The National Disaster Operations Center said on Twitter that three of four dorms have been evacuated, with the gunmen cornered in one dorm. No further details were immediately available and Kenya Defense Forces have surrounded the area, journalists said, impeding their access.

Terrified students streamed out of buildings, some young men shirtless, as arriving police officers hunkered down, taking cover. The gunmen had opened fire at guards upon arriving, triggering a "fierce shootout" with police guarding student dorms, Kenya's National Police Service said in a written statement.

Wetangula was among about 20 students who had been rescued by soldiers. One soldier instructed them to run at their

command and dive when they told them to when they got outside, he said.

"We started running and bullets were whizzing past our heads and the soldiers told us to dive," Wetangula said. He said the soldier told the students later that al-Shabab snipers were perched on a three story dormitory called the Elgon and were trying to shoot them.

Police and military surrounded the buildings and were trying to secure the area, police officer Musa Yego told AP.

Last week al-Shabab claimed responsibility for a deadly siege on a Mogadishu hotel in which at least 24 people, including six attackers, were killed. That attack lasted more than 12 hours as Somalia's security forces tried to dislodge gunmen who had taken control of parts of the Maka-al-Mukarramah hotel in the Somali capital.

Al-Shabab also attacked the Westgate Mall in Nairobi in 2013, killing dozens.

Kenya's northern and eastern regions, which are near the Somali border, have suffered many attacks blamed on the al-Qaida-linked Somali group, which has vowed retribution on Kenya for sending troops into Somalia to fight the militants. Kenya sent its troops there in 2011 to fight al-Shabab militants following cross-border attacks.

Last month, al-Shabab claimed responsibility for attacks in the county of Mandera on the Somali border in which twelve people died. Four of them died in an attack on the convoy of Mandera County Governor Ali Roba.

Police statistics show that 312 people have been killed in al-Shabab attacks in Kenya from 2012 to 2014. Thirty-eight people were killed and 149 wounded in Garissa in the same period. AP

KENYA PRESIDENT SAYS HOSTAGES TAKEN

KENYA'S PRESIDENT says hostages have been taken in the attack on a college in the northeastern town of Garissa. In a speech to the nation President Kenyatta Uhuru said: "I am saddened to inform the Nation that

early [yesterday], terrorists attacked Garissa University College killed and wounded several people and have taken others hostage." He said details would be forthcoming "in due course" from security officials.

If you were a Christian you were shot on the spot

STUDENT

UN REPORT

More than 25,000 foreigners fight with terrorists

THE number of fighters leaving home to join al-Qaida and the Islamic State group in Iraq, Syria and other countries has spiked to more than 25,000 from over 100 nations, according to a new U.N. report.

The panel of experts monitoring U.N. sanctions against al-Qaida said in the report obtained yes-

terday by The Associated Press that its analysis indicates the number of foreign terrorist fighters worldwide increased by 71 percent between mid-2014 and March 2015.

It said the scale of the problem has increased over the past three years and the flow of foreign fighters "is higher than it has ever been histori-

cally."

The overall number of foreign terrorist fighters has "risen sharply from a few thousand ... a decade ago to more than 25,000 today," the panel said in the report to the U.N. Security Council.

The report said just two countries have accounted for over 20,000 foreign fighters: Syria and

Iraq. They went to fight primarily for the Islamic State group but also the Al-Nusra Front.

Looking ahead, the panel said the thousands of foreign fighters who traveled to Syria and Iraq are living and working in "a veritable 'international finishing school' for extremists," as was the case in Afghanistan in the

1990s.

A military defeat of the Islamic State group in Syria and Iraq could have the unintended consequence of scattering violent foreign terrorist fighters across the world, the panel said. And while governments are focusing on countering the threat from fighters returning home, the panel said it's

possible that some may be traumatized by what they saw and need psychological help, and that others may be recruited by criminal networks.

In addition to Syria and Iraq, the report said Afghan security forces estimated in March that about 6,500 foreign fighters were active in the country. AP

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17:00	Variety
18:15	Brazil Avenue (Repeated)
19:00	TDM Talk Show (Repeated)
19:30	Soap Opera
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:30	Revenge S2
22:10	Brazil Avenue
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Portuguese Movie
01:00	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)

SATURDAY

10:40	Young Adult
11:30	Boonie Bears
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13:00	TDM News (Repeated)
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14:30	Soap Opera
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offbeat

AGAINST ALL ODDS: BRITISH COUPLE WIN A MILLION IN LOTTERY FOR 2ND TIME



A couple from northern England has defied the odds — again — by winning a million pounds (USD1.5 million) in the lottery for a second time.

David and Kathleen Long won the money — and a car — in the EuroMillions Mega Friday Draw, having already scooped up 1 million pounds in 2013.

Lottery operator Camelot said this week the couple beat odds of 283-billion-to-1.

David Long says he played his usual numbers and watched in amazement as they came up. His wife, Kathleen, had to verify them. Since then, it's all been a blur.

The retired truck driver says the win means he'll probably take his wife on a cruise — as he's run out of excuses not to go now. A party is also planned.

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Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 137min



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ROOM 2

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Director: Lau Ho-leung

Starring: Francis Ng, Simon Yam, Leo Ku, Patrick Tam, Cheng Ho-nam

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 103min



HOME_

ROOM 2

4.05 pm

Director: Tim Johnson

Language: Chinese (English)

Duration: 94min



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(3D) 9.30 pm

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Duration: 92min

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Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 137min

this day in history



1954 OXFORD WINS 100TH BOAT RACE

Oxford has won the 100th Boat Race in rough conditions on the River Thames.

The victorious Dark Blues beat Cambridge — also known as the Light Blues — by four-and-a-half lengths despite windy conditions and rough waters along the four-and-a-quarter mile (6.84km) course from Putney to Mortlake.

The Dark Blues, who have won the race just 11 times in the last 38 races, must now be hoping today's victory in a winning time of 20 minutes, 23 seconds, will turn the tide.

The Oxford team began the race in the lead despite a lighter average weight than their rivals (12st 4lbs vs 12st 11lbs).

They had won the toss and chose to start the race from the Surrey station with Cambridge setting off from the Middlesex station.

It was a close contest until about half way through the race when Oxford surged ahead.

The increasingly rough weather conditions did nothing to dampen the Oxford crew's quest for victory.

By the time the Dark Blues reached the Chiswick steps they were 11 seconds ahead and the result of the race already seemed in little doubt.

For a fleeting moment, off Duke's Meadows, it looked as if Cambridge might make a last dash for victory but Oxford kept them at bay.

Oxford crossed the finish line at 34 strokes per minute after averaging an impressive 30 throughout the race.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

The first Oxford and Cambridge boat race took place on 10 June 1829 - Oxford won.

Originally held at Henley, it was briefly moved to a route between Westminster Bridge and Putney.

It has taken place along its current route, between Putney and Mortlake, since 1836.

The Boat Race did not become an annual event until 1856 since which time Oxford has won 70 out of a total 148 races staged.

The record time on the current course was set by Cambridge in 1998 at 16mins 19secs.

The only dead heat in the history of the race came in 1877 when both teams completed the race in exactly 24mins 8secs.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 Things may be going wrong, but keep them on the surface...

Taurus April 20-May 20 Money certainly doesn't hurt popularity, it's true, but not having any shouldn't kill your social life...

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 Now that things are slower, so you have the time to do more calculating. That can be every bit as satisfying as making money hand-over-fist...

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 When things are not going smoothly, people tend to bail. They're like rats leaving a sinking ship, or are they like dogs before an earthquake?

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 What to do, what to do? You could spend your time watching for plotters or put all your remaining money into antiques...

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 It's like a free for all, with people running in all directions. So don't spend time considering different views, unless it's out of simple intellectual curiosity.

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 Changes are unsettling and the ripples go deep. They're turning into a downright rumbling! You ain't seen nothing yet...

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 It's easy to radiate power and confidence when all is going well, but when the needle is starting to point down, it's a lot harder.

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 Your subconscious, it turns out, isn't quite as active as you assumed. You never imagined in your wildest dreams a financial situation this moody or a portfolio growing so slowly.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 You just can't detach from the bad news. There are other things out there worth thinking about, but you'll never remember them unless you break away.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Picture yourself on a conveyor belt that suddenly stops. Your career has slowed down while your deep feelings about it haven't.

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 Be careful in business dealings. The financial world is in turmoil, so the silt and sand that had dropped to the bottom is suddenly swirling around you.

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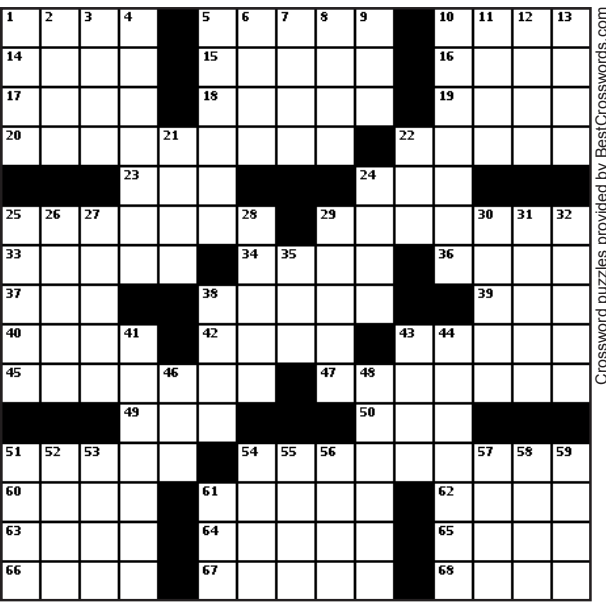
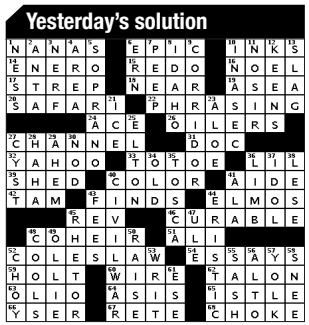
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EPL PREVIEW

Liverpool looks to stay in top-4 race

Steve Douglas, AP Sports Writer

Saturday, 7:45pm
Arsenal v Liverpool
H 1.86, D 3.9, A 4.6

LIVERPOOL could slip out of realistic contention for Champions League qualification with a loss at Arsenal tomorrow as the Premier League returns from the international break with a significant match in the race for the top four.

A 2-1 home defeat to Manchester United ended Liverpool's 13-match unbeaten run in the league that had lifted last season's runner-up from mid-table to the brink of the top four.

It left Liverpool five points behind fourth-place United and six off third-place Arsenal, and there is no more room for error with just eight games left in the campaign.

Liverpool's season could be unravelling at just the wrong time, with captain Steven Gerrard suspended for three matches after his red card against United, top striker Daniel Sturridge injured again with a hip problem and the team's form dipping in its last three games before the international break.

And preparations for tomorrow's game at Emirates Stadium were hardly helped by comments from its best young player, Raheem Sterling, who said Wednesday that he would hold off on discussing a new contract until the end of the season when he has a better idea about Liverpool's future. By saying his focus is on winning trophies over money — "I don't want to be perceived as a money-grabbing 20-year-old," he told the BBC — Sterling's future may have to lie somewhere else than Anfield.

While the two-week break for



Manchester United's Chris Smalling, left, points to Liverpool's Mario Balotelli after a collision during the English Premier League soccer match between Liverpool and Manchester United at Anfield Stadium

European Championship qualifiers and friendlies perhaps came at a good time for Liverpool, it probably frustrated United.

Impressive wins against Tottenham and Liverpool restored belief in Louis van Gaal's team, which could be eight points clear in fourth by the end of the 31st round of games if it beats Aston Villa at Old Trafford.

Chelsea takes a six-point lead — plus a game in hand — into its home match against Stoke tomorrow and Manchester City visits Crystal Palace on Monday, by which the champions may have lost second place to Arsenal or United.

United's resurgence has coin-

cided with Juan Mata's return to the team, with the Spain playmaker scoring twice against Liverpool and also impressing in the 3-0 win against Spurs.

Saturday, 10:00pm
Man U v Aston Villa
H 1.33, D 5.9, A 12.5

Angel Di Maria, who cost United nearly USD100 million last summer and captained Argentina in midweek, is finding it difficult to get back in the team after suspension because of Mata's form.

"I check the calendar and I see four big games for us in April: Aston Villa, Manchester City,

Chelsea and Everton," Mata said. "All of them are big clubs and we want to show that we can beat them (and) getting close to our goal (of qualifying for the Champions League)."

United has won five games in a row. Villa's run of three straight wins under new manager Tim Sherwood was ended by Swansea last time out.

Sunday, 8:30pm
Burnley v Tottenham
H 1.33, D 5.9, A 12.5

Sixth-place Tottenham isn't quite out of the running for the top four and much will depend

on the continued strong form of Harry Kane, who is on the brink of an impressive club milestone.

The 21-year-old Kane has 29 goals in all competitions in his breakthrough season and needs one more to become the first Tottenham player since Gary Lineker in 1991-92 to reach 30 goals in a single campaign.

It could come on Sunday against Burnley, which Spurs have beaten in the league and the FA Cup this season. Kane and Chelsea's Diego Costa are the league's top scorers with 19 goals each.

Tottenham is seventh, six points behind United.

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GOING BACK TO POLITICS

Politics in many a modern polity seems to have become taboo; a notion somewhat perceived as coming from the past, when ideologies reigned and ultimately proved to be the inspiration for some of the deadliest man-made catastrophes of the twentieth century. Religions are today being used as political repertoire by some organizations for which “-ism” soon become “-ist”, but far from speculating on the specific workings of better tomorrows and more egalitarian polities, radical political movements inspired by twisted reinterpretation of religion are “merely” contesting an existing political order and thus protest more than they propose. Clearly, it is a mistake to allow radicals exclusive recourse to politics.

In Macao, politics has often been reduced to politicking — the last vivid memory we have of radicalism dates back to 1966. Since the handover, most of the promises made by our executive-led government have provided perfect illustrations for the expression “vanishing in thin air”. Simply looking at policy addresses, the buzzword for the economy up to 2003 had been “restructuring”, and starting as early as November 2013, less than two years after the liberalization of gambling, this was replaced by the sacred requirement for “diversification”. In 2015, we are still dominated by the imperative to diversify, only this time under a period of “adjustment” corresponding to a “new normal” with an ultimate objective of “sustainable development”, and this no longer for the sole benefit of Macao but China. Mind you, we belong to a wider community and syphoning hundreds of billions of renminbi (the people’s money) for more than a decade had to come at a price, especially when the new head of state regards the fight against corruption as a question of survival.

Talking about “diversification”, the economist Albano Martins recently reminded us that total earnings from the MICE industry for a whole year equated to the revenues of “three hours of gambling”! No wonder Lionel Leong is betting on the development of traditional medicine in Hengqin as the way to go: not in Macao and not now!

In many democracies, promises made during electoral campaigns get buried when confronted by the reality of governing in an ever more interdependent global environment. Let’s be honest, quite a significant number of pledges made while on the campaign trail are rather theatrical: a former French president, Jacques Chirac, once said that promises were only binding for those who listen to them, and he got elected twice! Yet, issues get debated, alternatives envisioned and if a government defaults too much on its commitments, it ultimately gets sacked. In August last year while running unopposed for a new mandate, the last point on Mr Chui’s program was to further democratic development in Macao. Of course, this is only second to “sunshine policies” (meaning transparent and without corruption) and “scientific governance” (meaning based on rationality, due processes and benchmarking).

The greatest achievements in democratic development in Macao has been the suppression of the electoral registration card in order to fight electoral corruption, and the addition of a few seats in both the Legislative Assembly and the Chief Executive Election committee in order to improve representation of the people. Even mitigated by more popular forms of consultation, I sincerely doubt that these have proven successful, on either account.

Now, the newly appointed secretary for Administration and Justice, Sonia Chan, is promising to make the “indirectly elected” seats at the Assembly more competitive, the consultative committees of all hues more diverse and to establish a renewed form of municipal organization. What is at stake, and this is precisely why we have a brand new government, is to partially get rid of “vested interests”, the one thing that has crippled the healthy development of Macao for the past 15 years. But, beyond the letter of the Basic Law, why be scared of entrusting these revamped entities with political power? Just as legal changes are often not a matter of public opinion, as perfectly pointed out by Leonel Alves, grooming a new generation of leaders requires they be entrusted with authority.

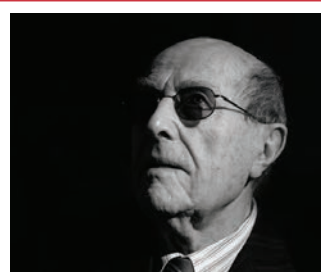
THE BUZZ MANOEL DE OLIVEIRA, PORTUGAL
DIRECTOR, DEAD AT 106

Manoel de Oliveira, a celebrated Portuguese movie director believed to be the world’s oldest filmmaker, has died. He was 106.

The city council of Porto, where Oliveira was born and lived, announced his death last night on its website. It did not provide further details. Olivei-

ra’s career began with a silent documentary about Porto, Portugal’s second-largest city. He made more than 30 feature films and dozens of short films and documentaries.

He was over 100 years old when his last feature, “Gebo and The Shadow,” came out in 2012.



Antiquities looted from India end up at Honolulu museum



One of seven stolen artifacts that were on display at the Honolulu Museum of Art is shown in a secure room of the museum’s basement

Jennifer S. Kelleher, Honolulu

AN international investigation into antiquities looted from India and smuggled into the United States has taken authorities to the Honolulu Museum of Art.

The museum yesterday (Macao time) handed over seven rare artifacts that it acquired without museum officials realizing they were ill-gotten items. Agents from the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement will take the items back to New York and, from there, eventually return them to the government of India.

U.S. customs agents say the items were taken from religious temples and ancient Buddhist sites, and then allegedly smuggled to the United States by an art dealer. The dealer, Subhash Kapoor, was arrested in 2011 and is awaiting trial in India. Officials say Kapoor created false provenances for the illi-

cit antiquities.

Someone on vacation visiting the museum last year recognized the name of Kapoor’s New York gallery as the source of a 2,000-year-old terra cotta rattle and contacted authorities, said Stephan Jost, the museum’s director. Museum officials then pored over their records and determined six other Indian items had ties to Kapoor.

Kapoor donated one of the items and sold five to the museum, Jost said. One was a gift from someone else.

Agents are hailing the Honolulu museum for being the first U.S. institution to publicly and easily cooperate with the investigation, dubbed “Operation Hidden Idol,” involving four arrests and the recovery of thousands of pieces worth a total of USD150 million.

“Owning stolen stuff is not part of our mission,” Jost said. “I’m not sure we’ve done

anything heroic. We just want to do the right thing.”

Jost watched as agents inspected the items — the rattle, figurines, architectural fragments and tiles — and them hauled them in packed crates into a truck.

Martinez stressed there’s no culpability on the museum’s part, as it wasn’t aware of the items’ provenance when it acquired them between 1991 and 2003.

American art museums are becoming more rigorous in vetting the history of objects they acquire, Jost said. “Could we have done a better job? Sure,” he said. “Were we a victim? Yes.”

It’s not uncommon for unsavory dealers to donate ill-gotten items for tax benefits and other reasons, said Homeland Security Investigations Special Agent Brenton Easter. He’s part of a group of agents in New York that focus on cultural property crime whose work includes dismantling the organizations behind the crimes and repatriating the seized pieces.

Some institutions are reluctant to come forward, partly because of the financial loss involved, Easter said.

It’s very rare for evidence to come to light to show a museum has items that were illegally obtained, said James Cuno, president and CEO of the J. Paul Getty Trust. **AP**

Station	Air quality	
Roadside	20-40 Good	
High Density Residential Area	20-40 Good	
Ambient	25-45 Good	

SOURCE: DSMG

WORLD BRIEFS



YEMEN Security officials say Shiite rebels and their allies have captured the presidential palace in Aden following heavy clashes in the commercial center of this southern coastal city. Yesterday’s capture came despite week-long airstrikes in Yemen by a Saudi-led coalition trying to halt the advance of the rebels known as Houthis.

AFGHANISTAN A suicide bomber attacked an anti-corruption demonstration in eastern Afghanistan yesterday, killing 16 people and wounding up to 60, officials said. The explosion in the eastern city of Khost wounded a local member of parliament, Hamayun Hamayoon.

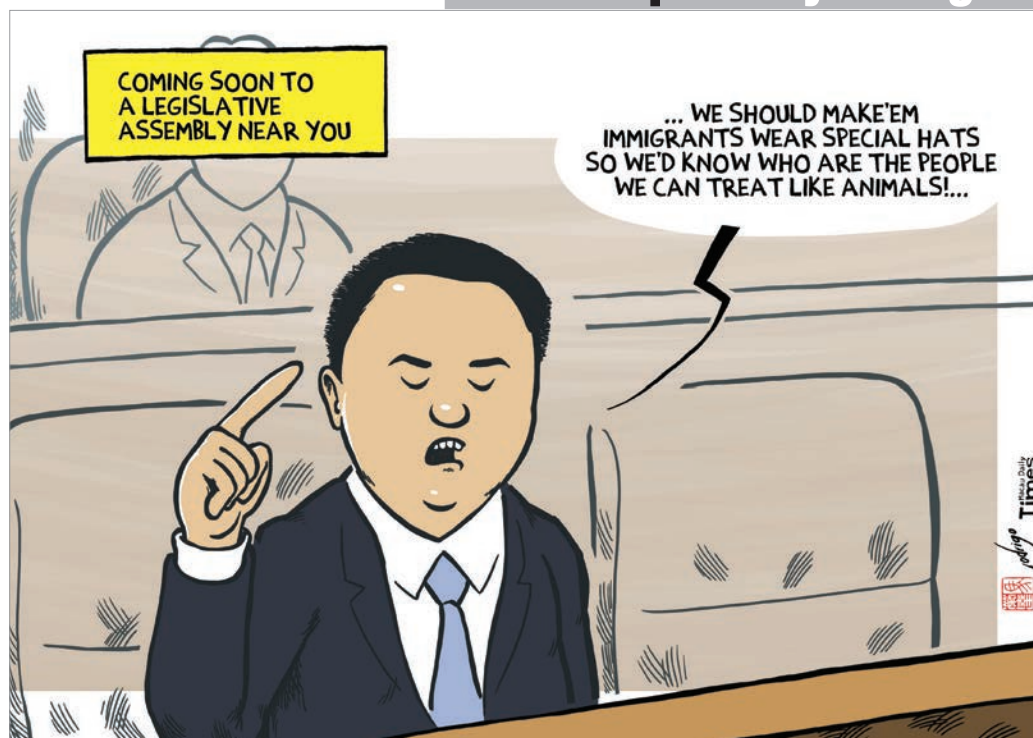
GERMANY Germanwings said yesterday it was unaware that the co-pilot of its plane which crashed in the French Alps last week had suffered from depression during his pilot training. “We didn’t know this,” said Vanessa Torres, a spokeswoman for the Lufthansa subsidiary, which hired Lubitz in September 2013.

USA Faced with lowest snow level in the Sierra Nevada snowpack in 65 years of record-keeping, California’s governor orders officials to impose statewide mandatory water restrictions for the first time in history.



USA Joni Mitchell’s famous fans are voicing their support and worry for the folk song icon while she is hospitalized in Los Angeles. “Harry Potter” star Emma Watson said Wednesday on Twitter: “heard about Joni and haven’t been able to concentrate all morning. So hope she’s doing ok.”

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