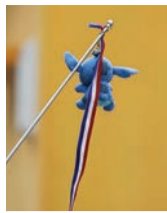




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## WORLD BRIEFS

**CHINA** A pilot said yesterday that he is anxious but excited about flying a solar plane solo from China to Hawaii on the longest leg of the first attempt to fly around the world without a drop of fuel. André Borschberg, 62, is due to fly over the Pacific Ocean for five days and five nights in the plane that has more than 17,000 solar cells on its wings to power its motors and recharge its batteries for nighttime flying.

**MALDIVES** A court in the Maldives on Saturday ordered three opposition leaders and 172 of their supporters detained further after they were arrested for violence during a protest demanding the president to resign and freedom for a jailed ex-president. With the court order the entire opposition leadership behind Friday's anti-government protests is detained.



**GERMANY** Chancellor Angela Merkel is commemorating the 70th anniversary of the liberation of the Dachau concentration camp along with survivors and some of the U.S. soldiers who were there at the time.

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## CULTURE

# Arts Festival kicks off 26th edition

**T**HE 26th Macao Arts Festival kicked off on Friday evening with the Asian premiere of "Lied Ballet" at the Macau Cultural Centre.

The president of the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC), Ung Vai Meng, stated at the opening ceremony that "having already become an important cultural event in the territory and within the region, the Macao Arts Festival's current goal is to lead aesthetic appreciation and promote the development of the local arts."

He acknowledged that the annual event "continues to introduce a variety of avant-garde works, such as tonight [Friday night]'s opening show, Lied Ballet, which is aimed at challenging the customs of aesthetic appreciation as well as broadening the artistic horizons of the public."

The Festival, "by supporting and promoting the development of local productions, has succeeded in establishing a solid and broad exchange and showcase platform, allowing local artists to fully display their talent," added the official.

The opening show was presented by the Centre Choréographique National de Tours from France. Following the show, its

choreographer Thomas Lebrun led the audience in a dance at an outdoor party held at the CCM, as a special session to celebrate the inauguration.

This year, the Festival will comprise of more than 100 events, including 30 shows and exhibitions along with an outreach program, taking place throughout the month.

Among the highlights: a wooden robotic puppet that has specifically been created for the artificial ecological theatre in the family performance "Savanna - A Possible Landscape," which explores the relationship between technology, human beings and nature with the audience. Another is "Memory Blueprint II," a local production presented by Soda-City Experimental Workshop Arts Association with dance performances, music and visual effects, which reflects the concerns and expectations regarding Macau's urban development. Furthermore, a Dirks Theatre Arts Association show, "Protean Cities," recounts a very personal life experience through the creation of a sense of empathy and affinity in the audience while portraying the many facets of urban life.

"We hope that the participa-

ting artists and audience can, through cultural interactivity with the artists, find the true meaning of the rich art vocabulary as well as give rise to a spiritual exchange," said Ung Vai Meng. **BY**

## MUSIC

# Katy Perry wraps up two concerts in Macau



**P**OP music sensation Katy Perry successfully wrapped up two concerts in Macau's Cotai Arena on Friday and Saturday night.

According to a press release issued by The Venetian Macao "the dynamic show attracted more than 10,000 enthusiastic fans who were enchanted by Katy's energetic and visually stimulating performance with The Dolls (DJ Mia Moretti + Margot) as special guests."

The shows were part of the "Prismatic World Tour," that has sold out many venues across the world. The tour is in support of "Prism," Katy Perry's latest best-selling platinum album.

The pop superstar kicked off Friday night's show with her biggest selling single "Roar" from her most recent

album. She also performed her 13th top ten hit on the Billboard Hot 100, "Dark Horse", fuelling the crowd's enthusiasm. In addition to her new songs, the audience was able to enjoy Katy singing some of her greatest hits, including "Firework", "Teenage Dream" and "I Kissed A Girl".

Katy Perry started the Asian part of the tour on April 18 in Guangzhou, and will also perform in Manila, Jakarta, Bangkok and Singapore after two shows in Macau.

"Sands China is very pleased to welcome global pop superstar Katy Perry to The Venetian Macao for her first-ever concert in Macau at the world-class Cotai Arena," said Dave Horton, global chief marketing officer of Las Vegas Sands Corp. & Sands China Ltd.

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# Nepalese community baffled at government's silence on quake aid

**T**HE Macau government has allegedly not responded to the Nepalese migrant community's repeated pleas for them to provide support to Nepal's disaster relief operations, said Sudarshan Thapa Magar, president of the Non-Resident Nepali Association Macau (NRNA).

The Nepalese community leader said that he sent requests to several public departments for aid soon after the devastating earthquake struck the country on April 25. However, one week later no answers have been given.

"Maybe tomorrow [Monday] I will see someone at 11 o'clock at the Office of the Chief Executive," he told the Times yesterday.

The president said he felt surprised at the local government's unresponsiveness, given the international aid offers that are coming one after another, but had no idea why "until now, the Macau government is quiet."

"The Chinese government and every other country now help, except the Macau government: why? Please, I request of the Macau government, can they announce some help?" he pleaded.

Macau's neighboring SAR, Hong Kong, has announced a funding proposal of HKD50 million by the government in aid to the earthquake-struck region. Its CE, Leung Chun-ying, also stated that the government would provide disaster relief and financial support, and called for citizens' attention and help.

Meanwhile, more international aid is pouring into the quake-jolted country, where millions of people are in desperate need of disaster relief as rescue and relief efforts continue to reach remote areas.

"If the Macau government still doesn't respond, I want to meet with the CE Chui Sai On, and try to see what's going on," said Mr Magar.

The Macau government's response to humanitarian crises happening in the region (excluding China) has not always been steadfast. Its relief support and message of sympathy to the Philippines after the destruction of typhoon Haiyan in early



Chinese rescuers carry the body of a victim at a building collapse site on the outskirts of Kathmandu, Nepal

November 2013 were provided three weeks after the disaster, following public outcry.

Nevertheless, the Nepalese immigrant leader recognized that local citizens and companies have shown more support.

Last Thursday, the Henry Fok Foundation donated HKD1m to Nepal for disaster reconstruction through the Macau Commissioner's Office of the Chinese Foreign Ministry.

The death toll from the 7.9-magnitude earthquake has

climbed to reach 7,057 and the number of injured has surpassed 14,000 as of yesterday.

At sunset on Friday, about a hundred Nepalese migrants gathered for a candlelight vigil held at the A-Ma Temple, in memory of those affected by the

earthquake.

The Times contacted the Government Spokesperson's Office yesterday. Given the fact that it is estimated that 4,000 Nepalis live and work in Macau and that countless countries and regions in the world are providing help (including China), we asked whether the local government intends to send

**“The Chinese government and every other country now help, except the Macau government: why?”**

SUDARSHAN THAPA MAGAR

funds (or other kinds of aid) to Kathmandu. The Times also inquired if the slow response to humanitarian crises that happen in the region (excluding China) could be attributed to the fact that the MSAR doesn't have the competence to deal with foreign affairs and thus eventually needs to wait for China's approval before sending help.

The Spokesperson's Office replied yesterday evening stating that after contacting several public departments, no records of a "formal written request" for financial support from the Non-Resident Nepali Association Macau had been received. An office representative also revealed that the meeting at the CE Office mentioned by Mr Sudarshan Thapa Magar "is not confirmed."

\*with Paulo Barbosa

## More int'l aid pours into quake-jolted Nepal

**T**HE international community has sent more aid to the earthquake-hit Himalayan country, as the full scale of the disaster becomes more apparent.

Apart from the climbing death toll and injuries, the disaster has also driven tens of thousands of people into open spaces and temporary camps in the Kathmandu valley and the rest of the worst-affected districts. Moreover, the risk of disease outbreaks remains and is only expected to grow.

According to the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), around 1.7 million children are now in urgent need of immediate aid in the worst-hit areas.

In response, the organization launched a USD50.35 million appeal to get humanitarian assistance to children and their families. It has delivered 29 tons of humanitarian supplies including tents, water purification ta-

blets and first-aid kits.

As of Friday, China has earmarked two rounds of humanitarian aid worth 60 million yuan for Nepal. More than 350 Chinese engineers, doctors and rescue workers are now working on the ground.

Neighboring regions such as Singapore have also deployed search and rescue personnel and facilities, as well as food and medical supplies. The Myanmar government is arranging a special aircraft to transport foodstuff and other relief goods weighing over six tons into the country.

On Friday, the United States announced the deployment of helicopters to support US humanitarian assessments and the delivery of supplies to hard-hit areas. Before that, the country had pledged USD12.5 million in humanitarian aid and a nearly 130-person response team along with 45 tons of cargo.

### SURVEY

## Youth Federation's poll notes half in favor of national education

**T**HE result of a survey conducted by the Macao Youth Federation concluded that almost 52 percent of respondents do not believe that the equality of implementation of national education is an

attempt to brainwash the city.

The poll was conducted from March 30 to April 3, with 501 telephone interviews completed. Only 20 percent of those surveyed agreed that the implementation of national

education in schools was equivalent to controlling students' mindset about the country.

However, the survey also indicated that despite whether or not the respondents could tell the difference between

"national education" and "education of national circumstances," the vast majority still expressed favorable responses in regards to the necessity of pushing for similar education for local students to broaden

their understanding of the country.

During a news conference yesterday, Lei Chi U, a representative from the federation and also a manager of a program for local youth to improve engagement

in political discussion, dispelled the accusation from the media that those who when surveyed were unaware of the difference between the above two types of education might not be "blindly supportive".

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## Kwan Tsui Hang slams gov't for outsourcing housing

**T**HE directly elected lawmaker Kwan Tsui Hang has criticized the government for addressing local housing demand chiefly with land situated outside the city. Speaking on TDM's forum show held yesterday, she urged the government to roll out effective measures to alleviate the high population density in the territory too.

Her criticism came when yesterday morning's discussion touched on the acute shortage of housing units in the city.

"How many kilometers can reclamation generate? [The projects] would finish only many years later," said Kwan, "If [the population] continues to grow at the current rate, it would be more full on the land reclaimed. All the roads and transport [links] would not be able to support [the growing population]."

Yet, the palpable pressure on local population for Li Jiazeng, a scholar from the City University of Macau on economic development, was merely medium-high level, which he called nowhere close to "serious." His conclusion was made after comparing Macau

with the Indian city of Bombay and Dhaka in Bangladesh, as well as some other Chinese mainland cities.

The 65-year-old policymaker, who objected to Li's viewpoint, stressed that the current population is growing at an unreasonable speed, which the authorities and society should be highly concerned about.

Another forum participant was the president of the New Macau Association, Sulu Sou, who also derided the mainland scholar's comparison. He then questioned what the city would become after all the social-related facilities were relocated outside to the mainland. By that time, as he said, even Macau's cultural identity would also be compromised.

"If we moved all the residential homes for the aged, schools, clinics and enterprises to Hengqin, what's left in Macau? Macau's local culture and history would [subsequently] disappear?"

Currently, the city's population per square kilometer reached 20,500 people, which has made it rank among the top regions with the highest population density in the world.

### TOURISM

## Attack on tour guide by four tourists causes local protest

**A** mainland tour guide has been sent to hospital after being beaten up by four of his tour members in Macau over the weekend due to "irrational" self-funded items on their itinerary. The physical violence has prompted a local tour guide-led protest outside a police station close to Tap Seac Square.

The conflict broke out on Saturday at noon at Lotus Square, where the four mainland tourists on a low-budget trip from Harbin to Macau and Hong Kong reportedly became unsatisfied with their itinerary, which required the participants to pay MOP200 before they could visit local casinos. During the squabble, it is alleged that the three angry men and one woman punched

the tour leader in the head.

The mainland tourists' violent behaviour has triggered a protest at the entrance of the police station, where nearly 100 local tour guides voiced their support for the wounded worker and denounced the uncivilized assault. The protesters also urged the local tourist office (MGTO) to protect the safety of local tourism industry workers.

The authorities have already charged the four mainland assaulters and sent them to the Public Prosecutions Office. MGTO officials said that they would soon report the incident to the tourism ministry. Last month, the central government signed in a new law to punish Chinese tourists who commit uncivilized deeds while abroad. **Staff reporter**

## 'Kai Fong' wants Canidrome shut down

**L**OCAL citizens residing near the Canidrome, along with a branch of the Macau General Union of the Neighborhood Associations (known as "Kai Fong"), have urged government authorities to remove the greyhound-racing arena from their neighborhood due to enduring noise pollution, TDM English News reported.

Some residents have acknowledged that their daily lives have been greatly impacted by persistent dog barking coming from the racing venue, which is located in an almost residential area.

"It isn't stinky, but it's noisy. Our flat faces the street and we can't sleep well. Dogs bark like ghosts," said one female resident dwelling across from the dog-racing venue. "We have become accustomed to it and we won't sleep near the street. We will sleep on the other side [of our flat]."

Another local senior, who claimed to have just moved



into his new flat in close proximity to the Canidrome, told the journalist that the haunting noise almost made him find a new home.

"I have no choice since I just moved here two years ago, the barking makes me want to sell my flat. I want to but I can't," said the old resident.

Yet, for multiple vendors running their stalls across the street, the removal of the dog-racing venue might impact their businesses, as there would be fewer visitors dropping by the area as a result, said a hawkker.

The President of the "Kai Fong" Association for the Fai Chi Kei District, Chiang Kam Hong, stressed that the venue relocation could also

give way to some social facilities beneficial to the neighborhood's development.

"We may build a sports center, a car park and a playground instead. The north district lacks these facilities. Besides, there are many schools and youngsters in the district, and there aren't enough facilities for them."

Ho Wai Tim, a member of the Environmental Consultative Committee, proposed that the greyhound-racing be moved indoors if possible to minimize the possible impact on the surrounding neighborhood.

"The government should think of ways to update the facilities and what the demands are that the Canidrome needs to meet. We may consider indoor dog-racing, so that the barking won't disturb residents and we may purify the smell before emitting it. In this way, the largest concern of the community could be solved."

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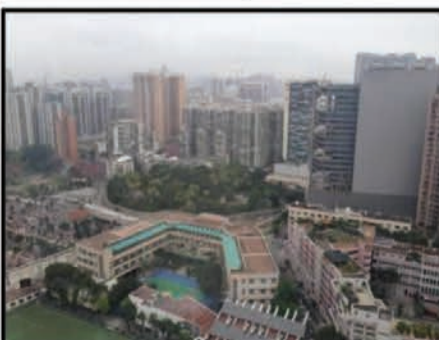


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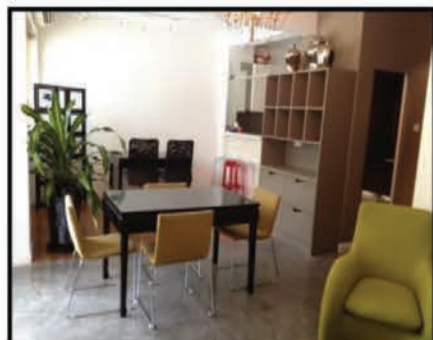


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**A**BOUT 1,800 protesters took to the streets on Friday to mark this year's Labor Day. Amid the downturn in the city's dominant industry and expectations of the new government cabinet, long-lasting protester appeals such as those for local workers' employment security, housing security and a fairer welfare system, stood out amongst the various May Day petitions.

Workers from various sectors, especially gaming and transportation employees, as well as public sector workers, who are at the bottom of the pyramidal public system, launched their demonstrations in association with 13 trade unions and civic groups. Nine processions formed by these groups rallied at a variety of venues in the Northern District and Tap Seac Square, before marching to the government headquarters to petition the Chief Executive (CE) Chui Sai On.

About five hundred drivers from the bus, taxi and cargo transportation services as well as a motorcade of 47 vehicles took to the streets in the morning, urging the government to regulate the cross-border drivers hired from the mainland and also to uphold its policy of banning non-locals from working as professional drivers. Additionally, the protesters appealed for better remuneration and welfare for drivers, as well as better transportation facilities in the city.

In addition, about two hundred taxi drivers from the Taxi Drivers' Rights Association launched their protest in the afternoon, urging the government to reform the taxi license bidding system. Criticizing the current system where "whoever pays the most gets the license," a leader of the union, Mr Chao, complained to the Times that it has caused a monopoly in the sector and forced drivers to pay high rents in order to remain in the industry.

The group also strongly protested the influx of migrant workers who are being employed as casino workers, as they fear the continuing industry downturn has led employers to prepare for future downsizing. However, this year's march saw a significant decline in gaming workers' turnout compared to last year.

Director of the Gaming Employees Advance Association, Willies Chen, was surprised at the turnout from his association, when only dozens of protesters showed up instead of the anticipated several hundreds. Jeong Man Teng, an activist leading the Forefront of Macau Gaming (FMG), also acknowledged the decline in his fellow demonstrators. He explained to the Times that many workers have been deterred from such social movement by the potential threat of being sacked from their job, while the few hundreds still willing to voice out see it as a critical mo-



# Labor Day protesters demand employment security and wealth sharing

ment to hold their defense.

The protesters shouted out slogans such as "Having earned hundreds of billions, casino companies have lost their memories," or: "Casino management bullies frontline workers." They fear that some casino operators might have been warming up for employee layoffs by picking on minor mistakes by workers and

**I think the appeals are even more diversified this year**

NG KUOK CHEONG

issuing an abnormal amount of warning letters.

According to Jeong, some pitch managers are being forced to submit a daily list of subordinates who have made a mistake at work, and some frontline workers have been sacked after receiving two to three warning letters. "From the complaints we received, it seems some casinos are issuing 60 to 70 warning letters in a day," he said.

Some marchers stressed that such measures have beaten down workers' morale and put them under great stress. They therefore appealed for "stability," urging the authorities to reduce labor imports whilst putting an exit

mechanism into place. Moreover, Willies Chen stressed that the government's growth cap on gambling tables of 3 percent annually should be tightened to "a complete cease." The leader of the Confederation of Trade Unions, Ms Cloee Chao also added that they are demanding legislation on trade union law to entitle workers a right to collaborative negotiation.

Besides employment security, workers from different sectors also called for better remuneration and healthier working conditions, including "immediate legislation on full smoking bans," "night-shift working subsidies," "compensation for overlapped public holidays," "pay rises at the same rate as inflation," "housing subsidies," and "retirement security."

"Workers' tolerance has a limit. It is absolutely unacceptable if the citizens, especially the workers, cannot benefit from Macau's economic development," stated lawmaker Kwan Tsui Hang at the Macau Federation of Trade Unions (FAOM)'s rally in Friendship Square. The FAOM leader stressed that the Federation has rarely rallied on Labor Day in recent years, but it now considers it necessary to take a stance on protecting local worker's rights, due to the "overflow of migrant workers."

Hoping to "share the economic outcome with society," the Associação dos Funcionários de Nível Básico de Macau (a low-skilled civil servant association) also

emphasized grassroots workers' demands to be equal with civil servants, in terms of welfare and retirement security. The union took to the street for the first time, hoping that the public system's housing allowance and working experience bonus after retirement be expanded to include public workers on a rolling-contract.

"Those public workers have worked for decades without a permanent contract, and should enjoy the same pension policy as permanent civil servants. Otherwise, the gap within the public servant team will only widen and grow into a big issue," said the union head, Lam Wai Koi, holding a petition letter with nearly 3,000 signatures. "Here we wear a red ribbon for good luck, hoping our protest can bring a good result where those hard workers can finally taste sweetness after the bitterness," he added.

Another procession organized by grassroots associations included the Macau Workers' Self-Support Association and the Association of Macau Activism for Democra-

cy. They led a team of hundreds of marchers – mostly consisting of elderly people – with a truck carrying a banner that demanded "top official accountability" and for "the Secretary for Transport and Public Works, Raimundo do Rosário, to step down."

The leader, Cheong Weng Fai, explained to the Times that they felt disappointed with the new Secretary as "he couldn't give any promises to solve the issues." The groups are thus unwilling to give him time to improve and have appealed for him to be replaced.

"I think the appeals are even more diversified this year, as there are many different groups. This is only the beginning of a new term of government, thus the contradictions in society haven't widened as has been the trend in previous [marches]. People will wait and see; the protests are just to give them a warning," said lawmaker Ng Kuok Cheong.

The Public Security Police (PSP) said it deployed a total of 180 agents to help maintain order during the Labor Day events.

## MACAO YOUTH DYNAMICS GOES 'MODERATE'

**LABOR DAY** also saw a demonstration made up of dozens of young people under the banner of the Macao Youth Dynamics. The team leader, Ms Winkie Kuan, acknowledged the group's shift in protesting appeals from "explosive topics" to the rather "moderate

topic" of education. They were protesting against Macau's "exam-oriented education where students tend to memorize without independent thinking," as well as against the authorities' "forceful implementation of the national education course."

## Chinese factory gauge suggests economy stabilized on easing



A worker assembles car doors for the Geely Automobile Holdings Ltd. Emgrand EC7 sedan on the production line at the company's factory in Cixi, Zhejiang Province, China

A Chinese manufacturing gauge for April suggested that growth may be starting to stabilize in the nation's economy after the government spurred infrastructure investment and eased monetary policy.

The official manufacturing Purchasing Managers' Index was at 50.1 in April, according to the statistics bureau and the China Federation of Logistics and Purchasing in Beijing. That compared with a 50.0 median estimate of economists surveyed by Bloomberg News. Numbers above 50 signal expansion.

Policy makers cut interest rates and reduced banks' reserve requirement ratios twice in the past six months to prevent a deeper slowdown. China's Communist Party leaders vowed in a meeting Thursday to

step up targeted controls to counter downward pressure on the economy.

"This is indeed a signal of stabilization," said Zhu Qibing, an economist at China Minzu Securities Co. in Beijing. Zhu said electricity consumption and industrial product prices that he tracks showed a pickup in the second half of April.

Besides its interest rate and RRR cuts, the People's Bank of China has also considered using a toolkit that includes unconventional policies such as a Pledged Supplementary Lending program that channels money to favored areas of the economy.

"The next monetary policy move in the near future is more likely an interest-rate cut rather than another RRR cut,"

Zhu said. "Targeted measures like PSL are even more likely than an interest rate cut."

The picture is not all bright. The preliminary reading of another PMI from HSBC Holdings Plc and Markit Economics slid to a one-year low of 49.2 in April.

Demand inside China and in external markets is still insufficient and the manufacturing industry is in the process of restructuring and drawing down inventory, Zhao Qinghe, an economist at the National Bureau of Statistics, said about PMI in a statement.

Non-manufacturing PMI, a gauge of services and construction, fell to 53.4 in April from 53.7 in March.

Markets in China were closed Friday for the May Day holiday. **Bloomberg**

## Uber China offices raided in crackdown on taxi-hailing services

An Uber Technologies Inc. office in southern China was raided as part of a broader crackdown on illegal taxi services using private drivers, state media said.

The U.S. taxi-hailing application is suspected of operating without a license and illegal business activities, the official Xinhua News Agency reported, citing an unidentified traffic official in Guangzhou, where the raid took place Thursday. "We are cooperating closely with local authorities to continue to offer our service to the residents of Guangzhou," Evelyn Tay, the company's Singapore-based spokeswoman, said in an e-mail Friday.

The raid adds to the regulatory hurdles facing the San Francisco-based startup as it attempts to expand rapidly around the globe. China's Ministry of Transportation in January

banned private cars from offering unlicensed taxi rides via mobile apps, saying car-hailing software should differentiate their services from taxis and public transit.

Thursday's action in Guangzhou was part of a comprehensive crackdown on illegal taxi services by private drivers and Uber was not specifically targeted, Xinhua said, citing the traffic official. Investigators seized mobile phones during the raid.

Uber said in February that it planned to hire hundreds of staff in China this year to help it compete against a merger between the country's two largest taxi-hailing apps, backed separately by local Internet giants Alibaba Group Holding Ltd. and Tencent Holdings Ltd. In December, Uber had received a boost in the market, when local search provider Baidu Inc. took a minority stake in the company.

## David Goldberg, tech exec married to Sheryl Sandberg, dies

DAVID Goldberg, a popular Silicon Valley executive and husband of Facebook second-in-command and "Lean In" author Sheryl Sandberg, has died suddenly at age 47, his company and family members said Saturday.

Goldberg was CEO of online survey questionnaire provider SurveyMonkey. He died Friday night, the company said in a statement on its website.

Family members also reported the death, via postings on Facebook. Neither the company nor family released a cause or other details about his death. Facebook founder and CEO Mark Zuckerberg told The New York Times that Goldberg died while he was on vacation abroad with his wife.

"Dave Goldberg was an amazing person, and I am glad I got to know him," Zuckerberg wrote on his Facebook page. "My thoughts and prayers

are with Sheryl and her family."

In an interview last month, Goldberg told the news site Business Insider of maxing out his credit cards in the early 1990s to fund one of his first Internet ventures, a music site, before going on to work at other tech companies, including Yahoo.

In 2004, Goldberg married Sandberg, another longtime tech executive who now serves as Facebook's chief operating officer.

Sandberg launched an international conversation about the dearth of women in positions of power with her 2011 book "Lean In: Women, Work and the Will to Lead."

In it, Sandberg wrote of the adjustments she and her husband had to make to manage two high-profile careers while raising two children.

Goldberg was a "true partner," she wrote, and he helped make her career possible. **AP**

### corporate bits

#### SANDS CHINA COMMITTED TO DEVELOPING LOCAL TALENT



Since the opening of Sands Macao in 2004, Sands China has been providing its team members with numerous opportunities for upward and horizontal mobility, offering a total of over 15,000 promotions to date. According to a press release, residents have been the recipients of 12,900 of those promotions – 7,600 of them in managerial and supervisory roles. 2,160 local

team members have been promoted three times or more. Over 80 pct of these local leaders are still working with Sands China, while the others work in leadership roles in various industries.

So far, more than 4,700 team members have been working with Sands China for nine years or more, which accounts for 20 per cent of the company's total employees.

#### MEZZA9 MACAU INTRODUCES THE THAI KITCHEN BY CHEF MUM

mezza9 Macau presents the new Thai Kitchen by 'Chef Mum'. This permanent kitchen serves specialties by renowned Thai Chef Mum. Thai Kitchen joins mezza9 Macau's existing show kitchens – Macanese, The Grill, Sushi and Sashimi, Wok, Steam Basket, Deli and Pâtisserie.

Internationally famed Thai chef Siriluck Lekkwon – affectionately known as 'Chef Mum' due to her generous and caring personality – will personally prepare her home-style Thai cuisine. Born in Bangkok, Chef Mum was chef at Grand Hyatt Erawan Bangkok for more than a decade and is regularly invited to host special Thai food events in Hyatt hotels around the world.



Among Chef Mum's signature homemade dishes are Thai royal chicken dumplings, deep-fried sea bass with chilli tamarind sauce and fresh mango sticky rice with homemade Thai tea ice cream.

#### HONG KONG DEBUT OF MERCEDES-AMG C 63 S AND C 63

Mercedes-Benz is continuously developing new technologies and concepts, with numerous models introduced in the past. The newly introduced Mercedes-AMG C 63 is another such model.

Last Thursday, Mercedes-Benz held a launch for this new car including a media session for all press representatives from Hong Kong and Macau and a product presentation for privileged AMG owners and VIP guests at the Kai Tak Cruise Terminal.

Mr. Andreas Binder, President and CEO of Mercedes-Benz Hong Kong Limited stated, "When we launched our S-Class here in 2013, we were the first car brand



to hold a launch event at the Kai Tak Cruise Terminal. Today, we are here again to witness the arrival of a new high performance model. With the new C 63 and its new V8 biturbo engine, we can see that once again, our performance experts in Affalterbach, Germany, have built a car that will set a new benchmark in the segment"



MOZAMBIQUE

# World Bank grants additional loan to for education sector



**T**HE World Bank approved an additional loan to Mozambique worth USD45 million to finance the government's higher education, science and technology project, the institution said in a statement sent to Macauhub.

In a statement, the World Bank said continued expansion of education and high population growth results in

increased rates of enrolment and completion of primary and secondary education, which in turn increases the pressure on access to higher education and professional and technical education.

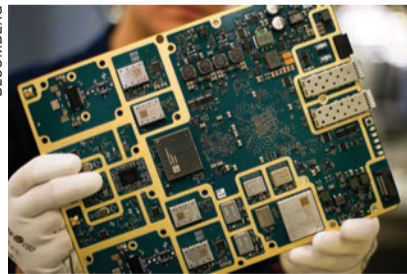
From 2004 to 2012, the number of secondary school graduates increased from less than 8,000 per year to 41,500, and the government of Mozambique estimated that this number will increase to over 140,000 in 2016 and could even double to 280,000 by 2020.

"Rapid economic growth in Mozambique has increased the demand for graduates, faster than supply has been able to provide, especially graduates of applied sciences and engineering and skilled technicians," said Mark Lundell, World Bank director for Mozambique. **MDT/Macauhub**

## Rapid economic growth has increased the demand for graduates

WORLD BANK

# Angola negotiates security systems deal with Chinese group



**T**HE Interior Ministry of Angola is negotiating with Chinese group Huawei to establish a partnership to "develop projects to ensure the safety of citizens," said an official from the Chinese group.

Rean Chan, head of group information and telecommunications technologies to provide products and solutions to the public sector, was speaking to the press during an international meeting on advanced technologies for telecommunications in African cities.

He also told Angolan news agency Angop that, in Angola's case, the project is waiting for funding to give the government "watch over various communities and localities" by using security systems with video features.

Rean Chan also said that, due to the partnership with Angola's Interior Ministry, the group will provide technical training to Angolan staff. **MDT/Macauhub**

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Through Our Employee Assistance Program, we support our employees during times of personal difficulty. As part of the Program, professional counseling services are made available to help our employees and their families to resolve issues such as life stress or family matters. This is offered in conjunction with the Sheng Kung Hui Service Coordination Office and includes a variety of engagement methods such as *Let's Meet*, through face-to-face consultation with an onsite counselor; *Let's Chat*, via a dedicated support hotline; and *Let's WeChat* through the popular mobile phone messaging app. We also regularly organize themed roadshows and workshops on issues such as family relationships, personal finances, responsible gaming and stress management.



### "Is your glass half-empty or half-full?" - Celebrating Positive Thinking

In April, we organized an employee roadshow on "Positivity and Seizing the Moment!". Life is a roller-coaster, we all experience ups and downs; but how we chose to handle the troughs is what defines us. Having a positive outlook is a choice, and choosing to seize positivity is something we can all do to live happier and healthier lives.

Through a dedicated roadshow on positivity, we engaged employees on the benefits of thinking and living positively. We organized a range of interactive activities and games to help our employees assess their current mindset and to consider their levels of positivity. Onsite to provide advice, friendly representatives from Sheng Kung Hui sat and chatted on a one-to-one basis about how barriers to maintaining a positive outlook can be overcome. In addition to providing advice, we kept our roadshow lighthearted and fun, interspersed with quick games and lucky draws for MGM goodies and prizes.



On April 16, we invited Mr. Emerson Lai, renowned motivational speaker and trainer from the Chinese arm of Dale Carnegie, to come speak to our employees and share his advice on maintaining a positive attitude to help focus on the brighter side of life.

Our commitment to the wellbeing of our employees is unwavering, and for this reason we are proud to have been awarded an "Outstanding Social Caring Organization Award" on April 15 by the Social Enterprise Research Institute Hong Kong. Selected by a prestigious panel including Nobel Laureates, and as the only Macau corporate to receive this award, we are honored to be recognized for our dedication to our employees and the community.



# Chairman of Taiwan's ruling party visits mainland

**T**HE chairman of Taiwan's ruling Nationalist party said yesterday that further cooperation between the Chinese mainland and Taiwan was of utmost importance ahead of expected talks with President Xi Jinping as the former bitter enemies continue their 2-decade-old rapprochement.

"Cross-strait relations are something we all have to face," said Eric Chu, leader of the Nationalists, or Kuomintang. "The 21st century is one of cooperation, not one of confrontation. We must use a healthy attitude, a positive attitude to welcome an era of cross-strait cooperation."

Chu, a likely candidate for the island's presidency in next year's election, spoke at a cross-strait economic and cultural forum in Shanghai attended by representatives from small and medium-sized businesses.

Yu Zhengsheng, chairman of China's top legislative advisory



Eric Chu, chairman of Taiwan's ruling Nationalist Party, also known as the Kuomintang, speaks at a cross-strait economic and cultural forum for small and medium-sized businesses in Shanghai

body, told the forum that the key to the peaceful development of cross-strait relations was opposing Taiwan's inde-

pendence.

Yu also said the forum could discuss ways for Taiwan to participate with the Chinese-led Asian

Infrastructure Investment Bank. Taiwan had wanted to join as a charter member but was left off the list by Beijing, which doesn't

want the island to use a name in the institution that would suggest it is a country.

Chu, who took over as party leader in January, is expected to hold talks with President and Communist Party Secretary-General Xi Jinping in Beijing today.

Chu is the third Nationalist chairman to visit the mainland and the first since 2009.

The Nationalists under Chiang Kai-shek were driven to Taiwan by Mao Zedong's Communists during a civil war in 1949, leading to decades of hostility.

Relations began to warm in the 1990s, partly out of their common opposition to Taiwan's formal independence from China, a position advocated by the self-governing island's main opposition party.

Beijing considers Taiwan to be Chinese territory to be brought under its control by force if necessary.

That prospect has grown increasingly unpopular on the island, especially with younger voters, and opposition to the Nationalists' pro-China policies was seen as a driver behind heavy local electoral defeats for the party last year that led to Taiwanese President Ma Ying-jeou resigning as chairman. **AP**

## Alibaba to pull ad for job candidates with pornstar qualities

Lulu Yilun Chen

**A**LIBABA Group Holding Ltd. will pull a job advertisement seeking candidates who resemble a popular Japanese porn actress to motivate computer programmers after drawing criticism.

Asia's biggest Internet company advertised on its website for applicants who know how to praise the "code monkeys," wake them up and organize morning meetings. Physical characteristics similar to adult film star Sora Aoi may help the applicant succeed, it said.

The ad comes as the U.S. tech industry is under fire for alleged sexism and discrimination. While Alibaba has drawn praise for the number of females employed in senior roles, the advertisement is being criticized on Chinese social media for being offensive.

"It's not only an insult to women that such a job exists, it's also an insult to men, especially programmers," Li Weiyuan,



Jack Ma, billionaire and chairman of ALIBABA Group Holding Ltd

a 26-year-old male and former programmer in Fujian, said by phone.

The posting was an attempt at humorous marketing to recruit talent, Alibaba said.

"We apologize to anyone offended by this ad and are taking it down," the Hangzhou, China-based company said in an e-mail. "Alibaba is committed to providing equal opportunity and fair treatment to all employees on the basis of merit, without discrimination."

Any attempt at humor by the ad has fallen flat

with people like Li, who was one among hundreds to comment on Weibo, China's Twitter-like microblog. Reactions ranged from outrage and criticism to some who laughed it off as a marketing stunt.

The Alibaba job description highlights the appearance of Sora Aoi, who has 15 million followers on Weibo. The post also alludes to the feminine features of Song Hye-kyo, a South Korean actress who has starred in television dramas and films.

The listing said the company would consider candidates who are eloquent and have traits similar to an "alien-like old man." Below that requirement was a cartoon resembling Jack Ma, the company's billionaire co-founder and chairman.

Ma touts the fact that his company has more high-level female executives than peers. The company counts nine women among the 30 partners that nominate a majority of the company's board. **Bloomberg**

PRESS FREEDOM

## Global signature campaign for imprisoned journalist Gao Yu

**T**o mark World Press Freedom Day yesterday the International Federation of Journalists (IFJ) on Friday joined its Asia-Pacific affiliates in calling for the immediate release of imprisoned veteran Chinese journalist Gao Yu. According to an IFJ press release, media unions and associations representing the South Asia Media Solidarity Network (SAMSAN), the South East Asia Journalists Unions (SEAJU) as well as journalist organizations in the Pacific and East Asia, wrote to the Chinese authorities highlighting the inconsistencies in Gao Yu's arrest and her recent trial and sentencing and have urged China's President to use his power to release the journalist.

The imprisonment of the 71-year-old independent journalist for revealing a state secret has drawn global criticism to her case as well as the plight of at least 43 other journalists currently in jail. CPJ recently declared China the world's biggest jailer of journalists.

According to IFJ, Gao Yu was arrested in Beijing on April 24, 2014, on charges of illegally obtaining state secrets and sharing them with foreign media. It understood that a leaked document outlined the Communist Party's plans to aggressively curb civil so-



Pictures of jailed veteran Chinese journalist Gao Yu are displayed by protesters outside the Chinese central government's liaison office in Hong Kong Friday, April 17.

ciety and press freedom in China. Gao was subsequently charged and held in detention until her trial in November, 2014. The closed-door trial lasted four hours, during which the prosecution relied on a recorded confession by Gao which she testified was only obtained when police threatened the arrest her son.

During the trial, Gao pleaded 'not guilty' to the charge. Her sentencing was delayed on two occasions, however, this month on April 17 the verdict came down to a seven-year sentence for the alleged crime.

Gao Yu is suffering from ill health and has twice previously been imprisoned for her journalism, in 1989 and 1993.

Erika Kinetz, Shanghai

**I**N the still, early hours, cadres make their way down tree-lined paths. They walk through a polished lobby, down dim hallways and settle themselves in rows in plain, wood-paneled classrooms. Here, they sit at the vanguard of the Communist Party of China.

These rising Communist Party members from across the country have come to the China Executive Leadership Academy Pudong (CELAP) in Shanghai as part of the party's decade-long effort to introduce its own elite to foreign ideas. Outside these walls, President Xi Jinping's government is campaigning to scrub Western influence from classrooms, but here some 10,000 party loyalists each year hear from top Western scholars and executives about management techniques, media relations, urban development and innovation.

"It does no harm for top leaders to get to know different ideas in the world," said Zhang Xuezhong, who was barred from teaching at East China University of Political Science and Law in 2013, after publishing an article critical of the government. "The Communist Party expects the people it rules to be ignorant, but they would not expect themselves to be like this."

As China seeks to play a more decisive role on the global stage, such exposure is becoming more important — at least for those at the forefront of transforming China's economy and international role. For everyone else, education has become an ideological battleground, where destabilizing Western values must be vanquished lest they weaken the party's grip on power.

"Young teachers and students are key targets of infiltration by enemy forces," Education Minister Yuan Guiren wrote in a January essay. Around the same time, he told university officials to bar "teaching materials that disseminate Western values," state-run news agency Xinhua reported. His remarks came shortly after Beijing issued new guidelines ordering universities to promote loyalty to the party, core socialist values, and the teachings of Xi himself.

Meanwhile, Westerners continue to march through CELAP, bringing with them an uncontrollable parade of ideas.

Over 470 government leaders, business executives and academics from over 30 countries have taught at CELAP, according to the school, which says it has partnered with Harvard Business School, the Wharton School, Columbia Business School, Oxford University and Berkeley's Haas School of Business.

# Academy teaches top cadres Western ideas despite backlash



A man practices Tai Chi at the China Executive Leadership Academy Pudong (CELAP) in Shanghai

Former prime ministers Gordon Brown of the United Kingdom, Julia Gillard of Australia and the late Lee Kuan Yew of Singapore have visited. Former World Bank President Robert Zoellick and former U.S. Treasury Secretary Henry Paulson have given lectures. The school also has tie-ups with IBM China and Procter & Gamble China.

"It's a very unusual institution in China," said Oxford University's Nicholas Morris, who has taught at CELAP for a decade. "This institution's job is to help Chinese leaders understand Western practice."

Shanghai has long been China's window on the world — the leafy streets of its old French concession strike some Chinese visitors as "exotic" — and the cadre academy in Shanghai's new Pudong area was founded to focus on innovation, reform and ma-

agement. The place reeks of exceptionalism. There is the soaring French architecture. The fleet of chefs and long reflective pools. There's even a huddle of swans on a pond ringed with weeping willows.

Located near the intersection of "Splendid" and "Career" streets, the school can accommodate up to 800 cadres for one- to three-week courses, CELAP officials said. Thousands of party schools across China form an important network for maintaining control over the party's more than 86 million members, improving governance and incubating new ideas, according to China historian David Shambaugh.

CELAP, which does not offer degrees, was one of three academies founded in 2005 to train high-ranking cadres. Since then, it has hosted more than 100,000 students.

President Xi, in a 2010 address, tasked CELAP with being "more innovative in helping participants develop a global perspective and enhancing their governing capacity."

But innovation is kept within a Chinese context. "We should understand the outside wor-

ld," said Chen Yili, a school spokeswoman. "China understands that ideas from the outside may not suit China, but we need to take the ideas that work for China."

Foreigners teach around 12 percent of the classes, according to the school. Lectures on media relations and financial reform are tempered by exercises in the "party-building lab."

The deeper goal, some argue, is to help top cadres strike the correct balance between worldliness and ideological purity in China's shifting political environment.

"These cadres who have to mingle daily with foreign business people are treading a fine line," said Willy Lam, an expert in Chinese politics at Hong Kong's Chinese University. "They have a mandate to study and benefit from Western management, but at the same time, they must satisfy Xi's demands on nationalism."

"China is going to play a much bigger role in trying to transform the international financial order," he added. "Before you can transform the international financial order in line with Chinese priorities, you must learn the ropes."

CELAP is not the only place where party orthodoxy gets salted with new ideas. Even within the ideological strictures of other party schools, human curiosity thrives, said Xia Yeliang, an economics professor who was dismissed from Peking University in 2013 after criticizing the government. The school's official reason for his termination was poor student evaluations.

He began giving occasional lectures on constitutional democracy and Western rule of law at a party school in Beijing in 2008, even though he quit the party by ending his payment of dues, which were about 5 percent of his salary.

"They never asked me if I'm a party member," he said. "What I taught was quite against their traditional values, but they still kept inviting me."

He said many of his students yearned for fresh ideas to help explain China's path and new answers to restive questions about traditional Marxism and socialism.

"They need a new wrapping for their officials," he said. They need to be able to tell people "we have learned new things, we know what America is like, we will see what is most suitable for the Chinese people."

Last month, a U.S. delegation came to CELAP to discuss clean energy innovation. The visit afforded reporters rare access to the school.

Officials from state-owned enterprises, banks and insurance companies packed the audience. You Xiang, president of Jiaozuo City Commercial Bank in central China's Henan Province, said CELAP gives people on the front lines of China's globalization invaluable insight.

"We are in the midst of a great change in China," he said. "China's financial system is being integrated with the world. As someone who will be involved in pushing this integration and helping China work with America, I feel this experience will help us."

You listened to Hugh Martin, a serial entrepreneur, talk about working with Steve Jobs at Apple Inc.

"China could be as much or more of a powerhouse as Silicon Valley," Martin said. "But there needs to be a freedom to create without regard for implications."

Reporters were then ushered from the room, before anyone could ask questions. **AP**

**They need a new wrapping for their officials**

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NEPAL

# Authorities shut airport to big jets; more bodies found

Binaj Gurubacharya, Kathmandu

**R**UNWAY damage forced Nepalese authorities to close the main airport yesterday to large aircraft delivering aid to millions of people following the massive earthquake, but U.N. officials said the overall logistics situation was improving.

The death toll climbed to 7,057, including six foreigners and 45 Nepalese found over the weekend on a popular trekking route, said government administrator Gautam Rimal. The victims included a French national, an Indian, four other foreigners and Nepalese guides, hotel owners, workers and porters.

The main runway was temporarily closed to big planes because of damage. It was built to handle only medium-size jetliners, but not the large military and cargo planes that have been flying aid supplies, food, medicines, and rescue and humanitarian workers, said Birendra Shrestha, the manager of Tribhuvan International Airport, located on the outskirts of Kathmandu.

There have been reports of cracks on the runway and other problems at the only airport capable of handling jetliners.

Despite the setback, the U.N. coordinator for Nepal, Jamie McGoldrick, said the bottlenecks in aid delivery were slowly disappearing.

"I think the problem is there, but it's actually diminishing," he said, adding the Nepalese government eased customs and other bureaucratic hurdles on humanitarian aid following complaints from the U.N.

"The government has taken note of some of the concerns that we've expressed to them and they've addressed those both at customs and the actual handling," he said.

Airport congestion was only the latest complication in global efforts to



People who have had their homes damaged and are living in tents during the April 25 earthquake line up for drinking water and packed noodles in Kathmandu

## The Nepalese government eased customs and other bureaucratic hurdles on humanitarian aid following complaints from the U.N.

aid people in the wake of the April 25 quake, the impoverished country's biggest and most destructive in eight decades.

People in Nepal — both in remote villages and the capital, Kathmandu — have complained about not seeing any rescue workers or international aid and about a lack of temporary shelters, with many sleeping out in the open because of fears of aftershocks bringing down their damaged homes.

U.N. humanitarian officials said that they were increasingly worried about the spread of disease. They said more helicopters were needed to reach isolated mountain villages that were hard to access even before the quake.

The true extent of the damage from the earthquake is still unknown as reports keep filtering in from remote areas, some of which remain entirely cut off. The U.N. says the quake affected 8.1 million people — more than a quarter of Nepal's 28 million people.

The government said yesterday that the quake had killed 7,057 people. Laxi Dhakal, a Home Ministry official, said hopes of finding survivors had faded dramatically. "Unless they were caught in an air pocket, there is not much possibility," he said.

Among the latest fatalities to be counted were the 51 people, including six foreigners, whose remains were found in the Langtang Valley in Rasuwa district, nearly 60 kilometers north of Kathmandu.

The area, with a dozen inns near the trekking trail, was buried by a landslide after the earthquake.

Nepal has been shaken by more than 70 aftershocks following the quake, and its people remain on edge. One brief aftershock Saturday afternoon shook the only paved road in the village of Pauwathok. Residents screamed and began to run, then stopped when the tremor eased.

The small village is located in the district of Sindupalchok, where more deaths have been recorded than anywhere else in Nepal — 2,560, compared to 1,622 in Kathmandu. The U.N. says up to 90 percent of the houses in Sindupalchok have been destroyed. **AP**

**7,057**

The death toll included six foreigners and 45 Nepalese found over the weekend

THAILAND

## Police dig up 26 bodies at suspected trafficking camp



Thai police trekked into the mountains and dug up 26 bodies from dozens of shallow graves at an abandoned jungle camp that's been linked to human trafficking networks, which activists say are "out of control" in the Southeast Asian country. A lone survivor, now hospitalized with severe malnutrition, told authorities smugglers escaped days earlier with around 100 Rohingya Muslims, a long-persecuted religious minority in neighboring Myanmar. Police Gen. Jarumporn Suramane, who oversaw the excavations in southern Thailand, said Saturday it would take time to determine the victims' identities and cause of death. "We will have to wait for the DNA test results and analysis from other evidence," he told The Associated Press. He said that 32 graves were found scattered in Padang Besar, a sub-district in Songkhla province, but some turned out to be empty. He did not expect the death toll to rise above 26. The discovery of a hidden mountain camp in southern Thailand, long considered a regional trafficking hub for migrants seeking a better life in third countries, was a sharp reminder that little has changed despite repeated assurances by authorities that they are addressing the root causes.

SRI LANKA

## Kerry pledges closer US ties with reform-minded new gov't



U.S. Secretary of State John Kerry on Saturday championed the new Sri Lankan government's push for democratic reform and promised closer ties with the strategically located Indian Ocean nation. "In this journey to restore your democracy, the American people stand with you," said Kerry, on the first visit to the island in a decade by the top U.S. diplomat. Kerry met with President Maithripala Sirisena, Prime Minister Ranil Wickremesinghe and Foreign Minister Mangala Samaraweera. Yesterday, he planned to see leaders from the Tamil minority. Sri Lanka's government is determined to end years of international isolation linked to its long war with Tamil separatists. "We intend to broaden and deepen our partnership with you," Kerry said. He said the countries would start an annual partnership dialogue and that U.S. officials would provide technical assistance to Colombo on a range of matters, including anti-corruption efforts and returning stolen assets. Samaraweera said that Kerry's visit "signifies our little island nation's return to the center stage of international affairs." The minister said Sri Lanka would become a "full-fledged parliamentary democracy" and an "investor's paradise."

**RESCUERS FIND 3 SURVIVORS DAYS SINCE QUAKE**

**RESCUERS HAVE** found three survivors in a mountainous village in Nepal, several days since the earthquake, an official said yesterday. Two men and a woman had been pulled from the rubble near Syauli village earlier this week, government administrator Surya Prasad Upadhaya said yesterday. It was not immediately clear which day they were found. They have been taken to a nearby military hospital for treatment, Upadhaya said. The district is the worst hit by the magnitude-7.8 earthquake with the highest number of casualties. It is located about 60 kilometers west of the capital, Kathmandu.

USA

# Baltimore demonstrators praise prosecutor as officers charged



A woman stands on a car during a party in the street in Baltimore on Saturday

Juliet Linderman and  
Michael Biesecker, Baltimore

**T**HOUSANDS of people looked on as speakers praised the city's young top prosecutor for quickly moving forward with charges against the police officers they see as responsible for the death of a 25-year-old black man who suffered a fatal spinal injury in their custody.

The peaceful scene Saturday on a grassy plaza across from Baltimore's City Hall was a striking contrast to demonstrations the past two weeks at the same plaza. Crowds of angry protesters demanded that the city's leaders heed their cries for justice, and one night, the protests gave way to looting, rioting and arson.

On Friday morning, State's Attorney Marilyn Mosby had stood nearby before a bank of television cameras beaming her words live around the world. She announced criminal charges against the officers ranging from assault to murder in the death of Freddie Gray, whose name has become a rallying point against police brutality and socio-economic inequality in American cities.

Organizers billed the big Saturday afternoon demonstration not as a protest of Gray's death, but a "victory rally" that city leaders have perhaps listened

to their cries. Smaller groups of what looked to be several hundred gathered all around the city and made their way through the streets to join the thousands at the main rally.

Chants of "no justice, no peace, no racist police" echoed and crowds of people, black and white, young and old, carried homemade signs calling for peace, as well as printed ones asking for justice. Others wore T-shirts that read, "Black Lives Matter," a slogan many have taken up in the fight.

The Gray case is the latest in a string of high-profile killings of black men by police that include Michael Brown in Ferguson, Missouri, and Eric Garner in New York City, neither of which resulted in charges against the lawmen.

Unlike Brown and Garner, Gray's death happened in a majority black city where black elected officials hold the reins of political power and oversee the justice system. The police department is 48 percent black. Even the officers charged are racially split — three white, three black.

"I think it has to do with Ms. Mosby living here in West Baltimore: they took seriously the sentiment of the youth," said Kustanya McCray, a 41-year-old Baltimore resident who joi-

ned thousands of people at the demonstration. "Our city council, the mayor — they're all from here. They've lost family members to violence. They understand what's been happening."

After a night of rioting and looting, the National Guard was called in to help police enforce a nightly curfew with heavily armed troops riding in armored vehicles, to which many objected. As of 11 p.m. on Saturday, a handful of people had been arrested, including one that was hit with a blast of pepper spray and later taken away in an ambulance.

Mosby said in charging the officers that police had no reason to stop or chase after Gray. They falsely accused him of having an illegal switchblade when it was a legal pocketknife. The van driver and the other officers failed to strap him down with a seat belt, a direct violation of department policy, and they ignored Gray's repeated pleas for medical attention, even rerouting the van to pick up another passenger, she said.

Mosby said Gray's neck was broken because he was handcuffed, shackled and placed head-first into a police van, where he was left to slam against the walls of the small metal compartment. She deemed the death a homicide. AP

UK

# Britain has a new princess — and eagerly awaits her name

Sylvia Hui and Danica Kirka, London

**F**ROM Prince Charles to royal fans to most of those who put down a bet, millions in Britain were hoping for a girl.

The Duchess of Cambridge delighted her nation and royal enthusiasts around the world Saturday by delivering one such princess. The royal birth was greeted with cheers and elated cries of "Hip, hip, hooray!" outside St. Mary's Hospital in London, where fans and the world's media have waited for days.

The baby — Prince William and Kate's second child — was born Saturday morning and weighed 3.7 kilograms, officials said. She is fourth in line to the throne and the fifth great-grandchild of 89-year-old Queen Elizabeth II. Britain hasn't welcomed a princess born this high up the line of succession for decades.

It may be a day or two before the world knows what to call her. When Prince George, her older brother, was born in 2013, royal officials waited two days before announcing his name.

Speculation about the new royal's name has been frenetic, and all the top bets for the baby's name have been for girls: Alice and Charlotte are the clear favorites, followed by Elizabeth, Victoria and Diana — all names with strong royal connections. Royal children are usually given several names — the baby's brother was christened George Alexander Louis — so the princess's name could incorporate more than one of those guesses.

Anticipation had been building for weeks after Kate, 33, told a well-wisher she was due around late April. Still, journalists were caught slightly off guard when she delivered barely three hours after checking into the hospital at dawn Saturday. William, 32, was present at the birth.

The couple later emerged on the hospital steps with the infant to briefly pose for photographers before leaving for their home at nearby Kensington Palace. Kate, who wore a yellow-and-white floral shift dress by British designer Jenny Packham, held the sleeping baby wrapped in a white shawl.

The queen and senior royals were "delighted with the news," officials said. The queen marked the occasion by wearing a pink ensemble while carrying out an official engagement in North Yorkshire, 250 miles north of London. AP



Britain's Prince William stands close to Kate, Duchess of Cambridge as she carries their newborn baby princess as they leave St. Mary's Hospital's exclusive Lindo Wing, London



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BY JOÃO SANTA-RITA

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UNTIL: May 20, 2015

VENUE: Albergue SCM - A2 Gallery,  
Calçada da Igreja de São Lázaro No.8, Macau

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EXHIBITION

TIME: 2pm-7pm (Closed on Sundays)

UNTIL: May 20, 2015

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## Offbeat

THINKING IT'S A JOKE, MAN HANGS UP  
ON POPE; GETS PAPAL HUG

Hang up on Pope Francis and you might get a hug. Vatican newspaper L'Osservatore Romano says Francis dialed an ailing Italian man to comfort him. Francis has a habit of calling people who he has heard are suffering and telling them "Hello, I'm Pope

Francis" when they answer their phone.

The newspaper said the man, Franco Rabuffi, hung up twice, thinking it was a prankster.

On the third call, he realized it truly was Francis and was speechless. The paper says Francis told Rabuffi he was amused. Rabuffi and his wife were invited to the pope's public audience Wednesday in St. Peter's Square, where Francis hugged them and assured them he really did dial the man's phone.

The paper didn't specify the man's illness or age. AP

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19:30	Soap Opera
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:00	TDM Sports
22:10	Brazil Avenue
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Champions League Magazine
00:05	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)
00:30	RTPi Live

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## THE AVENGERS: AGE OF ULTRON

ROOM 1

(3D) 2.15, 7.15 pm

(2D) 4.45, 9.45 pm

Director: Joss Whedon

Starring: Robert Downey Jr., Chris Hemsworth,

Mark Ruffalo

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 141min



## HELIOS

ROOM 2

2.30, 4.45, 7.15, 9.30 pm

Director: Longman Leung, Sunny Luk

Starring: Jacky Cheung, Nick Cheung, Shawn Yue, Ji

Jin-hee

Language: Chinese (Chinese/English)

Duration: 118min



## MURMUR OF THE HEARTS

ROOM 3

2.30, 4.45, 7.15, 9.30 pm

Director: Sylvia Chang

Starring: Isabella Leong, Joseph Chang, Lawrence Ko,

Lee Sinje

Language: Mandarin (Chinese/English)

Duration: 119min

## MACAU TOWER

23 APR - 20 MAY

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## this day in history

1979 ELECTION VICTORY FOR  
MARGARET THATCHER

The Conservative Party has won the general election making Margaret Thatcher Britain's first ever woman prime minister.

Mrs Thatcher arrived at Downing Street to take over from James Callaghan after her party won an overall majority of 43 seats.

On the steps of Number 10, she quoted from St Francis of Assisi: "Where there is discord, may we bring harmony. Where there is error, may we bring truth. Where there is doubt, may we bring faith. And where there is despair, may we bring hope."

The Tories have won 339 seats, Labour 269, the Liberals 11, Ulster parties 12 and Nationalists four.

Former Liberal leader Jeremy Thorpe, currently awaiting trial at the Old Bailey for conspiracy and incitement to murder, has lost his North Devon seat in a crushing defeat.

Reacting to Mrs Thatcher's victory he said: "I am horrified. She makes [her predecessor] Ted Heath look like a moderate."

During the election campaign, Mrs Thatcher said the Conservatives would cut income tax, reduce public expenditure, make it easier for people to buy their own homes and curb the power of the unions.

She will soon announce members of her new cabinet. William Whitelaw is likely to become Home Secretary, Sir Geoffrey Howe Chancellor and Sir Keith Joseph Secretary of State for Industry.

Other prominent politicians rejected by the electorate included: Liberal deputy leader John Pardoe (Cornwall North); Shirley Williams (Hertford and Stevenage), formerly education secretary; shadow Scottish Secretary Sir Teddy Taylor (Glasgow Cathcart) and former arts minister Hugh Jenkins (Putney).

Labour can gain some consolation from its success in the local elections, winning several important councils from the Tories, namely Leicester, Coventry, Tamside and Sandwell.

Courtesy BBC News

## IN CONTEXT

Friend and foe agree that Lady Thatcher was one of the dominant political figures of the century. Over the following 11 years, she changed the nature not only of her own party but of others too.

Such policies as the sale of council houses and the privatisation of the nationalised industries have been accepted by most political parties.

Thanks in part to the relationships she developed with her ideological soul-mate US President Ronald Reagan and with the Soviet Union's President Gorbachev, the "Iron Lady" as a Moscow newspaper once called her, became a world figure. She was popular for her strong leadership style - demonstrated during the 1982 Falklands War.

Her strident Euro-scepticism led to disputes within her own party which resulted in her downfall in 1990 - and ultimately that of the Conservative Party, routed by Labour in the 1997 general election.



YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 You just don't have anything extra to spend on yourself, but you should look at that as a benefit.

Taurus April 20-May 20 It's hard to stick to your budget alone, but it will be a lot easier when you find a work out buddy, so to speak.

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 Throwing money at a failing romance wouldn't help you much, so why toss your cash at other bad problems? Figure out a way to feel good about a situation without opening your wallet.

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 If spending money on your home is your idea of bliss, your particular form of paradise might be challenged today.

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 Popcorn and movies, computers and investing - these are good combinations, and it would be hard to find anyone who disagrees with you.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 You're beyond the basics. Simply making cash has become, shall we say less than meaningful.

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 If making money is a relationship, then your romance has you tearing your tresses out. But washing it out of your hair is not an option -- seeing finance in a more balanced light is.

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 So much of what drives the market is subliminal. Sigh. You can make decisions based on your inklings, or you can wait for something more concrete in your line of vision.

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 You may feel there is no justice when it comes to your checkbook, but actually your balance is quite fair. You've had plenty of preparation time, and now you're forced to face the facts.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 It used to be easier to make a buck, but nowadays you can focus all of your energy on work and still not connect with the almighty dollar.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Think of your financial situation in personal terms. You wouldn't be quite so aloof if your friendships were on the rocks, so be a bit more emotional about the level of your funds.

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 If money has thrown you out for someone new, just who is it? Don't waste time feeling cuckolded. Face it, you and cash never really had that kind of relationship anyway.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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Table of weather conditions for various Chinese cities like Beijing, Harbin, Tianjin, etc.

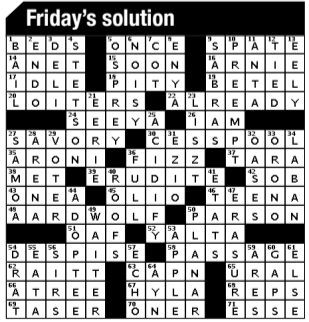
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Table of weather conditions for world cities like Moscow, Frankfurt, Paris, London, New York.

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Tim Dahlberg, Las Vegas

**T**HE pressure of a USD180 million payday never got to Floyd Mayweather Jr., even if the richest fight ever wasn't the best.

Using his reach and his jab Saturday night (US time), Mayweather frustrated Manny Pacquiao, piling up enough points to win a unanimous decision in their welterweight title bout. Mayweather remained unbeaten in 48 fights, cementing his legacy as the best of his generation.

After the fight, it was disclosed that Pacquiao injured his right shoulder in training and that Nevada boxing commissioners denied his request to take an anti-inflammatory shot in his dressing room before the fight.

Pacquiao chased Mayweather around the ring most of the fight. But he was never able to land a sustained volume of punches, as Mayweather worked his defensive wizardry again.

Two ringside judges scored the fight 116-112, while the third had it 118-110. The Associated Press

**I take my hat off to Manny Pacquiao. I see now why he is at the pinnacle of boxing**

MAYWEATHER

had Mayweather ahead 115-113.

"I take my hat off to Manny Pacquiao. I see now why he is at the pinnacle of boxing," Mayweather said. "I knew he was going to push me, win some rounds. I wasn't being hit with a lot of shots until I sit in a pocket and he landed a lot of shots."

The bout wasn't an artistic triumph for either fighter, with long periods where both men fought cautiously.

Pacquiao threw far fewer punches than he normally does in a fight, with Mayweather actually throwing more.

That was largely because Pacquiao didn't throw his right hand often. Promoter Bob Arum said Pacquiao injured his shoulder sometime after March 11.

Arum said Pacquiao's camp thought he would be allowed the anti-inflammatory shot because he had gotten them during training and they had been approved by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency. But he said paperwork filed with the commission didn't check the injury box, and the Nevada commission ruled against the request for a shot.

"The ruling made tonight affected the outcome of the fight," Arum said.

Nevada Athletic Commission chairman Francisco Aguilar said Pacquiao's camp wanted shots that included lidocaine, a drug that numbs the affected area. But he said Pacquiao's representatives didn't check the injury box after the weigh-in Friday, and the commission had no way of knowing how serious the injury was or what it

BOXING

# Mayweather wins decision



Floyd Mayweather Jr., celebrates his unanimous decision victory over Manny Pacquiao

could be treated with.

"I have no proof an injury actually exists and I can't make a ruling based on what they're telling me," Aguilar said.

Still, Pacquiao thought he had won the bout, largely on the basis of a few left hands that seemed to shake Mayweather. "I thought I won the fight. I didn't do nothing except move outside," Pacquiao said. "I got

him many times."

There were no knockdowns, and neither fighter seemed terribly hurt at any time. Pacquiao landed probably the biggest punch in the fight in the fourth round — a left hand that sent Mayweather into the ropes — but he wasn't able to consistently land against the elusive champion.

The fight was a chess match, with Mayweather using his jab

to keep Pacquiao away most of the fight. Pacquiao tried to force the action, but Mayweather was often out of his reach by the time he found his way inside.

"He's a very awkward fighter, so I had to take my time and watch him close," Mayweather said.

Mayweather fought confidently in the late rounds, winning the last two rounds on all three scorerecords. In the final seconds of

Ditas Lopez and Clarissa Batino

**M**ANNY "Pac-Man" Pacquiao believes he beat Floyd Mayweather, and there aren't many Filipinos who would disagree.

People in the Philippines flocked to stadiums and cinemas nationwide to watch the bout live shortly before noon local time yesterday and went home disappointed after the result was announced in favor of Mayweather. Even the chief of the Philippine armed forces thought the Filipino boxing icon won.

"Manny was more aggressive, he was hitting Floyd," General Gregorio Pio Catapang told reporters in Manila. "He made us all proud, he gave his best. Unfortunately, his opponent kept on running and going around in circles."

Sixty-one-year-old Abner Bendecion brought his own foldable seat to a basketball court in Las Pinas City, south of the capital Manila, about

## Sadness, disappointment in Philippines after Pacquiao defeat



Filipinos wait for the decision as they watch a live satellite feed of the welterweight title fight

four hours before the fight started to score a good spot, and stayed

on to watch the replay because he couldn't believe that Mayweather's

running defense defeated Pacquiao. Tricycle-driver Fred Setias, 63, said

he was happy Pac-Man wasn't knocked out.

"We will continue to

be proud that we have a people's champ in Manny Pacquiao who exemplifies skill, strength and courage," President Benigno Aquino's spokesman Sonny Coloma said. "He is a worthy exemplar that the Filipino is able to compete in the global arena for as long as there is a level playing field."

Pacquiao, 36, grew up in poverty in General Santos City, the main town of South Cotabato province, and used to fight for a purse of 150 pesos (USD3.37), the cost of a tall Macchiato at Starbucks Corp. He has capitalized on his status as a national hero by launching a political career, currently holding a seat in Congress.

Filipinos reserve Sunday mornings for Pacquiao whenever he fights, with roads, shopping malls and churches almost empty, and the crime rate dropping. Sixty-nine percent of adult Filipinos closely followed the news about the richest bout in history. **Bloomberg**

# in richest fight ever

■ The bout wasn't an artistic triumph for either fighter, with long periods where both men fought cautiously

the fight he raised his right hand in victory and after the bell rang stood on the ropes, pounding his heart with his gloves.

"You're tough," he said to Pacquiao, hugging him in the ring.

It was vintage Mayweather, even if it didn't please the crowd of 16,507. They cheered every time Pacquiao threw a punch, hoping that he would land a big shot and become the first fighter to beat Mayweather.

But a good percentage of what he threw never landed. Mayweather often came back with straight right hands, then moved away before Pacquiao could respond.

"I thought we pulled it out," Pacquiao trainer Freddie Roach said. "I asked my man to throw more combinations between

rounds. I thought he fought flat-footed too many times."

Ringside punch stats showed Mayweather landing 148 punches of 435, while Pacquiao landed 81 of 429. The volume for Pacquiao was a lot lower than the 700 or more he usually throws.

Five years in the making, the fight unfolded before a glittering crowd of celebrities, high rollers and people who had enough money to pay for ringside seats going for \$40,000 and up. Before it did, though, it was delayed about a half hour because cable and satellite systems were having trouble keeping up with the pay-per-view demand.

They paid big money to watch two superstars fight for their legacies — and in Pacquiao's case his country — in addition to the staggering paydays for both.

Pacquiao had vowed to take the fight to Mayweather and force him into a war. His camp thought Mayweather's 38-year-old legs weren't what they once were.

"He is moving around, not easy to throw punches when people moving around," Pacquiao said. "When he stayed, I threw a lot of punches. That's a fight."

But Mayweather moved well. His only real moment of trouble came in the fourth round when Pacquiao landed his left hand

and then flurried to Mayweather's head on the ropes, but he escaped and shook his head at Pacquiao as if to say he wasn't hurt.

In the corner, Mayweather's father, Floyd Sr. kept yelling at his son to do more. But Mayweather was content to stick with what was working and not take a risk that could cost him the fight.

"I'm a calculated fighter, he is a tough competitor," Maywea-

ther said. "My dad wanted me to do more but Pacquiao is an awkward fighter."

Mayweather said that his fight in September against a yet-to-be-determined opponent would be his last.

"I'm almost 40 years old now. I've been in the sport 19 years and have been a champion for 18 years. I'm truly blessed."

Mayweather is also very rich, getting 60 percent of the approximately \$300 million purse, depending on pay-per-view sales. The live gate alone was more than \$70 million, and the bout was expected to easily smash the pay-per-view record of 2.48 million buys set in 2007 when Mayweather fought Oscar De La Hoya.

But while the frenzy over the fight pushed up tickets to 3-4 times their retail price the week of the fight, prices dropped dramatically as the fight neared and some tickets were being resold for less than face value.

Boxing fans called for the fight to be made five years ago, when both men were in their undisputed prime. But squabbles over promoters, drug testing and a variety of other issues sidelined it until Pacquiao beat Chris Algieri in November and immediately launched a campaign to get the fight made.

When they finally got it, it wasn't the fight it might have been five years ago. But it was enough to settle the question that boxing fans had asked for years — who would win the big welterweight matchup of the best fighters of their time. AP

■ I thought I won the fight. He didn't do nothing except move outside

PACQUIAO



Floyd Mayweather Jr., left, hits Manny Pacquiao

Greg Beacham, Las Vegas

MANNY Pacquiao said a right shoulder injury prevented him from fighting at his best in his loss to Floyd Mayweather Jr.

Nevada officials also denied Pacquiao's request to take an anti-inflammatory shot in his dressing room before the fight Saturday night. The chairman of the Nevada Athletic Commission said the ruling was Pacquiao's fault for not mentioning his injury sooner.

"It's part of the game," Pacquiao said. "I don't want to make alibis or complain or anything ... (but) it's hard to fight one-handed."

Pacquiao, trainer Freddie Roach and promoter Bob Arum were vague on the details of the injury, but confirmed that they considered postponing the bout a few weeks ago.

"I thought he fought a courageous fight under all the circumstances, and I'm very proud of what he accomplished tonight," Arum said.



Pacquiao is embraced by Floyd Mayweather Jr. during a press conference following their welterweight title fight

Pacquiao got hurt some time after mid-March, and Arum said the injury was "the same as the one Kobe Bryant had."

Bryant tore his rotator cuff in January, ending his season with the Los Angeles Lakers. Arum didn't make it clear whether that was the injury he was referencing, but said Pacquiao consulted the same doctor that treated Bryant.

Arum said Pacquiao's

camp thought he would be allowed to have an anti-inflammatory shot because he had similar treatment during training. The shots also had been approved by the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency.

But Arum said Top Rank filed incorrect paperwork about the injury, and the Nevada commission ruled against the request for a shot.

Francisco Aguilar, chair-

man of the Nevada Athletic Commission, said the Pacquiao team did not disclose the injury until Saturday night, so the requests for permission to take the shot and to have a personal doctor in Pacquiao's corner were denied.

"We were not aware of his injury until tonight at 6:30," said Aguilar, who made the ruling. "The medications he was taking were disclosed on his medical questionnaire, but not the actual injury. ... This isn't our first fight. This is our business. There is a process, and when you try to screw with the process, it's not going to work for you."

Pacquiao's camp apparently hoped the fighter could compete without the shot. Despite Pacquiao's limitations, Arum said he didn't regret putting Pacquiao into the fight at less than full strength.

"Athletes always fight

hurt," Arum said. "We felt that the work that was done on the shoulder during training would give him the opportunity to use the right hand. We were disappointed when in the third round the injury kicked up again, but this is always the case with sports. You get guys injured in training. He then deals with the injury, he thinks he's conquered it, and

■ The post-fight disclosure of Pacquiao's injury adds a legitimate angle to discussion of a rematch

then he gets re-injured in the game. It happens in football. It happens in any sport."

Mayweather concurred with his former promoter, noting that he fought with injuries to both of his arms and hands.

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Pacquiao demonstrably fought with only a portion of his usual punch output, and his inability to use his right hand consistently made it easier for Mayweather to control the fight.

Roach was proud of his fighter's persistence through injury, but frustrated with Pacquiao's ability to implement his game plan, particularly his inability to throw a right hook.

"It was a very close fight," Roach said. "We'd love to do it again, but hopefully that's in the future." AP

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SHOULD MACAU ADOPT THE HK ELECTORAL PACKAGE?

Following the 79-day Occupy Central movement, legislators are set to vote on an electoral reform plan before the end of July. The plan would introduce universal suffrage to elect the chief executive. But there is a major detail that is in the center of the dissent: residents of the neighboring region would only be allowed to vote on candidates screened by a 1,200-strong China-backed committee, with a maximum of three candidates allowed to run.

This would mean, in practical terms, that it would be almost impossible for an independent (some may say "anti-establishment") candidate to pass the nomination process. The South China Morning Post completed some complex calculations and concluded the following: "Assuming that about 200 supporters of the pan-democratic camp sit on the nominating committee, an aspirant from that camp would need to bet on the chance that more than 400 committee members with a government-friendly background, who wanted to block a rival of their favored candidate from going forward to the popular ballot, would vote for the pan-democrat."

The reformist camp would need an impossible conspirator, the likes of House of Cards' Frank Underwood, to achieve such a goal. Or, as it is pointed out later in the SCMP article, this is pure wishful thinking, since "no pro-establishment candidates could afford to let the pan-democrat join the public vote and risk the chance of losing to the latter."

It is therefore a biased election, but many Hong Kong residents are willing to accept the model, which they find better than the current CE election process. According to a survey commissioned by Now TV, public opinion remains deeply divided about the plan. Of 1,167 people surveyed, 47 percent supported the proposal while 38 percent opposed it. However, since pro-democracy lawmakers have a lot of influence at Legco, the plan is expected to falter, which could mean that the current election model could remain for the next election in 2017.

I wonder what would happen if the HK plan was to be introduced in Macau, overruling what some reformist associations deem as "small circle" CE election procedures.

The big advantage that strikes me is that we could have a real election, instead of the current plebiscite. Although it is possible, under the present rules, to have more than one candidate for the CE post, the local oligarchy seems to prefer a smooth election with a single candidate. This obviously goes against the guidelines of any fair election, since pluralism and different views are not promoted. There isn't a single solution to the many issues that challenge the region and as such there shouldn't be only one candidate in the running.

If there is a universal election for the top post with several candidates, that would mean that those candidates need to fight for the vote and can't hide behind bureaucracies and procedures. Obviously, the pre-screening of the candidates limits the elector's choice, but at least people can vote on a style and a set of policies, even if they are more or less pre-determined by Beijing.

Another relevant aspect is education about democracy. If there is universal suffrage for the top post in the region, electors could feel empowered (in HK there are 5 million eligible voters) and perceive that their vote counts for something. Currently in Macau this sense that every citizen's vote counts is lacking. Therefore, phenomena like vote buying and even the "ethnic vote" (where, for example, residents with a Fujian background vote for Chan Meng Kam) arise.

Of course, as the opponents to the HK plan swiftly pointed out, the adoption of such an idea could bring a negative side effect: the democratic legitimization of the chief executive. In this scenario, the next leader could claim to have been elected by universal suffrage and forget the above-mentioned "major detail." Yes, he would have been elected by all, but previously chosen by a 1,200 member nominating committee. So the question remains: How many voted, 5 million or 1,200?

THE BUZZ CHELSEA WINS PREMIER LEAGUE TITLE

Roman Abramovich's Chelsea won soccer's English Premier League title after a 1-0 win over Crystal Palace. Chelsea clinched the title for a fourth time in front of a home crowd at the Stamford Bridge ground, west London, yesterday with three games of the season remaining. Club captain John Terry said winning the title was "an unbelievable feeling." "We've worked so hard, so to get over the line

is great," Terry told Sky. "It's been five years since we've won it. The first one was special and you go four or five years without it and that hurts. So I'll really enjoy it today."

Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho, who was congratulated by his Palace counterpart Alan Pardew minutes before the end of the final whistle, told Sky it is his "most important title," before adding, "for sure I will try to get another one."

Australia plans fines, jail for illegal home purchases



An advertisement for a residential project is displayed at a construction site in the suburb of Waitara, Sydney

AUSTRALIA will jail foreigners who purchase homes illegally as the government seeks to slow a surge in house prices, Prime Minister Tony Abbott said.

Sentences may stretch to three years and fines to A\$637,500 (USD500,500) for illicit buyers, with penalties also on third parties knowingly complicit in violations, Prime Minister Tony Abbott said Saturday in Sydney. The steps are needed to give the public confidence that foreign-investment rules on property purchases are being enforced, he said.

The penalties will tighten scrutiny on overseas buyers at a time when record-low interest rates are driving up Sydney property prices five times faster than wages. A company owned by Chinese billionaire Hui Ka Yan's Evergrande Real Estate Group Ltd. - which illegally bought a A\$39 million mansion overlooking Sydney

Harbour - has sold the site to an Australian citizen, Treasurer Joe Hockey's office said Friday.

"What we want to do is ensure that illegal foreign investment is not unnecessarily driving up prices," Abbott said. "If you don't play by the rules there will be a tough penalty regime in place, and those penalties will be enforced."

Overseas buyers are only allowed to purchase newly built homes in Australia and need the permission of the Foreign Investment Review Board. Approved overseas purchases of Australian homes more than doubled to A\$34.7 billion in the year ended June, with China overtaking the U.S. as the biggest source of capital, the board said in its annual report Thursday.

Sydney ranked third among the least-affordable major metropolitan housing markets worldwide, after

Hong Kong and Vancouver, according to a report in January by Demographia.

Melbourne placed sixth in the report, ahead of London in seventh place. New York ranked 15th, tied with the Western Australian capital of Perth and just behind Adelaide.

In Victoria state, foreigners buying houses will pay a new tax equivalent to 3 percent of the purchase price, the Age newspaper reported Saturday. The measures will raise about A\$279 million over four years, the newspaper quoted state Treasurer Tim Pallas as saying ahead of his first budget on Tuesday.

Risks to Australia's economy from property speculation and household debt will be one of the main issues studied by an International Monetary Fund team visiting the country next month, the Australian Financial Review quoted the fund's local mission chief as saying today.

They'll also consider whether the issue should be dealt with using monetary policy or government regulation of loan-to-value ratios, bank capital requirements or risk weightings, the paper quoted the IMF's James Daniel as saying.

The government plans to introduce legislation on the measures later this year and ensure the changes are enacted on Dec. 1.

Station	Air quality
Roadside	5-25 Good
High Density Residential Area	10-30 Good
Ambient	15-35 Good

WORLD BRIEFS

MYANMAR parliament speaker and former junta member Shwe Mann said Friday on a visit to Washington that he will run for the nation's presidency if nominated by the ruling party, and would consider forming a coalition with opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi.

SOUTH KOREA confirmed yesterday that North Korea detained a South Korean student of New York University, but said it was still unclear whether the 21-year-old New Jersey resident attempted to enter the North illegally. An official from South Korea's Unification Ministry, which handles affairs with North Korea, said his department was still trying to gather information on Won Moon Joo's travels and the circumstances of his arrest.

AFGHANISTAN An official says at least 18 people died and another three were injured when a minibus plummeted into a ravine in a remote area of the northwestern Badghis province.



NIGERIA Hundreds of girls and women, many bewildered and traumatized, are being registered, fed and given medical care in their first day out of Nigeria's war zone. The group of 275 women and children are among the nearly 700 freed in the past week by the Nigerian military from Boko Haram extremists and the first to be transported to the safety of a Malkohi refugee camp here in Yola in the country's northeast.

THE DECISIVE MOMENT



Crowds packed venues broadcasting yesterday's live feeds of the Mayweather vs Pacquiao fight at The Venetian. Most of the audience was backing the Pacman, but the Filipino hero failed to win the 'Fight of the Century', although he showed a much more exciting boxing than master strategist Floyd.



ITALY The Italian Coast Guard says the bodies of at least 10 migrants have been recovered at sea in three separate rescue operations off Libya's coast. Those rescues are some of more than a dozen carried out yesterday in the Mediterranean, and follow rescues a day earlier in which 3,690 migrants were saved from smugglers' boats.

YEMEN Human Rights Watch says a Saudi-led coalition may have used cluster bombs in its airstrikes targeting Shiite rebels in Yemen. In a report released yesterday, the U.S.-based group says satellite imagery indicates the munitions landed "within 600 meters of several dozen buildings in four to six village clusters."