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**WORLD BRIEFS**

**HONG KONG** A car crash involving three vehicles in Deep Water Bay, South District of Hong Kong left 53 people injured yesterday, local media reported. The accident took place on Island Road at around 3 p.m. local time when two coaches and a truck collided.

**NORTH KOREA** The North Korean military general believed by archival South Korea to have been behind two attacks on South Korea that killed 50 people in 2010 has died. He was 77. The North's main Rodong sinmun newspaper said yesterday that Kim Kyok Sik died of acute respiratory failure on Sunday.

**PHILIPPINES** The Philippines' military chief has flown to a Filipino-occupied island in the South China Sea amid territorial disputes in the area with China, vowing to defend the islet and help the mayor develop tourism and marine resources there.

**AUSTRALIA's** top finance official said yesterday he will introduce legislation to force global corporations to pay a fair amount of tax on their Australian earnings, potentially boosting government revenue by billions of dollars and adding momentum to international efforts to combat corporate tax avoidance.



**THAILAND's** 87-year-old king, the world's longest-reigning monarch, left a Bangkok hospital he checked into last year and returned Sunday to his seaside palace south of the capital. King Bhumibol Adulyadej had been in hospital since last October, when he had his gallbladder removed.

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**I**T'S the ultimate in efficiency. The art of being lazy. That's astonishingly what renowned fitness trainer and movement specialist Edward Yu is hoping to teach the perennially stressed citizens of Macau to do in a series of workshops and classes taking place this May.

During his month-long visit, the Portugal-based, American author and fitness instructor is aiming to show people how to achieve more strength and fitness with less effort. His approach, called 'The Art of Slowing Down', is rooted in the Feldenkrais Method, as well as in the ancient Chinese martial arts of bagua and tai chi.

First pioneered by Dr Moshe Feldenkrais, a Belorussian Jew who amazingly walked all the way to Palestine when he was 13, Feldenkrais became a physicist, judo expert, mechanical engineer and educator. Consequently, according to Edward Yu, the Feldenkrais method is heavily rooted in judo. "When people come to class, they don't realize that they're doing judo at 1/1000th of the speed", he says, "Because judo is physics applied to the human body. It's biomechanics; how to become more efficient in movement". In other words, it's the art of "maximum efficiency with minimum effort". "How do you be lazy and do so many things? I think it's pretty awesome", he adds.

Using the example of judo, how does a judo master in his 70s beat a black belt in his 20s and toss them around? "The difference is in sensitivity and learning", the fitness expert states. "The master is extremely sensitive. In a sense Feldenkrais is about sensitivity. Using constraints to develop sensitivity".

So what's taking a Feldenkrais class like? Yu jokes that it's basically "a lot of rolling around on the floor". The technique uses gentle, slow movements and directed attention to help people improve problem areas so that they can increase their ease of movement, flexibility and coordination.

"Maybe you would come to me with some problem, e.g. I have shoulder pain, I can't twist, I don't have the flexibility to do a certain movement, and we would look at that movement", he describes. "And if



Edward Yu teaches a Feldenkrais class at Yoga Loft Macau



## HEALTH AND FITNESS

# The art of being lazy

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we look at it in earnest, we'll discover it's an extraordinarily complex movement and we have to break it down. And one way to break it down is to

start on your back, start on your stomach, start on your side, in a different configuration that's simpler".

The movement specialist has worked with all manner of people, from Olympic medalists, professional soccer players, principal dancers in the Portuguese 'Companhia Nacional de Bailado' dance company, to yoga teachers, stroke recoverees and average people who simply want to improve their strength or get out of pain.

As well as applying to movement, the system equally applies to all forms of learning. According to Yu, the conventional model for learning, exercise or anything in life "is trying harder and trying to replicate" it. But in his experience an alternative is using "an imaginative use

of constraints". "I believe that can take us deeper", he says. "I just happen to be bringing a system... of very imaginative use of constraints to break apart movements and then put them back together."

"The pitfall is that human movement is so extraordinarily complex that we need a lot more information", he says. "I believe what great thing yogis or scientists have done, or great artists or writers have done, which is they create constraints and explore within those constraints, and in that exploration, something new emerges, and we can call it knowledge".

Once they embark on Feldenkrais classes, people consequently become more aware of how they use their bodies – from walking, running, to even just standing. Through

the meticulous exploration of movement sequences, multiple layers of the brain and nervous system are engaged. By increasing sensitivity, the method then helps people foster awareness in all areas of life.

"I believe all intellectual knowledge is rooted in the body", Yu states. "I'm borrowing from Feldenkrais and other somatic pioneers; that idea comes from them. So that means if something is not clear in the sensation of your own body, it can't be clear between your ears so to speak. You can't work in abstraction without first working with the literal pieces of life".

Edward Yu's weekly classes and weekend Feldenkrais workshops are currently running at the Carmo Swimming Pool, Yoga Loft Macau and the Fit for Life Medical Center until the end of the month. More information is available on [www.artofslowingdown.com](http://www.artofslowingdown.com) and by contacting [yoyo\\_ed@mac.com](mailto:yoyo_ed@mac.com).

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# Secretary grilled again over LRT delays

Catarina Pinto

**T**HE Secretary for Transport and Public Works, Raimundo do Rosário, has been bombarded by lawmakers' questions about the LRT timetable once more, even though he repeatedly stated that he's unable to disclose a concrete timetable or budget. Nevertheless, Mr Rosário said the government is hoping to unveil the Macau section of the route within the year.

In yesterday's Legislative Assembly (AL) plenary meeting, a series of spoken enquiries by lawmakers prompted a debate, which in a way resembled this year's Policy Address session, when Mr Rosário discussed with lawmakers his action plan for 2015.

Mr Rosário reiterated once more that he's unable to announce a concrete timetable or budget outlook before the stalled LRT depot structure construction issue is solved.

"We are currently in discussions with the contractor regarding the structure of the LRT depot. Last week, legal representatives of the two parties initiated negotiations and we hope to reach a satisfactory conclusion. If we do not reach a consensus, we will have to take the case to court. This is the only thing we have done so far," he stated.

In addition, the secretary acknowledged that the government does not have enough legal advisers to help resolve these matters.

Several lawmakers urged the authority to legislate on penalties that could be applied to contractors if they fail to meet their contractual obligations. The Secretary then pledged to revise Macau's legal framework that governs the bidding process for public construction projects.

In addition, he revealed that a Macau delegation will be traveling to Hong Kong this week to learn more about the neighboring SAR's experience regarding compensatory penalty clauses in contracts for public works.

The depot structure is one of five projects comprising the LRT Taipa section. It features a 130,000 square meter area, which will serve as an operation control center, a factory and maintenance building, and an area for trains to be parked and cleaned, in addition to a 600-meter train-testing track.

The Transportation Infrastructure Office (GIT) has slammed the contractor build-



Raimundo do Rosário

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RAIMUNDO DO ROSÁRIO

ing the depot over its inactivity and inability to finish the project. GIT previously stated that construction progress of the depot is severely lagging behind due to the contractor's inability to actively fulfill its contractual obligations.

The secretary said repeatedly that he could not provide any concrete answers about the LRT timetable, but lawmakers insisted on knowing more details.

José Pereira Coutinho claimed, "There is a lack of transparency regarding the LRT de-

pot." "It's impossible to hold someone accountable... the coordinator of the GIT left. It has become even harder," he stressed.

Lei Cheng I asserted that regardless of the issue with the LRT depot, the government should still disclose a timetable for the project.

"We would like to complete Taipa's LRT section construction as soon as possible. I am not promising... but we hope to conclude Taipa's section this year. But I cannot say when we will be able to com-

plete Macau's section," Mr Rosário replied.

Lawmakers urged the government to set out measures preventing similar problems arising from major public construction works in the future. They stressed that there are lessons to be learned following the budget overrun and repeated delays on the LRT construction.

"This is not only about holding government officials accountable. It's about preventing it from happening again. All of our major public works have had issues that we cannot solve. There are even problems to be solved within the public housing units. So we need to learn lessons from our experiences, otherwise we'll have to face delays again," said lawmaker Au Kam San.

The secretary said, "Frankly, I haven't had time to reflect upon how we could avoid these problems in the future. There's a lack of equipment, human resources, and I haven't had time to discuss this with the department heads. I think that for the construction of the new hospital we will adopt a new solution."

Other lawmakers demanded an accountability regime, not only addressing government officials but also consultancy companies that are providing services in major public works.

The secretary acknowledged that he's the one who should be held accountable, but that he's trying to solve all the problems within his portfolio. "Who should be held accountable? Well I think that's me. I no longer know how to reply to questions regarding accountability. I will try to solve all the problems. I also want to see Macau's problems solved. But I can't solve them all," Mr Rosário reiterated.

## Gov't studying introduction of 'recycling network'

**T**HE government is considering whether or not to create a recycling network structure in Macau, the Secretary for Transport and Public Works, Raimundo do Rosário, told lawmakers yesterday.

Mr Rosário revealed, "We are having an interim review, which, according to our planning, we would like to conclude by the beginning of next year, so that we can create a recycling network in Macau. I believe that this is a new concept in Macau."

The secretary did not elaborate on whether this recycling structure is intended to manage all types of waste.

He recalled that Macau has scarce land resources and therefore the government will need to think thoroughly about re-

cycling: "We need to see whether we have conditions to do this in Macau. For now we can probably only find a very small space [to accommodate recycling network facilities]."

Therefore, Mr Rosário acknowledged that regional cooperation is key in this matter. "Until 2020, we will foster regional cooperation opportunities, and will have to see if we can cooperate and find a viable solution with our neighboring regions," he stated.

Lawmaker Angela Leong commented that raising residents' awareness over environmental issues is important, but she urged to government "to do something concrete." Zheng Anting added that the scheme would be easier to implement if residents start separating

their household waste. "If people start sorting their waste then it becomes easier to recycle. I hope you can take this into consideration during the interim review," he said.

Lawmaker Pereira Coutinho reiterated that "the government has been too inactive" when it comes to managing waste. "Our landfills are currently exceeding capacity and we need to find a solution. This is the right momentum to think of mechanisms we could adopt to encourage enterprises to participate in the recycling of waste," he said.

The secretary replied that the government is now trying to solve the construction waste issue, and "in the long run will try to solve the matter through recycling."

# Secretary of State says links with Macau benefit Portuguese economy

**LEONARDO** Mathias, the Portuguese Secretary of State for Economy, said during a visit to the city that Lisbon should continue to foster the growing trend of exports to Macau.

Speaking during a workshop yesterday, the politician stressed the importance of the MSAR's role in strengthening trade relations between Portugal and China.

"The Portuguese economy is benefiting, since in the last four years there has been a 20-percent growth in Portuguese companies that export to Macau; over 346 companies currently export to Macau and 40 percent of those exports are food and wine products," Leonardo Mathias said.

Before arriving in the territory, the Secretary of State and his delegation visited China and Hong Kong, and met government representatives from the departments of food safety and copyright protection.

"In the area of economic



Leonardo Mathias

security, many Europeans are wary of certain products with the label 'made in China' as there is the perception that these pro-

ducts are sometimes not certified or are unsafe – for example, toys (...) We should fight those issues," said the head of the Portuguese

Economic, Food and Health Safety Agency (ASAE), Pedro Gaspar, who is also a member of the Portuguese delegation.

Vong Kok-seng, president of the General Committee of the Macau Consumer Council, met with the ASAE representative and stressed that food safety is one of the most important areas for bilateral cooperation. "Food safety has never been so relevant as now, since the tourism and logistics industries are developing a lot in Macau. This is even more significant given that Macau wants to establish a distribution center for food products between Portugal and China," he said, adding that the center's opening date has yet to be decided.

Leonardo Mathias will return to Lisbon tomorrow, and the ASAE representatives will stay in town until Thursday, having several meetings scheduled with representatives of public departments. **MDT/Lusa**

# Cash handouts to remain next year

**THE** head of the Social Welfare Bureau, Iong Kong Io, said yesterday that the government does not intend to bring an end to its cash handout program next year, Radio Macau reported.

"I don't think the cash handout program will be canceled. The government is assessing this matter according to its budget; so the cash handout value will either decrease or be maintained," he stated.

The Secretary for Economy and Finance, Lionel Leong, had already revealed that the government might review the value of the cash handouts currently granted to permanent residents (MOP9,000) and temporary residents (MOP5,400).

While discussing his cabinet's action plan for this year, Mr Leong told lawmakers that the cash handouts' value "might be adjusted" next year, depending on Macau's economic outlook and the government's budget. "We are still estimating the amount that will be given in 2016, taking into consideration our budget."

The government has had to amend its budget for this year as gaming revenue has dropped over the past 11 months, falling in April for the eleventh consecutive month. **CP**

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# EU supports local 'democratic advancement'

**T**HE European Union supports "democratic advancement" in Macau and Hong Kong, and wishes to see both special administrative regions achieve a universal suffrage model that would give citizens genuine choices to decide who will become the chief executive, said Vincent Piket, head of the European Union Office to Hong Kong and Macau.

The Dutch diplomat was speaking to reporters after a seminar held yesterday at the University of Macau to discuss future EU-China collaboration based on the regions' diplomatic ties over the last four decades. Mr Piket told media that the Union was in no position to intervene with Chinese domestic sovereignty and respected the authorities' political decisions. However, a democratic election would also be influential to the foreign business sector in Hong Kong, said the foreign official.

"As the EU, we always say we don't interfere in the process but we're stakeholders in it because of our history together [and] the tremendous economic exchanges [between our regions]. We have almost two thousand European companies based in Hong Kong. As a stakeholder, we say that we hope very much that universal suffrage will be introduced in Hong Kong soon, in line with the Basic Law, granting maximum participation



Vincent Piket (2nd left) gestures

and a genuine choice for Hong Kong citizens," he said.

Asked if it would be possible for Macau to elect its leader via a similar format, the EU representative said it all hinged on the "legal point," which referred to the terms laid down in the Basic Law.

"As the EU, we stand for a form of government that has a lot of accountability towards society, and that is efficient and governed by principles of democracy. So we would be very supportive of such a development," he added.

Mr Piket described the relationship between China and the European union as "dynamic." Regional security, foreign and environmental issues would be the major topics to explore in the China-EU summit scheduled to be held in Brussels next month.

Commenting on the challenges facing the local economy, the diplomat acknowledged that it needs to be diversified in order to rely less on the gaming industry. The office head said that the EU would be willing to contribute to the process by introducing technology and knowledge that the city currently lacks, which, together with improvement to the education sector, is their priority when it comes to Macau's local government. "What needs to be done is to bring some more investment into Macau in areas other than just the gaming sector, to bring in other firms, to bring in technology and knowledge that Macau currently doesn't have a sufficient supply of. That's sort of the exchange we want to build up between European businesses and Macau in the coming years," he said.

The diplomat also stressed that China and the EU are committed to concluding the ongoing negotiations for the EU China Investment Agreement, which would not only provide additional protection for mutual investment on both sides, but also better market assets for European investors into China, said Piket. The head of the European Union Office to Hong Kong and Macau was also pleased with the formation of the local special administrative region in 1999 under the principle of "one country two systems," adding that it was "good for everybody." **Staff reporter**

## MGM provides transportation

MGM Macau announced yesterday that, since May 8, it has started running additional daily complimentary shuttle buses for its non-resident construction workers. The buses run between Zhuhai and MGM's Cotai project construction site, via the Cotai-Hengqin gate and the Golden Lotus Flower Bridge. "It is part of MGM Macau's goal to support the Macau government's initiatives and to show its commitment to serving the local community. This reinforces the efforts of MGM Macau in supporting the local government in improving people's living and working conditions," MGM's senior vice president of design, development and construction, Mel Hansen, said.



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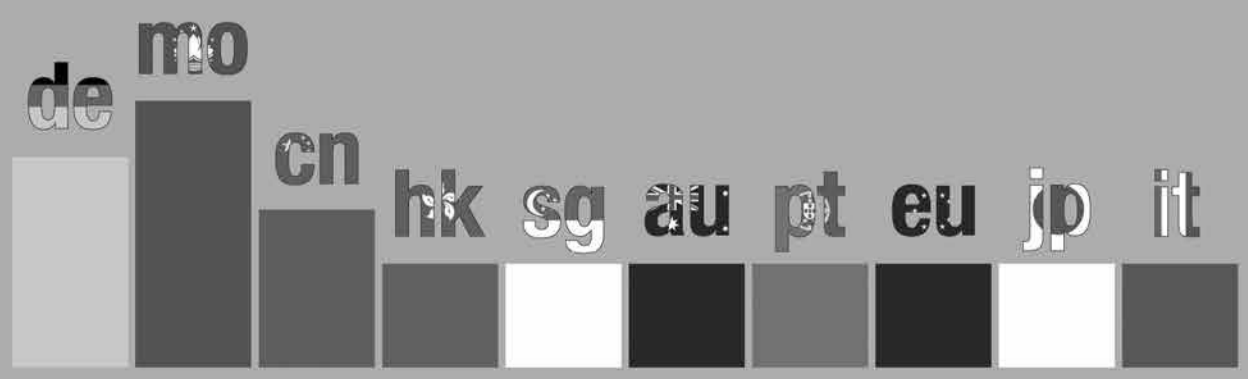
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**T**HE government will put an end to the granting of subsidies to Sin Fong Garden proprietors within the year, the Social Welfare Bureau (IAS) has revealed. The Secretary for Transport and Public Works, Raimundo do Rosário, yesterday announced he will be meeting with the building owners today.

According to a TDM report, the Social Welfare Bureau's president Iong Kong Io yesterday hinted that the government will stop providing subsidies – which have amounted to MOP20 million – to the Sin Fong Garden owners. The authority is also discussing with its legal advisers how to claim the expenses. But since no one has been held accountable for the building's structural problems, the government does not know from whom it should claim back the money.

Meanwhile, a group of Sin Fong Garden proprietors have been accused of aggravated disobedience by the Public Prosecutions Office (MP) over last year's protest and clash with authorities. The apartment owners now accuse the government of breaking its promise not to prosecute them over the demonstration, that included a camping outside the building.

The Secretary for Transport

# Gov't to stop granting subsidies to Sin Fong Garden owners



View of the Sin Fong residents' camp in 2014

and Public Works said he was unaware of such a promise and he cannot ensure they will not be prosecuted. "There are three powers in Macau: executive, judiciary and legislative. These are all independent from each other. I haven't discussed this issue with judiciary authorities. I cannot

interfere," he reiterated.

Furthermore, the Secretary recalled that this is a matter that should be solved among the Sin Fong Garden building owners. "The government doesn't own the property. If this was a government asset, we would solve the issue. But it's a private building and the-

re are proprietors, and they should solve it. The only thing the government should do is – to my understanding – to try our best to [help them] reach a consensus," the secretary acknowledged.

More than a hundred residents gathered last month in front of the troubled structure to call for government intervention again. The chairman of the building's management committee recalled that only its reconstruction could fulfill the owners' hopes. However, proprietors have not yet reached a consensus on what type of reconstruction they'd prefer.

Almost three years ago, Sin Fong Garden residents started noticing cracks in the walls of the 30-storey edifice located in Patane. Structural problems led authorities to think the building was at risk of collapsing, prompting the evacuation of 141 resident families in 2012. **CP**

## CCM launches ARTmusing Summer

The Macau Cultural Center has announced the launch of ARTmusing Summer to celebrate the arts with new performances and workshops for all ages. Intended to encourage creativity in society, the series will run from late June until the end of August and will consist of over 200 events, ranging from puppetry and dance, to music and theatre. Every year the city's creative season is supported by both international and local professionals who share their artistry with thousands of young art enthusiasts. Tickets for all ARTmusing Summer performances are on sale from May 9 at CCM's box office and Macau Ticketing Network outlets, with some discounts available. Registration for the workshops will take place from May 9 to 14 and enrolment will run from May 17 to the beginning of June.

## 'Words from the CE' online



The Chief Executive's Office has created a new section on its official website for the city's leader to express his personal viewpoints on current social circumstances. Together with an audio clip, the first article published on May 10 on the "Words from the Chief Executive" page said that the city's goal of turning itself into a world travel and leisure destination is realistic, as long as everyone cooperates with each other to overcome difficulties along the road. Chui urged residents to have the courage to confront the adjustment period in the gaming industry, and to keep Macau on its course towards strong collective development. He also mentioned in the article that the city has been achieving economic diversity in phases. The chief executive expressed confidence that the robust fiscal reserve could further be consolidated to move the region towards sustainable development through its multiple roles as a Luso-Chinese platform, as well as a world travel and leisure center.

## Elderly homes to increase, Hengqin part of the plan



**T**HE number of homes available for elderly residents will be increased to 2400 in 2017 to cope with growing demand, said the president of the Social Welfare Bureau (IAS), Iong Kong Io, during TDM's radio talkback show. Currently there are 1700 homes for elderly residents in Macau.

According to the data provided by IAS, the elderly account for eight percent of the total population, but that figure is expected to have increased by 20 percent by 2036. Presently there are over 400 elderly people on the waiting list for a home.

Commenting on recent statements made by government representatives indicating that elderly homes for locals may be established in Hengqin, Iong Kong Io said that the policy for the elderly will be focused on Macau, but that the mainland will not be left out of the plan.

"In regards to Hengqin, I hope we can buy land to build elderly care facilities. They will be more modern, with environmentally friendly designs. Spacing and equipment will also be considered to help progress the development," he said.

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Alan Clendenning, Madrid

**I**NVESTORS pushed Airbus shares down yesterday on Paris' stock exchange after a military turboprop troop transporter plane undergoing final flight testing in Spain crashed, killing four aboard and injuring two.

Airbus shares were down 2.6 percent to 61.76 euros (USD68.97) as authorities investigated what caused the A400M to crash into a farm field Saturday after taking off from the southern city of Seville, where the planes are assembled.

Also yesterday, German officials said their military's A400M has shown numerous "shortcomings" during testing following delivery last December but none to indicate it was not flightworthy.

The company held a moment of silence at all of its installations around the world for the dead — the two pilots and two of the four flight test engineers aboard.

The voice and flight data black boxes were recovered on Sunday and delivered to a Spanish judge in Seville investigating the case, Spain's presidency said in a statement.

The media office for the judge said yesterday it could not immediately provide any information about analysis of the black boxes or the investigation. Spain's Development Ministry is also investigating the crash.

The plane had been due to be delivered to Turkey after test flights.

German Defense Ministry spokesman Uwe Roth said the Bundeswehr's first and only A400M, grounded in the wake of the accident, was in a test phase and had shown a "large number of

# Airbus shares fall after military plane crash in Spain



In this June 26, 2008 file photo, Spanish King Juan Carlos, fourth from right, poses with other officials in front of the new military Airbus A400M in Seville, Spain

shortcomings" so far — though nothing to make it be deemed unflightworthy.

The German military had logged 750 flight hours on the plane. When the test plane would go back into service depends upon what is revealed in the Spanish investigation, Roth said.

A further five A400M aircraft were due to be delivered this year, but Roth said Airbus had notified the German government that there would be delays and that they would only know in the second half of the year how many could be expected and when. Ger-

many has ordered 53 of the new planes.

Malaysia yesterday confirmed that it was grounding its A400M plane pending results of the crash probe. Although Malaysia only has one of the aircraft, it is scheduled to receive three more.

The country's decision came after Britain, Germany and Turkey grounded theirs over the weekend and France said it would only use A400M aircraft in urgent operations.

Airbus in January dismissed the head of its military program after governmen-

ts including Germany, France and Turkey complained about delays in the 20-billion-euro A400M program.

The program has also been plagued by cost overruns. France was the first country to take delivery of an A400M in 2013.

The program was started so governments could replace their aging military Transall C-160s and C-130 Hercules transporter planes.

Twelve A400Ms have been delivered and the company has received 174 orders for the planes from eight countries. AP

## Starbucks hopes 'Mini Frappuccino' tempts new customers

**I**F a small Frappuccino seems like too much of an indulgence, Starbucks is now selling a more petite version of the sugary coffee drink.

The Seattle-based coffee chain says it will start selling a "Mini Frappuccino" starting yesterday through July 6. The new size is just 10 ounces, compared with 12 ounces for the company's "tall" or small size.

Starbucks isn't the only chain trying to tempt people with more modest serving sizes. Sonic offers ice cream shakes in a "mini" size and recently ran a limited-time offer for mini hot dogs and mini fried chicken sandwiches. Coke has also been playing up its mini cans, which are 7.5 ounces, compared with 12 ounces for a regular can.

Katie Seawell, senior vice president of category brand management at Starbucks, said the Mini Frappuccino helped lift overall store sales in the select regions where it was tested last year. Without providing specifics, she said it attracted new customers and got existing customers to come back more frequently.

Seawell declined to say whether Starbucks plans to make the "mini" a permanent offering.

The calories in a Mini Frappuccino vary depending on the flavor.

For the regular coffee with no whipped cream, Starbucks says it'll have 120 calories and 24 grams of sugar. That's compared with 180 calories and 36 grams of sugar for a small (tall) and 240 calories and 50 grams of sugar for a medium (grande).

A large (venti) Frappuccino has 350 calories and 69 grams of sugar.

Starbucks says the "mini" should cost about 20 to 30 cents less than a small. AP



This photo provided by Starbucks shows the Mini Frappuccino

## corporate bits

### ALTIRA MACAU TURNS 8



Altira Macau celebrated its 8th anniversary on May 8 at the Hotel's 38 Lounge, marking eight years of hospitality.

The celebration was attended by over 200 business and community leaders. Guests were entertained by the close-up magic performed by renowned magician Lawrence Sullivan, followed by a belly dancer, soulful jazz duo and a flapper dance.

Ms. Constance Hsu, Gene-

ral Manager of Altira Macau, said at the celebration, "Altira Macau prides itself with the exceptional and memorable experience it has consistently brought to every one of its guests over the past eight years. We are proud to have helped transforming the hospitality landscape in this particular part of Macau. We will continue to contribute to developing Macau into a world center of tourism and leisure."

### ROGER DUBUIS LAUNCHES ASTRAL SKELETON EXHIBITION

Swiss luxury watchmaker Roger Dubuis brought its skeleton philosophy to Asia, and hosted a cocktail event in celebration of the launch of its Astral Skeleton Exhibition at the T Galleria by DFS, Shoppes at Four Seasons, in Macau. Available until June 30, the exhibition presented a range of timepieces that evokes the Maison's skeleton-work. The Astral Skeleton Exhibition is a continuation of Roger Dubuis' celebration of the "Year of the Skeleton". The setup and design of the exhibition bore resemblance to the Incredible World at the 2015 Salon International De La Haute Horlogerie (SIHH). Attendees at the Astral Skeleton Exhibition were provided with a pair

of Oculus glasses, enabling them to gain a sensorial 3D experience of the timepieces.



### SANDS CHINA CARE AMBASSADORS VISIT TUNG SIN TONG HISTORICAL ARCHIVE EXHIBITION HALL



35 Sands China Care Ambassadors recently visited the Tung Sin Tong Historical Archive Exhibition Hall in groups as an experience aimed at further developing the knowledge and skills needed to continue helping the local community.

During the visit May 8-9, the ambassadors were shown an animated documentary film: Life is like a song, about the es-

tablishment of Tung Sin Tong and its course of development, and were guided through a series of images that captured the old days of Macau and the daily lives of its residents. The visit provided an opportunity for team members to understand the significance of corporate social responsibility, while also raising their awareness of this historic charitable institution.



BLOOMBERG



# Chinese fund starts selling 'Bela' beer in Angola

**B**ELA beer, produced in Angola by the China Investment Fund (CIF) Luanda Brewery, entered the Angolan market a few days ago after the Fund invested USD180 million in the project, according to Chinese news agency Xinhua.

The brewery, which has been running tests since September 2014, is now starting the process of selling the beer to major retailers in Luan-

da, including shopping centres and supermarkets, said the Managing Director of the factory, Buhe Bater.

Bater also said that the beer produced under the Bela brand, in cans as well as in bottles and barrels, is due soon to arrive in the markets of Angola's 18 provinces and the factory has capacity to produce 100,000 tons of beer a year.

Buhe Bater said the beer was prepared with Angolan consumers'

taste in mind "and is selling very well, especially as in Luanda there are no seasons when beer is not consumed due to the high year-round temperature."

The CIF Luanda Brewery LTD is one of the first factories with Chinese investors operating in Angola, whose government intends to accelerate the process of industrial diversification in order to reduce dependence on oil exports. **MDT/Macauhub**

## MOZAMBIQUE

# Chinese company due to finish Maputo Ring Road

**T**HE Maputo rings road, whose construction was awarded to the China Road and Bridge Corporation (CRBC), will be ready next December and not in the first half of this year as previously expected, announced the Mozambican Minister of Public Works.

Carlos Bonete, who on Saturday paid a visit to the site, said the delay was due to several factors related to the nature and complexity of the contract.

Initially the road was planned to open in December 2014 but this deadline was exceeded due to problems with resettlement of families who lived on the area selected for construction.

The project, costing an estimated USD315 million, includes construction of a 74 kilometer road that will create a new North/South axis (between Miramar Beach and the village of Marracuene), and will also involve building six bridges and three junctions that will allow traffic flow on National Highway Number One on the Zimpeto-Marracuene section.

The work was awarded to CBRC by the Empresa de Desenvolvimento de Maputo (Maputo Development Company), a public company that manages not only the construction of the Maputo Ring Road but also the bridge to Catembe and the Catembe-Bela Vista road. **MDT/Macauhub**

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## HONG KONG

## Consumer culture gone wild: Boar visits mall



A wild boar is seen on top of a display rack at a children's clothing store

Talk about a consumer culture gone wild. A Hong Kong shopping mall received a visit from a ham-fisted customer on Sunday when a wild boar wandered in and got trapped inside a children's clothing store. Video showed the boar, which had apparently climbed up a ladder in the shop's back room, punching a hole through the showroom's false ceiling with a hoof. News reports said the animal was a 25-kilogram, meter-long juvenile female. A crowd of shoppers, watching from behind a line of police, squealed in amazement as the boar clambered down onto the top of display case, jumped to the floor and skittered around the shop, knocking over mannequins and signs. The boar was eventually tranquilized by a veterinarian and taken to an animal rehab center, the South China Morning Post reported. Wild boars are common in Hong Kong, where they are often found roaming the forested hills of the city.

## Fugitive arrested after posting holiday selfies

Chinese police have captured a fugitive who revealed his whereabouts by posting holiday selfies on social media. The 27-year-old man surnamed Qin went into hiding last year after reputedly being hired as a hitman and seriously injuring his target, a villager in central China's Henan Province. But on May 3, the last day of the May Day holiday, Qin emerged on the popular messaging and photo-sharing service WeChat with selfies taken on Wudang Mountain in Hubei Province, which neighbors Henan to the south. The photos were forwarded by an unwitting friend of Qin's and got the attention of the police. Wudang Mountain police said yesterday that they quickly located Qin by identifying the photos' backdrops and made the arrest on May 5. According to the police, Qin told them that he had joined a group of friends on the mountain tour and, believing that "the most dangerous place is the safest", even registered in a luxury hotel right beside the police station. He posted the selfies as the trip made him complacent about his fugitive status, he said.



Visitors are seen in front of James Beckett's "Negative Space: A Scenario Generator for Clandestine Building in Africa" at the Belgian Pavilion of the Art Biennale in Venice, Italy

## Pavilion reveals "Civil Future" at Venice art biennale 2015

CHINA'S pavilion was unveiled in Venice on Saturday, bringing the innovative ideas of Chinese artists into the Italian "water city", where artists from all over the world are showing their works at the 56th International Art Exhibition, or Venice Art Biennale 2015, between May 9 and Nov. 22.

The Chinese pavilion at the biennale this year is themed "Civil Future". It means "everything is among the people and points to the future," Li Ruiyu, Chinese Ambassador to Italy, said at the opening ceremony.

Noting that the 56th biennale's main theme is "All the World's Futures" initiated by Okwui Enwezor, curator of the 2015 edition, Li said the main theme not only covers broad areas but

also offers a freer demonstration space for artists.

Meanwhile, the "Civil Future" theme put forward by the China Pavilion team guides viewers to explore the artistic spirit shown by Chinese artists through the forms of painting, music, video and installation art, the ambassador said.

Expressing congratulations to the opening of the Chinese pavilion, President of the Venice Foundation Giulizno Segre said the "water city" has seen more and more China-related activities held in Venice such as those at the Architecture Biennale last year.

"This year, we hope to see successful showing of the Chinese pavilion at the 56th International Art Exhibition in Venice

and to see China open its new chapter," he added.

In Venice, Chinese pavilion curator Cui Qiao said the focus this year was set on artists that deal with the past in a simple but sincere manner.

"I think artists should focus more on content and building an audience, not only technique. But most multimedia works don't have topics, just technique," Cui told Xinhua.

At the Chinese pavilion, artists Liu Jiakun, Lu Yang, Tan Dun, Wen Hui and Wu Wenguang all showcase a personal view on public subjects. Together, they show how Chinese society has been shaped in recent history and how the Chinese masses are publicly impacting the future of the country. The range of backgrounds

and interests of the artists map a rich and complex past.

"The choices made for this exhibition point toward a civil future. It involves the existence of every individual social member who is unique and defies classification," Cui said.

Civil, according to the curator, also represents "open-mindedness and tolerance, taking a rather challenging stance in modern China, one of spontaneity, non-mainstream pursuits and creativity, and the enjoyment of the freedom of creativity."

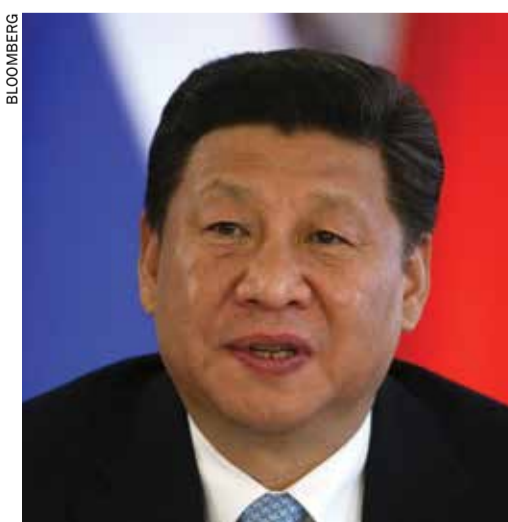
The Venice Biennale takes place once every two years in various historical venues of Venice. The art fair this year will host participants of some 90 countries and regions along with various art activities. Xinhua

## Xi pledges to boost Belarus ties as part of Silk Road project

IN the first visit by a Chinese head of state in 14 years, President Xi Jinping pledged to deepen a strategic partnership with Belarus as he seeks the country's support in building a trade route to Europe.

As a major hub for Xi's Silk Road project to expand overland trade, Belarus and China are looking to strengthen cooperation on infrastructure, transportation and energy, according to a joint declaration signed by Xi and President Alexander Lukashenko in a meeting in the nation's capital Minsk yesterday.

China is funding 23 major projects in Belarus, and is the country's third-biggest commercial partner after neighboring Russia and Ukraine with total trade of



USD3.1 billion in 2014. Belarus has been trying to expand economies ties with other countries and reduce its dependence on Russia, whose economy is suffering from declining oil prices and international sanctions over its support for Ukrainian separatists.

Belarus wants to become the major platform to realize Xi's vision to revive the Silk Road - an ancient overland trade route that brought Chinese goods to the West - Lukashenko said in an interview with Xinhua before Xi's visit began on Sunday.

The president said his country wants to become the hub for the transportation networks to bridge Europe and Asia. Xi is due to remain in Belarus until today. Bloomberg

# Rookie travelers try to open plane doors 12 times this year

Didi Tang, Beijing

**C**HINESE air travelers have opened airplane emergency doors without authorization 12 times so far this year during taxiing or while at a standstill, and one of the passengers was put on trial in the country's first such legal case, the Civil Aviation Administration of China said yesterday.

The man, identified only by his family name of Piao, stood trial on the charge of endangering public safety in the northeastern city of Yanji yesterday, the administration said in a statement.

Piao opened an emergency door on an Asiana Airlines flight without authorization on Feb. 12 when the plane was taxiing, causing the emergency slide to eject and prompting the flight crew to take emergency measures to halt the aircraft, the administration said.

His act caused the flight to



be delayed for four hours and severely disrupted the airport operations, the administration said.

Passengers have opened emergency doors without authorization 11 other times in 2015 at airports throughout the country, the administration said.

tion 11 other times in 2015 at airports throughout the country, the administration said.

The acts "have severely hurt aviation safety, disrupted flight operations and caused ill social impact," the statement said.

There is no data available for previous years, but the attention paid in China to the current incidents suggest such acts were rare or non-existent in the past. And while there's no clear explanation for why people have tried the willful act, Chinese are traveling in record numbers, many of them flying for the first time.

In one case last year, a man pushed down the handle to open an emergency door to let in fresh air while passengers were embarking on the tarmac in the eastern city of Hangzhou, according to media reports.

More recently, Beijing resident Zhou Yue was administratively detained for 15 days after he forcibly opened two emergency doors on a domestic flight in January. He was also publicly shamed last week when tourism authorities announced that Zhou was blacklisted for rude behavior.

Piao is the first person in China to face a criminal charge for the wanton act, the Civil Aviation Administration of China said. No verdict was announced yesterday. **AP**

Malcolm Scott

FILM

## Mainland's meteoric box-office rise

**A** new box-office champion is coming soon to China - and the world.

'Avengers: Age of Ultron', debuting in China on May 12, is poised to overtake 'Furious 7' as the Asian nation's top-grossing movie, based on pre-release bookings. That's no small feat since the latest chapter in the car-themed series was almost 14 percent bigger at the Chinese box office than in the U.S. and Canada, with USD385 million so far.

'Avengers' reservations have been double those in the run-up to 'Furious 7', according to Shanghai-based ticketing agency Gewara.com. The superhero sequel would be the sixth film to exceed \$200 million in China, data compiled by Bloomberg from EntGroup Inc. and Box Office Mojo show.

"American audiences have diversified tastes and a lot more choice," said Peng Kan, an analyst in Beijing at Legend Media Co. "But Chinese favor Hollywood films because they deliver more action, surprises and bet-



ter special effects."

China's potential has surged with a quadrupling of theater screens since 2010, to more than 24,300 at the end of 2014, versus 43,300 screens in the U.S., according to EntGroup and the Motion Picture Association of America's website.

Expansion, growing incomes and urbaniza-

tion helped boost China's total box office by 34 percent last year to \$4.8 billion. The U.S./Canada total fell 5 percent to \$10.4 billion, according to MPAA.

That means Chinese revenue is getting close to half the U.S. level, about double the proportion in 2012. China actually exceeded the U.S. domestic box office

in February, according to the nation's statistics bureau, a breakthrough helped by bad weather in U.S., while most Chinese had a weeklong holiday for Lunar New Year.

China at the top won't be a rarity soon. Bloomberg Intelligence forecasts it to become the world's biggest market in five years. Wang Fenglin, deputy director of

the China Film Producers' Association, told Xinhua News Agency in November that the handover will be in three years. Zhang Xuejing, co-chief executive of-

**China actually exceeded the US domestic box office [revenue] in February**

ficer of Gewara.com, expects the Chinese box office this year to expand by about the same pace in 2014, to as much as \$6.4 billion.

The Chinese market comes with limits, including a current cap of 34 foreign films that can be shown annually. Those must be marketed through two sta-

te-owned companies, Huaxia Film Distribution Co. or China Film Group Corp. 'American Sniper,' 'Fifty Shades of Grey' and 'The Sponge-Bob Movie: Sponge Out of Water' are among recent releases not shown in China.

Of the 10 biggest box-office earners in China, five were Hollywood imports. The top locally produced films were 'Lost in Thailand,' a comedy about a group of Chinese on vacation in 2012, and 'Journey to the West: Conquering the Demons' in 2013.

Price is another limit. The average ticket in China was \$5.79 last year, compared with \$8.17 in the U.S./Canada. That means 41 percent more Chinese need to see a movie for the same revenue. One area China has a clear advantage is population, with 1.36 billion people compared to 319 million in the U.S. and 35 million in Canada. **Bloomberg**

A 17-year-old boy arrested last week when police allegedly found three homemade bombs in his family home in Australia's second-largest city appeared in a children's court yesterday charged with terrorism offenses.

The boy, who as a juvenile suspect cannot be publicly identified, was remanded in custody after a brief court appearance in a Melbourne Children's Court during which he was charged with planning a terrorist act somewhere in Victoria state and with possessing items connected with a terrorist act.

He faces a potential sentence of life in prison if convicted.

Attorney General George Brandis told the Senate that the boy was the 23rd person to be charged in eight counterterrorism raids in the east coast cities of Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane and Logan since September when Australia's terrorist threat alert was raised to the second highest level on a four-tier scale due to the unprecedented threat posed by the Islamic State movement.

The boy did not enter a plea and did not apply for bail. His

## AUSTRALIA

# Teenager charged with plotting terrorist act



In this May 8, 2015 photo, two members of the police bomb squad carry a device to a sand bagged area to be detonated as terror raids are carried out at Greenvale in Melbourne

next court appearance is May 26.

The boy sat in the dock flanked

by police during the hearing. None of the boy's family appeared to be in the courtroom.

The son of a Syrian-born doctor was arrested Friday outside his home in the Melbourne

suburb of Greenvale, and police carried out controlled detonations to destroy three explosive devices found in the house.

Police have said an attack was imminent, but have not said where or when the suspect planned to detonate the bombs.

Last month, five Australian teenagers were arrested on suspicion of plotting an Islamic State group-inspired terrorist attack at a Veterans' Day ceremony also in Melbourne that included targeting police officers.

Brandis, who is responsible for Australia's main domestic spy agency, said there was no apparent link between the two plots.

"We must remain vigilant in particular in light of a concerning trend which has increasingly seen young people forming an intent to undertake terrorist acts," Brandis told the Senate.

"Young people as young as 14, without criminal records or strong links to known terror networks, are being groomed online by terrorist organizations and presenting a new challenge for security and law enforcement agencies," he added. **AP**

## JAPAN

# Ruling coalition to OK bills to boost military role

Mari Yamaguchi, Tokyo

JAPANESE Prime Minister Shinzo Abe is moving ahead this week with legislation that would boost the military's international role, in a significant shift of the country's pacifist policies.

His ruling coalition was set to reach formal agreement yesterday on a package of bills that would loosen restrictions imposed on the military by the U.S. occupation after World War II. They would allow Japan to contribute more to the U.S.-Japan alliance, as the countries agreed to in revised security guidelines signed last month.

The proposals are expected to be approved by the Cabinet later this week for submission to parliament. The legislation is considered likely to pass this summer, given the comfortable majority held by Abe's ruling Liberal Democratic Party and its junior coalition partner, Komeito.

The changes would remove geographic restrictions on where the military can operate, and under certain conditions, allow it to defend allies for the first



The Rising Sun Flag flies as Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, left, reviews members of Japan Self-Defense Forces

time since World War II. They would also make it easier for Japan to provide logistical support for other militaries and to participate in international peacekeeping operations.

"This marks a turning

point in which Japan moves away from traditional isolationism where Japan doesn't contribute too much to international security to a more cooperative, proactive internationalism," said security

analyst Narushige Michishita at the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies in Tokyo.

He said that the legislation would open the way for Japan to work more closely with not only the United States, but also others in Asia such as Australia, India and Southeast Asian partners, as they cope with China's military rise.

Japan's pacifist constitution limits the military, officially called the Self-Defense Forces, to defense of the country. Abe's Cabinet approved a contentious reinterpretation of the constitution last July that expands what is allowed under self-defense.

The legislation places conditions on when the military can do more internationally, but an opposition lawmaker called the conditions too vague. Yukihisa Fujita, director-general of the international department of the Democratic Party of Japan, also said that U.S.-Japan cooperation should be limited to the Far East.

"The bills go beyond the constitution and the U.S.-Japan security pact," he said. **AP**

## INDIA

# Powerful Tamil politician cleared of corruption

AN appeals court in southern India acquitted powerful regional politician Jayaram Jayalalitha of corruption charges yesterday, clearing the way for her to return to public office.

Supporters from Jayalalitha's party cheered, set off fire crackers and danced in the streets of the Tamil Nadu state capital of Chennai, her hometown, after the Karnataka High Court in Bangalore delivered its verdict.

The 67-year-old Jayalalitha, a film star in her youth, said the verdict showed the case had been "foisted (on me) by political enemies."

"It has confirmed that I have done no wrong," she said in a statement issued from Chennai.

In throwing out the case, Justice C.R. Kumaraswamy said the prosecution had failed to prove Jayalalitha was guilty. He also acquitted three of Jayalalitha's aides in the same case.

Jayalalitha was forced last year to step down as the highest elected official in the southern state of Tamil Nadu, after a Bangalore court in September convicted her of possessing wealth disproportionate to her income and sentenced her to four years in prison.

She spent 21 days in jail before the Supreme Court granted her bail, after she argued that she needed medical attention for diabetes and high blood pressure.

Meanwhile, her lawyers appealed the conviction stemming from 1996 accusations of amassing 660 million rupees (USD11 million) at a time when she was taking a token 1 rupee as her monthly salary. They said the rival party in office, the DMK, had inflated the value of her assets, which they said had been obtained legally.

Jayalalitha joined politics in the early 1980s after a successful film career in southern India that included appearances in nearly 150 movies. She has had three stints as chief minister of Tamil Nadu, including her latest one, which began in May 2011. **AP**

Eileen Ng, Kuala Lumpur

**A**BOUT 1,600 Rohingya and Bangladeshi refugees have landed in Malaysia and Indonesia in the past day, apparently after human traffickers abandoned their virtual floating prison ships and left the passengers to fend for themselves, officials said yesterday.

One group of about 600 people arrived in the Indonesian coastal province of Aceh on four boats Sunday, the same day a total of 1,018 landed in three boats on Malaysia's northern resort island of Langkawi.

Rohingya Muslims have for decades suffered from state-sanctioned discrimination in Buddhist-majority Myanmar, which considers them illegal settlers from Bangladesh. Attacks on the Rohingya by Buddhist mobs in the last three years have sparked an exodus by sea to nearby countries.

Police found a wooden boat late Sunday night trapped in the sand in shallow waters at a beach in Langkawi that was capable of holding 350 people, said island deputy police chief Jamil Ahmed. Since 865 men, 52 children and 101 women have been counted since then, he said at least two other boats have not been located yet.

Jamil said a Bangladeshi man told police that the boat handlers gave the passengers directions on where to go once they reached Malaysian shores, and escaped in other boats. The migrant said they have not eaten for three days, Jamil said, adding that most of them were weak and thin.

"We believe there may be more boats coming," Jamil said.

When the four ships neared Indonesia's shores early Sunday, some passengers jumped into the water and swam, said Steve Hamilton, of the International Organization for Migration in Jakarta, Indonesia's capital.

They have been taken to a sports stadium in Lhoksukon, the capital of North Aceh District, to be cared for and questioned, said Lt. Col. Achmadi, chief of police in the area, who uses only one name.

Sick and weak after more than two months at sea, some were given medical attention.



HUMAN TRAFFICKING

# 1,600 Rohingya, others land in Indonesia and Malaysia

"We had nothing to eat," said Rashid Ahmed, a 43-year-old Rohingya man who was on one of the boats. He said he

**1,018 refugees landed in three boats on Malaysia's northern resort island of Langkawi**

left Myanmar's troubled state of Rakhine with his eldest son three months ago.

An estimated 7,000 to 8,000

people are now being held in large and small ships in the Malacca Strait and nearby international waters, said Chris Lewa, director of the Arakan Project, which has monitored the movements of Rohingya for more than a decade. She added that crackdowns on trafficking syndicates in Thailand and Malaysia have prevented brokers from bringing them to shore.

Some are held even after family members pay for them to be released from the boats.

"I am very concerned about smugglers abandoning boatloads at sea," Lewa said, noting that some people have been stranded for more than two months.

Tightly confined, and with limited access to food and clean water, their health is deteriorating, Lewa said, adding that

dozens of deaths have been reported.

Thailand has long been considered a regional hub for human traffickers.

The tactics of brokers and agents started changing in November as authorities began to tighten security on land — a move apparently aimed at appeasing the U.S. government before it releases an annual trafficking report next month. Last year, Thailand was downgraded to the lowest level, putting it on par with North Korea and Syria.

Rohingya packing into ships in the Bay of Bengal have been joined in growing numbers by Bangladeshis fleeing poverty and hoping to find a better life elsewhere.

Up until recently, their first stop was Thailand, where they

were held in open pens in jungle camps as brokers collected "ransoms" of USD2,000 or more from family and friends. Those who could pay continued onward, usually to Malaysia or other countries. Those who couldn't were sometimes beaten, killed or left to die.

Since May 1, police have unearthed two dozen bodies from shallow graves in the mountains of southern Thailand, the apparent victims, they say, of smuggling rings.

Thai authorities have since arrested dozens of people, including a powerful mayor and a man named Soe Naing, otherwise known as Anwar, who was accused of being one of the trafficking kingpins in southern Thailand. More than 50 police officers are also under investigation. **AP**

PHILIPPINES

## Typhoon leaves 2 dead from electrocution

**A** powerful typhoon that slammed into the northeastern tip of the Philippines left at least two people dead and prompted nearly 3,500 residents to flee to shelters following warnings to evacuate coastal and mountainous villa-

ges. Typhoon Noul has weakened since making landfall Sunday afternoon in Cagayan province's coastal town of Santa Ana. As of yesterday morning, the eye of the typhoon was 65 kilometers northeast of Basco,

the capital town of northernmost Batanes province, packing winds of 160 kilometers per hour and gusts of 195 kph, said government weather forecaster Adzcar Aurelio.

Aurelio said Noul was expected to weaken fur-

ther due to strong winds that will dissipate the heavy clouds around it. The typhoon is forecast to exit the Philippines by this morning, headed to southern Japan.

Two men died of electrocution in Cagayan's Appari town and nearly

3,500 were evacuated to safer grounds in Cagayan and Isabela provinces, said Norma Talosig, the regional civil defense director. The evacuees had returned to their homes by yesterday.

While the threat of storm surges has passed, fishermen were advised not to venture out of the country's eastern seaboard as waters remain rough, Aurelio said.

The coast guard suspended ferry services in areas affected by the typhoon, stranding more than 5,000 passengers.

About 20 storms and typhoons hit the Philippines each year. The strongest on record to make landfall, Typhoon Haiyan, devastated the central Philippines in November 2013, killing more than 7,300 people. **AP**

Robert Hutton

UK

# Triumphant Cameron cheered by Tories - at least for now

**D**AVID Cameron was cheered and applauded by Conservative members of Parliament as they met for the first time after his unexpected election victory last week. The question is how long they'll keep clapping.

The U.K. prime minister arrived in jovial mood yesterday to address a packed meeting of the 1922 Committee of rank-and-file Tory lawmakers. The session was originally planned before the election to ensure that he didn't force them into another, unwanted coalition. In the event, it was a celebration, with cheers as he shouted out the names of candidates who'd overturned the odds by winning or holding their seats.

"Well, I think that went OK," Cameron said to reporters as he walked out of the meeting in a House of Commons committee room. "Tumultuous," was the one-word review by London Mayor Boris Johnson, now back in Parliament as member for Uxbridge. The prime minister trotted downstairs for a photograph next to Parliament with the rest of the newly elected Tories.

Cameron's victory presents him with a paradox: Without a majority in the Commons in the last parliamentary term, he could ignore his own party. Now he has one, he can't.

The coalition government that Cameron's Conservatives formed with the Liberal Democrats in 2010 ended with the prime minister having a majority of 73. Cameron now has one of about 15 - the exact number depends on which lawmakers are elected as de-



David Cameron delivers his victory speech outside 10 Downing Street following the 2015 general election, in London on May 8

puty speakers. That's thinner than the initial cushion that left his Tory predecessor, John Major, tormented by rebellions and leadership challenges between 1992 and 1997.

"A majority of less than 20 is very little breathing room,"

said Philip Cowley, professor of politics at Nottingham University and an authority on parliamentary revolts. "There were 110 occasions in the last Parliament when seven or more members of Parliament voted against the party whip."

As under Major, the main

area for Conservative dissent against Cameron is likely to be Europe. In Cameron's first term, pressure from his own side forced him to reverse position and promise a referendum on leaving the European Union by the end of 2017. Now, he will have to set

out what aspects of Britain's membership he wishes to renegotiate, and then try to persuade his own side to support him if he argues for staying in.

"We wish the prime minister well," Owen Paterson, a former environment secretary and leading Tory advocate of leaving the EU, told Sky News television Sunday. "We have to give him the time and space to deliver. They have broad agreement for moving towards an arrangement where we have the benefits of the single market but not the political and judicial arrangements."

Cameron will find it easier to hold the party together before the referendum, because it's a goal that unites the Conservatives.

But when the time for the vote comes and lawmakers must take sides for or against staying in the EU, it will be impossible to avoid a split, assuming Cameron achieves his goal of concessions from other countries that will allow him to back continued membership. The Bruges Group, which campaigns for exit, ranks 55 Tory lawmakers as "euro-skeptic" to some degree.

The problem for Cameron is that few things evaporate faster than political goodwill. "They've never loved him," said Cowley. "They're unlikely to start now." **Bloomberg**

YEMEN

# Moroccan warplane apparently downed before cease-fire

Ahmed-Al Haj, Sana'a

**S**HIITE rebels in Yemen claimed yesterday to have shot down a Moroccan F-16 fighter jet taking part in a Saudi-led coalition targeting them and their allies, just a day before a five-day humanitarian cease-fire was set to begin.

Morocco's military, however, only would say that the jet had gone missing around 6 p.m. Sunday.

The purported downing of the jet fighter came as a Saudi-owned news channel, al-Hadath, aired live footage of tanks and ar-

mored personnel carriers loaded onto giant trucks, saying they were part of a "strike force" deploying to the kingdom's border with Yemen. There have been no signs to suggest that a ground offensive was imminent, although the coalition has not ruled one out.

Photos purporting to show the wreckage of the Moroccan aircraft on social media networks had armed tribesmen and children posing next to wreckage that bore the North African kingdom's national colors of red and green. A corpse also was seen.

A video clip also posted on social media purported to show a reporter from the rebels' mouthpiece television station al-Maseera visiting the site of the crash in the northern Saada province and tribesmen posing with parts of plane's fuselage or triumphantly punching the air with their fist. "This plane was downed by God," shouted one tribesman.

It was al-Maseera that first claimed the downing of the aircraft in Saada, birthplace and stronghold of the movement of the rebels known as Houthis. Saada also borders

Saudi Arabia.

The rebels and their allies in Yemen's splintered armed forces routinely fire anti-aircraft guns at warplanes launching strikes in the country since the Saudi-led campaign began March 26.

Morocco's state news agency MAP, citing a military statement, said the pilot of a second jet said he didn't see the pilot of the missing fighter eject. The military said it had launched an investigation into the incident, without elaborating on a cause.

Morocco has six F-16 jets



Saudi soldiers stand on top of armor vehicles, on the border with Yemen at a military point in Najran, Saudi Arabia

stationed in the United Arab Emirates taking part in the Saudi-led coalition, which includes a group of other Sunni Arab countries. The West says regional Shiite power Iran backs the Houthis militarily, something both the Islamic Republic and the rebels deny.

The raging conflict in Yemen has killed over 1,400 people — many of

them civilians — since March 19, according to the United Nations. The cease-fire, scheduled to begin at 11 p.m. today, would help ease the suffering of civilians in the Arab world's poorest country, who have endured shortages of power, water, food and medicine as a result of a Saudi-led naval, air and land blockade. **AP**



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TIME: 10am-7pm

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## Offbeat



## CHINESE BILLIONAIRE GIVES FRANCE VACATION TO 6,400 WORKERS

The billionaire chief executive of the Chinese conglomerate Tiens has given 6,400 of his best salespeople a vacation that started in Paris and ended with a parade on France's Cote d'Azur.

CEO Li Jinyuan said he was celebrating the company's 20th anniversary by rewarding his staff and aimed for the world record in spelling out a phrase in human bodies.

As their vacation wound down, the employees last Friday massed on the coastal promenade in Nice and, dressed in identical sky blue hats and T-shirts, spelled out the words "Tiens' dream is Nice in the Cote d'Azur."

Jinyuan was greeted by France's foreign affairs minister, Laurent Fabius, mid-week in Paris.

French media estimated the trip's cost at 13-20 million euros (USD14.5-\$22.3 million).

## TV canal macau

13:00	TDM News (Repeated)
13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
14:30	RTPi Live
17:35	Brazil Avenue (Repeated)
18:30	TDM Sports
19:30	Soap Opera
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:00	TDM Interview
21:45	Happy Endings S2
22:10	Brazil Avenue
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Miscellaneous
00:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)

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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

THE AVENGERS: AGE OF ULTRON

2.00, 4.30, 7.00, 9.30 pm

Director: Joss Whedon

Starring: Robert Downey Jr., Chris Hemsworth, Mark

Ruffalo

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 141min

## this day in history



## 1967 STANSTED TO BECOME LONDON'S THIRD AIRPORT

The British Government has given the green light to plans to convert Stansted into London's third airport.

President of the Board of Trade Douglas Jay told the House Of Commons that the small airfield in Essex would become the site for a £47m international airport by 1974.

Announcing the decision following the conclusions of a White Paper, Mr Jay said the verdict had been reached "after very careful consideration".

There had been considerable support for an alternative site on the Isle of Sheppey in Kent but Stansted was eventually selected by an inter-departmental committee.

The cost of developing Stansted, where there was already an airport with a 10,000ft runway, would be far cheaper than building a new airfield from scratch.

But Mr Jay said that the government had carried out a thorough re-examination and was satisfied that Stansted, though by no means ideal, was the best area for the airport.

Under proposals in the White Paper, the current airfield will be extended from 800 acres to 2,500 acres and once operational will include two parallel runways for supersonic and jumbo jets.

On top of the £41m development, another £6m will be allocated for road and rail access.

When the new travel facilities are completed it will take 70 minutes by road using the M11 and 45 minutes by rail to reach the airport from central London.

The development will also create jobs for over 20,000 people.

But 20 schools and a hospital will have to close and around 7,000 houses will be exposed to high levels of noise.

Peter Kirk, MP for Saffron Walden, objected to the development and said the decision would be received with "deep resentment and bitterness in his constituency".

But Mr Jay said: "We realise there will be regret in the neighbourhood but this is inescapable wherever the airport is placed.

"No matter where the airport is sited, there will be a disturbance to some people who live and work in the area."

Farmers also objected to the development on the grounds that it would lead to the loss of good agricultural land.

The National Farmers Union said: "From an agricultural point of view, few if any sites could be more disastrous.

"The government has opted for the easy and unimaginative course in preference to the realistic and bold planning for which we had hoped."

Mr Jay defended the proposals and said that compensation would be "arranged in the normal course of compulsory land purchase."

He said that Stansted would begin operating scheduled services from next year.

Improvements to all three of London's international airports including Gatwick and Heathrow, would cost £100m.

Courtesy BBC News

## IN CONTEXT

The decision to build Britain's third airport at Stansted came against a background of 10 years of discussion.

More than 3,000 people from towns and villages in north Essex and east Hertfordshire took part in a rally in the weeks following the announcement.

The airport's first terminal building opened in 1969 and was expanded a year later to handle a growing number of holiday-makers.

In 1979 it was, once again, designated as London's third airport.

In 1984, the government approved a plan to develop Stansted in two phases, involving both airfield and terminal improvements that would increase the airport's capacity to 15 million passengers per year.

Construction of the current terminal building began in 1986 and was completed in 1991.

In February 2005, the High Court gave the go-ahead for further expansion at either Stansted or Luton airports.

The "Stop Stansted Expansion" group is campaigning against a second runway.



**YOUR STARS**

**Aries**  
Mar. 21-Apr. 19  
Your ability to reach other people and make them understand where you're coming from is pretty amazing — but that doesn't mean you can't stumble. Pay attention to everything going on around you.

**Taurus**  
April 20-May 20  
You're moving faster than ever — maybe too fast! Try not to make any serious mistakes, or you may just cost yourself that lead you're starting to build. Slow and steady wins the race!

**Gemini**  
May 21-Jun. 21  
Your fantastic energy needs an outlet — preferably several of them! Get on the wire and find some like minds who can help you as you start on some terrific new project. Things can get really exciting!

**Cancer**  
Jun. 22-Jul. 22  
You're taking risks that nobody thought you ever would — and coming out on top! It's a good day to walk on the wild side, though you're pretty sure you will return to the straight and narrow soon.

**Leo**  
Jul. 23-Aug. 22  
This is a good time to indulge in some wishful thinking — your ability to dream up great ideas is at an all-time high! It's even more important for you to share these new ideas with friends or colleagues, of course.

**Virgo**  
Aug. 23-Sept. 22  
Your logical side is dominant today, so give it a spin and try to figure out those problems that might yield to some hardcore analysis. Do your homework — you need all the facts to make it work!

**Libra**  
Sep. 23-Oct. 22  
Your big brain needs a boost, and that could mean anything from a trip to the library to a deep dive into the weeds of Wikipedia. Learn more, process that knowledge, then turn it into something marvelous!

**Scorpio**  
Oct. 23 - Nov. 21  
Something small and weird pops out and captures your attention — so look more closely! It's a good idea for you to deal with it as soon as you see what it means. It's a time of flux.

**Sagittarius**  
Nov. 22-Dec. 21  
Things are up in the air in a big way — but that just means you can have a greater effect on where they land! Get out there and show the team what you've got, and you can expect a great success.

**Capricorn**  
Dec. 22-Jan. 19  
You're a bit flightier than usual, and those around you may comment on it. Ignore them! Have fun with this influx of positive social energy, even if it does leave you feeling exhausted later on.

**Aquarius**  
Jan. 20-Feb. 18  
A meeting of the minds turns into something much more intense — so try to roll with it and see where it leads. It could be a new love, or it could be something much stranger and more interesting.

**Pisces**  
Feb. 19-Mar. 20  
This is not such a good day to plan big moves or to make any sudden changes. Things are okay as they are, and you should be in a better place to try new activities in a few days or weeks.

**THE BORN LOSER** by Chip Sansom



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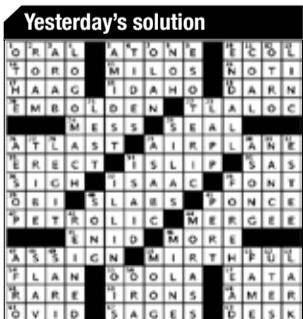
**WEATHER**

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<b>CHINA</b>			
Beijing	10	28	cloudy/clear
Harbin	9	12	drizzle/moderate rain
Tianjin	12	27	clear
Urumqi	16	26	cloudy/drizzle
Xi'an	11	27	clear
Lhasa	4	17	shower
Chengdu	14	29	cloudy
Chongqing	17	29	cloudy
Kunming	14	26	drizzle
Nanjing	12	25	cloudy/clear
Shanghai	15	27	drizzle/clear
Wuhan	12	26	clear
Hangzhou	13	26	drizzle/cloudy
Taipei	24	27	moderate rain
Guangzhou	20	29	drizzle/cloudy
Hong Kong	23	28	drizzle/cloudy
<b>WORLD</b>			
Moscow	10	20	drizzle
Frankfurt	12	27	overcast
Paris	13	27	overcast
London	2	17	overcast/drizzle
New York	20	25	moderate rain

**CROSSWORDS**

**ACROSS:** 1- Egyptian goddess; 5- Jutting rock; 9- Brown-capped boletus mushroom; 12- Purina competitor; 13- Actor Quinn; 15- \_\_\_ Alto; 16- Struggle for air; 17- Cowboy's tool; 18- Escaping fluid; 19- Stuff oneself; 21- From a personal standpoint; 23- Bhutan's continent; 24- \_\_\_ Tafari (Haile Selassie); 25- Places of contest; 28- Augment; 33- A jewel; 34- Heaps; 35- Abominable Snowman; 36- Peer Gynt's mother; 37- Western Australia's capital; 38- Unit of illumination; 39- Kind of support; 41- Burkina \_\_\_; 42- São Paulo feature; 44- Fully; 46- Moats; 47- Hullahaloo; 48- Vasco da \_\_\_; 49- Forgives; 53- Massage; 57- Nastase of tennis; 58- Drive forward; 60- Lunchbox treat; 61- Vigor; 62- Reach; 63- Marsh plant; 64- Bad start?; 65- Chow; 66- Roadie's load;

**DOWN:** 1- Emilia's husband; 2- Pole, for one; 3- \_\_\_ dixit; 4- Highest singing voice in women; 5- Seaport in N France; 6- Lasso; 7- Commercials; 8- Deep cut; 9- Capital of Calvados, in NW France; 10- Mideast airline; 11- Small and cramped; 14- Sustain with food; 15- Marshy; 20- Son of Rebekah; 22- Periodical, briefly; 25- Die down; 26- Up; 27- Bounce; 28- Equine; 29- Within (prefix); 30- Informs; 31- Piano piece; 32- Vetoes; 34- Small dabbling duck; 37- Previous monetary unit of Germany; 40- Concealed; 42- Grave; 43- Dancer Duncan; 45- \_\_\_ de Janeiro; 46- Imperfections; 48- Big; 49- Splotchy; 50- Confederate; 51- Narrow inlets; 52- Hook's helper; 54- Utah city; 55- Cry; 56- Agrees tacitly; 59- Harper Valley \_\_\_;



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ATHLETICS

# Gebrselassie gives up competitions, won't stop running

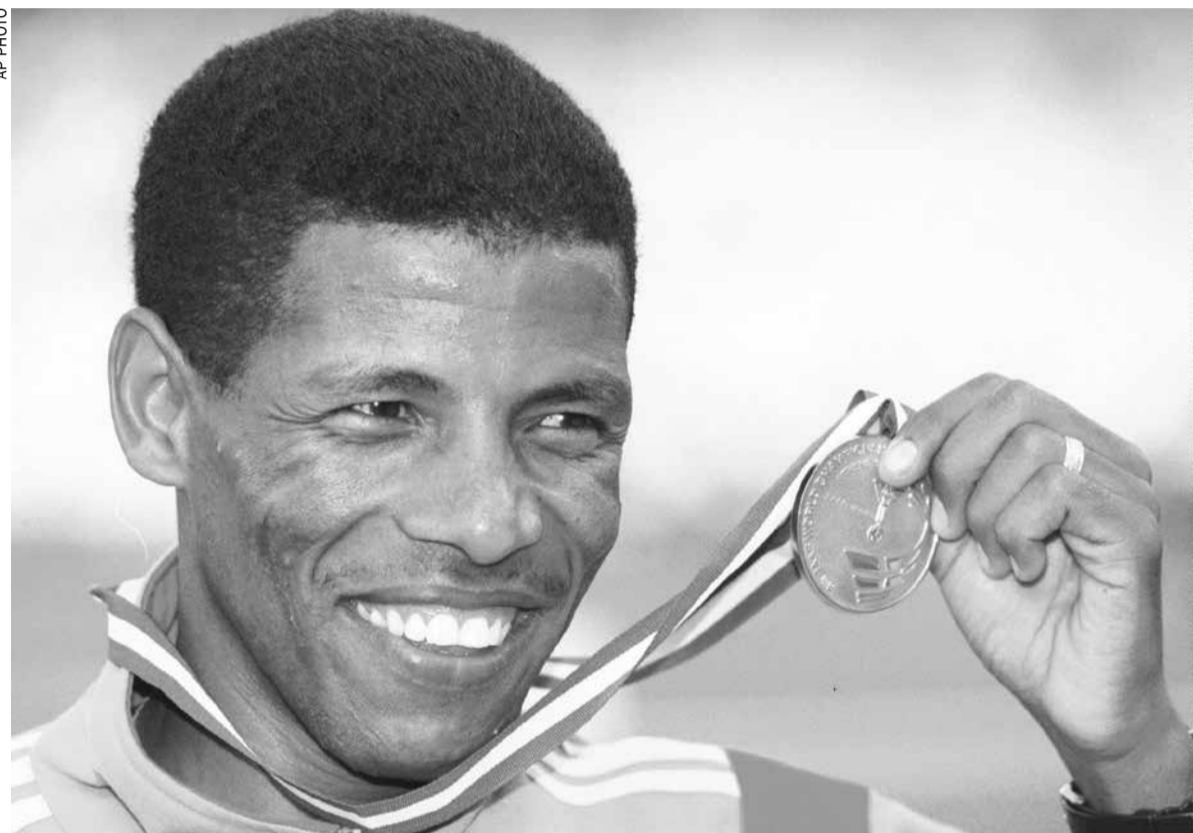
**H**AILE Gebrselassie isn't going to stop running, he's just going to stop racing.

The 42-year-old Ethiopian great, a two-time Olympic champion at 10,000 meters and a multiple world-record holder at distances up to the marathon, announced his decision to retire yesterday after competing in the Great Manchester Run. And to underline his desire to keep going, he ran the 10-kilometer course a second time with the amateur runners just for fun.

"I am retiring from competitive running, not from running," Gebrselassie said in a statement after the race, where he finished 16th among the top men. "You cannot stop running. This is my life."

Gebrselassie's management team said he was ending his 23-year competitive career to focus on his array of businesses at home, but he will appear once more in 2015, at the Great Scottish Run in Glasgow in October as part of his "farewell tour."

Gebrselassie won two Olympic gold medals and four world titles in the 10,000, but had a rare ability to excel at distances ranging from the 800 meters up to the marathon to earn a place as possibly the most versatile distance runner the sport has seen. He set 27 world records and more than 60 Ethiopian national marks, succeeding on indoor tracks, outdoor tracks, cross-country courses and in road races. He held wor-



Ethiopia's Haile Gebrselassie poses with his, Men's 10000-meter gold medal

ld records in the 5,000, 10,000, the half marathon and the marathon.

"I have had 23 incredible years in athletics," Gebrselassie said, stressing he still wanted to stay

active in athletics as a "running ambassador."

Gebrselassie has shown his reluctance to give up running before, announcing his retirement in 2010 only to go back on that

decision and try and qualify for the 10,000 and the marathon at the 2012 Olympics in London. He missed out on both but still didn't stop competing.

Emerging from a typically

African running background — he jogged about 10 kilometers to school and back home again as a kid in the highlands of central Ethiopia — Gebrselassie won the 5,000 and 10,000 titles at the world junior championships in 1992.

A year later he claimed the first of four straight world titles in the 10,000, and he won Olympic gold at the same distance in Atlanta in 1996 and Sydney in 2000. He also won world indoor titles in the 3,000 meters in 1997 and 2003, and took the 1,500-3,000 double in 1999.

Gebrselassie transferred that ability to the road, and broke the world record in the marathon twice, in 2007 and again in 2008, when he was 35.

His "next big dream" is to promote development in his home country, he said in the retirement statement. Gebrselassie has real estate projects, hotels, a coffee plantation and a car distribution business in Ethiopia, and also once expressed a desire to go into politics.

And he'll still put on the sneakers and vest whenever he can.

"I will never stop running," Gebrselassie said. **AP**

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## Madrid needs a comeback, Bayern a miracle in semis



Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo

Joseph Wilson

**R**EAL Madrid needs a comeback, Bayern Munich needs a miracle.

Madrid just needs a 1-0 win at home over Juventus on Wednesday (early Thursday in Macau) to put the Champions League titleholders back in the final — and probably set up the first "clasico" in club

football's biggest game.

Because no one expects Bayern Munich to overcome its 3-0 deficit against Barcelona in the second leg of their semifinal today, meaning at least one of the fierce Spanish rivals is likely to be in Berlin on June 6.

Here is a closer look at this week's second-leg semifinals:

Thu 2:45  
Real Madrid v Juventus  
H 1.69, D 4.2, A 5.7

Not so fast, say the Italian champions.

Juventus will aim to protect its 2-1 advantage at the Santiago Bernabeu, after former Madrid forward Alvaro Morata and Carlos Tevez scored in their first meeting in Italy.

But Cristiano Ronaldo snatched a valuable away goal to salvage an otherwise poor performance by the 10-time champions. That was the Ballon d'Or holder's 54th goal of the season.

Juventus received a boost when Paul Pogba returned from an injury-absence of 52 days and marked his comeback with a goal to secure a 1-1 draw against Cagliari on Saturday.

Pogba, who had been out since tearing a right thigh muscle at Borussia Dort-

mund in the round of 16, was involved for an hour and the talented young midfielder could play a key part at Madrid.

"Ready for Madrid? I'm always ready," the 22-year-old Pogba said. "We know it's going to be really difficult. They're playing at home as well so it's going to be even harder for us but we want to win and we'll do everything we can to win this match."

Massimiliano Allegri has a full squad to choose from and had the luxury of resting most of his regular players over the weekend, having won the Italian league the previous week.

Wed 2:45am  
Bayern Munich v Barcelona  
H 2.66, D 3.8, A 2.74

Four losses in a row and six hours without a goal do not instill confidence that Bayern can mount

a remarkable comeback against a Barcelona side that has won eight games in a row by the combined score of 28-1.

And not with Lionel Messi in top form. The Argentina forward almost single-handedly destroyed Bayern with his 52nd and 53rd goals of the season and an assist for Neymar in the first leg.

Since winning the Bundesliga title, Bayern has exited the German Cup on penalties to Borussia Dortmund, lost 2-0 at Bayer Leverkusen in the Bundesliga, been humbled at Barcelona, and on Saturday lost 1-0 at home to modest Augsburg in the league.

Manager Pep Guardiola is going through his toughest period since taking over from Jupp Heynckes, who won the treble with Bayern in 2013.

On Friday Guardiola

testily answered a reporter's question with, "How many times has Bayern won the treble? Once. OK?"

The Catalan hasn't been helped by injuries to Arjen Robben, Franck Ribery and David Alaba.

Guardiola's friend and former teammate Luis Enrique does, however, have a chance to match Guardiola's feat in his first year at Barcelona by winning three major titles.

Barcelona's 2-0 win over Real Sociedad on Saturday left it one win away from clinching the Spanish league title, and it is also set to play Athletic Bilbao in the Copa del Rey final. The victory over the weekend gave Luis Enrique 47 wins in 55 games this season, equaling a club record of 47 wins in 64 games set by Guardiola in 2011-12.

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**RAISING OUR RECYCLING GAME**

The latest environmental figures released by the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC) unveiled higher population density and fewer 'good' air quality days. Greater water consumption and waste were also recorded.

Meanwhile, a recent survey released by Macau's Environmental Protection Bureau (DSPA) showed that residents still lack a sense of responsibility and determination to adopt green practices.

In fact, the survey, which has been carried out since 2010, shows that citizens' environmental awareness has continued growing slightly, remaining at a middle to upper level of above 2.5 points out of a scale of 5. But over the past two years, a continued decline has been recorded in the public's sense of environmental responsibility, while their practice of environmental protection has similarly started to drop.

A report by newspaper Ponto Final, published in March, speaks of a particular crucial environmental matter: recycling. According to DSPA, this is still a major challenge, as residents' willingness to separate household waste is still low.

DSPA added that there's still a long way to go to raise awareness over recycling.

Our individual actions in favor of environmental protection are key and could help turn Macau into a greener city. But people need to be reminded constantly. And that's the government's role too. There's a need to implement higher environmental protection standards and goals.

Although it seems unlikely that a mandatory waste sorting and recycling system will be implemented here any time soon, further measures to encourage residents to sort household waste for recycling should definitely be put in place.

DSPA has a "Green Points" scheme that can award supermarket vouchers in exchange for a specific quantity of plastic bottles or paper.

Incentives schemes work and should be implemented. But I dare say that many in Macau are still unaware that these schemes exist. Also, judging by the website's Portuguese version, it is not very clear how the program works.

That's where further communications campaigns targeting a wider audience could truly make a difference.

Having previously lived in a country where waste sorting was mandatory, and irregular separation of household waste could result in fines, I find myself in Macau unable or – at least – facing challenges to separate household waste and deposit it in recycling bins.

With many buildings having their own waste collection and disposal systems and finding it difficult to find nearby recycling bins, the recycling I do is pretty much close to zero.

Countries like Belgium have a rather specific and unconventional way of managing, collecting and disposing of waste. Separating household waste is not an option, but an obligation. Residents are required to buy specific garbage bags, available at all supermarkets, and separate waste accordingly. The bags are then disposed in front of the buildings (obviously these are not buildings accommodating as many residents as in Macau) and these are then collected by garbage trucks.

Its waste disposal system has drawn criticism for being unsightly but according to news website EurActiv it is considered relative disposal "paradise" among experts.

It might not be the perfect system but at the least allows the country to recycle about 57 percent of its municipal waste, according to last year's figures.

Requiring citizens to distribute their waste between different garbage bags for recycling implies providing them with a necessary collecting structure.

Indeed, educating and raising awareness is important but I believe the government should take a stronger stance here, by launching widespread communication campaigns, installing more recycling bins, and by setting out higher environmental standards. We can't afford to wait for people to be environmentally aware.

**THE PRINCE HARRY: I'D LIKE TO HAVE CHILDREN SOON**

Prince Harry has admitted that watching his brother Prince William's family grow is making him wish he had a family of his own. Harry told Sky News during a New Zealand tour that he would love to have kids of his own and have a partner to share his life with.

"It will happen when it's going to happen," he said yesterday.

He is visiting many parts of New Zealand

after a month-long stint with the Australian Defense Force.

Harry has not yet met Princess Charlotte, the daughter born nine days ago to William and the Duchess of Cambridge.

He said he was thrilled about her birth and looks forward to holding her when he returns to England.

Harry has had several long-term relationships but has remained single.

HEALTH

**New blood tests, liquid biopsies, may transform cancer care**



Patient Carole Linderman has her blood drawn for a liquid biopsy at Jefferson University Hospital in Philadelphia

**Marilynn Marchione**  
Chief Medical Writer

A new type of blood test in the U.S. is starting to transform cancer treatment, sparing some patients the surgical and needle biopsies long needed to guide their care.

The tests, called liquid biopsies, capture cancer cells or DNA that tumors shed into the blood, instead of taking tissue from the tumor itself. A lot is still unknown about the value of these tests, but many doctors think they are a big advance that could make personalized medicine possible for far more people.

They give the first noninvasive way to repeatedly sample a cancer so doctors can profile its genes, tar-

get drugs to mutations, tell quickly whether treatment is working, and adjust it as the cancer evolves.

Two years ago, these tests were rarely used except in research. Now, several are sold, more than a dozen are in development, and some doctors are using them in routine care.

Gurpaul Bedi had one for colon cancer that spread to his lungs. About 10 percent of patients with metastatic colon cancer at the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center now get liquid biopsies.

"I think it's wonderful," said Bedi, who lives in Atlanta and goes to Houston for his care. "A lung biopsy, many doctors told me, is not easy."

In Philadelphia, a liquid

biopsy detected Carole Linderman's breast cancer recurrence months before it normally would have been found.

"Had this test not been available, we may not have known I had cancer on my spine until symptoms showed up," which may have been too late for good treatment, she said.

The huge potential for these tests is clear. The problem: There are no big, definitive studies to show they help patients, how accurate they are, which type is best or who should get them and when.

Still, patients do better when drugs are matched to their tumors, and liquid biopsies may give a practical way to do that more often.

"I'm really excited about all of this," said Dr. Razelle Kurzrock, a University of California, San Diego cancer specialist. "I spent most of my life giving drugs that were useless to people" because there was no good way to tell who would benefit or quickly tell when one wasn't working, she said. "This is so much better." AP

**THE DECISIVE MOMENT**

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A heavy rainstorm hit Shenzhen yesterday. The local meteorological bureau issued a red alert for rainstorms.

Station	Air quality
Roadside	20-40 Good
High Density Residential Area	30-50 Good
Ambient	35-55 Good

SOURCE: DSEMG

**WORLD BRIEFS**



**POLAND** President Bronislaw Komorowski yesterday vowed to urgently seek a referendum on voting and tax rules if he is re-elected, saying that he was drawing a lesson from his poor electoral showing that saw him forced into a runoff. The candidate of the conservative nationalist Law and Justice party, Andrzej Duda, is expected to receive 34.5 percent of the first-round vote, to Komorowski's 33.1 percent, according to the IPSOS exit poll released after Sunday's vote.



**SWEDEN's** highest court yesterday rejected WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange's appeal of a pre-trial detention order in a nearly five-year-old investigation of alleged sex crimes. The Supreme Court in Stockholm on upheld rulings by lower courts ordering the detention for Assange, saying there is no reason to rescind it as the investigation continues.



**FRANCE's** top security official says the country supports a plan to distribute asylum-seekers among European countries by quota, agreeing that the current system puts an unfair burden on a handful of nations. Interior Minister Bernard Cazeneuve told RTL radio yesterday that France supports the plan, which is unraveling in the face of opposition among European Union countries. France, along with Sweden and Germany, are among a few countries accepting refugees.

**USA-RUSSIA** Secretary of State John Kerry will travel to Russia this week for talks with Russian President Vladimir Putin, Kerry's first visit to Russia since the Ukraine crisis began, the State Department announced yesterday.