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MYANMAR's army chief blames ethnic Kokang rebels for shelling attacks in southwestern China that he said aimed to damage relations between China and Myanmar.

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GAMING LAW REVIEW

Decision on gaming concession renewal needed now

Catarina Pinto

DECISIONS on gaming concession renewals need to be taken now, mainly to assure bondholders that casinos are going to be in business in years to come, says American gaming law professor Nelson Rose. Mr Rose, alongside Professor Jorge Godinho and lawyer Oscar Madureira, presented their 5th Annual Review of Macau Gaming Law at the Rui Cunha Foundation this week.

"If you lend large sums of money, hundreds of millions of dollars to a casino, you want to know that they're going to be in business when they are supposed to pay it back in 20 years. So really the decision has to be made now," he told reporters on the sidelines of Monday's event.

Mr Rose, a professor at

Whittier Law School in California, added, "This year I don't see how they can put it off anymore. If they don't make a decision really soon about whether they're going to renew these contracts, I think there's going to be a problem with getting lenders, the bondholders to lend them money, because they want to know that they're going to be paid back."

Current gaming concession contracts expire between 2020 and 2022. The Macau government will conduct an interim review of current gaming concessions this year, according to the Secretary for Economy and Finance, Lionel Leong.

Speaking of the gaming industry's current challenges, Professor Rose acknowledged that "Macau should be cautious," now

that the gaming revenue has declined for the 11th straight month as of April.

Nevertheless, he recalled that such a downturn was expected even among operators, after Macau experienced exponential growth.

"The growth year to year in Macau was so large; there were months that it was 80 percent larger than the gaming revenue of the same month a year earlier. That's almost a speculative bubble. You can't continue to grow [like that]. And even the industry did not want to grow at 80 percent (...) it was too fast and too much," he recalled.

Acknowledging that the downturn in gaming revenue is significant, Professor Rose said that a shift from the VIP to the mass market was the right move,

following a decline in VIP market revenue. "They are replacing the VIPs with the mass market, which is good for everybody because it eliminates problems with junkets. It's probably healthier to have a diversified market," he stated.

Jorge Godinho, a visiting professor at the University of Macau, also said during his presentation that Macau had seen gigantic growth in terms of gaming revenue. There are challenges that now lie ahead – for instance, he pointed out, the smoking ban. In his opinion, "It is going too far, as there's no reason for them to consider eliminating airport-style smoking rooms."

He also advocated for the development of a sports betting system inside casinos as a potential and additional source of revenue.

'Party's not over' says Packer



THE downturn in the once-booming gambling hub has been far sharper than anticipated, says billionaire James Packer, but he insists "the party is not over yet."

"The slowdown in Macau is more severe than any of the operators foresaw," Packer, chairman of Crown Resorts, one of Australia's biggest gaming and entertainment groups, told CNBC yesterday.

"I don't think anyone, 18 months ago, would have predicted what's happened now," he said.

China's anti-graft campaign and economic slowdown have hit the industry hard, with gaming revenues declining for an eleventh straight month in April – down 38.8 percent year-on-year to MOP9.167 billion (USD2.40 billion).

And this month doesn't look pretty either. Barclays Research cited its gaming industry sources indicating that Macau's average daily table revenues were HKD533 million for the period 11-17 May.

The research house said this data softened from the prior reporting period (1-10 May, which included the Labor Day weekend) that saw HKD681m per day table revenue, and is weaker than the April average daily table revenue of HKD590m.

Based on the current run-rate, Barclays expects May gross gaming revenue to see decline of 37-39% year-on-year (slightly lower than its previous expectations of -36% y-o-y).

It's been a terrific ride so far, and nothing is a straight line up.

JAMES PACKER

For the Macau gaming market as a whole, it still expects 26% gaming revenue decline this year followed by just 2% growth in 2016.

Packer believes "the long-term macro picture for Macau is still incredibly exciting," given it is the only place in China where casinos are legal.

Melco Crown Entertainment, a joint venture between Packer and Lawrence Ho, operates two gaming resorts in the enclave and it's about to open a new property this year.

"I think we've all got to be mindful of the fact that it's been a terrific ride so far, and nothing is a straight line up," Packer said to CNBC. **PC**

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THE implementation of a full smoking ban in casinos will have a negative impact on gaming revenue, said Grant Govertsen, gaming analyst and managing partner of Union Gaming Research Macau.

Mr Govertsen claimed the, "policies that are being discussed are detrimental to the industry rather than supportive of the industry, namely smoking."

Speaking on the sidelines of a panel discussion titled "A Year of Two Halves: The 2015 Asian Gaming Market," which was held yesterday at the Global Gaming Expo (G2E Asia), Mr Govertsen stressed, "There's no way [the smoking ban] wouldn't have a negative impact on gaming revenue."

"If you say you have to physically leave the casino to go to the sidewalk to have a cigarette, that will interrupt game play and that will have a material impact on revenue," he told The Times, adding that other markets implementing full smoking bans have seen revenue fall between 15 to 20 percent.

The Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Alexis Tam, recently said that the government "stands firm" on its intention to implement a full smoking ban.

This means smoking would be prohibited not only on mass gaming floors, but also within VIP rooms, where gamblers are currently still allowed to smoke. Current smoking lounges in mass gaming floors would also be forced to close if the plan is approved.

During a Legislative Assembly (AL) plenary meeting held last week, some lawmakers raised concerns over the potential impact of a full smoking ban on Macau's gaming revenue, which dropped again for the 11th straight month in April.

The new policy and its impact on Macau's economy, however, divide lawmakers, gaming analysts and experts.

In an interview with the Times, Andrew W Scott, CEO of World Gaming Group, also acknowledged that, in the short-to-medium term, a full smoking ban would have a negative impact. However, he expressed that, "smoking is a dying activity and in 100 years from now nobody will smoke. Smoking is on the way out; we've got to get over it."

"We need to implement our smoking ban, get a new normal from it. It's not a popular thing to say amongst gaming operators, but it's something that eventually is going to go. And the revenue will bounce back as the prevalence of smoking becomes less and less," he added.

Aaron Fischer, regional head of Consumer & Gaming Research at CLSA Limited, told reporters yesterday that he sees the full smoking ban as a positive change, particularly for casino employees who will no longer be subject to second-hand smoke. But he too

Full smoking ban to have negative impact, gaming experts predict



JUNKETS 'PLAY UNIQUE ROLE'

MACAU JUNKETS play a very unique role in the gaming industry, and it's premature to say that the junket system has been broken, said the managing partner of Macau-based gaming consultancy IGamiX Management & Consulting Ltd., Ben Lee, who moderated a G2E Asia panel discussion yesterday. He told the Times that whenever the economy dives, the

VIP market dives much quicker than the mass market. "Junkets have a unique role to fulfill. That role will only change if casinos can market directly in China. If the casinos can issue debt, issue credit and collect on debts in China, then there's no need for junkets. Will that ever change? If the answer is no, then there's a need for junkets," he said.

thinks that, "It's probably somewhat negative for the gaming revenue."

As several gaming experts shared diverse insights on Macau's gaming industry at G2E Asia yesterday, many agreed that the city's gaming revenue will continue to decline in the coming months.

Mr Govertsen recalled that the downturn is not likely to change this year, while China's anti-corruption campaign is still

predominant.

"The key to Macau turning around is the anti-corruption campaign in China beginning to wane," he reiterated, adding that, "it has to happen at some point. I think at some point customers who have decided not to come to Macau will begin to comeback slowly."

On the other hand, Aaron Fischer recalled that the anti-corruption measures in China are here to stay. "That's resulted in a sig-

nificant decline on VIP revenues. In 2013, the VIP revenues were USD30 billion and we had that declining to USD18 billion this year. I think 75 percent of that decline is due to anti-corruption measures in China. And those gaming revenues are not coming back," he warned.

The director of Asian Research for Bloomberg Intelligence, Tim Craighead, shared a more optimistic view on the future of Macau's gaming industry.

He told reporters that they are relatively optimistic looking into 2016: "A combination of economic stimulus in China can stabilize the economy, and [trigger] inflation and improvement in the housing market, which tends to correlate well with the gaming revenue growth."

Furthermore, he concluded that once "the anti-corruption push in China starts to normalize in people's minds, and there's not much of a concern about conspi-

Aaron Fischer recalled that the anti-corruption measures in China are here to stay

cuous consumption, then that will clearly be an important [point of variation] to monitor, not only for the gaming business but also for luxury goods, and for travel."

GOV'T INVESTMENT IN INFRASTRUCTURES IS KEY

AARON FISCHER, a gaming analyst and regional head of Consumer & Gaming Research at CLSA Ltd., believes that a tourist cap will not be implemented in Macau, although the government has proposed to limit the number of visitors to 21 million per year. Mr Fischer told reporters yesterday that the city can cope with more tourists if it has the right infrastructure in place. "As hotel capacity is being added over the next few years and there's quite a big increase, I think Macau could absorb quite a number of tourists, but the government has to invest heavily in terms of infrastructure," he stated. He added that he believes the government "has been under-investing in infrastructure over a long period of time and that needs to change."

G2E Asia kicks off featuring 180 exhibitors

G2E Asia, which is organized by Reed Exhibitions and the American Gaming Association (AGA), kicked off yesterday at The Venetian Macao, with 180 exhibitors displaying gaming products and services while industry experts discuss the future of gaming.

Mr Hu Wei, president of Reed Exhibitions China, said at the opening ceremony yesterday, "This year marks our ninth anniversary and, nearly a decade on, G2E Asia continues to be the one-stop destination for gaming decision-makers in Asia and abroad."

This year, for the first time the event featur-

res a new pavilion focusing on nightlife and entertainment, set up in partnership with the Macau International Clubbing Show. It will feature entertainment and event management products and services. Furthermore, Mr Hu said that for the first time G2E Asia has launched an auto-matchmaking system, which is designed to match visitors with exhibitors, resulting "in hundreds of matching results."

Organizers are calling this year's G2E Asia the biggest edition ever, as 500 privilege members and 9,000 attendees from Asia and overseas have registered.

Growing patient numbers occupy 75.8 percent of sickbeds, doubles in a year



pancy rate standing at 75.8 percent.

As the report indicates, in the past year the hospitals have seen a growing number of patients staying in hospitals overnight, increasing by 3.2 percent to 52,000, with the average amount of stay-in days reaching 7.3 days. Patients aged below 15 rose by 3.4 percent, while those aged above 15 dropped by 3.1 percent.

Up to 1,513,000 out-patient consultations were offered last year, up by around 5 percent year-on-year. A total of 462,000 used emergency services in the previous year.

When it comes to blood donation, only 10,018 donors contributed to the local blood bank, down by 8.4 percent. The number of first-time donors also fell by 14.1 percent compared to last year.

In 2014, a total of 1,592 doctors and 1,990 nurses were serving throughout the city, up by 5.2 and 7.3 percent respectively. For every 1,000 people, there were around 2.5 doctors and 3.1 nurses to take care of them, according to the data.

THE latest statistics from the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC) have shown that the total

number of beds for in-patients in five local hospitals has doubled over the past year, with the occu-

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Visitor spending falls 16.2 percent to MOP13.36 billion in first quarter



THE first quarter of the year has seen a total of MOP13.36 billion spent in non-gaming consumption by inbound visitors.

The amount slipped by 16.2 percent from the MOP15.95 billion spent in the same period of last year.

Overnight visitors' spending reached MOP10.40 billion, also down by 21.1 percent compared to last year.

However, same-day visitors' spending rose by 6.7 percent to MOP2.96 billion. It was reported that, of the tourists visiting on long-haul trips,

visitors from the United Kingdom have relatively high per-capita spending, with the amount rising exponentially by 32.3 percent year-on-year.

Tourists from Asian countries were said to be tighter with their money, as spending by those from Singapore, Malaysia, Taiwan, Japan and Hong Kong has seen a decrease.

Around 88.6 percent of visiting hotel-users were satisfied with the amenities inside hotels, while 13.4 percent were not satisfied with the local public transport.

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Macau expected to surpass HK in bridging China with the world

WITH the neighboring free trade zones (FTZ) in Guangdong coming into shape, scholars urge Macau to dive into regional integration rather than being a passive spectator.

Under the nation's overall planning, the MSAR can play a better bridging role than Hong Kong between China and the world, and even could replace it in some areas, said the director of the Center for City and Competitiveness at the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Ni Pengfei.

Ni said that the country is encouraging these free trade zones in order to boldly explore the paths they can develop. He thus suggests that stakeholders aim should to build a free port in the region.

"We should be bolder with a bigger vision and longer-term perspective in the FTZ planning, and not be limited to only industrial development. I predict that these new FTZs will become new free ports in the future, as the then newly-established industrial zones have now become new towns," he said at a symposium organized by the University of Macau (UM) yesterday.

The scholar thereby suggested



that Macau should aim to build a free port with the help of its neighbor Hengqin, given that there have been higher expectations laid upon Macau since the Chinese authorities' re-positioning of its development.

"HK hasn't played a big enough platform role in linking China to the world. With new social and political problems occurring in Hong Kong, Macau now can do what HK couldn't and even replace HK in some functions," he said.

A group of ten scholars from the region's research and education institutions also joined the round-table symposium, where they exchanged opinions on how Macau can seize the opportunities in the emerging Guangdong FTZs.

"Hengqin has leapt forward over recent years with a double- to triple-digit growth in industrial indexes. (...) There are already 8,619 companies registered in our Hengqin FTZ prior to its official inauguration, and

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companies from Macau and HK accounted for 424 and 151 respectively," said the Hengqin New Area Administrative Committee's deputy director, Ye Zhen.

Mr Ye introduced the Hengqin FTZ to scholars – an area of 28 square kilometers – also promoting the attention given to the ecological environment in adopting low-carbon, energy-saving facilities.

"What Hengqin has is precisely the conditions that Macau needs to develop its leisure and tourism brand. With only its own conditions, Macau would find it very hard to develop leisure," said the Macau Polytechnic Institute professor, Yang Daokuang. "Judging by the Hengqin FTZ's distinctive positioning, the tourism and leisure industry should be the first area of priority for the regions to join forces building in," he added.

The opinion was echoed by Ni Pengfei, who indicated that the Central Government's re-positioning of its plans for Macau has pushed the city to aim higher – to become a tourism and leisure center not only of Asia, but also the world.

"We were surprised by the goal, as we questioned how such a small city could develop into a world leisure hub. In order to achieve that, Macau needs to collaborate with the neighboring region more than ever, and to jointly build a leisure brand," he suggested.

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MACAU has climbed one place to become the ninth-most competitive city out of a total of 294 Chinese cities in the rankings resulting from the latest research carried out by the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences. Despite ranking the city first in terms of comprehensive efficient competitiveness, the report also suggested that the gaming-based economy was vulnerable to the external fluctuating environment; this vulnerability has caused it to miss the top 200 cities as ranked by comprehensive increment competitiveness for the third consecutive year.

Entitled Blue Book on Urban Competitiveness, the report's detailed results about the city were officially released at the Macau University of Science and Technology yesterday morning. Aside from the above rankings, Macau was ranked the fourth-best Chinese city for sustainable competitiveness, even higher than the city of Shenzhen, which overtook Hong Kong as the most competitive city this year. The former British colony has held the top spot for the past decade since 2005.

Nonetheless, according to this 13th edition of the research paper, Macau could have been ranked higher if the local government had devoted more financial resources to scientific research. Local spending in that area only accounted for a mere 0.08 percent of the public fiscal

City ascends to become the ninth-most competitive nationwide



revenue in the last year, which stood far below the national average of 2.89 percent.

Macau could be synonymous with the adjectives "harmonious," "eco-friendly" and "cultural," as the city stood out among other hubs, being ranked the second, third and fourth in each of the above categories.

Furthermore, the report sug-

gested that Macau should push for economic diversification to withstand any impacts incurred by the external adverse factors. Secondly, the government should expand the city's development through regional cooperation with the Guangdong free trade zone as well as participation in the central government's strategic initiative of "one belt one road." Also, authorities' at-

[Macau's] a little stage with a full repertoire

YANG YUNZHONG
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attention towards education and scientific research ought to be increased in order to encourage local teenagers to try their hand at launching a business in other Chinese regions.

The one-hour presentation yesterday was concluded by Yang Yunzhong, from the One Country Two Systems Research Centre at the Macao Polytechnic Institute, who praised the city as "a little stage with a full repertoire." However, the scholar expressed his regrets over livability, saying that two-thirds of local citizens' living standards were way below the average of the world's advanced nations, and far below that of the top city in the rankings. The 82-year-old also believed that it would be possible to add one more category

into the research: competitiveness of freedom. He thought that Macau could even defeat Hong Kong and Taiwan to take the lead, given that the society here has embraced more academic freedom and inclusiveness.

The annual report, which also assesses Taiwan, is compiled by cross-strait scholars and published every May. Taipei was ranked the fifth-most competitive city, standing three places below the Chinese capital, Beijing, which only just surpassed Macau. **Staff reporter**

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	2014	2013
Shenzhen	1	2
Hong Kong	2	1
Shanghai	3	3
Taipei	4	4
Guangzhou	5	5
Tianjin	6	8
Suzhou	7	7
Beijing	8	6
Macau	9	10
Wuxi	10	-

Shortage of local consumer support stagnates cultural industries

LOCAL cultural industries have thrived on collaboration both at a domestic and regional level. With this considered a unique feature of the city, the 2015 edition of Forum on Cultural Industries (Macao) concluded Monday morning at the Science Center.

Apart from this idea, proposed by the invited guest speakers from around the globe, Hua Jian, Director of the mainland's Cultural Industry Research Center, told the audience that virtual platforms would be a key way in which to facilitate business investments, trades, financing and manufacturing in the city's late-developing industry in conjunction with its neighboring regions or even the world.

Another speaker, Lee



Yong Ping, who is also the former Vice Mayor of Taipei City, described the global success of the Taiwanese cultural industry in the forum. According to Lee, in order to attract international attention, renowned local Taiwanese brands all marketed Chinese culture in an innovative way while also incorporating West-

tern elements.

Also as an Honorary Chairman at the island's Cultural and Creative Industry Association, Lee claimed that public involvement was pivotal in advancing the budding cultural and creative sector in any given city, drawing on the experience back in Taiwan.

"We often have this -

whether or not the cultural and creative industry flourishes, is based on the willingness of the locals to buy local-branded items," said the Taiwanese speaker. He then identified the most likely major issue holding back the creative industry in any given location as local consumers going for famous international

brands.

Other speakers including Quintana Carolina, the economic affairs officer from the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development and Wang Jung Wen, chairman of the Taiwan Cultural - Creative Development Co. Ltd's board of directors, agreed that cooperation between Macau and its neighboring cities is essential. "I would like to say that the initiative of regional synergy and communication platforms for cultural industries [...] [requires] the platforms to exchange ideas with the cities around them and Macau, to identify some strengths and weaknesses," said Carolina. She also agreed with the mainland researcher's insights, saying the virtual

platform could help open up the Asian market as "there was much digital content consumption" in Asia.

With most remarks vocalized in the three-hour forum pointing towards the city's need to identify its own distinctive feature, the representative from the local cultural sector Agnes Lam concluded the dialogue by bringing up a couple of doubts, which had been left insufficiently addressed by the speakers owing to time running out.

According to Ms Lam, the obvious issues facing the local industry were the unaffordable rental prices, which forced the unwanted closure of some stores; a limited understanding of the city's past multicultural diversity due to poor education and nurturing; the exponential growth of tourists coming from the mainland as well as poor public support, both financially and psychologically. **Staff reporter**

Greek market jitters ease on hope for bailout deal



German Chancellor Angela Merkel, right, and the President of France, Francois Hollande, left

MARKET anxiety eased in Greece yesterday after the country's finance minister said he was confident of reaching a deal with bailout creditors as soon as next week.

Shares were up almost 2 percent on the Athens Stock Exchange in afternoon trading yesterday, while bond yields retreated from a Monday spike, with the 2-year rate dropping by more than a percentage point to 23 percent.

Greece's new left-wing government is struggling to agree on a list of reforms creditors have demanded in return for bailout money that Greece needs to avoid defaulting on debts coming due next month.

Finance Minister Yanis Varoufakis said late Monday that his government is close to a deal. "Let's say

(it's a matter) of about a week."

The leaders of Germany and France said the talks need to accelerate and should produce an agreement by the end of May so that Greece can face its debts this summer.

German Chancellor Angela Merkel and French President Francois Hollande said at a joint press conference in Berlin yesterday that they were prepared to meet with Greek President Alexis Tsipras this week on the sidelines of an EU summit in Riga to try and work through issues face-to-face. "We need to speed things up — Greece has financial needs so financial resources need to be found," Hollande said.

Merkel added: "We are all very interested that there be a program by the end of May." AP

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MELCO PRESENTS HOUSE OF DANCING WATER TO BOAO FORUM



Melco Crown Entertainment Limited presented its entertainment centerpiece at City of Dreams Macau — The House of Dancing Water — as a finale of the BOAO Asia Development Forum (Macau) on Monday, which hosted 200 business leaders, scholars and delegates from across Asia.

Mr. Lawrence Ho, Co-chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Melco Crown Entertainment, said, "On behalf of Melco Crown Entertainment, I congratulate the Organizing Committee for the great success of BOAO Asia Development Forum (Macau). We are honored to have had the opportunity to host the distinguished guests at our resident show The House of Dancing Water, the only of its kind in Macau. As a company with deep roots in Macau, we are committed to dedicating our support to regional and international events that further reinforce Macau's position in Asia and the world as a diversified entertainment and leisure destination."

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From German wineries to Chinese factories, US dollar echoing

FOR Americans, there are cheaper vacations in Europe and lower-priced imports. A Chinese factory is selling fewer goods in Europe. A U.S. toymaker's exports are being squeezed. A German winery says overseas demand is up.

In the months since the U.S. dollar began rising in value against other currencies, the consequences have reverberated, for better or worse, around the world.

Who wins and who loses isn't always obvious.

In Europe, many exporters have benefited because a stronger dollar tends to make their products cheaper in the United States. Yet in practice, some companies can't expect a boost in sales whenever currency values shift.

German winemaker Schloss Vollrads, housed in a castle with a 14th century tower overlooking the Rhine River town of Oestrich-Winkel, regards the stronger dollar as a welcome but temporary blessing.

"A weaker euro always means that we have bigger demand from our export destinations," says Managing Director Rowald Hepp. "But we also have to take into consideration that we have a very, very high volatility of



Workers fill barrels with product at the GMM non-stick coatings factory in Zhuhai, Guangdong province

currency exchange rates right now, and it can change very quickly."

Since 2015 began, the dollar's strength has moderated. Its value against a basket of currencies has risen about 3 percent so far in 2015 after surging nearly 12 percent in 2014.

Against the dollar, the euro is valued at just USD1.13. A year ago, it was \$1.37 — an 18 percent plunge.

Yet wine drinkers may not see much price difference. Importers are billed in euros. It's up to them to set dollar prices. And if there's any currency windfall,

wineries like Hepp's may pocket it to make up for thinner profits or losses when the euro was strong.

"We only have one crop per year, one yield per year, and our customers are looking for reliable prices over the long term," Hepp says.

"I cannot influence it," he says of the exchange rate, "so I don't spend too many thoughts on things I can't change."

In China, where the yuan has risen in tandem with the dollar because of Beijing's tight control, manufacturers are losing some overseas sales.

"We've lost some business in Europe," says Ravin Gandhi, Chicago-based CEO of GMM Nonstick Coatings, the world's third-biggest maker of nonstick coatings for cookware and electrical appliances. It has a factory in the southern Chinese city of Zhuhai and another in India.

"The fact that the euro has become weaker has absolutely hurt us in the sense that our European clients, they come to us and say, 'We may not be able to afford your product,'" Gandhi says.

As a result, he's considered establishing a factory in Europe.

Smaller companies tend to be more vulnerable to currency fluctuations, notes David Stockton, a senior fellow at the Peterson Institute for International Economics.

"Big multinational corporations with production locations all over the world simply have more levers to pull in terms of adjusting their own production patterns across these countries," he says. AP

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China to take part in construction of trans-ocean railway

A coast-to-coast railway line, which has an estimated cost of between USD4.5 billion and \$10 billion, is part of a series of cooperation projects in which the Chinese intend to invest about \$53 billion in its main trading partner in Latin America and worldwide.

The trans-ocean railway will allow Brazil to export goods through the ports of the Pacific Ocean such as soybeans and iron ore, two of the main products it sells to China, reducing the costs of transportation.

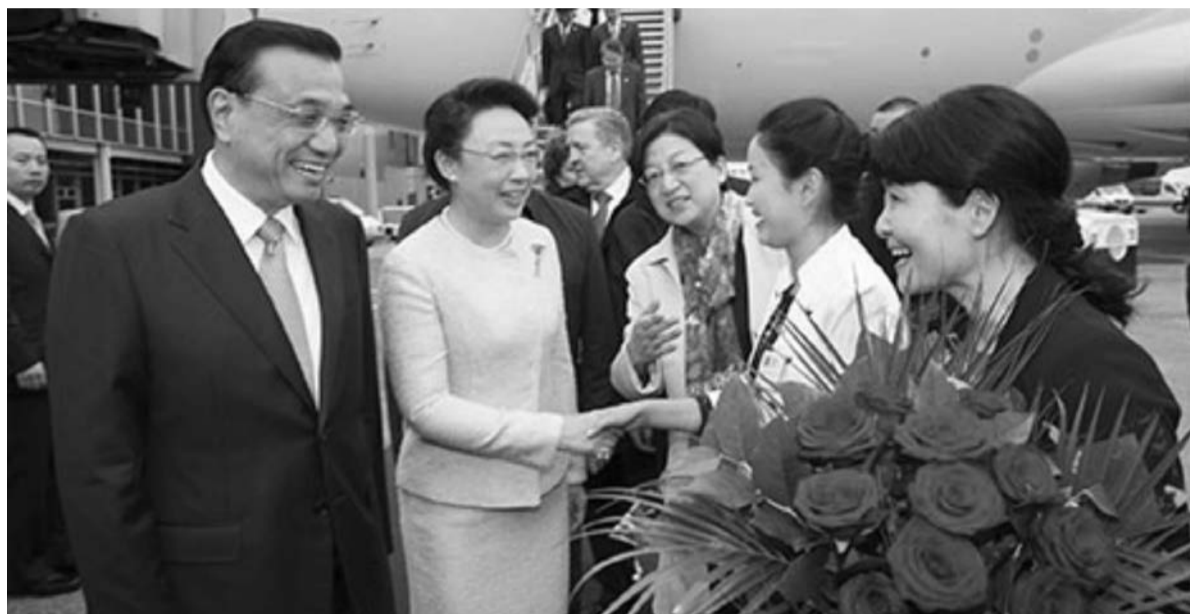
Brazil, which in 2014 exported products worth over \$51.9 billion to China, has soy as its

main source of business, with a total of \$16.6 billion in 2014, according to figures from the Ministry of Development, Industry and Foreign Trade.

Iron ore accounted for \$12.3 billion, followed by oil (\$3.5 billion), cellulose (\$1.4 billion) and sugar (\$880 million).

Today (Macau time) President Dilma Rousseff will receive the Chinese Prime Minister to sign investment agreements for agriculture, car parts, transport equipment, energy, railways, roads, airports, ports, storage and services.

After Brazil, Li Keqiang is due to visit Colombia, Peru and Chile, where he is also due to sign a number of agreements related to investment pro-



The Chinese Prime Minister Li Keqiang, is expected to announce in Brasilia Chinese participation in construction of the trans-ocean railway line linking the north-south line in Brazil to the Pacific coast in Peru

MACAU and the Chinese province of Hubei may jointly develop the markets of Portuguese-speaking countries, said the Chief Executive of Macau, Chui Sai On, who this week visits the city of Wuhan.

The visit by Chui to the Hubei capital, accompanied by a Macau government delegation, is to attend the opening ceremony of the 9th edition of the Expo Central China, according to the Government Information Bureau.

In a meeting held earlier this week with the secretary of the CPC Hubei Provincial Committee, Li Hongzhong, the Chief Executive of Macau stressed the importance of bilateral cooperation with regard to Portuguese-speaking

Macau and Hubei join forces to harness opportunities in Lusophone countries



Secretary of CPC Fujian Municipal Committee, You Quan (center), and the Governor of Fujian province, Su Shulin (left) welcome the Chief Executive, Chui Sai On, and the Macau delegates

countries, given that Macau through the central government's powers of delegation, has for the last 10 years been a services platform for trade between China and those countries.

Li Hongzhong said in turn that Hubei was keen to take advantage of the Macau platform to enter and stimulate the economic and trade markets of Portuguese-speaking countries. He pointed out that the province needed to invest abroad, and said he hopes that this would be a main focus of bilateral cooperation in the future

and that Hubei can develop foreign cooperation via the Macau platform.

In this respect, Chui Sai On said he hoped this year, or at the latest next year, set a to set out a joint action plan, so that both parties can promote the development of Portuguese-speaking markets.

Expo Central China is in its 9th edition this year and from now on will be held every two years, focusing on the economic and trade sector, as well as promoting internationalisation of its companies. **MDT/Macauhub**

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THE horrific incident shocked the nation when it went viral in China earlier this month: a woman dragged from her car, thrown to the ground and kicked repeatedly in the face and head in a case of road rage in Sichuan.

And it was hardly an isolated event. About 100 million road-rage incidents have been reported since January 2012, according to the Ministry of Public Security. Incidents arising from drivers forcefully changing lanes or disrespecting the right of way rose 10 percent in the first four months of this year, compared with the same period last year, it said.

"People are easily agitated nowadays, feel underappreciated and disrespected, and they take it out on the road by being bullies on the road," Sun Xiaohong, a prominent female observer of the auto industry for more than a decade, said in an interview.

As a result of the public debate over the video, the security ministry issued a statement May 8 calling on drivers to be "civilized," follow traffic rules and manage their anger.

"Offensive driving caused by road rage is a severe violation of law that disrupts order and endangers traffic safety," the ministry said in the statement. "Drivers should consciously rein in their road rage."

The anger in China is rising in tandem with the 10-fold surge in vehicle ownership over the past decade, causing motorists to fight for everything from parking spaces to right of way. Across the country, zebra crossings are routinely ignored by motorists, angry honking is epidemic and jaywalking is rampant. Road rage caused about 82,000 car accidents last year, a 2.4 percent increase over 2013, the ministry said.

About one in three drivers surveyed by the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences in Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou said they were part of

Gov't tells drivers to cool it after woman kicked in head



Vehicles wait in traffic outside the China National Convention Center in Beijing

a "road-rage tribe," meaning they had gotten into fights with other drivers, according to the public security ministry.

"Driving etiquette hasn't kept up with the number of cars and motorists," Sun said by phone.

In the Sichuan incident, which surfaced in early May, a man can be seen getting out of his car after forcing a female driver to stop in the road. He opens her door, drags her out, and flings her to the ground, repeatedly kicking her in the face and head, then throwing her to the ground again each time she tries to get up.

Police in Chengdu issued a statement saying that a man called Zhang was "taken into

criminal detention" in connection with the incident and is suspected of the crime of picking a fight and provoking trouble.

The man was incensed that the woman had suddenly cut into his lane, forcing him to brake hard and scaring his wife and child, who were in the car, according to a report by China Central Television.

While sympathy poured in for the woman after the beating video, public opinion soon turned against her after another video was released online purportedly showing her cutting off the man by switching abruptly into his lane.

More than 10,000 commenters posted on the police's

microblog, many in support of the beating and using vitriol and offensive language against the woman.

"Uncle policeman, I'd like to donate 100 yuan to the man to show appreciation for him enforcing justice on behalf of the heavens," read one by a poster using the name Romance Milk Little Sister.

"That damn woman totally asked for it," another poster called Yuki wrote.

The drastic turn in public opinion led the woman to apologize.

"I am sorry for my rash and illogical driving," the female driver, identified as 28-year-old Lu Qin, wrote in an open letter dated May 11 that was

first published by the Southern Metropolitan Daily and then picked up by official media including the Xinhua News Agency. "My family and I have felt the full force of online violence, and it has hurt my family badly, which is why I don't wish for the same to be inflicted on Mr. Zhang and his family. We have all paid the price."

Neither Zhang nor Lu could be reached for comment.

Road rage may worsen. Official forecasts are for 1 billion Chinese to get their driving licenses in the next 10 to 15 years. More than 150 million civilian vehicles were in use in China as of last year, according to the National Bureau of Statistics.

China will start trials this year in select cities to let license seekers take a test without requiring them to enroll in a driver's learning program, according to a posting on the website of the police in Hebei province dated April 16.

The Chengdu beating isn't even the most violent case of road rage in China this month. CCTV also reported on an elderly man who died in Yunnan after a Mercedes-Benz driver ran him over and fled after they argued over cutting in line. **Bloomberg**

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The number of road-rage incidents reported since January 2012

Cathay Pacific flight attendants protest at HK airport

SEVERAL hundred Cathay Pacific flight attendants were camped inside Hong Kong's airport yesterday after union members voted for industrial action to protest treatment by the airline.

Union member Ada So said about 400 cabin staff had gathered in front of the Cathay check-in desks.

She said more than 600 union members cast votes, with most in favor of taking action.

They said they are protesting a cut to some cabin



crew allowances, pay discrepancies for junior staff renewing their contracts and loss of legal support for workers involved in court cases such as civil action stemming from a passenger assault.

The protesters said they plan to remain at the airport until the company responds to their demands. If it doesn't, they said they would step up their action.

Cathay Pacific, Hong Kong's biggest airline, said it has no plans to

change its "double digit percentage" pay increase for staff promoted to permanent status after an initial 3-year term, and that crew meal allowances had an overall raise in the last half-yearly review. The carrier added that while some wording was dropped in a staff manual for handling unruly passengers, legal support remains unchanged.

The airport said in a statement that it was "taking measures to minimize the effects of the union's actions on airport operations." **AP**

Alibaba's Ma expresses 'regret' over counterfeits lawsuit

THE founder of Alibaba Group defended its stance against counterfeit goods and expressed regret yesterday that the owner of luxury brands Gucci and Yves Saint Laurent has sued the e-commerce giant.

Speaking at a news conference during a visit to South Korea, Jack Ma said Alibaba cooperates with brand owners to fight counterfeiting and has a large staff dedicated to that.

A lawsuit filed by France's Kering SA on Friday in a U.S. court accuses Alibaba of cooperating with and profiting from sales of counterfeit goods despite its pledges to help stamp out the trade.

"We express regret about the company's choice to sue us and not to cooperate with us to fight against counterfeit goods," said Ma.

Ma complained the lawsuit was "creating internal conflict" rather than cooperation to fight a "common enemy."

Alibaba, the world's biggest e-commerce company by sales volume, has launched a series of initiatives to keep counterfeit goods off its platforms following complaints by trademark owners. The company says it has 2,000 employees dedicated to anti-counterfeiting and consumer protection work and spent 1 billion (USD160 million) on that in 2013-14.

China has long been seen as a leading source of counterfeit goods ranging from unlicensed

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Alibaba Group Executive Chairman Jack Ma waits for a reporter's question during a news conference in Seoul, South Korea

copies of designer clothing and Hollywood movies to fake cancer drugs.

The latest lawsuit accuses Alibaba, headquartered in the eastern Chinese city of Hangzhou, of permitting merchants on its platforms even if they openly say they sell unlicensed copies.

The suit accuses Alibaba of mail fraud and racketeering, including processing pay-

ments for goods it knew were counterfeit.

Ma said his company also is talking with Apple Inc. about cooperation in payment systems and possibly other areas.

Apple CEO Tim Cook told China's official Xinhua News Agency last week he was talking with Alibaba and Chinese banks about possibly bringing Apple

Pay, its wireless payment system, to China. Alibaba also operates its own online payments system, Alipay.

"At present, we are in the first step in cooperating and negotiating with Apple for payment systems," Ma said. "We also hope both sides could exhibit the willingness to conduct cooperation in more spheres than payment systems." AP

Teacher allowed additional child now ordered to abort

A schoolteacher who gained permission to have an additional child in her hometown in one Chinese province has been ordered to have an abortion because the province where she is teaching has different rules, a family planning officer confirmed yesterday.

The case illustrates how different areas have different family planning regulations and how unyielding China's birth limits continue to be despite a recent loosening in the 35-year-old policy to allow more couples to have two children.

Both pregnant Qin Yi and her husband Meng Shaoping had a daughter with their previous spouses, so the newly married couple is not allowed to have their own child according to Guizhou province's regulations, the education bureau and health and family planning commission in Guizhou's Libo county said in a notice Monday.

Qin must have an abortion by the end of

AP PHOTO



A man lifts a child up near cow theme statues displayed a day before the May Day holidays in Beijing

the month otherwise she will be fired from her job, said the notice circulated online and carried by a local newspaper, which reported that Qin was five months pregnant.

An officer from the county's health and

family planning commission confirmed the case.

Qin and Meng applied for permission to have a child from authorities in Huangshan city in eastern Anhui province, where her residency is registered, said the officer, who gave only his surname, also Qin.

The authority is investigating whether Qin transferred her residency to Anhui earlier this year in order to gain permission to give birth, said the officer.

Anhui province allows couples to have a child if they don't have more than two children from previous marriages, whereas Guizhou only lets a couple have a child if there is just one previous child.

Different areas draw up their own family planning rules that fit into a national policy. In late 2013, China's leadership announced it would allow two children for families in which one parent is an only child, and different provinces and cities have implemented the change at different paces.

China credits the unpopular "one-child" policy as preventing 400 million births, whereas many demographers argue the birth rate would have fallen anyway as China's economy developed and education levels rose. AP

Italian castle for sale on Taobao

The first step for anyone in China who fancies purchasing a million dollar property on the other side of the globe, could be as easy as ordering a shirt online. An auction of Italian real estate started yesterday on Taobao.com, one of China's largest e-commerce platforms. According to the company, a USD27.9 million castle in Valpolicella will be auctioned tomorrow with a starting price of 100 million yuan (USD16 million). At the same time, 103 apartments in Milan will go under the hammer, said Taobao's Lu Weixing. Online buyers can browse the apartments' basic information and fees before paying a deposit to join the auction. It is the first time a castle has been the subject of a Taobao auction. Previous overseas property auctions included four islands in Fiji and hundreds of houses in the United States. Taobao plans more diverse auctions for consumers such as Australian ranches and French chateaus.

'Breaking Bad' professor arrested for leaking cannibal drug recipe

Police in northwest China's Shaanxi Province have arrested 17 people for producing a psychoactive drug that has been linked to cannibalism, the local public security bureau announced yesterday.

Police in Sanyuan County arrested a man surnamed Lu for helping provide the recipe for methcathinone, the drug nicknamed "bath salts" which drove a man to eat another's flesh in the U.S. Lu was a former chemistry professor at a university in Xi'an. They also seized 128 kilograms of the drug, 2,000 liters of semi-finished product and more than five million yuan (USD806,000). The psychoactive drug is quite cheap and highly addictive, and has been known to cause users to turn violent. According to an investigation, Lu provided the recipe for methcathinone in May 2013.

A suspect surnamed Chen, who was in charge of drug production, was the head of a chemical plant in east China's Jiangsu Province. Chen was once imprisoned for more than one year for producing a different drug, police added. The drug lab was busted in May 2014 with three suspects arrested at the scene. The rest of the gang was seized within six months, police said.

AN Afghan judge yesterday sentenced 11 policemen to one year in prison for dereliction of duty during the mob killing of a woman in Kabul who was falsely accused of burning a Quran.

Judge Safiullah Mojadedi, presiding in Afghanistan's Primary Court, released another eight policemen for lack of evidence.

The policemen were among 49 people charged over the brutal killing of 27-year-old Farkhunda at a Kabul shrine on March 19. Like many Afghans, she used only one name.

The attack sparked protests in Afghanistan and reverberated around the world, highlighting the brutality women face in the country's conservative society.

Earlier this month, four defendants were sentenced to death, eight to 16 years in prison, and 18 were freed for lack of evidence.

Members of Farkhunda's family were not in court to hear the verdicts as they had not been told when the judge would announce them, according to her brother, Mujibullah. He said the family planned to hire

AFGHANISTAN

11 policemen jailed over mob killing of woman



Men and women of all ages carry banners bearing the bloodied face of Farkhunda. The poster with Farkhunda's photo on it with Persian writing reads, "We want justice"

a lawyer and appeal the sentences.

A mob attacked Farkhunda after an amulet peddler accused her of burning a Quran when she challenged him over selling his wares to women desperate to have children.

Chilling mobile phone videos recorded her being punched, kicked, beaten with wooden planks, thrown off a roof, run over by a car and ultimately set on fire.

An Afghan presidential investigation later found that she had not damaged a copy of the Muslim holy book. Some public and religious figures said the attack would have been justified if she had.

The trial was broadcast live on national TV, reflecting wide public interest. But the speed with which the first sentences were announced — after just two days of hearings — angered many, including Farkhunda's family. The subsequent delay in announcing the verdicts for the police raised concern about the possibility of political interference.

"We have already said that we are not happy with the decision of the judge," said Mujibullah. No date has yet been set for the appeal trial. **AP**

THAILAND

Yingluck starts trial for role in rice subsidy scheme

Thanyarat Dokson, Bangkok

THAILAND'S former Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra entered a plea of not guilty yesterday at the start of a trial that could see her jailed for a decade, which critics say is part of a politically motivated campaign against her family.

Supporters chanted "Yingluck! Yingluck!" as the ex-premier entered the Supreme Court in Bangkok to be formally read the charges against her of dereliction of duty in overseeing a rice subsidy scheme that lost billions of dollars.

"I am confident in my innocence," Yingluck told reporters. "I hope the court will grant me justice, and that everything will go according to due process under the law."

Yingluck posted bail set at USD900,000, or 30 million baht, and was ordered by the court not to travel outside Thailand without permission during her trial. The next hearing was set for July 21.

Yingluck was ousted from her post as prime minister by a court decision that came two weeks before the



Thailand's former Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra, center, walks through supporters as she leaves the Supreme Court in Bangkok

military staged a coup last May.

She is being charged with dereliction in overseeing the controversial rice subsidy program, which temporarily cost Thailand its crown as the world's top exporter. The same charges also led to her impeachment in January by the military-appointed legislature, which banned her from politics for five years.

She faces up to 10 years in prison if found guilty, a ruling that would deepen the country's decade-long political crisis.

Her supporters see the case as part of an attempt by the pro-establishment elite to dismantle the political legacy of her family, which has repeatedly won landslide victories in several general elections over the last decade.

The program was a flagship policy that helped Yingluck's Pheu Thai Party win elections in 2011, and Yingluck has argued it was aimed at helping poor farmers who were paid about 50 percent above what they would get on the world market. The program, however, racked up losses of at least \$4.46 billion as the Thai government stockpiled mass quantities of rice. Prosecutors said Yingluck ignored multiple warnings from several state agencies about possible corruption — none of which has yet been proven in court.

Earlier this year, the National Anti-Corruption Commission recommended that the Finance Ministry sue her personally for at least 600 billion baht (\$18.4 billion). **AP**

INDONESIA

Minister: We've already given too much to help boat people

Niniek Karmini, Jakarta

INDONESIA has "given more than it should" to help hundreds of Rohingya and Bangladeshi migrants stranded on boats by human traffickers, its foreign minister said yesterday, a day before she was to meet with her counterparts from the other countries feeling the brunt of the humanitarian crisis.

Foreign Minister Retno Marsudi said that at yesterday's meeting with Malaysian and Thai officials, she will discuss how to solve the migrant problem with help from their countries of origin, the U.N. refugee agency and the International Office for Migration.

"This irregular migration is not the problem of one or two nations. This is a regional problem which also happens in other places. This is also a global problem," Marsudi told reporters after a Cabinet meeting at the presidential palace.

Marsudi said Indonesia has sheltered 1,346 Rohingya and Bangladeshi migrants who washed onto Aceh and North Sumatra provinces last week. The first batch came on May 10 with 558 people on a boat, and the second with 807 on three boats landed on Friday. Even before the crisis, nearly 12,000 migrants were being sheltered in Indonesia awaiting resettlement, she said, with most of those Rohingya Muslims who have fled persecution in Buddhist-majority



An Acehese man carries boxes of mineral water to be distributed to ethnic Rohingya and Bangladeshi migrants at a temporary shelter in Langsa, Aceh province

Myanmar. No more than 500 of those migrants are resettled in third countries each year, she said.

"Indonesia has given more than it should do as a non-member-state of the Refugee Convention of 1951," she said.

Myanmar's cooperation is seen as vital to solving the crisis, but its government has already cast doubt on whether it will attend a conference to be hosted by Thailand on May 29 that is to include 15 Asian nations affected by the emergency.

Like Indonesia, Thailand and Malaysia have not signed the U.N. convention, which would obligate them to accept some refugees. All have said they can longer accept Rohingya; Malaysia, the country many Rohingya try to reach, already has tens of thousands of them. **AP**



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COLOMBIA

Search for missing in town hit by flood, avalanche

Luis Benavides, Salgar

RESCUERS searched for more bodies yesterday and sought to aid the hundreds of survivors of a deadly flood and mudslide triggered by heavy rains that swept through a Colombian town, carrying away homes and people.

The avalanche of mud and debris roared through an alpine town of Salgar before dawn Monday, killing at least 58 people, but authorities said an undetermined number of people were still missing.

Survivors recalled being stirred from their beds by a loud rumble and neighbors' shouts, barely having enough time to gather their loved ones as modestly built homes and bridges plunged into the Libordiana ravine.

"The river took out everything in its path," said construction worker Diego Agudelo, adding that the back part of his home was lost to the river.

Dozens of rescuers supported by Black Hawk helicopters on Monday evacuated residents near the ravine for fear of another mudslide. A red fire truck could be seen hauling away several bodies, their bare feet dangling from



Residents rescue belongings from houses damaged during an avalanche in Salgar, in Colombia's northwestern state of Antioquia

an open trunk.

President Juan Manuel Santos, who traveled to the town to oversee relief efforts, said several children lost their parents and the bodies of those killed needed to be transported to Medellin for identification. He vowed to rebuild the lost homes and provide shelter and assistance for the estimated 500 people affected by the calamity.

"Nobody can bring back the dead ... but we have to handle this disaster as best we can to

move forward," Santos said.

By Monday evening (yesterday, Macau time), Carlos Ivan Marquez, head of the National Disasters Unit, said 58 people had been killed and 37 injured. An undetermined number of people were missing.

The flooding destroyed the town's aqueduct and even areas in less hazardous zones experienced flooding. Authorities provided water, food supplies and blankets to help residents cope with what they

described as a humanitarian emergency.

Colombia's rugged topography, in a seismically active area at the northern edge of the Andes, combined with shoddy construction practices, has made the country one of Latin America's most disaster-prone.

The tragedy in Salgar appeared to be the single deadliest event since a 1999 earthquake in the city of Armenia that left hundreds dead. **AP**

USA

Violence long simmered between rival Texas biker gangs

TEXAS authorities had warned earlier this month about growing animosity between two motorcycle clubs, weeks before the two gangs faced off in a shootout that left nine dead, 18 injured and 170 arrested.

The Texas Department of Public Safety's Joint Information Center issued a bulletin May 1 that cautioned authorities about increasing violence between the Bandidos and the Cossacks, Dallas TV station WFAA reported Monday (yesterday in Macau). The county sheriff has said all those killed in the melee Sunday belonged to those two groups.

The bulletin, obtained by WFAA, said the tension could stem from Cossacks refusing to pay Bandidos dues for operating in Texas and for wearing a patch on their vest that claimed Texas as their turf without the Bandidos' approval.

"Traditionally, the Bandidos have been the dominant motorcycle club in Texas, and no other club is allowed to wear the Texas bar without their consent," the



Authorities investigate a shooting in the parking lot of the Twin Peaks restaurant Sunday, May 17, in Waco, Texas

bulletin said, according to WFAA.

The bulletin said the FBI had received information that Bandidos had discussed "going to war with Cossacks." It also outlined several recent incidents between the two groups, including one instance in March when about 10 Cossacks forced a

Bandido to pull by the side of the highway near Waco and attacked him with "chains, batons and metal pipes before stealing his motorcycle," WFAA reported.

That same day, a group of Bandidos confronted a Cossack member fueling up at a truck stop, the bulletin said. When the Cossack member refused to remove the Texas patch from his vest, the Bandidos hit him in the head with a hammer and stole it.

The Bandidos "constitute a growing criminal threat to the U.S. law enforcement authorities," the Justice Department said in a report on outlaw motorcycle gangs. According to the report, the Bandidos are involved in transporting and distributing cocaine and marijuana and in the production and distribution of methamphetamine.

On Monday, about 170 gang members were charged with engaging in organized crime. McLennan County Justice of the Peace W.H. Peterson set bond at \$1 million for each suspect. **AP**

FRANCE

Charlie Hebdo suffers post attack divisions, departure



French satirical weekly Charlie Hebdo is facing new problems, with a top cartoonist leaving because of the emotional burden after extremists killed his colleagues, and divisions over how to use donations from around the world. Cartoonist Renald Luzier, who drew the newspaper's first cover after the Jan. 7 attack killed 12 people, said in an interview yesterday in the daily Liberation that each issue is "torture, because the others are no longer there." He will leave in September. He also says he will no longer draw the Prophet Muhammad. Charlie Hebdo was criticized for its prophet drawings. Meanwhile, the long-struggling paper's editorial staff and management disagree over the 4.3 million euros in donations received since January. The editor and publisher said a special commission will determine how to use it.

AUSTRIA

Vienna's gay themed traffic signals to stay permanently



Vienna's gay-themed pedestrian traffic lights are here to stay. Instead of the usual stick man, the lights show couples — a man and a woman, two women or two men. Set up recently at 47 crossings, they were to be taken down in June, after the end of several gay-friendly events. But Vienna Councilwoman Maria Vassilakou, in charge of traffic issues, says they will now remain. State broadcaster ORF quoted her yesterday as saying they have already achieved cult status. The right-wing Freedom Party says it will lodge a criminal complaint against Vassilakou for allegedly contravening traffic regulations and wasting taxpayers' money at a cost of 63,000 euros (\$70,000.) But a Facebook page calling for them to be kept has gathered more than 20,000 likes.

what's ON



COLLECTING ART, LIVING TEACHING:
MACAU SOCIETY FOR EDUCATION IN ART
2015 EXHIBITION OF MEMBERS' WORKS
TIME: 10:30am-6:30 pm (Closed on Mondays)
UNTIL: May 24, 2015
VENUE: 10 Fantasia - A Creative Industries Incubator,
10, Calçada da Igreja de S.Lázaro, Macau
ADMISSION: Free
ENQUIRIES: (853) 2835 4582

PATH AND ADVENTURE
- WORKS BY MIO PANG FEI
TIME: 10am-7pm
(Closed on Mondays, no admission after 6:30 pm)
UNTIL: November 22, 2015
VENUE: Macau Museum of Art,
Av. Xian Xing Hai, s/n, NAPE
ADMISSION: MOP5
(Free on Sundays and public holidays)
ENQUIRIES: (853) 8791 9814

KID'S FUN LAND ON TEA-THINGS
TIME: 9am-7pm
UNTIL: May 31, 2015
VENUE: 2/FI., Macau Tea Culture House
ADMISSION: Free
ENQUIRIES: (853) 2835 7911

TEA CULTURE HOUSE
TIME: 9am-7pm daily
(Closed on Mondays, open on public holidays)
VENUE: Macau Tea Culture House, Lou Lim Ioc
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ADMISSION: Free
ENQUIRIES: (853) 2882 7103 / 2858 6250

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EXHIBITION
TIME: 10am-7pm
UNTIL: June 30 (Closed on May 25)
VENUE: Flugent ART Gallery, Rua S. Paulo 54-58B
ADMISSION: free
ENQUIRIES: (853) 2872 3429

GALLERY COLLECTION
TIME: 9am-6pm (Mondays to Fridays)
UNTIL: June 30, 2015 (Closed on May 25)
VENUE: Macpro Gallery, Avenida da Praia Grande,
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ADMISSION: free
ENQUIRIES: (853) 2833 7828

Offbeat

'BUFFY THE VAMPIRE SLAYER' ACTOR
ARRESTED AT MYRTLE BEACH

An actor who starred on the TV show "Buffy the Vampire Slayer" and was in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, for XCon World Comic Convention was arrested for public intoxication.

The Myrtle Beach Sun News reports 44-year-old Nicholas Brendon was taken into custody Saturday night. Police charged Brendon with public intoxication and he was released Sunday.

Myrtle Beach police Lt. Joey Crosby said yesterday there were no other details to be released about Brendon's arrest. It is unclear if Brendon has a lawyer.

This is Brendon's third arrest of the year. In February, he was arrested after refusing to pay a bill at a Florida hotel. In March, he was arrested and charged with criminal mischief and property damage at another Florida hotel.

TV canal macau

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19:00	TDM Interview (Repeated)
19:30	Soap Opera
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:00	Montra do Lilau
21:40	Miscellaneous
22:10	Brazil Avenue
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Documentary Serie
00:05	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)

cinema

CINETEATRO

14 MAY - 20 MAY



WOMAN IN BLACK 2: ANGEL OF DEATH

ROOM 1

2.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30 pm

Director: Tom Harper

Starring: Helen McCrory, Jeremy Irvine, Phoebe Fox

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 98min



MAD MAX: FURY ROAD

ROOM 2

(3D) 7.15 pm

(2D) 2.30, 4.45, 9.30 pm

Director: George Miller

Starring: Tom Hardy, Charlize Theron, Nicholas Hoult

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 120min

THE TENOR-LIRICO SPINTO

ROOM 3

2.30, 4.45, 7.15 pm

Director: Kim Sang-man

Starring: Ji-tae Yu, Yūsuke Iseya, Ye-ryeon Cha

Language: English (Chinese/English)

Duration: 121min

THE AVENGERS: AGE OF ULTRON

ROOM 3

9.30 pm

Director: Joss Whedon

Starring: Robert Downey Jr., Chris Hemsworth,

Mark Ruffalo

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 141min

MACAU TOWER

23 APR - 20 MAY

THE AVENGERS: AGE OF ULTRON

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Director: Joss Whedon

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Language: English (Chinese)

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this day in history

1973 ROYAL NAVY MOVES TO
PROTECT TRAWLERS

Britain has sent in Royal Navy ships to protect trawlers in the disputed Icelandic 50-mile zone as the so-called "cod war" escalates.

Three frigates - the Cleopatra, the Plymouth and the Lincoln - are sailing alongside the British trawlers now fishing in box formation.

The skippers had said they would not return to the seas without naval protection against Icelandic gunboats. They have been cruising the area since Iceland extended its fishing from three to 50 miles eight months ago.

He said the frigates, armed with light guns and rocket missiles, would take "appropriate action" if necessary.

The decision to send in the Navy was made three days ago by the Cabinet Defence and Overseas Policy Committee with the Prime Minister Edward Heath present.

The trawler owners and the skippers had disagreed over whether or not to accept naval assistance.

The trawler owners feared that the Royal Navy's presence would restrict fishing as happened some 13 years ago during the first cod war.

But they have since agreed to let the frigates accompany the fishing boats because three tugs - the Statesman, the Irishman and the Lloydsman - would also be present and allow the trawlers to fish more freely.

The Icelandic ambassador in London, Niel Siguurdsson, said last night he was "surprised and disappointed" by the move.

Last week, the British ambassador, Sir Ian MacKenzie, failed to get assurances from Iceland's prime minister, Olafur Johannesson, that its ships would stop threatening British trawlers.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

Iceland has extended its territorial waters three times since the end of the 1950s to protect its fishermen and their main catch of Atlantic cod from foreign fleets.

On each occasion, Icelandic patrol boats trying to enforce the new limits clashed on the high seas with British trawlers and naval vessels.

This second cod war ended after the intervention of NATO with a two-year agreement limiting British trawlers to certain areas within the 50-mile limit.

Britain also agreed that its vessels would not catch more than 130,000 tonnes of fish a year.

This agreement expired on 13 November 1975, when Iceland again extended its fishing to 200 miles (322km) and the third cod war began.

Nato again helped negotiate an end to the dispute on 6 June 1976.

Britain was limited to using 24 trawlers within a 200-mile zone at any one time for an annual catch of up to 50,000 tonnes.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19
If it feels like you have less earning ability now than you did this time last year, it's not an illusion. This is more than a blip but less than permanent, so keep focusing hard work.

Taurus April 20-May 20
If it takes counting money for you to feel good, then you'll be feeling a bit blue. Why not find a more practical source of happiness? There are many more dependable ones all around you.

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21
All the chatter about the economy is just that - chatter. If anyone doing the talking could predict the future, then they wouldn't be talking about it, they'd be investing in it. Ignore and keep your saving close.

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22
Peanut butter and jelly might not have gourmet appeal, but it's cheaper than lunch out. The familiar is more valuable than ever these days. What other ways can you put a good spin on an old idea?

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22
If only the numbers would add up to either black or white. Unfortunately, there's also red to consider. Don't waste time drawing circles around the bottom line just yet, change is still on the horizon.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22
You can experience something exotic and foreign without spending a dime. An unusual lunch spot does the trick. Find a compatible lunch partner from work, and see if you can make this a business meal.

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22
Gains and losses are doing a strange duet. You can't tell if you're the composer, the performer or a member of the audience. But one thing you definitely shouldn't do is waste time figuring it out.

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21
Be brave! Putting food on the table has always been one of life's biggest challenges. Think of yourself as a hunter gatherer if that helps get you motivated to drum up your finances.

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21
If finance seems like a grand arena, you're being forced to look at the smaller, more mundane aspects of it. Simple things like balancing your checkbook and staying within your budget are more important than ever.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19
You can't see the forest for the trees. Being economical in one area is only cancelled out by lax spending in another. Take a step back and look at your budget as a bigger picture.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18
Going through tough times produces good character, as well as eccentric habits. You might not be cutting coupons yet, but you'll recognize an older relative when you next look in the mirror.

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20
Promises, promises - you need more than words. Poetry and a good dinner don't take the place of cash, but at least they're pleasant substitutes. It could be time to settle.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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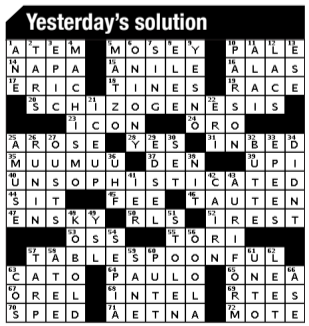
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CROSSWORDS

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DOWN: 1- He loved Lucy; 2- Sign of boredom; 3- French state; 4- Strict disciplinarian; 5- Gut reaction?; 6- Trouble; 7- Calendar abbr.; 8- Sends to Washington; 9- Challenger; 10- Shattering effect of an explosion; 11- Sari-clad royal; 12- Sandy hue; 13- Bottom of the barrel; 18- favor; 22- Orange zircon; 24- Swedish imports; 25- Cow or sow; 26- Clinch; 27- Fine fiddle; 28- Total; 30- Expert; 32- Passageway; 33- Cancels a dele; 34- Pays attention to; 36- 3.26 light-years; 37- Towering; 39- Inflammation of a nerve; 40- At a great distance; 42- Dine; 45- Characteristic actions; 46- Falls-jumping fish; 48- The youngest son; 50- Listening device; 51- Horn sound; 52- Rifle adjunct; 53- Walk sign; 55- Petty of "Tank Girl"; 56- Biol. branch; 57- Jekyll's alter ego; 60- Doo-wop syllable; 61- The Beatles' "And I Love ___"; 62- Start of MGM's motto



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INDYCAR

Accidents have made a mess of the Indy 500



James Hinchcliffe, of Canada, hits the wall in the third turn during practice for the Indianapolis 500 auto race at Indianapolis Motor Speedway

Jenna Fryer
Auto Racing Writer

INDYCAR had a crisis looming well before James Hinchcliffe was injured in another spectacular accident during preparations for the Indianapolis 500.

Three cars have gone airborne, and Hinchcliffe was in the intensive care unit yesterday (Macau time) after surgery on his left thigh, injured when he crashed following a suspension part breaking. IndyCar said he was in a stable condition.

Hinchcliffe's car did not go airborne — though it tried to, even after slamming into a wall — but that might have been because half the car was destroyed. He also wasn't in a Chevrolet, the automaker under scrutiny since three of its cars took flight during wrecks last week.

Although his crash was unrelated to last week's wrecks, Hinchcliffe's was still ugly, and followed Helio Castroneves, the three-time Indy 500 winner, flipping his car last Wednesday. Josef Newgarden went airborne the next day, and finally on Sunday, Ed Carpenter, an Indianapolis standout and an heir to the family that controls all things IndyCar, became the third Chevrolet driver in five days to go airborne.

But this crisis had been in the works since the season-opening race two months ago, when a woman's skull was fractured when hit by a piece of one of the new aerokits on the cars that flew into the St. Petersburg, Florida, grandstands.

From that first race, it was clear there were many unknowns about the bodywork kits, and IndyCar has been reacting nearly every week to situations that no one predicted.

Why? Because they didn't do enough testing, and when any bit of contact was creating debris fields all over the race track, someone should have had the sense to say 'Maybe we should get the speedway kits out and make sure they don't also have any unforeseen problems.'

Alas, the speedway cars didn't hit the track until the beginning of May, and until cars started sailing, no one had any idea that could happen.

Cars aren't meant to leave the racing surface, and when they do, it's a very big deal. Such a big deal that the three flips have overshadowed Pipa Mann's tremendous crash last Wednesday into an inside wall and then into the attenuator in pit lane.

A day before that, Simona de Silvestro watched her car erupt into flames in a standard incident that made for tremendous photographs but was mundane in the world of auto racing.

All of these incidents create the images that are drawing worldwide attention to the Indy 500 a week before the race.

Maybe that's not such a bad thing for IndyCar, the besieged series that just can't seem to get anything right, but stays in business year after year in part because it calls the Indianapolis 500 its own. Some buzz around this crown jewel event can only help.

Not like this, though.

It shouldn't be accidents followed by the appearance of an amateur hour in crisis management from series leadership creating the narrative leading into Sunday's race.

This is a mess — a hold-your-breath-and-hope-for-the-best situation — at a time when IndyCar was so excited to show off the new bodywork on the Chevrolets and the Hondas, and the increased speeds around the famed Brickyard.

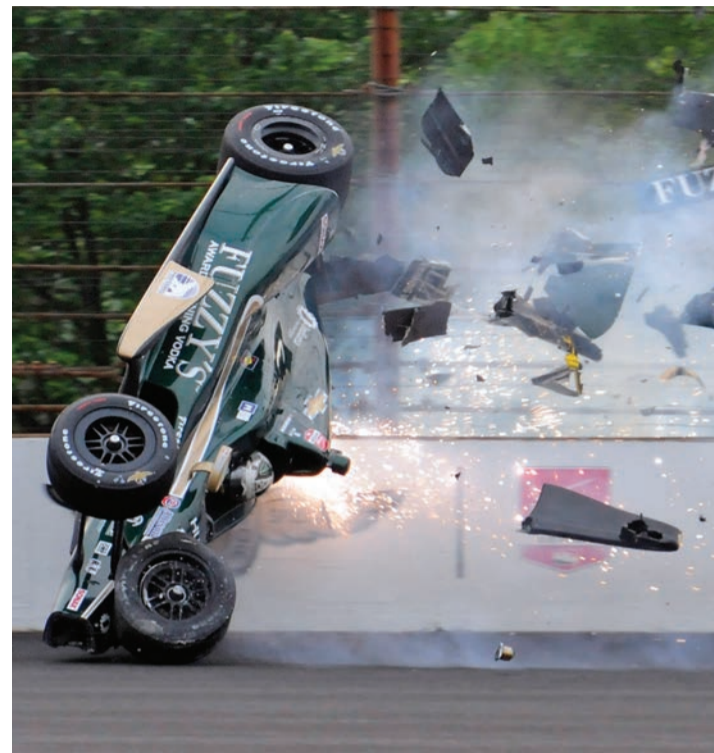
Instead, it's possible that Chevrolet's design contributed to its three cars going airborne. And even though Honda had yet to have a serious problem — unless, of course, you count the total domination Chevrolet has had of the speed charts — IndyCar ordered both manufacturers to make changes before last Sunday's qualifying session.

But as a weary Mark Miles and Derrick Walker met the media on Sunday, it was clear series management was overwhelmed with the problem at hand.

Fortunately, within hours of Hinchcliffe's accident on Monday, the drivers were back for a flawless final practice session filled with inter-brand drafting, slingshot passes, and the tight racing which fans have come to expect.

Maybe Sunday will be void of any major incidents, and maybe, just maybe, the 99th running will be the greatest Indy 500 in history.

But it's just a guess at this point, and IndyCar officials better be crossing their fingers that they've gotten this right. AP



Ed Carpenter hits the wall in the second turn during practice before qualifications for the Indianapolis 500 auto race



The car driven by Josef Newgarden slides down the track after hitting the wall in the first turn and going airborne during practice



The car driven by Helio Castroneves, of Brazil, is airborne after hitting a wall in the first turn during practice



The car driven by Helio Castroneves, of Brazil, lands on the track after flipping after hitting the wall in the first turn during practice for the Indianapolis 500 auto race

Kimberly Pierceall, Las Vegas

BOXING fans across the country and their lawyers are calling the hyped-up fight between Manny Pacquiao and Floyd Mayweather Jr. a fraud and want their money back, and then some.

At least 32 class action lawsuits allege Pacquiao should have disclosed a shoulder injury to boxing fans before the fight, which Mayweather won in a unanimous decision after 12 lackluster rounds that most fans thought didn't live up to the hype.

Fight of the century? More like fraud of the century, the lawsuits contend.

"The fight was not great, not entertaining, not electrifying. It was boring, slow and lackluster," according to a lawsuit filed in Texas alleging racketeering, a claim usually reserved for organized crime.

A lawsuit filed on behalf of Flights Beer Bar near Los Angeles International Airport in California said Pacquiao and his promoter's actions were, "nothing but a cash-grab." The bar paid USD2,600 to broadcast the fight.

As for that grabbed cash, the fighters are each expected to earn more than \$100 million, Mayweather more than Pacquiao, and HBO and Showtime broke records raking in more than \$400 million from 4.4 million paying to watch the pay-per-view broadcast.

Those 4.4 million paid up to \$100 each to watch the fight, and the lawsuits are seeking their money back.

It isn't as easy as showing a receipt and demanding a refund, though. A federal panel of judges will likely first need to decide if the cases from multiple states and Puerto Rico should be consolidated into one case. From there, a judge would have to decide whether to certify them as class actions or not.

What's sought in each is the same: a jury trial and at least \$5 million in damages, the threshold for federal class actions.

But the defendants differ. All include Pacquiao and his promotions team but some add Mayweather and his representatives along with HBO, Showtime and cable companies.

Representatives for Pacquiao and Top Rank Promotions, HBO and Showtime had no comment to offer on the lawsuits and Mayweather Promotions did not return multiple phone messages.

Exhibit A for most of the lawsuits is a Nevada Athletic Commission medical questionnaire that Pacquiao signed days before the fight. When asked if he had any injuries including to his shoulder he replied "no."

BOXING

Fight of century becomes fight in court as fans sue Pacquiao



Floyd Mayweather Jr., left, hits Manny Pacquiao, during their welterweight title fight in Las Vegas

In fact, his shoulder was injured enough to warrant surgery shortly after the fight.

In a twist reserved for who-done-its, Pacquiao revealed for the first time in a post-fight press conference that he had torn his rotator cuff weeks before. The Nevada Athletic Commission denied him a pain reliever mere hours before the fight when regulators first learned of the injury.

Conspiracy theories abound as to how many people knew about the injury and when, including claims in a few of the lawsuits that Mayweather had a spy in Pacquiao's camp and the boxer targeted Pacquiao's right shoulder during the fight.

Experts in resolving legal disputes doubt disgruntled boxing fans will be able to claim victory.

"They'd have more lawsuits if they didn't hold the fight," said Maureen Weston, director of Pepperdine University's entertainment, media and sports dispute resolution project.

If a fight is what fans were paying for, the fighters unquestionably delivered, she said. Just because people didn't like the show doesn't mean they get their money back, she said.

Ultimately, the question is, who did

Pacquiao have a legal duty to explain his injury to? Weston said.

Short answer: He didn't have to tell viewers, Weston said. The only contract viewers had was with their cable companies, which in turn had contracts with HBO and Showtime.

It's not the first time customers have taken their fight to court when things didn't go quite the way they expected in the field of entertainment.

Remember Milli Vanilli? Music fans in the 1990s argued the lip-synching pop duo owed them a refund once it was revealed they weren't actually singing.

Or the bite-fight with Mike Tyson? Sports fans may have gotten an earful but they contended they didn't pay to see a boxing match only for it to be disqualified.

Neither resulted in judgments for refund-seeking customers. Milli Vanilli fans got a buck or two back in a settlement.

So if viewers were promised a fight, and they got a 12-round fight, isn't that enough?

Lawyer Caleb Marker, who represents clients in two separate class action suits against Pacquiao, says that's arguable. **AP**

EXTREME SPORTS

Wingsuit flier thought he could manage the risk, avoid death

EXTREME athlete Dean Potter knew the risks of flying off the vertical rock walls he was famous for scaling with little more than a parachute on his back and thin fabric wings.

Just two weeks ago, the man who talked of transforming "dying into flying," had posted a photo of himself soaring above the treetops with just enough space to avoid disaster.

"I don't fool myself thinking I'm any better than my fallen brothers and sisters but I do stack the odds in my favor," Potter wrote on Instagram.

Potter, who lived on the outer edge of extreme sports, died Saturday in his beloved Yosemite National Park when he and a friend leaped off Taft Point, 1,067 meters above the valley floor and crashed into rocks during a dusk flight in bat-like suits.

The deaths of Potter, 43, and Graham Hunt, 29, were a stunning loss and another reminder of the narrow margin for error in the death-defying pursuit of wingsuit flying, a more dangerous offshoot of BASE jumping — parachuting off buildings, antennas, spans such as bridges and Earth.

Potter and Hunt were experienced in manipulating their suits for a thrilling 160 kph ride just inches from rock walls and treetops before deploying their parachutes. They also knew the hazards of a wrong move or a gust of wind.

"BASE jumping is the most exciting, amazing experience in the world but it also kills way too many people," said Chris McNamara, who quit jumping after a friend's death.

Just last year, Potter helped recover the body of a close friend who died while jumping in Zion National Park in Utah.

Parachuting has been controversial in Yosemite since two men launched off El Capitan in 1966 and were battered when winds blew them back into the cliff. After a brief experiment permitting jumping in 1980, Yosemite made the pursuit illegal, as it is in all U.S. national parks. Jumpers who are caught are fined and their equipment is confiscated.

In 1999, after a jumper who had landed safely drowned in the Merced River while running from rangers, supporters staged a protest jump from El Cap. People below watched in horror when Jan Davis' chute didn't open and she plunged to her death. Controversy was further stoked because Davis, 60, had borrowed the chute from someone else because she didn't want her parachute confiscated.

Skydiving instructor Brian Germain said if flying was legal in the parks, jumpers would know the flight lines of the terrain better.

"You have too much adrenaline because you know you might get arrested," said Germain, who uses wingsuits in skydives from airplanes but not while BASE jumping.

At least five people have died in BASE jumping accidents in U.S. national parks since January 2014, including the most recent deaths at Yosemite, said Jeffrey Olson, a National Park Service spokesman. **AP**



Extreme athlete Dean Potter stands in front of El Capitan after a speed climbing attempt up El Capitan in Yosemite National Park, Calif.

More than 50 arrested in new Italian match-fixing probe

MORE than 50 people were arrested throughout Italy yesterday and more than 70 placed under investigation as part of a widespread match-fixing inquiry led by anti-Mafia prosecutors in the southern town of Catanzaro.

The sweep allegedly involves "dozens" of fixed matches in Italian football's third and fourth division, police said.

Charges include criminal association aimed at sports fraud, with some linked to Mafia organizations — one in particular to the 'ndrangheta organized crime syndicate. One police officer was involved, authorities said.

Catanzaro prosecutors allegedly have uncovered a ne-

twork between footballers, coaches, club presidents and management members involving more than 30 clubs.

Police say clubs involved include Pro Patria, Barletta, Brindisi, L'Aquila, Neapolis Mugnano, Torres, Vigor-Lametia, Santarcangelo, Sorrento, Montalto, Puteolana, Akragas, and San Severo.

It wasn't immediately clear if the sweep was linked to the Last Bet operation that has resulted in more than 100 people placed under investigation in Italy since mid-2011, with suspect Serie A and B matches being looked at by prosecutors in the cities of Cremona, Bari and Naples. **AP**

opinion

Views on China

Editorial Desk, The China Post

EMPATHY NEEDED IN BEIJING'S 'NATIONAL SECURITY ACT'

China's National People's Congress is now deliberating on a bill to legislate a "National Security Law".

Article 11 of the proposed act reads: "Whereas neither China's sovereignty nor its national territory allows division or partition, it is the common responsibility of all the Chinese people, including the people of Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan, to safeguard China's sovereignty, national unification and territorial integrity."

It may sound good to the People's Republic of China, which regards Taiwan as a renegade province to be forced back into its fold by force of arms if necessary, but the people of Taiwan don't like what it means.

As a supplement to the Anti-Secession Law of 2005, it will create an organisation specifically responsible for preventing any action that endangers national security and that punishes those who do, as well as authorise the president of the state to declare an emergency and/or war.

The State Council shall adopt all necessary measures to assign the Central Military Commission to command the mobilisation of the People's Liberation Army as well as all other military units to enforce national security.

The Anti-Secession Law, which is officially translated as the Anti-Separation Law by the Mainland Affairs Council in Taipei, seeks to formalise the long-standing policy of the People's Republic to use "non-peaceful means" against the Taiwan independence movement, if and when Taipei declares independence.

Hu Jintao, former Chinese leader and ex-general secretary of the Chinese Communist Party, thought it was necessary to codify an invasion of Taiwan, because the Democratic Progressive Party government of president Chen Shui-bian was enforcing a creeping independence policy.

Chen planned to write a new constitution of a Republic of Taiwan, which would go into force in 2008, the year Beijing hosted the Summer Olympics. He believed there would be no attack from across the Taiwan Strait as the Olympiad dedicated to world peace would take place in the capital city of China.

Xi Jinping, Hu's successor, is afraid, with good reason, that Tsai Ing-wen, chairwoman of the Democratic Progressive Party, will win the presidential election in January next year.

If she does, his peaceful development of relations between China and Taiwan will come to an abrupt end and the cross-strait situation is likely to return to square one as during Chen's presidency.

Xi has to have a supplement to the Anti-Secession Law as a precaution. He, of course, wants to have the National Security Law to prevent another Hong Kong protests of 2014 situation, known also as the Umbrella Revolution.

The people of Taiwan don't take to Beijing's National Security Law because it unilaterally affirms Taiwan as an inseparable part of China's national territory and authorises Xi to declare war on Taiwan.

It makes the future of cross-strait relations gloomier particularly after the US Defence Department released a report last week saying that, despite improvements over the past six years, there have been no signs that China's military posture toward Taiwan has changed significantly and the PLA has developed and deployed military capabilities to coerce Taiwan or to attempt an invasion if necessary.

On the other hand, the National Security Law expands its power of governance to Taiwan by charging the people of Taiwan with safeguarding China's sovereignty, national unification and territorial integrity. That's simply too much for politicians of all stripes in Taiwan. They asked Andrew Hsia, minister of the Mainland Affairs Council, to file a protest with Zhang Zhijun, minister of the Taiwan Affairs Office of the State Council, when they meet in Kinmen.

The National People's Congress lacks empathy. It is incapable of projecting itself, and so fully understanding and vicariously experiencing the feelings, thoughts, and experiences of the people of Taiwan of either the past or present without having the feelings, thoughts, and experiences fully communicated in an objectively explicit manner. It will further antagonise the people of Taiwan with whom China hopes to unite as one Chinese nation.

Courtesy The China Post

THE BUZZ PORTUGAL INVESTIGATES POLICE BEATING OF MAN AT SOCCER GAME

Portuguese prosecutors are investigating the conduct of a policeman who beat a man in front of his young children and also punched their grandfather outside a soccer stadium, sparking a national scandal.

Police approached Jose Magalhaes outside the Guimaraes stadium where Benfica had just won the Portuguese league title on Sunday. Magalhaes said police had allowed him and his two sons, who were wearing

Benfica jerseys, to leave the stadium before other fans because the children were being crushed.

Footage shows an officer questioning Magalhaes, then punching his elderly father before using a truncheon to beat Magalhaes, who was on the ground, while his 9-year-old child screams "Dad! Dad!"

The district prosecutor has opened an investigation into alleged abuse of power.



Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Alexis Tam (4th left), members of the delegation, and the Minister of the National Health and Family Planning Commission, Li Bin (5th left), pose for a group photo in Geneva

ALEXIS TAM IN GENEVA WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

Chinese health minister wants to help Macau

THE Government attaches "great importance in enhancing the quality of medical services and it is carrying out reforms for a better system to meet the people's increasing health-care needs," said the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture in Geneva during a meeting with the Minister of the National Health and Family Planning Commission, Ms Li Bin, in a meeting earlier this week ahead of the opening of the 68th World Health Assembly in Geneva, Switzerland, a note from the Government Information Bureau (GCS) states.

Mr Tam said he was looking forward to more co-operation opportunities between local institutes and the mainland, including more exchanges of

medical staff, to enhance standards.

He thanked Ms Li for the country's support in building a contact mechanism, allowing the government to receive the latest information on epidemics to prevent outbreaks, especially during the outbreak of severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) in 2003.

Ms Li said the Commission would give full support to the Macau government in developing a better medical service system; the Commission was looking forward to more involvement from Macau in strengthening its countrywide rescue team, following the call for a new global health emergency workforce by the Assembly, reads the press release.

The following day, Alexis Tam attended the opening of the Assembly, as a member of the Chinese delegation, along with the Chief of Office of the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Mr Lai Ieng Kit; the Director of the Health Bureau, Dr Lei Chin Ion; and the Deputy Director of the Health Bureau and Director of the Conde S. Januário hospital, Dr Kuok Cheong U.

The World Health Assembly is the supreme decision-making body of the World Health Organization (WHO). This year, it is being held in Geneva between 18-26 May. Its main functions are to stipulate policies for WHO, supervise financial policies, and review and approve the proposed program budget.

THE DECISIVE MOMENT



May the best dealer win. The first heat at the Asia Dealers Championship (AADC) Arena started yesterday. The final takes place tomorrow. In all, 16 teams totaling over 60 dealers from Macau and across Asia are participating in the championship which showcases dealers' skills and talents in three games - Blackjack, Baccarat and Roulette.

Station	Air quality	
Roadside	10-30 Good	😊
High Density Residential Area	20-40 Good	😊
Ambient	20-40 Good	😊

SOURCE: DSMG

WORLD BRIEFS

THAILAND Former Prime Minister Yingluck Shinawatra enters a plea of not guilty at the start of a trial that could see her jailed for a decade, which critics say is part of a politically motivated campaign against her family. More on p12



N KOREA A group of female peace activists including Gloria Steinem and two Nobel laureates arrive in North Korea's capital for a march across the Demilitarized Zone that they hope will bring world attention to calls for a resolution to tensions on the Korean Peninsula.



IRAQI forces and allied Sunni tribesmen repelled an Islamic State attack overnight on a town west of Baghdad, a tribal leader said yesterday, as the government renewed its commitment to arm anti-militant Sunni tribes following the loss of the key city of Ramadi.

AUSTRALIA's prime minister yesterday talked down the possibility of homesick Australian foreign fighters returning from the battlefields of Iraq and Syria, warning that they could pose a threat at home.

VIETNAM Police in central Vietnam detain two South Korean managers for the Samsung Group over a scaffolding collapse in March that killed 13 workers and injured dozens.

NORTHERN IRELAND A Northern Ireland bakery was found guilty yesterday of discrimination for refusing to bake a cake bearing the slogan "Support Gay Marriage" - a verdict welcomed by human rights activists but denounced by Christian fundamentalists in the British territory.

UK In London Airbnb is sailing a bright blue house down the river Thames featuring a garden and an apple tree to celebrate the passing of the Deregulation Act, which gives London residents permission to rent their homes for up to 90 days.