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HONG KONG's government said 31 of 33 cases tested for Middle East Respiratory virus were negative, seeking to allay concerns about a potential outbreak in the city. Health authorities will update on the MERS situation twice a day, the Hong Kong Centre for Health Protection controller Leung Ting-hung said in a press conference yesterday. **More on p6**



HONG KONG Opposition to a China-backed plan for the first election of Hong Kong's chief executive rose, surpassing approval levels for the first time since the government unveiled the proposal in April. Some 43 percent of respondents opposed the proposal, according to a tracking poll by a coalition of universities. That's up from 37.6 percent at the start of the survey in late April. Support for the proposal slipped to 41.7 percent.

CHINESE border guards shot and killed one person who was allegedly trying to illegally cross from North Korea yesterday, authorities said. The incident took place shortly before 4:00 p.m. after the suspect attempted to evade arrest by border guards, according to a brief statement from the Helong city government in Jilin province. It said the shooting is under investigation.

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Doctors spend less time per consultation

The chairman of the Macau Surgical Association, Chu Men Lei, acknowledged on a TDM radio show that doctors are spending less time on each patient's consultation sessions compared with previous years, due to an increasing demand on medical services. The doctor said the proper time period for a consultation should be between 15 and 20 minutes, whereas 8 minutes would typically be enough. Chu explained that some doctors would only spend 3 minutes on a consultation, a duration of time which fails to meet the patients' demands and thus facilitates a general lack of trust in doctors. Additionally, he suggested that the chances of making a mistake would be reduced if the doctors had enough time to make a detailed enquiry into patients' conditions. Moreover, he indicated that the physical and mental health of medical personnel is an important factor that may affect their relations with patients.

St Augustine's church reopens today



St. Augustine's church reopens today following inspections conducted by the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC). The church will now be open to the public between 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. IC said in a statement that it had conducted inspections of the church's walls and ceiling, as well as of the altar area. Scaffolding structures remain on the upper choir, as the inspections within that area are still ongoing. IC has reiterated that inspection works do not hamper the public's use of or visits to the church.

Prison takes MERS precautionary measures

The Macau Prison (EPM) says that it is taking precautionary measures after the government raised its Middle East Respiratory Syndrome (MERS) response level from a "standard alert" to a "high alert." All visitors and prison employees will be required to wear a mask when in contact with inmates. If a visitor removes his or her mask, they will be required to leave the prison. Furthermore, disciplinary action will be taken if employees do not comply with the new rules. EPM said that it had also reinforced disinfection and cleaning works. Preventive measures take effect today.

Coutinho backs Chan Meng Kam bill on rent control

Catarina Pinto

PEREIRA Coutinho has pulled back his draft rent control bill as he ponders joining forces with fellow lawmaker Chan Meng Kam, who will be tabling a new piece of legislation aimed at implementing a rent increase cap on Macau's domestic rental market.

"Several fellow lawmakers have called to ask me to pull back my draft as lawmaker Chan Meng Kam was planning to table a similar bill," he told reporters ahead of a press conference yesterday.

In addition to a Rent Control Bill, Mr Coutinho tabled six other bills, which will be discussed and voted on by lawmakers in Monday's plenary session.

"I will receive Chan Meng Kam's draft this afternoon [yesterday], and after confirming that we will back their proposed bill, we will ask the AL president to withdraw our draft [from Monday's discussion]. If the content of the bill is similar, we see no reason why we shouldn't support it, because the main goal is to get the bill approved," Mr Coutinho said at the press conference.

According to a Radio Macau report, Coutinho went even further to suggest that because he's backing his fellow lawmaker's draft, legislator Chan will support his Trade Union bill, which will be discussed and voted on during Monday's session.

Pereira Coutinho believes that Chan's influence in the AL and within the Executive Council increases the chances of getting the Rent Control Bill approved.

Mr Coutinho's draft suggested governance for Macau's domestic rental



Pereira Coutinho

market through the implementation of a rent increase cap. The draft stated that a rent increase could only be requested two years after the signing of the contract, a rule that is already in place. However, it also suggested that an annual rent increase would be set up according to the consumer price index of the past 12 months.

Currently, Macau's domestic rental market is regulated under the city's Civil Code. Article 999 states that rents can be upgraded upon agreement between tenant and landlord; or due to essential renovation works. Rules governing the rent value stipulated in a rental contract can also be changed by court order, if the tenant requests it; this is usually when the rent value "is arbitrary or noticeably unreasonable."

Meanwhile on Monday, lawmakers will be discussing a Trade Union bill submitted by Mr Coutinho for the sixth time. Last year in April, his fifth attempt to convince fellow lawmakers to pass a bill

regulating trade unions and collective action failed.

Yesterday, he reiterated that a bill governing trade unions could allow for "a negotiation platform" between employees and employers, ensuring that both parties' rights will be upheld.

Mr Coutinho stressed, "Currently we are seeing an unfair situation in which some gaming concessionaires terminate contracts with their employees without having a proper reason, and employees have no opportunity to discuss their contracts' general terms."

The lawmaker believes that his attempts to convince his colleagues to pass the Trade Union bill and other pieces of legislation have failed so far because "some of these bills go against the interests of most entrepreneurs sitting on the AL plenary."

The lawmaker pledged to submit a trade union bill again next year in case the current draft is vetoed.

The AL plenary will be discussing and voting on other pieces of legislation submitted by Coutinho. Namely, these bills are to ensure the non-discrimination of employees based on gender and sexual orientation, the promotion of international treaties and conventions on human rights, and the preservation of Coloane's green areas.

Pereira Coutinho stressed that, although most of these bills might not be approved, "We believe these pieces of legislation will be tabled by the government or by other colleagues sooner or later." He concluded by saying that, "It's a noble and important mission, and we promise to submit improved versions of these bills again if they're not approved."

AL Clarifications needed on minimum wage rules

AUTHORITIES have been advised to further clarify the two different standards stipulated in the minimum wage law bill for cleaners and security guards. Many still believe that the act only mandates the payment of MOP30 per hour, said Cheang Chi Keong, president of the Legislative Assembly's Third Standing Committee, after a meeting yesterday morning.

The committee head said it was necessary for the officials to clarify the difference between the monthly and hourly payments through a more widespread

promotion of the bill. Cheang claimed that employees paid monthly may also be granted some other staff perks and welfare that are not enjoyed by part-time workers.

Apart from two other supporting laws to be tabled later regulating the property management, Cheang said that the officials had planned to formulate another law safeguarding part-time workers' rights at work. All of those moves were intended to correspond to the law, which would be extended to other industries in the city before 2018.

Asked if it was left to employees to decide which type of employment to take, Cheang failed to address the answer directly. He said that most would be forward-looking enough to go for the full-time option for their company's sake, but some will still opt for other employment arrangements to reduce expenditure.

"Without the regulations, some employers might only make all employees part-time to avoid giving their staff the welfare that comes with monthly pay," said the policymaker, before adding that they might also be risking losing full-time workers, who usually contribute more to companies in the long run.

According to the official estimate, approximately 6,200 workers would benefit from the minimum wage law, while 13,000 working in other industries would have to wait three more years to enjoy the same rights. **Staff reporter**

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EXHIBITION | INTANGIBLE HERITAGE

A glimpse into the story of the Shanghai refugees

Catarina Pinto

THOUSANDS of Macau immigrants are believed to have settled in Shanghai throughout the 19th century. Decades later, however, most of them saw no option other than to return home after the city suffered from social and political turmoil as the second Sino-Japanese War and World War II later erupted.

The story of the Macau diaspora in Shanghai is now being told through an exhibition held at Macau's Historical Archives on display until December 6. A series of lectures on the topic will be held while the retrospective is on display.

Portuguese historian Alfredo Gomes Dias and the Historical Archives head, Ms Lau Fong, came up with the idea to create an exhibition showcasing documents and records available at the archives to illustrate the Macau immigrants' path in Shanghai.

"I completed my PhD thesis two years ago on the Macau diaspora. I hadn't explored the topic of the Macau diaspora in Shanghai further through my thesis and



Original documents provided by one of the refugees' family members

talking to Ms Lau Fong we realized there was quite a large document collection about it here," Mr Gomes Dias told reporters this week on the sidelines of the inauguration ceremony.

Between 1880 and 1952 there were 5,600 names of Portuguese nationals linked to Shanghai

The Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) president, Ung Vai Meng, recalled that the exhibition looks at Macau immigrants in Shanghai from two different angles.

"One reflects upon the Macau diaspora in Shanghai; how they returned and how they then left Macau heading for other destinations," he said.

Mr Ung added that, "the other angle is presented by introducing a personal story of one of the Shanghai refugees. We have photos and documents of Ms Clementina Fernandes, and we are able to learn more about Macau's history through the eyes of her family."

In addition to Ms Clementina's



Alfredo Gomes Dias

documents and photos, which were borrowed for the exhibition from her daughter Maria Teresa Véstia, there are nearly 100 records available at the archives to document the background of the Macau diaspora, and in particular the adaptation process that Macau people endured when returning home from Shanghai.

Mr Gomes Dias acknowledged that it is difficult to determine the exact number of Macau people who immigrated to Shanghai back then.

"What we have based on records from the Portuguese embassy in Shanghai suggests that between 1880 and 1952 there were 5,600 names of Portuguese

nationals who were or had been in Shanghai," he said, adding that estimations suggest that there were around 3,000 from Macau living there.

When the city opened up to foreign trade in the 19th century, the British, who were already active in Hong Kong, took the chance to establish a settlement in Shanghai. Some Macau people who had already been working for British companies in Hong Kong eventually left to work and live there too.

The second Sino-Japanese war, World War II and the growth of the Chinese Communist Party, left many, if almost all, Macau people with little choice but to return home. However, Mr Gomes Dias recalled that a small city like Macau couldn't possibly accommodate all of them, and many chose to trail the immigration path again.

"I estimate that about 2,000 returned from Shanghai to Macau, although they did not all return at the same time (...) Very few remained in Macau. Many immigrated again, choosing mainly the US and Brazil, but also Australia," he told reporters.

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ENVIRONMENT | GREEN HOTEL AWARDS

More lower-category hotels awarded

Brook Yang

MACAU'S environment regulator granted awards to 13 hotels yesterday for their "notable results in waste and emission reduction" achieved in 2014. For the first time, the annual Green Hotel Awards have recognized a four-star hotel with a gold award, and two budget hotels with merit awards.

The Macau Government Tourist Office (MGTO) director, Helena de Senna Fernandes, sees it as "a very encouraging sign," as it "spreads a message that it's not only the luxury hotels that can obtain such a grading, but also that the lower category hotels, through introducing different practice, would be able to get this award, even the highest award."

Of the prominent gaming operators, MGM Macau and the Venetian Macao-Resort-Hotel each won gold awards, and the Galaxy Hotel Macau



won silver. So far in the Green Hotel Awards' history, a total of 32 hotels have been recognized, accounting for one third of the hotels in Macau and 60 percent of hotel rooms.

Ms Chan Sio Fai, manager general of the Hotel Beverly Plaza – the first four-star hotel to receive a top award – told the Times, "As an old hotel, the operator might face more difficulties in achieving energy savings, such as investing in equipment transformation." She added: "We invested a lot in advanced energy-efficient equipment in recent years, which has seen a big effect."

MGM Macau's director of facilities management, Mr Peter Chan, also acknowledged that regardless of whether it's a five-star or budget hotel, "there is still a lot that can be done." In addition to the operator's resolution, he said that customers' responses and participation are also key factors in hotels' environmental practice.

"The biggest difficulty faced is the [customer] behavior, because we also have to maintain a certain level of customer service, so we can't cut down too much. (...) We depend very much on customers helping us; it's a joint effort between us ma-

agement and the customers," he explained.

According to the deputy director of the Environmental Protection Bureau (DSPA), Ms Vong Man Hung, these 13 newly awarded hotels were responsible for collectively separating and recycling a total of 6,000 tons of waste last year. A significant waste reduction of 17 percent compared with the previous year was observed among the medium and small-scale hotels.

"Take the example of a 300-guestroom hotel with an 80-percent occupancy rate: in terms of reducing power consumption, 340,000 kilowatt-hours (kWh) of electricity was saved in a year, which means MOP400,000 was saved in electricity bills, and over 300 tons of carbon emissions were prevented. In terms of water consumption, over 27,000 square meters of water was saved in a year, which equates to a MOP160,000 saving on water bills, and a reduction of over seven tons of carbon emissions," she added.

The official stressed that it has become important for the sector to consider how it could use resources more efficiently and reduce waste, especially as more big-scale hotels are opening up.

PJ's 55th anniversary marked with coverage shots



PJ officers inspect a body found on Hac Sa beach. The awarded picture was published in the Macau Daily News

A photography competition held by the Judiciary Police (PJ) has seen eight pictures chosen from a total of 67 entries submitted by local journalists that best present the positive image of the police authority. The contest invited reporters to submit pictures to mark PJ's 55th anniversary, a milestone also marked by its own police officers, who were encouraged to put their own cameras to use. Another nine pictures out of a total of 37 have been selected as part of another contest, entry to which is exclusive to civil servants working for the PJ department. The recognized pictures will be put on display after an awards presentation to be held on July 15 at the PJ's anniversary gala dinner. Reporters from the Chinese-language newspaper Macao Daily News claimed half of the prizes.

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Gov't says no request received for Coloane casinos

SECRETARY for Economy and Finance Lionel Leong has asserted that authorities have so far received no requests to build new casinos in Coloane. This comes after an inquiry filed by lawmaker Au Kam San which ignited public concern on the over-proliferation of casinos into the neighborhood, which hosts a local population of approximately 60,000.

As stated in the lawmaker's enquiry, an urban planning blueprint from the Land, Public Works and Transport Bureau disclosed that a project owned by a Hong Kong businessman surnamed "Chiu" included plans for not only residences but also a hotel. A decade ago, the project owner reportedly told media that a private casino would be established on the plot of land that he had acquired in Coloane, but admitted that the local government had not expressed

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Coloane village

approval of it.

In his questions, Au Kam San also mentioned the Louis XIII hotel resort in Coloane, currently under construction close to the Seac Pai Van garden. The lawmaker wanted to know if the Gaming Inspection Bureau would sanction the developer's request for gaming tables.

Responding to Au's enquiry, Leong stressed that the government would evaluate requests based on the scale and location of the project in question, and furthermore whether it could play an active role in promoting the city's global image as a world travel and leisure destination.

"I completely understand the concerns from society," said the secretary. "More importantly, it's still a presumption, because so far we haven't received any requests from gaming operators about this."

He also stressed that only gaming operators were allowed to file applications for casino construction.

The secretary failed to directly address the matter of whether the government would be willing to introduce regulations to restrict the casinos geographically. **Staff reporter**

Kimberly Pierceall,
Las Vegas

Groups seek private investigator's report on Las Vegas Sands

A news organization and nonprofit group want a Nevada judge to unseal a private investigator's report that they say may tie casino company Las Vegas Sands Corp. to organized crime in Asia.

Guardian News & Media and the Campaign for Accountability recently filed motions to unseal the report, which was filed as evidence in a former executive's wrongful termination lawsuit against the company.

Both the internatio-

nal news agency and the Washington, D.C.-based nonprofit, which focuses on corporate disclosure policies and Wall Street's influence on regulators, say the so-called Vickers report is of public interest.

The Campaign for Accountability says in its motion filed this week that it also wants to see the report because the group believes it might

help determine if Republican donor and Las Vegas Sands CEO Sheldon Adelson used money linked to overseas criminal activity for election donations.

The nonprofit's director, Anne Weismann, said the group's suspicions are "based on what we know about what the report was supposed to accomplish." She said the report's author, private investigator

Steve Vickers, specialized in looking into organized crime activity by Chinese triads.

"Mr. Adelson's alleged close ties to illegal and corrupt foreign practices raise very serious and credible questions, not only about possible corruption in the Nevada gaming industry, but also about whether those practices have financed his campaign activities and

whether he has used the anonymity of campaign contributions to launder illegally obtained foreign funds," according to the motion from the group filed by Las Vegas attorney Allen Lichtenstein.

Las Vegas Sands spokesman Ron Reese declined to comment about the motions on behalf of the companies and Adelson.

Clark County District Court Judge Elizabeth

Gonzalez is expected to consider a date when the arguments will be heard. The motions are to intervene in Steven Jacobs' lawsuit against Las Vegas Sands, Sands China Ltd., Adelson and others, which has been ongoing since 2010. Jacobs filed the case after he was fired from his position as chief executive officer of Sands China.

Gonzalez recently ruled that the case will be heard in her Clark County courtroom after a team of defense attorneys questioned the jurisdiction since Sands China is a foreign company. **AP**

ONE SHOT NEWS



People wearing protective suits stand guard at a private clinic in Tsing Yi, Hong Kong. A suspected MERS case involving a 22-year-old woman who attended the clinic on Wednesday was among the 31 negative cases. According to Xinhua, "the case had triggered panic" in Hong Kong.

CE to hold coastal water management talks

CHIEF Executive Chui Sai On will be discussing Macau's marine sovereignty with mainland authorities, as he visits Beijing next Tuesday to Thursday.

The government's office spokesperson said in a statement yesterday that Mr Chui will be holding talks with relevant Chinese authorities to further discuss Macau's coastal water management model, as well as to examine the city's new customs mechanism.

Last month, Macau Customs Service chief Lai Man Wa stressed that the region's

economy could benefit from the delimitation of local marine sovereignty.

Authorities have been discussing with mainland China a scheme to ensure Macau's right to manage its coastal waters. Chinese president Xi Jinping announced while visiting last December, that China and Macau had begun talks to ensure the delimitation of maritime sovereignty.

Mr Chui will be meeting with the director of the PRC's General Administration of Customs, Yu Guangzhou, and the director of the Sta-

te Oceanic Administration, Wang Hong.

Macau Customs head Lai Man Wa, the Chief Executive's cabinet head, O Lam, the coordinator of the Government Information Bureau, Victor Chan, and the coordinator of the Protocol, Public Relations and External Affairs Office, Fung Sio Weng, are all part of Mr Chui's delegation traveling to Beijing this time.

Currently Macau does not have jurisdiction over all of its surrounding waters. Government officials believe that the new scheme could promote diversification of the region's economy, while also boosting cooperation with the province of Guangdong. **CP**

REAL ESTATE MATTERS

The top 25 questions we are asked about Macau property Part 2 of 5

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20. Question: What is 'Stamp Duty' in Macau?

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- Above \$4m it is 3%

A property acquired for \$4.5m would incur a stamp duty of \$75,000 (\$2m x 1% = \$20,000) + (\$2,000,000 x 2% = \$40,000) + (\$500,000 x 3% = \$15,000)

A property acquired for \$5m would incur a stamp duty of \$90,000 (\$2m x 1% = \$20,000) + (\$2m x 2% = \$40,000) + (\$1m x 3% = \$30,000).

A government initiative to try to curb property speculation was introduced in April 2011. Properties sold within 1 year of the original purchase will pay an additional stamp duty of 20%, and properties sold within 2 years will pay an additional 10%. It is also worth remembering that Macau Properties are priced in HK\$, but the stamp duty is calculated in Patacas. Hence, stamp duty on a property that sells for HK\$4m will be calculated on MOP4,120,000

19. Question: Do I need insurance if I am renting an apartment?

Yes, to protect yourself against the loss of the contents of the property. The owner is responsible to acquire insurance for the construction

of the apartment, whilst as a tenant you are responsible for the welfare and safekeeping of the contents and furnishings.

We recommend that you have content insurance, it can be obtained from Banks in Macau, and we also have contacts for Insurance companies that we are happy to share if you are having trouble getting insurance.

The amount you pay depends on the sum insured.

18. Question: How much cash do I need to buy an apartment?

There are a few factors here, such as whether you are a Macau resident / non-resident, plus of course salary levels and your track record with the bank.

In a nutshell, the more you can borrow from the bank, the better. Generally the banks now lend up to 70% of the property price to Macau ID holders, and 50% of the price to non-residents.

If you are buying a property for \$3m, as a Macau resident you will have to find 30% of the cash or \$900,000 for the deposit, plus an additional 5% or \$150,000 to cover fees.

As a non-resident, you will have to find 50% of the price or \$1.5m for the deposit, and again approx. 5% or \$150,000 for the fees.

17. Question: What's the best time to find a rental apartment?

The turnover of apartments in Macau is extremely fast. As supply is low and demand is high, there is a

constant battle to find and confirm a suitable apartment in which to live before someone else takes it.

Whilst planning ahead is important, the best time to find an apartment is a maximum of 4 weeks ahead of your scheduled move date, although 2 weeks ahead is a more usual scenario.

Owners will generally refuse to hold a property for more than 4 weeks unless there is compensation for the amount of rental income being lost whilst a apartment stands empty.

16. Question: How much will it cost in total to purchase an apartment?

Whilst prices vary, bank charges, stamp duties and agency fees when buying an apartment are all 'known' amounts, and can be calculated as follows

Stamp duty is calculated according to the formula outlined in Question 20

Agency fees are normally 1% of the purchase price

Most importantly, you will need a deposit of 30% or more of the purchase price, which of course can add up to several hundred thousand of dollars.

We usually estimate the fees of 5% in total when purchasing a property. However, if you are renting a property, expect to pay an agency fee equal to 1 month of the rental amount of that property.

(A version of this article appeared during February 2014)

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Nestle takes India's food regulator to court over Maggi noodle ban

Adi Narayan

NESTLE SA's Indian unit has filed a case in a local court challenging an order by the country's food safety regulator for the Swiss food-maker to recall its Maggi instant noodles.

Nestle India Ltd. has approached the Bombay High Court to raise issues with the regulator's interpretation of the law dealing with food safety, it said in a statement yesterday. The company is also seeking a judicial review of last Friday's order by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India, in which it said the noodles were "unsafe and hazardous".

The challenge by Nestle is the latest development in a deepening crisis that started when a routine government test found excessive lead in its popular Maggi noodles. The company has maintained that its products are safe, and its position was bolstered after Singapore's food regulator said June 8 that its own tests found that Maggi met safety standards.

Nestle India's shares have slumped about 9 percent so far this month amid the noodle crisis. They rose 0.4 percent to 6,085 rupees as of 3:37 p.m. yesterday in Mumbai.

At least 12 Indian states have banned the products so far, according to the Press Trust of India. Nestle,



Packets of Maggi 2-Minute Noodles at a general store in Mumbai

A routine government test found excessive lead in Maggi noodles

in its court challenge, is also seeking a review of the noodle ban by Maharashtra state, where Mumbai is based. The court will hear the plea today, the news agency said in a separate report.

Nestle spokesman Himanshu Manglik declined to provide further details on the case. Calls to the office of Yudhvir Singh Malik, the chief executive officer of the federal food regulator, weren't answered.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has also taken

samples of India-made Maggi noodles from importers for testing, Nestle said in a e-mailed statement. The results of the tests are yet to be released.

Nestle doesn't sell Maggi noodles in the U.S., though the product is imported by third-party traders and sold in stores there, especially in chains that specialize in Indian groceries such as those run by Patel Brothers Inc.

The ongoing crisis in India has been a public relations nightmare for Nestle, and Chief Executive Officer Paul Bulcke met with regulators in New Delhi last week. Stopping short of challenging the government, the executive said there was "confusion" about testing methodologies.

"We have had intensive discussions with the authorities to clarify our argument, and to show the tests we have done," Bulcke said June 5.

According to the regulator, company officials said the state labs didn't follow test protocols, and the noodles and seasoning shouldn't have been tested separately.

The agency rejected the company's arguments, saying every component within the package needed to conform to the limits. Bulcke told reporters at the time that Nestle isn't challenging the tests and is working with authorities on their testing methodology.

Nestle dominates the noodle market in the world's second-most populous country, with a 63 percent share in 2014, six times as much as its nearest rival ITC Ltd. Following the Maggi incident, the food regulator ordered state authorities to carry out similar tests on noodles made by ITC, Bambino Agro Industries Ltd. and six other companies. **Bloomberg**

EU launches antitrust investigation into Amazon over e-books

THE European Union's executive branch has launched an antitrust investigation into online retailer Amazon over its distribution of e-books, which have become increasingly popular in recent years.

The European Commission said yesterday it will investigate certain clauses in Amazon's contracts with publishers, including a requirement for publishers to inform the company about arrangements it has with Amazon competitors. Amazon is the largest distributor of e-books in Europe and owns the popular e-book device, the Kindle.

Margrethe Vestager, the Commission's top official on competition policy, stressed that the investigation does not call into question Amazon's successful and comprehensive service.

"However, it is my duty to make sure that Amazon's arrangements with publishers are not harmful to consumers, by preventing other e-book distributors from innovating and competing effectively with Amazon," she said. "Our investigation will show if such concerns are justified."

If the Commission finds that Amazon's arrangements limit competition and reduce consumer choice, then it could be violating antitrust rules in Europe that prohibit companies from abusing their dominant market position. The firm could be fined or forced to change its business practices.

The investigation will center on English and German e-books, which are the largest markets across Europe.

The Commission last launched an investigation into the e-books sector in December 2011 when it had concerns that Apple and five international publishing houses may have colluded to limit price competition. By July 2013, those companies had offered a number of commitments to address the Commission's concerns. **AP**

corporate bits

MELCO OFFERS 100 'HOUSE OF DANCING WATER' TICKETS DAILY TO THE COMMUNITY



Melco Crown Entertainment Limited is committed to giving back to the community and making a difference in people's lives. To do this, the company will offer 100 tickets for The House of Dancing Water show per day to the Macau community, so that everyone

will have a chance to appreciate the award-winning water-based performance.

Mr. Lawrence Ho, Co-chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Melco Crown Entertainment, said, "The House of Dancing Water is a testament to our commitment in bring-

ing world-class non-gaming offerings to Macau and our ongoing effort to help promote economic diversification in the city. It is an entertainment centerpiece that we built for Macau and dedicated to Macau. We believe that our true vision is not completely fulfilled until every member of the community has appreciated the show."

Melco Crown Entertainment is offering 100 tickets daily, with priority given to youth, the elderly and other underprivileged segments of the community. The company will also offer tickets to its in-house community of MCE Volunteers to recognize their contribution, and to emphasize the company's acknowledgement and commitment to the value of volunteerism.

SANDS RESORTS COTAI STRIP LAUNCHES GREEN MEETINGS OFFER

Sands Resorts Cotai Strip Macao has been developing sustainable business practices with a range of green offerings under its Sands ECO360° Meeting Program. In order to further raise the awareness of its Sands ECO360° environmental advocacy and leverage the company's environmentally preferable facilities and business practices, Sands Resorts is launching a Green Meetings offer for its meeting and convention clients.

From now until Dec. 31, event planners and clients who use the Sands ECO360° Meetings event planning tool or any green meeting tools at Sands Resorts, which comprises The Venetian Macao and Conrad Macao, Cotai Central and Holiday Inn



Macao Cotai Central, will be entitled to a 20% discount on in-house audio and visual services and equipment. The Sands ECO360° meeting tool includes a series of standard sustainable practices and facilities that are designed to reduce the environmental impact of an event, such as using energy saving lighting, giving preference to local suppliers and placing equipment in a power-saving eco-mode at

the end of each event.

"Sustainable development is undoubtedly becoming a global trend of business operations," said Mark McWhinnie, senior vice president of resort operations and development of Sands China Ltd. "The Sands ECO360° meetings event planning tool has been a crucial part of the company's overall sustainability investment and has achieved significant progress in the area of environmental protection and preservation. Our company will continue to promote the importance of sustainable development as a leading developer and operator of integrated hotel resorts, to encourage and support our meeting and convention clients to share this value with us."



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Louise Watt, Beijing

UNDER rotating ceiling fans in hot, crowded bars, an edgier form of entertainment is emerging in China that reflects greater cultural freedom: stand-up comedy.

The jokes told in these settings depart sharply from the traditional routines of trained entertainers who work in pairs and tell age-old tales. This small, new breed of comedians face the microphone alone in live settings that are more conducive to personal storytelling about topics that resonate with modern audiences: relationships, jobs, parents and kids.

They often touch on the frustrations of younger people, who can't buy property in Beijing, find a spouse or endure long working hours.

In a recent Sunday line-up of seven acts at a Beijing bar, the only female comedian, Wang Yafei, joked about how she defied Chinese societal norms by pursuing men instead of waiting to be pursued. The short-haired, 28-year-old whose stage name is San Di said nine out of 10 men would respond by telling her they were gay, while the remaining tenth would say: "I really love a man like you."

Zhao Yu, 24, watching in the packed room of about 120 people, said Wang was her favorite comedian of the night. "She speaks out what preys on my mind," she said. "In my life there's a man I adore, and I would really like to be able to pursue him."

Stand-up, performed mostly in a handful of larger cities, is gaining a following among people likely to have first seen the genre on TV or online. Those shows appear styled on late-night American TV with hosts who tell jokes, sometimes sitting behind a desk.

While TV and online shows tend to have non-stop one-liners to keep the audience from turning over, stand-up routines are gaining popularity because they are more personal and creative, edgy and vulnerable.

"Most of the ideas for these jokes come from real-life experiences, so we the audience can readily relate to them," said Zhang Jingjing, a Beijing professional who was in the Sunday evening audience. "All the performers are very creative, and what I value most are their thoughts expressed freely without any of the constraints and censorship that TV and other traditional media in China have."

Sexually suggestive jokes abound, while other favorite topics include families' concerns about still-unmarried children, and the differences among Chinese regions in temperament and accents.



Chinese standup comedian Yu Zhenzhong performs his routine during a comedy show at a bookstore in Beijing

Emerging stand-up comedy scene draws young people

Chinese-American comedian Joe Wong said live stand-up is catching on in China, but needs more performers. They have regular jobs and moonlight as comedians.

Two years ago, there was just one comedy club and perhaps one show a month, he said. "Now there are four or five just in Beijing and almost every night of the week you can find some kind of stand-up."

Stand-up attracts a younger audience than the traditional comedy genre "crosstalk," which began as street performances in China's dynastic past, moved into teahouses and was heavily promoted by state television in the 1980s and 1990s. Two robe-clad speakers sing and talk. The audiences are often well-versed in the routines passed down from generation to generation, so performers can unexpectedly change the ending to comic effect.

Liang Haiyuan is an insurance salesman by day and one of no more than 20 stand-up comedians in Shenzhen, a wealthy city of 15 million, from where he travelled to

take part in the Beijing show. He riffed on the typical prerequisite that a man must provide a house before a woman will marry him, asking whether Chinese who eat bird's nest soup are giving appropriate thought to the feelings of a male bird who wants to

■ An edgier form of entertainment is emerging in China that reflects greater cultural freedom: stand-up comedy

bring a female home — only to find the nest gone.

"The ashamed male swallow has to explain to his partner that he really did have a house!" he said, provoking big laughter and applause.

At times the jokes can verge

on the political. Liang, 31, referenced Deng Xiaoping's call a generation ago to let some get rich before others, saying that he believed Shenzhen would accomplish this first.

"The reason is that we let some people get rich first and then keep the rest as mistresses so as to reach common prosperity in the very end," he said. Some in the audience heard an implicit reference to corrupt officials, often reported to have several mistresses.

A comedian with a timid style, Song Qiyu, held up a piece of paper with a U-shaped graph showing the relationship between having a standard Mandarin accent and a sense of humor.

He said if you have a bad Mandarin accent, like himself, that's funny. On the other extreme of the "U" are the anchors on state broadcaster CCTV who are famed for speaking flawless Mandarin while delivering irony-free propaganda. Those anchors, he said, are just as hilarious, finishing his act to applause.

Jesse Appell, an American stand-up comedian who has studied traditional Chinese

comedy, said jokes often suggest unsaid things in China, where people traditionally are indirect and freedom of expression is limited.

"If you are going to make a corruption joke it's better to do it through subtext because then you didn't say anything, but everybody knows what you were saying," he said.

Tony Chou, the organizer and host of the recent show in the Beijing bar, said China is developing and modernizing "but the cultural things are still far behind."

Stand-up comedy, however, is "something that catches up with people's lives," he said.

If you visited China in the 1970s, everyone "dressed the same, in two colors, gray and blue," Chou said. "But it's developed, people have realized 'oh I have my own pursuit of life'" and stand-up "has to do with freedom, everybody can talk about their life and make people laugh, which is great."

"Actually it's a sign of cultural freedom and a way of life of the new generation in China," he said. "It's a big, big transformation." **AP**

Former security chief Zhou Yongkang sentenced to life for corruption

CHINA'S former security chief was sentenced yesterday to life in prison on corruption charges, in a victory for President Xi Jinping's anti-graft campaign seen as further cementing his authority by removing a potential challenger.

Zhou Yongkang, a former member of the ruling Communist Party's all-powerful Politburo Standing Committee, is the biggest target to fall in Xi's drive to end the longstanding culture of bribe taking and influence peddling among officials.

The First Intermediate People's Court of Tianjin said Zhou was sentenced after being tried May 22 on charges of receiving bribes, abuse of power and leaking state secrets. The trial was held behind closed doors because of the final charge.

Zhou was sentenced to lesser terms on the abuse of power and state secrets charges, and was ordered to serve his sentences concurrently.

The sentence also mandates the seizure of all of Zhou's personal assets.

According to the court, Zhou received, directly and indi-



In this May 4, 2012 file photo, Zhou Yongkang, then Chinese Communist Party Politburo Standing Committee member in charge of security, attends a conference at the Great Hall of the People in Beijing

rectly, a total of 130 million yuan (USD21 million) in bribes and used his influence to allow others to realize 2.1 billion (\$343 million) in profits on business dealings that caused 1.4 billion (\$229 million) in losses for the state treasury — presumably through the sale of government assets at below cost.

Zhou's actions "inflicted enormous damage to public finances and the interests of the nation and the people," the court said in an explanation of the verdict on its website. China frequently moves sensitive trials to other jurisdictions to avoid witness tampering and other potential problems.

The court said Zhou had accepted its decision and would not file an appeal. While the charges potentially mandated a death sentence, it said Zhou received leniency after confessing and showing repentance and ordering his relatives to hand over the majority of their ill-gotten gains.

While the charges of abuse of power and leaking state secrets were serious, they had not resulted in any major consequences, the court said. **AP**

Police probe apparent suicides of 4 'left behind' kids

CHINESE police yesterday were investigating the apparent suicides of four young siblings aged five to 13 who had been abandoned by their parents in one of the country's poorest regions, revealing the tragic plight of many of the country's "left behind" children.

The four, one boy and three girls aged between five and 13, were found Wednesday night at home in a village on the outskirts of the city of Bijie after ingesting liquid pesticide, state media reported. Attempts to resuscitate them failed and they were declared dead at hospital. Xinhua suggested they had deliberately poisoned themselves.

The children's mother

had abandoned them three years ago and their father had moved away to find work, the official Xinhua News Agency said. They had dropped out of school a month before and their only sustenance was corn flour ground from last year's crop, Xinhua said.

Bijie, in impoverished Guizhou province, was the scene of a similar tragedy almost three years ago. On the night of November 15, 2012 — the same day Xi Jinping became president — five runaway boys asphyxiated themselves after lighting a fire in a garbage bin where they were sheltering from the cold.

Those cases have renewed concern over "left-behind" rural children who are of-

ten placed in the care of aged grandparents while their fathers and mothers seek work in far-away cities, often returning only once a year.

Faced with underfunded schools and inadequate social services, such children are considered highly vulnerable to emotional, physical and sexual abuse on top of loneliness, boredom and hopelessness.

China has been widely lauded for raising 600 million mostly rural people out of poverty since the institution of economic reforms in the early 1980s. Despite that, more than 82 million rural Chinese continue to live below the poverty line, set by China at 2,300 yuan (USD376) or less, or \$1 a day. **AP**

OLYMPICS AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Tibetan protesters disrupt Beijing bid at Lausanne hotel

A small group of Tibetan protesters on Wednesday disrupted a display of Beijing's bid plans for the 2022 Winter Olympics.

A handful of protesters chanted slogans and carried banners outside the luxury IOC hotel in Lausanne. They were held back by security officials.

Three others managed to get inside the hotel, and one man got into the room where Chinese officials were displaying Beijing's bid plans to the media.

The man was quickly dragged away, while two other protesters unfurled flags in the lobby. All three were taken away by police.

The protesters, including a monk, chanted "Free Tibet" and "No More Bloody Games."

Beijing is competing against Almaty, Kazakhstan. The protests came a day after both cities made formal presentations to IOC members at the Olympic Museum.

"We fully support peaceful protest and dialogue," IOC spokesman Mark Adams said. "But protesters must also respect the laws of a country and security measures in place."

The protest was organized by a group called Activists of the Tibetan Youth Association in Europe. They acted out a



The China Beijing 2022 Winter Olympics bid delegation with Wang Anshun, center, President of the Beijing 2022 bid committee and Mayor of Beijing, during the 2022 candidate city briefing for IOC members at the Olympic Museum, in Lausanne, Switzerland

scene of a Chinese policeman beating a female Tibetan protester on the ground.

The protesters say the human rights situation in China has deteriorated since Beijing hosted the 2008 Olympics.

Several IOC members were in the hotel lobby as the protest took place. They had visited the Beijing and Almaty bid displays earlier in the day.

The IOC will select the 2022 host city in a vote on July 31 in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. **AP**



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SOUTH Korea reported a 10th death from the MERS virus yesterday, although officials say they believe the disease has peaked.

The victim was a 65-year-old man who had been treated for lung cancer and was hospitalized in the same facility as another MERS patient, the Health Ministry said.

The outbreak of Middle East respiratory syndrome has caused panic in South Korea. It has infected more than 120 people since the first case, a 68-year-old man who had traveled to the Middle East, was diagnosed on May 20.

About 3,800 people remained isolated yesterday after possible contact with infected people, according to the ministry, and more than 2,600 schools and kindergartens across South Korea were closed.

On Wednesday, experts from the World Health Organization and South Korea urged the schools' reopening as the outbreak in the country has so far been

SOUTH KOREA

Government reports 10th death from MERS virus

contained to hospitals and there is no evidence of sustained transmission in the community.

South Korean officials believe the outbreak may have peaked, although they say the next few days will be crucial to determining whether their efforts to isolate patients and control the disease have worked. Three people diagnosed with MERS were released from hospitals yesterday, bringing the total discharged to seven.

President Park Geun-hye postponed her planned U.S. visit scheduled next week to focus on coping with the outbreak.

Most of the deaths so far have been of people who had been suffering from pre-existing medical conditions, such as respiratory problems or cancer.

AP PHOTO



Hospital workers wearing protective gear push a wheeled stretcher carrying a suspected MERS patient at Samsung Medical Center in Seoul

Experts think MERS can spread in respiratory droplets, such as by coughing. But transmissions have mainly

occurred through close contact, such as living with or caring for an infected person.

MERS has mostly been

centered in Saudi Arabia and has a death rate of about 40 percent among reported cases. It belongs to the family of corona-

viruses that includes the common cold and SARS, and can cause fever, breathing problems, pneumonia and kidney failure. **AP**

MIGRANT CRISIS

Indonesia concerned by claim Australia paid refugee boat

Niniek Karmeni, Jakarta

INDONESIA'S Foreign Ministry said yesterday it is "very concerned" by claims that Australian officials paid the crew of a boat carrying 65 migrants, including children and a pregnant woman, to return to Indonesian waters.

Police in Indonesia's East Nusa Tenggara province said the boat's captain and five crew members detained on remote Rote island claimed they were each paid \$5,000 after being intercepted by an Australian navy ship on May 20.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Arrmanatha Nasir said the Indonesian government was concerned that if such payments were happening, they could encourage human trafficking.

Australia has a policy of turning back and refusing to resettle any refugee who arrives on its shores by boat.

Police said the boat was carrying 65 migrants, mainly from Sri Lanka and a fewer number from Bangladesh, and was attempting to reach New Zealand.

According to the account given to police by the detained

AP PHOTO



An Acehese fishing boat full of rescued migrants approaches to dock in Simpang Tiga, Aceh province, Indonesia, Wednesday, May 20

crew, their vessel was boarded off Christmas Island in Australian waters by a navy officer who spoke Indonesian and negotiated their return to Indonesian territory. Australian authorities provided two different boats along with enough fuel and food to return to Indonesian waters, the crew said, according to police.

Hidayat, a local police chief on Rote island, said the migrants came ashore on May 31 after locals reported the boats stranded in nearby waters. They were taken to an immigration detention center in the provincial capital Kupang on Tuesday.

"I saw the money and even

counted it together with the crew during interrogation," said Hidayat, who uses one name. "But I don't want to speculate before the investigation is complete."

Australia's Immigration Minister Peter Dutton said the department doesn't comment on current operational matters.

"At the appropriate time, we'll make comments about turn-backs where we've done it, where it's been safe to do so," he told radio station 2GB.

Arrmanatha, the Indonesian foreign ministry spokesman, said children including three of a very young age and a pregnant woman were among the migrants. **AP**

AUSTRALIA

Abbott: Terrorism is 'modern form of treason'

AUSTRALIA'S prime minister told an Asia-Pacific regional conference yesterday that terrorism was a "modern form of treason: and the region's greatest security challenge.

Prime Minister Tony Abbott gave an opening address to delegates from about 30 countries attending a conference in Sydney on countering terrorism propaganda and enhancing regional cooperation.

The work of the conference was to share experiences "so that all of us can learn to be more effective in grappling with the biggest security challenge of our time," Abbott said.

He said Australia was "looking at what can be done to deal with Australian citizens who have betrayed our country by fighting with terrorists, this modern form of treason."

The government plans to introduce laws that would allow dual nationals to be stripped of their Australian citizenship if they

were suspected terrorists. Government ministers are divided over whether Australians who are not dual nationals should also lose their citizenship.


"In the end, though, the only really effective defense against terrorism is persuading people that it's pointless," Abbott said.

"Above all, we need idealistic young people to appreciate that joining this death cult is an utterly misguided and wrong-headed way to express their desire to sacrifice," Abbott said, referring to the Islamic State group.

According to the government, more than 100 Australian citizens are fighting with militant jihadist groups in Syria and Iraq.


Last year, the country raised its threat level to high and has conducted a series of counter-terrorism raids.

Abbott's comments follow US President Barack Obama's decision to send up to 450 more military personnel to Iraq to train forces fighting IS. **AP**




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USA

'No information' on escaped prison break killers



New York Governor Andrew Cuomo, left, speaks while Vermont Governor Peter Shumlin listens during a news conference in front of the Clinton Correctional Facility in Dannemora, N.Y.

Michael Hill and Michael Virtanen, Dannemora, N.Y.

AUTHORITIES in New York state searching for two escaped killers who have been on the loose for the better part of a week acknowledged being in the dark about their whereabouts or doings, even as the hunt for the men expanded past state borders into Vermont. At a news conference outsi-

de the maximum-security prison on Wednesday (yesterday, Macau time), New York State Police Superintendent Joseph D'Amico said, "I have no information on where they are or what they're doing, to be honest with you." But authorities were expanding the search after investigators learned that the inmates had talked before last weekend's breakout about going to neighboring Vermont.

"We have information that suggests they thought New York was going to be hot. Vermont would be cooler, in terms of law enforcement," said Vermont Gov. Peter Shumlin, at the news conference along with New York Gov. Andrew Cuomo. He and other officials would not say how authorities learned that information. Meanwhile, late Wednesday night (yesterday) another search was started closer to the prison.

D'Amico also said that a prison employee — identified in news reports as Joyce Mitchell, a training supervisor at the prison tailor shop — had befriended the killers and "may have had some role in assisting them." He would not elaborate. Mitchell's son, Tobey Mitchell, told NBC that she checked herself into a hospital with chest pains Saturday. He said she wouldn't have helped the inmates escape. Using power tools, inmates David Sweat and Richard Matt cut through a steel wall, broke through bricks and crawled through a steam pipe before emerging through a manhole in the street outside the 3,000-inmate Clinton Correctional Facility in far northern New York state, about 32 kilometers from the Canadian border. The breakout was discovered early Saturday, meaning the inmates may have had a head start of several hours, Cuomo said. The killers' mugshots have been put on more than 50 digital billboards in New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania, state police said, and a \$100,000 reward has been posted. **AP**

UK

Nobel laureate resigns honorary post after sexist remarks



Dr. Tim Hunt, winner of the Nobel Prize for Medicine

A Nobel Prize-winning British scientist who said there was "trouble with girls" working in laboratories has resigned from his honorary post at University College London. Tim Hunt apologized for his remarks at the World Conference of Science Journalists in South Korea but had stood by his assertion that mixed-gender labs were disruptive. The university said Wednesday he had left his position after "comments he made about women in science." UCL says it's the "first university in England to admit women students on equal terms to men" and "this outcome is compatible with our commitment to gender equality." The 72-year-old Hunt, a biochemist who jointly won the 2001 Nobel for physiology or medicine, said he was just trying to be funny.

UN CORRUPTION

Peacekeepers engaging in 'transactional sex' for goods

Cara Anna, United Nations

MEMBERS of a U.N. peacekeeping mission engaged in "transactional sex" with more than 225 Haitian women who said they needed to do so to obtain things like food and medication, a sign that sexual exploitation remains significantly underreported in such missions, according to a new report obtained by The Associated Press. The draft by the Office of Internal Oversight Services looks at the way U.N. peacekeeping, which has about 125,000 people in some of the world's most troubled areas, deals with the persistent problem of sexual abuse and exploitation. The report, expected to be released this month, says major challenges remain a decade after a groundbreaking U.N. report first tackled the issue. Among its findings: About a third of alleged sexual abuse involves minors under 18. Assistance to victims is "severely deficient." The average investigation by OIOS, which says it prioritizes cases involving minors or rape, takes more than a year.

And widespread confusion remains on the ground about consensual sex and exploitation. To help demonstrate that, investigators headed to the poorest country in the Western Hemisphere. A year ago, the report says, investigators interviewed 231 people in Haiti who said they'd had transactional sexual relationships with U.N. peacekeepers. "For rural women, hunger, lack of shelter, baby care items, medication and household items were frequently cited as the 'triggering need,'" the report says. Urban and suburban women received "church shoes," cell phones, laptops and perfume, as well as money. "In cases of non-payment, some women withheld the badges of peacekeepers and threatened to reveal their infidelity via social media," the report says. "Only seven interviewees knew about the United Nations policy prohibiting sexual exploitation and abuse." None knew about the mission's hotline to report it. Each of those instances of transactional sex, the report says, would be considered prohibited conduct, "thus demonstrating



United Nations peacekeeper uniform badge, U.N. Security Council, AP

significant underreporting." It was not clear how many peacekeepers were involved. For all of last year, the total number of allegations of sexual abuse and exploitation against members of all U.N. peacekeeping missions was 51, down from 66 the year before, according to the secretary-general's latest annual report on the issue. The draft report doesn't say over what time frame the "transactional sex" in Haiti occurred. The peacekeeping mission there was first authorized in 2004 and, as of the end of March, had more than 7,000 uniformed troops. It is one of four peacekeeping missions that have accounted for the most allegations of sexual abuse and exploitation in recent years, along with those in Congo, Liberia and South Sudan. **AP**

SPAIN

Madrid gives formal burial to Cervantes, 400 years later

Spain has given its greatest writer, Miguel de Cervantes, a formal burial some 400 hundred years after his death, unveiling a funeral monument holding bone remains believed to include those of the author of "Don Quixote." Madrid Mayor Ana Botella placed a laurel wreath at the foot of the monument in a Madrid convent yesterday in a ceremony that included military honors because Cervantes had also been a soldier for Spain. The bones were unearthed this year by experts after a near-yearlong search at the convent where Cervantes was known to have been buried in 1616. Construction work over the centuries made it difficult to ascertain exactly where his bones lay and spurred the search so that the author could finally be given a properly signposted burial site.

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- 13:00 TDM News (Repeated)
- 13:30 News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
- 14:30 RTPi Live
- 18:15 Brazil Avenue (Repeated)
- 19:10 TDM Talkshow (Repeated)
- 19:45 Soap Opera
- 20:30 Main News, Financial & Weather Report
- 21:30 Revenge S2
- 22:10 The Illusionist
- 23:00 TDM News
- 23:30 Portuguese Film
- 00:55 Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)

SATURDAY

- 08:55 2015 Macau International Dragon Boat Races (Live)
- 12:30 TDM News (Repeated)
- 13:00 News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
- 13:55 2015 Macau International Dragon Boat Races (Live)
- 16:50 Soap Opera
- 19:00 Contest
- 20:00 Miscellaneous
- 20:30 Main News, Financial & Weather Report
- 21:10 Drama
- 22:10 Comedy
- 23:00 TDM News
- 23:30 2015 Macau International Dragon Boat Races (Highlights)
- 00:05 Shorts
- 01:00 Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)

SUNDAY

- 09:25 2015 Macau International Dragon Boat Races (Live)
- 11:00 Sunday Mass
- 12:00 2015 Macau International Dragon Boat Races (Live)
- 12:30 TDM News (Repeated)
- 13:00 News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
- 13:55 2015 Macau International Dragon Boat Races (Live)
- 16:50 Miscellaneous
- 17:30 Non-Daily Portuguese News
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- 18:30 Miscellaneous
- 19:20 Comedy
- 20:30 Main News, Financial & Weather Report
- 21:00 Non-Daily Portuguese News
- 22:00 Sacred Rivers with Simon Reeve: Ganges
- 23:00 TDM News
- 23:30 2015 Macau International Dragon Boat Races (Highlights)
- 00:05 Documentary Series
- 00:30 Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)

offbeat

MAN DISMISSED FROM JURY DUTY FOR WEARING PRISONER COSTUME



James Lowe of Barnet, Vt., poses for a photo after a judge told him to leave the Caledonia County Courthouse in St. Johnsbury

A Vermont man has escaped jury duty — by getting dismissed for wearing a prisoner costume. James Lowe says he was released from jury duty on Tuesday when he showed up at court wearing a black-and-white-striped jumpsuit with a matching beanie.

The Caledonian Record reports that Lowe showed up on time and joined other prospective jurors before the start of the selection process. Deputies directed him to an empty courtroom to meet with the judge, who told him to leave.

Lowe says the judge told him he could have been found in contempt of court. That could have meant a fine or jail time.

Lowe says the juror instructions don't restrict clothing, but that he's happy to be released because of his work schedule and family obligations. **AP**

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 Duration: 124min



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 (2D) 2.30, 4.30, 9.30 pm
 (3D) 7.30 pm
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 Duration: 130min

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this day in history



1975 GANDHI FOUND GUILTY OF CORRUPTION

Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi has been barred from holding office for six years after she was found guilty of electoral corruption. But Mrs Gandhi rejected calls to resign and announced plans to appeal to the Supreme Court.

The verdict was delivered by Mr Justice Sinha at Allahabad High Court. It came almost four years after the case was brought by Raj Narain, the premier's defeated opponent in the 1971 parliamentary election.

Mrs Gandhi, who gave evidence in her defence during the trial, was found guilty of dishonest election practices, excessive election expenditure, and of using government machinery and officials for party purposes. The judge rejected more serious charges of bribery against her.

Mrs Gandhi insisted the conviction did not undermine her position, despite having been unseated from the lower house of parliament, Lok Sabha, by order of the High Court.

She said: "There is a lot of talk about our government not being clean, but from our experience the situation was very much worse when [opposition] parties were forming governments".

And she dismissed criticism of the way her Congress Party raised election campaign money, saying all parties used the same methods.

The prime minister has retained the support of her party, which issued a statement backing her.

"The leadership of Mrs Gandhi is indispensable," the statement read.

After news of the verdict spread, hundreds of supporters demonstrated outside her house, pledging their loyalty.

Indian High Commissioner BK Nehru said Mrs Gandhi's conviction would not harm her political career.

"Mrs Gandhi has still today overwhelming support in the country," he said.

"I believe the prime minister of India will continue in office until the electorate of India decides otherwise".

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

Mrs Gandhi began an appeal against her conviction for corrupt electoral practices. When opponents threatened to start a campaign of civil disobedience in protest at her refusal to resign, she controversially declared a state of emergency, claiming there was a plot to disrupt democracy.

Thousands were arrested, including about 20 MPs, and the Indian media was censored.

In August 1975 the Lok Sabha passed legislation to clear Gandhi of her corruption convictions retroactively.

She continued to lead her country until 1977, and then again from 1980 until 1984, when she was assassinated by two of her bodyguards.

YOUR STARS

Aries
Mar. 21-Apr. 19
Try to get started in a new direction today — you need to make sure that you're tackling new work or meeting new people. Your energy is stretched thin, but that can work to your advantage.

Taurus
April 20-May 20
Your colleagues are vitally important right now, so make sure that you're giving them their due. It's a good time for you to ask important questions and seek assistance from all sides.

Gemini
May 21-Jun. 21
You're launching a thousand ships today — but other folks can worry about steering them! Your amazing energy is best for starting new things than for taking care of all the little details that arise.

Cancer
Jun. 22-Jul. 22
Bumps in the road seem like they're more important than they really are, so see if you can either go around them or just slow down enough to keep the bouncing to a minimum. No damage can result!

Leo
Jul. 23-Aug. 22
Your love life could use a boost — so go out on a date! Even if you've got no prospects, there's always speed dating or even online browsing. Someone else wants to get to know you better!

Virgo
Aug. 23-Sept. 22
You are feeling a little wishy-washy today — but that's not such a big deal. Things are just up in the air, and there's no reason to pretend that you are more confident than you really are.

Libra
Sep. 23-Oct. 22
Romance is in the air for you — and one other special person! Ask someone out or sweep that sweetie off their feet. Your great energy is irresistible, and you should find that life gets a lot better as a result.

Scorpio
Oct. 23 - Nov. 21
This is a better time for discussion than it is for decisions. Toss ideas back and forth and see what sticks. It may take longer than you would like, but you really want to get it right this time.

Sagittarius
Nov. 22-Dec. 21
Someone has a big question for you — are you ready? The good news is that there's no right answer, but you should be able to wield some influence if you think about it beforehand.

Capricorn
Dec. 22-Jan. 19
You're not sure what's happening today — but that's okay. There's nothing more important than just getting the job done now even if you have to skip out on some socializing that looks like fun.

Aquarius
Jan. 20-Feb. 18
It's all personal today — even your feelings about politics or community issues all relate to who you are as a person. There's nothing wrong with that, so focus inward for a bit and then things can get even better.

Pisces
Feb. 19-Mar. 20
You may be a little obsessive today — especially when you're reminded of a debt someone owes you. It may not have anything to do with cash, but it still can cause some stress.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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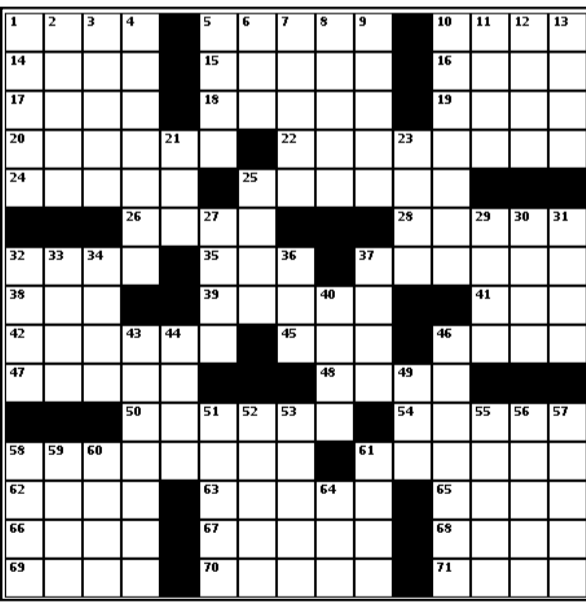
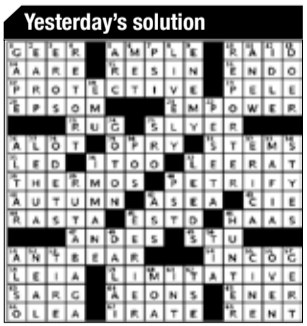
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Chengdu	20	31	cloudy
Chongqing	20	30	cloudy/clear
Kunming	18	25	moderate rain
Nanjing	18	30	overcast/cloudy
Shanghai	19	29	overcast/cloudy
Wuhan	18	28	cloudy
Hangzhou	18	29	shower/cloudy
Taipei	26	32	overcast/drizzle
Guangzhou	26	34	thundershower
Hong Kong	28	32	cloudy/shower
WORLD			
Moscow	10	23	clear/cloudy
Frankfurt	15	25	clear
Paris	17	25	clear
London	11	19	clear/cloudy
New York	18	21	drizzle

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Fleet fleet; 5- You ___ mouthful; 10- Places to sleep; 14- Squabbling; 15- Like ziti; 16- Et ___; 17- ___ noire; 18- Point in question; 19- Fling; 20- Try again; 22- Doorway; 24- First letter of the Hebrew alphabet; 25- Necessitate; 26- Lion's den; 28- Rodeo rope; 32- Graf ___; 35- It's a bit of cheer; 37- Shone; 38- Some M.I.T. grads; 39- Maker of Pong; 41- Is for you?; 42- President before Bush; 45- Message in a bottle?; 46- Goes back; 47- Experiment; 48- Eye sore; 50- Series of prayers; 54- Mountain spinach; 58- Simpler than the aria; 61- Evening party; 62- Not a dup.; 63- Gadget; 65- Della's creator; 66- Gen. Robt. ___; 67- Folding words; 68- Earth; 69- Crash wherever convenient; 70- Slow movement; 71- ___ the night before Christmas...;

DOWN: 1- Native-born Israeli; 2- Alloy of iron and carbon; 3- One tenth, usually; 4- Spire; 5- Swizzle; 6- Hung. neighbor; 7- "A Doll's House" playwright; 8- Intimidate; 9- Prince Valiant's wife; 10- Codfish; 11- Enthusiastic vigor and liveliness; 12- Round object, often used to store computer data; 13- Stuff; 21- There you are!; 23- Moon valley; 25- Quod ___ demonstrandum; 27- OPEC member; 29- Large mop; 30- Novi Sad native; 31- Poems, often used to praise someone or something; 32- Spanish muralist; 33- Look; 34- Actor Morales; 36- Owns; 37- Heart; 40- Optimistic; 43- Automobile shelters; 44- Frequently; 46- Most strange; 49- ___-hool; 51- Seal; 52- Soul; 53- Stubble remover; 55- Shaft shot from a bow; 56- Salsa singer Cruz; 57- Loaf ends; 58- Like some dorms; 59- He sang about Alice; 60- Contends; 61- And ___ bed; 64- Drinking cup;



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FOOTBALL | U20 WCUP

Germany, Portugal, Brazil reach quarterfinals

FORMER champions Germany, Portugal and Brazil earned places in the quarterfinals of the Under-20 World Cup yesterday, bringing more familiar names to a last-eight lineup that includes a number of upstarts.

Mali, Senegal, the United States and Serbia all made their way into the quarters on Wednesday, and Uzbekistan became the fifth qualifier yesterday before the more traditional powers asserted themselves.

Yesterday's round-of-16 matches began with another upset when Uzbekistan beat Austria 2-0, but order was restored when European champion Germany defeated Nigeria 1-0, two-time champion Portugal ousted New Zealand 2-1 and five-time champion Brazil overcame Uruguay 5-4 on penalties.

The tournament had already seen South American champion Argentina and CONCACAF champion Mexico fail to progress beyond the group stage.

And none of the three remaining powers had it easy yesterday. Germany held on by protecting its lead for 70 minutes, Portugal needed an 87th-minute goal to advance and Brazil was held 0-0 before prevailing in the shootout.

Rodrigo Amoral, the second penalty-taker for Uruguay, sent his attempt over the crossbar, while Brazil made all five of its attempts.

In the quarterfinals, Brazil will play Portugal, Mali faces Germany, the U.S. takes on Serbia and Uzbekistan will play Senegal.

The match between Germany and Nigeria had been billed as one of the best matchups of the tournament so far, but produced little to make it memorable.

Levin Oztunali scored the only goal in the 19th minute as Nigeria, which has won the Under-17 World Cup four times, left still searching for its first



Brazil teammates gather in a circle to celebrate their win over Uruguay

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title at the U20 level.

The goal came after Marc Stendera dispossessed Kingsley Sokari and found Oztunali at the edge of the box. Oztunali, the grandson of Uwe Seeler, scored with a powerful left-footed shot.

Portugal advanced after three wins in group play but was stretched to its limit by 138th-ranked New Zealand.

Raphael Guzzo put Portugal ahead after 24 minutes, but New Zealand thrilled the home fans when Stuart Holthusen equalized in the 61st.

Gelson Martins won the game for Portugal when he weaved his way past two defenders before curling shot with outside of his boot just inside the left-hand post from 20 meters.

Dostonbek Khamdamov scored twice within 10 minutes for Uzbekistan, putting his team ahead in the second minute of the second half and adding the second in the 67th.

"After the match I told my players 'thank you, but this is not enough,'" Uzbekistan coach Ravsham Khaydarov said.

"We've only matched our performance from 2013 (or reaching the quarterfinals). Of course we came to improve on this result and all the players know about it."

Austria coach Andreas Heraf said Uzbekistan was "too strong for us today".

"They were physically extraordinary and their speed was extraordinary too so we had problems in these two departments," Heraf said. "They studied us very well from our group games." **AP**

Schooling gets his 9 gold at Southeast Asian Games

John Pye, Singapore

JOSEPH Schooling finished the Southeast Asian Games with nine gold medals from his nine events, justifying his pre-meet status as the star of the show in Singapore.

The Texas-based Schooling was appearing in a significant international swim meet in his home country for the first time, and he didn't disappoint his millions of fans in the host nation.

When he entered the water for his butterfly leg of the 4x100-meters medley relay yesterday night —



Joseph Schooling of Singapore celebrates his win in the Men's 100m Butterfly final at the SEA Games in Singapore

the last event of the swimming program — Singapore had a lead of 0.82 of a second. He increased that

to 2.65 seconds when he hit the wall for his changeover with the freestyle swimmer, setting Singa-

pore on course for another games record of 3 minutes, 38.25 seconds.

The women's star of the pool was Nguyen Thi Anh Vien of Vietnam, who finished with eight gold medals, a silver and a bronze and closed with victory in the 200 breaststroke. Singapore veteran Tao Li won her fifth gold of the games with victory in the 100 butterfly, the last of the women's events.

Thailand made up ground in track and field, winning five of the 12 finals on the third day of the competition, inclu-

ding both high hurdles. Tittidet Jamras win the men's 110 in a meet record 13.69 seconds and Punsoongneun Wallapa taking the women's title.

Vietnam won three of the track titles, including Duong Van Thai and Do Thi Thao's victories in the men's and women's 1,500 titles.

Triyaningsih won the women's SEA Games 10,000 title for the fifth time, and also completed a distance double after her victory in the 5,000.

She finished in in 33 minutes, 44.53 seconds, well clear of second-place

Pham Thi Hue of Vietnam, who was running in bare feet — one of three shoeless runners in the race, including Vietnam teammate Hoang Thi Thanh and 35-year-old Pa Pa of Myanmar.

Triyaningshi won the 5,000-10,000 double in 2007, '09 and '11 — when she also won the marathon on home soil — and settled for a gold-silver combination in 2013.

In cycling, Robin Manullang won the men's time trial for Indonesia and Marella Saramat won the women's time trial for the Philippines. **AP**

opinion

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THE DIFFERENCE IS MACAO... OR IS IT?

While coming back from Hong Kong yesterday, I stumbled upon an old acquaintance of mine, a man of venerable age, a man of the robe—a clerical one—and busy, still, with intellectual matters. After a brief personal recounting, he engaged me on the subject of recent events in Macao. Having to closely follow the nitty-gritty of our SAR's buoyant political arena, I started painting a contrasting and yet lamentable picture of open-book conflicts of interests, blatant attacks on key principles of the Basic Law—especially when it comes to the separation of powers and the independence of justice—and gross irresponsibility regarding the greater good in a city that is endowed with first world revenues but flawed with third-rated services.

Having made a remark on the SAR's problem of a lack of spine and principles, my friend observed that this was unfortunately "the reality of Macao," and that despite all my energy and enthusiasm (not as fast eroding as some would like), not much would change, or at least not in the foreseeable future. I strongly disagree with that, and although I am a pragmatic (meaning not a dreamer) and certainly not pretentious enough to believe I can make a difference on my own—graveyards are full of indispensable men... and women—I sincerely believe that things can and should improve, whatever the context and culture. This is the human condition. When one of our dignified legislators states boisterously that patients cannot reasonably expect all to be cured when going to the hospital, he is basically saying that we cannot hope for better and that there should be no accountability system. Things are what they are because this is how they have always been: Doctor Sun Yat Sen, who was invited by Kiang Wu Hospital to practice Western medicine at the end of the nineteenth century, must be rolling over in his grave!

So no, "the difference is Macao" meaning "why bother?" is simply not for me, and I am truly convinced that those who have made this adage theirs have got their priorities wrong: survival—what kind of legacy is that?—is only a travesty of life. When a majority of politicians are businessmen, pragmatism always prevails over principles—this is true everywhere. The recent interview given by legislator Chan Chak Mo to newspaper Ponto Final is instructive in that respect. Asked why he didn't pursue his drive to become a directly elected legislator, he simply replied that after an unsuccessful try, he could not resign himself to buying votes, and so he went for a functional seat as it was easier "to control supporting associations"—I would add: it's even easier when there is only one candidate for one seat! Basically, for Mr Chan, the choice was between "corruption" and "co-optation". And then, he admits seeing no problem in defending the interests of his constituents (a few dozens associations only): "I represent a sector, I speak for it, and of course speak for myself too." This is something one can easily agree with, especially when the second standing committee over which he presides manages to delay stringent measures over smoking in public or the minimum wage. Mr Chan is an entrepreneur, the mind behind a big food and beverage consortium. The problem is that he is not backed by the business sector: he represents culture and sports! Does chasing away shops that promote Macau's creative industries from a heritage building, only to replace them with a Forever 21 outlet, really qualify him? Or is it the horrid Food Festival?

As it is written in the Analects: "At fifteen my heart was set on learning; at thirty I stood firm; at forty I had no more doubts; at fifty I knew the will of heaven; at sixty my ear was obedient; at seventy I could follow my heart's desire without overstepping the boundaries of what was right." My old acquaintance is now 83, and thus what is valid for him is not necessarily so for me—a fact he fully acknowledged. And what is valid for politicians in their 60s is not necessarily so for citizens in their 30s. Maybe it is time to accept that fact!

THE BUZZ MOURINHO BANNED FROM DRIVING FOR 6 MONTHS

A British court has banned Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho from driving for six months after he was caught speeding. The Portuguese coach pleaded guilty to the offense but was not at the hearing at Staines Magistrates' Court in Surrey yesterday. Mourinho was ordered to pay 910 pounds (USD1,406) in fines and court costs because of the incident in September.



REPORT

Rich nations face rising risks of cyberattacks

WEALTHY nations face a high and fast-growing threat of cyberattacks while risks from terrorism increasingly are confined to poorer, conflict-stricken countries, according to a defense outlook report by the consultancy Deloitte.

Recent data breaches in the U.S. and Japan are sharpening concerns over cybersecurity and such worries are warranted, the report said.

Countries identified as having the greatest risks included South Korea, the United States and Britain, which despite hefty military budgets are so integrated into the online universe that they are huge and lucrative targets.

But European countries such as the Netherlands, Denmark and Switzerland that spend much less on defense also ranked high in terms of cyber risks, said the report, which ranked countries according to measures such as the rate of mobile phone subscriptions, numbers of Internet servers and rate of Internet use.

China, India and Russia, which all are pursuing stronger cyber warfare capabilities, may "behave more aggressively in cyberspace" out of a perception they are relatively less vulnerable to cyberattacks,



the report said.

Numerous hacks and breaches of computer networks of U.S. government agencies such as the IRS and private businesses including retailers and health insurers are highlighting the growing importance of security.

The recent breach announced by the Department of Homeland Security of data from the Office of Personnel Management and the Interior Department, according to a member of the Senate Intelligence Committee, is believed to have come from a hacker based in China.

In Japan, the latest attacks targeting the national pension service are thought to have stolen about 1.25 million names, including some 700,000 passwords. Such thefts are adding to concerns as the country gears up to introduce a national identification num-

ber system in 2016 that would create more online links to personal data.

The massive attack on Sony Pictures last year highlighted the potential risks for corporations, which paid an average of more than \$3.5 million for each data breach in 2014, according to a survey by the Ponemon Institute, a Michigan-based institute specializing in research on privacy, data protection and information security policy.

But while rich countries are increasingly vulnerable to hacking and other cybersecurity breaches, their risks of deaths from terrorism have fallen to below the levels seen at the time of the Sept. 11, 2001 attacks, the Deloitte report said.

The report said military budgets of the top 50 defense spending countries now top a combined USD1.6 trillion. China's fast growing budget, at about 40 percent the size of that of the U.S., will account for about 60 percent of net global growth in defense spending through 2018, it said.

The report said China's process of catching up with the leading edge of defense technology includes improvements in its cyber capabilities, its military space program and its J-31 stealth aircraft. AP

Station	Air quality
Roadside	15-35 Good
High Density Residential Area	50-70 Moderate
Ambient	20-40 Good

WORLD BRIEFS



CHINA Myanmar opposition leader Aung San Suu Kyi met yesterday with Chinese President Xi Jinping during a visit to Beijing aimed at building ties with her country's powerful neighbor.

MYANMAR Ethnic Kokang rebels fighting against government troops in northeastern Myanmar declare a unilateral ceasefire.

NEPAL A landslide triggered by heavy rainfall buried at least 21 people and left dozens missing as they were sleeping at night in six villages in Nepal's mountainous northeast, officials said yesterday. Rescuers dug out the bodies and searched the rubble for survivors in Taplejung district, about 500 km east of Kathmandu, said police official Shanti Raj. At least 24 people are missing but the number could be higher, he said.

TURKEY Making his first televised appearance since the ruling party he founded lost its parliamentary majority, President Recep Tayyip Erdogan asked all political parties to put aside their "egos" yesterday and rapidly form Turkey's next government.

GREECE German Chancellor Angela Merkel said yesterday that Greece has committed to work intensively with international creditors in coming days to resolve outstanding issues holding up its access to vital bailout loans. The creditors have made clear that Greece must improve an offer of reforms it would introduce in exchange for 7.2 billion euros (USD8.1 billion) in bailout loans.

UK Christopher Lee, the prolific, aristocratic British actor who brought dramatic gravitas to screen villains from Count Dracula to James Bond enemy Scaramanga, has died at age 93. Lee appeared in more than 250 movies, including memorable roles as the wicked wizard Saruman in "The Lord of the Rings" trilogy and the evil Count Dooku in two of George Lucas' "Star Wars" prequels.

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