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# Buildings of Portuguese origin neglected, architect says



Coronel Mesquita buildings

IT has been ten years since Macau's historic center was listed as a World Heritage site by UNESCO, but some experts claim that buildings with cultural value continue to be neglected, particularly those of Portuguese style.

"There's the risk that Portuguese buildings will slowly disappear and only the churches will be preserved," says local architect Francisco Vizeu Pinheiro.

Mr Pinheiro, who teaches architecture at the University of Saint Joseph, claims that there are around 30 buildings of Portuguese heritage that are yet to be classified as cultural relics, and which will end up demolished or with only the façades intact.

The architect believes that there are double standards in heritage conservation. "The standard is not the same, and that can be partly explained by the ignorance of Portuguese traditions and culture. A Chinese building with known history is preserved, but the same rule doesn't apply to

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VIZEU PINHEIRO

other buildings," Vizeu Pinheiro says, adding that if the trend is not reversed, "only the Portuguese folklore will remain when the [20-year anniversary] of the UNESCO listing is celebrated."

Asked to give examples of endangered buildings, he mentioned the ten green villas that can be seen along Avenue Coronel Mesquita, which once housed civil ser-

vants and are blessed with a small private garden, a rarity in Macau nowadays. The majority of the houses are abandoned and the architect fears for their future: "If those houses are torn down, they will be replaced with towers, which, considering the area, will make millions. But these houses show a lot of what the old Macau was like, and should be preserved."

Vizeu Pinheiro gives other examples of endangered buildings, such as the houses that surround the Lilau Square, which have been neglected for many years. The ones with art deco façades painted yellow are particularly valuable, he says, because they have the kitchens, restrooms and storage space separate from the main building, to which they are linked by a bridge. He also believes that there are some quays ("pontes") in the Inner Harbor and patios located close to the St Lawrence market that are also endangered.

Vizeu Pinheiro is the author of a study initiated in 2013 that surveyed around 50 buildings that are of heritage interest, but which are not classified as monuments. The study describes their history, the changes that they have been through, and the way they are being maintained.

"The pattern is not the same. There is a tendency to completely renovate Chinese buildings," he told the Times previously. The same, according to Vizeu Pinheiro, can't be said about the Portuguese heritage buildings, several of which have been gradually demolished and replaced by real estate projects. He argued that those conclusions eventually because the government doesn't have a master plan for the city, and because it evaluates the edifices on a "case-by-case" basis, often "reinterpreting history and the concept of authenticity." MDT/Lusa

## Stocks rise on report of relaxed visa rules

Christopher Palmeri

WYNN Resorts Ltd., MGM Resorts International and Las Vegas Sands Corp. rose on reports that China is easing restrictions on local tourists visiting Macau.

Travelers holding mainland China passports can now stay seven days in Macau, up from five days currently, the official Xinhua News Agency reported.

The government shortened the permitted stay last year in response to what was believed to be widespread cheating on the part of visa holders who claimed to be visiting another destination while only staying in Macau.

Wynn Resorts rose 4 percent to USD97.70 at 11:50 a.m. in New York. MGM Resorts gained 3.6 percent and Las Vegas Sands added 3.6 percent. Bloomberg

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## Fewer tour visitors in May



Guests are served at a check-in counter in the lobby of the MGM Macau casino resort

VISITORS on package tours totaled 823,000 in May, down by 2.2 percent year-on-year. Information from the Statistics and Census Service (DSEC) indicated that package tour visitors from mainland China (653,000), Taiwan (48,000) and Hong Kong (23,000) dropped by 2 percent, 17 percent and 12.1 percent respectively year-on-year, while those from the Republic of Korea (39,000) surged by 46.2 percent.

According to statistical data disclosed yesterday, visitors arriving on package tours decreased by 1.1 percent year-on-year to 688,000. Meanwhile, visitors joining local tours totaled 135,000, a decrease of 7.7 percent. Throughout the first five months of 2015, visitors on package tours totaled 4,243,000, up by 5.5 percent year-on-year.

According to DSEC, outbound residents using travel agency services totaled 124,000 in May, a year-on-year increase of 7.8 percent. Those traveling on package tours increased by 10.3 percent to 51,000. The main destinations were mainland China (77.3 percent of

The average occupancy rate of hotels and guesthouses dropped

total), the Republic of Korea (6.9 percent), Taiwan (4.1 percent) and Hong Kong (3.7 percent). In the first five months of 2015, outbound residents using travel agency services totaled 615,000, up by 5.4 percent year-on-year.

A total of 863,000 guests checked into hotels and guesthouses in May 2015, down by 2.7 percent year-on-year. Guests from mainland China (547,000) and Taiwan (27,000) decreased by 4.2 percent and 2.3 percent respectively, while those from Hong Kong (112,000) increased by 6 percent. The average length of stay of guests in May 2015 was stable compared with the same time last year at 1.4 nights. The average occupancy rate of hotels and guesthouses dropped by 6.6 percentage points year-on-year to 78.9 percent.

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# Hotel Estoril revamp blueprint unveiled

Brook Yang

**T**HE government's plan to revamp the abandoned Hotel Estoril into a youth recreational and art center has received various opinions from students and the education sector. At a briefing session held yesterday for educational associations and school leaders, officials stressed that the building's space is necessarily limited and thus hard choices need to be made in order for it to accommodate various functions.

The Chief of Office of the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Lai Ieng Kit, introduced the preliminary blueprint and indicated that the revamp won't be restricted to the 2,352-square-meter hotel itself, but will involve reallocating the nearby facilities for better utilization in order to regenerate the entire area.

"Since its business closed up in the 1990s, the Hotel Estoril has been disused for twenty years. It's located in a great location surrounded by many [examples of] southern European style architecture and has a rich cultural atmosphere. Building it into a youth activity center will integrate the nearby cultural, educational and sports facilities into a large zone," said Lai, adding that the planning also aims to generate a synergistic effect with several tourism attractions around the area.

Amongst a wide range of functions suggested for the future multi-activity complex, the government has



The decrepit Hotel Estoril

prioritized building several facilities; namely a performing hall, venue for the conservatory, rehearsal spaces for performing arts, an indoor swimming pool, a youth information service station, as well as a parking lot.

"It'll be the best if it can also include a indoor ice-skating rink, a café and an exhibition venue. If the condition allows, we can have a tourist inquiry counter, souvenir shop, outdoor stage and a lounge," Lai added.

The official said the new height of the complex after revamp would be similar to the current one and not exceeding 29.4 to 38.7 meters, in order to ensure a clear view across the side of the Guia Hill with

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CHAN PENG FAI  
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the city's signature lighthouse in sight. "As the height is restricted, the available space we can use will be limited," he indicated.

"Since the space will be for young people, the design should be dedicated to them, rather than saying it's also for residents and the elderly to use," suggests the head of the Escola São João De Brito and Caritas Secretary General Paul Pun, adding that the new facility could accommo-

date a youth hostel.

A staff member from a local college also suggested that the center's design should reserve space for users' own ideas with open use areas. "Adolescents like to express themselves spontaneously; if everything is well planned beforehand, there will be many frames for them, then the center may be used freely by the youths," she suggested.

The briefing session attracted dozens of leaders from the educational community, and opposing views were expressed. Regarding whether to retain the hotel's façade intact with its mural of a female figure preserved, Paul Pun suggested that it would not fit the theme of adolescents.

On the other hand, teacher and former lawmaker Paul Chan Chi Wai stated that the Cultural Affairs Bureau should provide information about the building's history and decide if it's worth preserving its façade.

"The Hotel Estoril was once a very significant hotel facility before the Hotel Lisboa was built up. Its mural was a symbol of the pursuit of freedom and leisure; it represented Macau's then epoch-making tourism facilities," explained the Cultural Affairs Bureau's acting vice-president, Chan Peng Fai.

## CONSERVATORY TO HAVE NEW USAGE

**THE SCHOOL** of Music under the Macao Conservatory is expected to be located at the revamped Estoril Hotel, Chan Peng Fai revealed. The school's existing site would be turned into a promotional venue for local cultural and creative products, he said.

# Secondary schools' expansion lays bare land shortage issues

**U**RBAN Planning Committee members have expressed concerns over the joint expansion of two secondary schools in the northern district of Toi San. Their remarks follow a request by one of the schools to be allowed to increase its height to 50 meters, which would be similar to a building with eight to ten stories. Despite the keen discussion over the height grant during yesterday's committee meeting, members are yet to show explicit positions on the

decision.

During the committee's ninth plenary conference, where its members proposed to devote some of the idle land plots to developing education, Education and Youth Affairs Bureau (DSEJ) representative Wong Kin Mou stressed the necessity of granting additional space to some schools, as local students lack activity space outside of their classrooms.

Saint Joseph Secondary School 5 and Our Lady of Fatima Girls' School, which

are quite close to each other, were entitled to maximum land coverage rates. However, the Secretary for Transport and Public Works, Raimundo do Rosário, advised that both rates be brought down to 7 percent in order to allow for outdoor activities.

Vong Kuoc Ieng, headmaster of Choi Nong Chi Tai School, located in the northern district, said that most schools are run within the first few floors of a building in his school's region, and are

below par in terms of activity space.

"Classrooms are basically limited to being situated on the first five floors, above which are all functional rooms. It's the students who would benefit from the height, as the library, hall and basketball court are all on the roof," said Vong, adding that local students only enjoy half the general activity space for education compared with the Asian average of 22 square meters per person.

Those studying in the



north of the city only have an activity space of four or five square meters. The secretary also admitted that the city lacked enough land to develop schools, but pledged that the space reserved for education in the reclaimed Zone A would be a

great solution to the issue. Asked how the promise would be kept, Rosário told media that the Urban Planning Committee, along with related regulations, were established to ensure the region's land was properly planned and developed. **Staff reporter**

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# No break for casinos as gov't plans full smoking ban

**G**AMBLERS in Macau will have to step out of casinos for cigarettes breaks under the government's proposal to fully ban smoking in the resorts, a move that could hurt the city's gaming revenues further.

The Executive Council (ExCo) yesterday finished its revision on the smoking regulation amendments, suggesting a full smoking ban in casinos and higher education venues. It also suggests making electronic cigars equivalent to other types of tobacco, prohibiting their usage indoors.

The MSAR currently bans smoking on mass market gaming floors. The expanded restrictions will include rooms reserved for VIP gamblers, and abolish the airport-style smoking lounges that are currently allowed, Tong Man Wah, a Macau government information officer said yesterday.

Casino operators are already bracing for the worst results in



A casino smoking lounge

five years when June gaming revenue data are announced as soon as today, extending a year-long slump. Gross gaming revenue for June would probably fall 38.3 percent to MOP16.8 billion (USD2.1 billion), according to a median estimate of six analysts surveyed by Bloomberg News.

"We think consensus expectation of a 2016 recovery is too opti-

mistic as a full smoking ban should hurt VIP revenue," Karen Tang, an analyst at Deutsche Bank AG, wrote in a June 29 note to clients. VIP revenue could fall 10-15 percent after similar restrictions imposed on mass gambling floors in October led sales there to drop 12 percent, Tang wrote.

The move follows Beijing's implementation of a public ban this

month that imposed fines on property owners who don't stop defiant smokers. China is trying to lower the health-care costs from tobacco-related illnesses, by cutting the smoking rate among its 300 million tobacco users.

Macau's ExCo also wants to raise the fines imposed on violations to 1,500-200,000 patacas from 400-100,000 patacas currently, according to a statement posted on the government's website yesterday, that cited a draft of the law.

It's not yet clear when the law will be passed, Tang wrote, adding it will probably take place in the fourth quarter due to a legislative backlog, with full implementation in 2016.

High-stakes gamblers would look to reduce their trips to Macau by 17 percent and cut their length of stay after the ban is implemented, according to Tang, citing a third-party KPMG report commissioned by the city's six casino operators. **MDT/Bloomberg**



## Chamber music at Dom Pedro V Theatre

The Macau Orchestra is presenting a chamber music concert at the Dom Pedro V Theatre this Saturday. A press release issued by the Cultural Affairs Bureau has revealed that the repertoire of the show will include three chamber music works created during the twentieth century by André Previn, Richard Strauss and George Enescu, featuring different musical styles.



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# Local drivers petition CE against imported foreign drivers

**M**EMBERS from the Macau Federation of Transportation met the Chief Executive yesterday morning at the government headquarters to present their survey regarding the current state of the local transport industry. The federation voiced demands for more optimized welfare schemes, and for regulations against an eventual import of workers into the city's transport industry.

The report, released to the local drivers last month, indicated that approximately 40 percent of employed drivers had expressed concerns over the retirement protection mechanism offered by their companies. Another 30 percent of self-employed drivers showed dissatisfaction towards the government's social security fund.

One of the association's major requests, raised during yesterday's meeting, was to seek the early implementation of a central provident fund system in the region, which they believe would further safeguard their



Lawmaker Lei Cheng I

retirement.

The local transportation industry currently has no door to foreign workers. However, lawmaker Lei Cheng I, accompanied by the seven representatives from the federation, told media that the issue has still been plaguing local drivers, as it was evident that special-driving-license-holders kept ignoring the city's laws. Lots of them made use of what they deem to be a legal loophole, carrying passengers waiting in the small

area lying right outside the border gate, which is out of local jurisdiction, into the city. Earlier in April, Secretary Wong Sio Chak clearly spelt out in the policy address debate that the authorities had no legal rights to stub such activities without related regulations.

"We demanded that the government work on the issue, either by modifying the laws or strengthening enforcement. They insisted that the police have been actively involved in

[eliminating the issue], but it was not sufficient [or working as a] deterrent," Lei said. "Besides, over the years, there has been no improvement in salaries, perks and retirement protection in the industry to attract new drivers."

The policymaker added that employers who are facing manpower shortages will only resort to the "illegal drivers," as they usually request a lower priced offer. The federation's report also indicated that 90 percent of the respondents objected to importing foreign drivers, as the move would place local drivers' livelihoods at risk, and weaken their bargaining power over their employers.

The group requested that the government formulate relevant policies that take into account the social stability and the entire employment situation in the region. Some of their members pledged to "take further action" if the government failed to uphold its stance on the matter. **Staff reporter**

## Thai brawl involving Macau group

Pattaya police are reportedly searching for a gang of ten men, thought to be from Macau, who allegedly attacked a group of five Thai men outside a popular North Pattaya disco in the early hours of Monday morning. According to the website Thai Visa News, the incident occurred outside the Star Dice Discotheque in Naklua, and resulted in injuries sustained to 22-year-old Khun Chardree, a tour guide for Chinese tourists. He went to the disco with his brother Khun Somshai, aged 27, and four other friends. The incident is said to have begun when Khun Somshai accidentally collided with one of the men from Macau.

## Singing contest to be held throughout this week

Local Indonesian group Jesus Alive Ministry (JAM) has announced that it is organizing the "JAM Singing Contest 2015," which is being held throughout this week. The contest is open to anyone with a valid Macau ID or working visa, of any age or nationality, who can sing in English, Indonesian, Tagalog, Cantonese, Mandarin or Portuguese. According to the organizers, "The event aims to provide positive activities for local migrant workers, also giving them the opportunity to engage with one another, regardless of where they are originally from, as well as with local residents, including their employers." Auditions began on Monday, June 29 and will be held throughout this week until Friday, July 3. The final will take place this Sunday, July 5 at 4.30 p.m. at ICA Centre, Macau Square building, 14th Floor J. Prizes include MOP1,000 for the champion, MOP500 for the runner-up, and various other rewards for all finalists.

## Rosário says GDI handles excessive workload



**T**HE Secretary for Transport and Public Works, Raimundo Rosário, has acknowledged that the Infrastructure Development Office (GDI) is undertaking a workload that by far exceeds what it could

take when the office was first established.

The secretary yesterday officiated the inauguration ceremony of the GDI's new coordinator, Chau Vai Man, where he stated that the Office is "doing everything it can" to compensate for the lack of human resources.

According to Rosário, the GDI is currently overseeing more than forty construction projects varying from small- to large-scale. He said that he is quite confident in the new coordinator's competency to handle the work.

Chau Vai Man also pledged at the cere-

mony that the office will strive to improve work performance, to see to each task's implementation, and to constantly improve the public works – especially in terms of project quality and supervision of construction schedules.

In addition, Chau responded to media inquiries regarding the construction delay of Reclamation Zone A, which is due to a shortage of sand supply. He said that around 70 percent of the reclamation has been completed, and so it is feasible to move up to other construction processes. Accordingly, the GDI has asked contractors to proceed with the project without waiting for sand to be transported to Macau. Moreover, he said that the authorities will solve the issue with sand suppliers in the mainland within the next two months, and that the reclamation will be completed in the first quarter of next year.

### EDUCATION

## Local gaming and hospitality students visit Vegas

**A** group of third-year students from the Macau Polytechnic Institute's Gaming and Recreation Management major have completed a Hospitality and Gaming Professional Development Program at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas (UNLV).

Organized by the UNLV William F. Harrah College of Hotel Management, scholars and experts from the relevant industries conducted lectures about the US gaming industry. The lectures covered issues



such as the regulation of the gaming industry, gaming technologies, accounting and finance, recruitment and retention for the gaming industry, the entertainment aspect of Las Vegas culture, and food and beverage

trends. The program also included site visits to casino hotels and entertainment facilities in Las Vegas.

According to a press release issued by IPM, the students who participated in the UNLV program concurred that the visit to Las Vegas was extremely helpful in instilling mind-set changes. By witnessing the synergy of entertainment, MICE (meetings, incentives, conferences, and exhibitions) and gaming in Las Vegas, students "felt deeply invigorated to reflect on

Macau's future on the road to diversifying its economy, and positioning as a world center for tourism and leisure," the press release states. Through exchanges with senior managers at hotels and casinos in Las Vegas, the students witnessed management role models who were operating in a multicultural context and competing with excellent services.

IPM began organizing international programs at UNLV for its Gaming and Recreation Management students in 2013.

## CE meets with EU consular corps



The Chief Executive met with members of the consular corps of the European Union in Hong Kong and Macau at the government headquarters where they exchanged views on issues of mutual interest. At the meeting on 29 June, Chui Sai On thanked the consular corps for visiting every year and paying attention to the MSAR's development, saying Europe-Macau relations have always retained a good level. Topics discussed with the Head of Office of the European Union to Hong Kong and Macau, Mr Vincent Piket, and other 16 consuls-general covered the region's latest economic development, mid-term review of gaming concessions, and opportunities in regional development that might come about from the Hong Kong-Zhuhai-Macau Bridge.



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# Chinese stocks surge after posting biggest intraday swing since 1992

Kyounghwa Kim

**C**HINESE stocks rallied, sparking the benchmark index's biggest intraday swing since 1992, on speculation the government will take steps to prevent bear-market losses from deepening.

The Shanghai Composite Index rose for the first in four days yesterday, jumping 5.5 percent to 4,277.22 at the close, the most since March 2009. The gauge swung 432 points from the highs and lows, propelling a volatility measure to a seven-year peak. An industry group representing brokerages called on investors and fund managers to take responsibility to stabilize the market after a weekend interest-rate cut failed to stem a rout.

"After the recent correction, investors might think stocks are oversold and hope regulators will introduce further measures to support the market," said Shen Zhengyang, an analyst at Northeast Securities Co. in Shanghai. "The fund industry association's remarks on stocks might also have boosted investor confidence."

Speculation is growing that policy makers are preparing stock-boosting measures after the Shanghai Composite plunged more than 20 percent from a June 12 peak amid surging valuations and concern record



A Chinese worker looks at quotes at the Stock Exchange in Shanghai

high levels of borrowing to buy stocks were unsustainable. The Economic Observer reported the government is considering steps including a reduction in the stamp tax, while the finance ministry said it will allow the pension fund to invest in shares.

The government is considering a delay in the initial public offering of China Nuclear Engineering Corp., according to people with knowledge of the matter. The delay is being considered because of current market conditions, said the people, who asked not to be identified because the information is private.

The CSI 300 Index jumped 6.7 percent. Hong Kong's Hang Seng Index added 1.1 percent, while the Hang Seng China Enterprises Index climbed 2.3 percent. The ChiNext gauge of small companies rebounded

6.3 percent.

Also helping stocks to reverse losses in the afternoon were statements from industry bodies representing asset managers and brokerages. China's Asset Management Association urged investors to look at market risks from a long-term and rational perspective. The Securities Association of China said forced liquidation of margin lending through non-brokerages is "small" as a percentage of stock turnover.

"The latest comments by the Securities Association of China showed an intention to further appease the market and prevent worries over stock financing from spreading further," Chen Jiahe, a Shanghai-based strategist Cinda Securities Co., said by phone. "Panic selling may have come to an end after the recent correction." **Bloomberg**

## Airbus wins USD1.3 billion South Korean airborne tanker deal...

**S**OUTH Korea said yesterday that it has decided to buy four military airborne refueling tankers from European aerospace giant Airbus Defense and Space for \$1.3 billion.

Airbus edged out bids from the U.S. Boeing Co. and Israel Aerospace Industries in the competition to provide South Korea its first such tanker aircraft, Seoul's Defense Acquisition Program Administration said.

The four A-330 MRTT tankers from Airbus will arrive from 2018 to 2019 and will be able to fuel every type of fighter jet in the country's air force.

Seoul had previously purchased major military aircraft from companies in the United States, which stations about 28,500 troops in South Korea as deterrence against potential North Korean attacks.

Kim Si Cheol, a spokesman for the South Korean acquisition agency, said officials don't expect any compatibility issues between the European tankers and the U.S.-made fighter jets used by South Korea. Airbus had a competitive edge in cost over its rivals because the euro had weakened against the dollar since South Korea announced the tanker bid last year, Kim said.

South Korea says the tankers will let its fighter jets cover larger areas within North Korea should war break out between the rival Koreas. Midair fueling will also allow South Korean jets to carry heavier ammunition and equipment.

The two Koreas remain technically in a state of war because the 1950-53 Korean War ended with an armistice, not a peace treaty. **AP**

## ... and is sued by AirAsia crash families claiming defective systems

Andrea Tan

**A**IRBUS Group SE was sued by representatives of the families of 10 passengers who claim the plane maker is liable for their deaths after AirAsia Bhd. Flight 8501 plunged into Indonesia's Java Sea in December.

The A320 plane was "defectively and unreasonably dangerous" and its systems didn't provide accurate weather, air speed and ice-accumulation information, according to a complaint filed June 19 in federal court in Chicago.

All 162 people aboard the plane, operated by the Indonesian affi-

liate of Malaysia-based AirAsia, died when it crashed Dec. 28. The plane appeared to have stalled after climbing steeply, Indonesia's Transportation Minister Ignasius Jonan said in January.

"An official investigation to determine the cause of the accident is ongoing and Airbus is offering its full support," Sean Lee, a Singapore-based spokesman for Airbus, said about the lawsuit.

AirAsia's Indonesian unit didn't immediately reply to a request for comment.

AirAsia will be added as a defendant to the lawsuit, the families' lawyer, Floyd Wisner, said in a statement yesterday. **Bloomberg**

### corporate bits

#### GALAXY MACAU PHASE 2 AND BROADWAY MACAU ATTRACTS LOCAL AND OVERSEAS EXPERTS AND GROUPS



Galaxy Macau Phase 2 and Broadway Macau has doubled its size to 1.1 million square meters and opened its doors on 27th May. The new leisure facilities and the new business model of cooperating with small-and medium-sized enterprises ("SMEs") have attracted more than 40 local

and overseas professionals and associations for tour visits.

A few months before the grand opening, GEG had already received requests for group visits to the new integrated resort. Therefore, GEG arranged tour visits for various professionals and associations at the

beginning of May and received their feedback. More than 40 groups of professionals including engineering, commercial enterprises, security, fire safety, arts, culture, hotel and design, who came from Macau, Hong Kong, the mainland, England, America, Korea, Malaysia, etc. visited the properties in May and June.

Aside from professionals, students and teenagers from various associations, including Global Entrepreneurial Youth Conference of UMAC, students from the "CTM Youth Development Programme", China Youth Entrepreneurs Association, students from Faculty of Tourism, South Korea Tongwon University and Temerlin Advertising Institute, also visited the properties.

#### MELCO ANNOUNCES FINALISTS FOR ZAHA HADID DESIGN COMPETITION



Melco Crown Entertainment yesterday announced the five finalists of the Dare to Dream – Zaha Hadid Design Competition; the winner will be announced in July. Collaborating with the Tertiary Education Services Office, the competition offers a local Macau student of architecture the opportunity to do an internship at the London headquarters of the world-renowned Zaha Hadid Architects. The competition is part

of Melco Crown Entertainment's Dare to Dream series launched in 2012, with the primary aim of encouraging interests in the creative and arts field.

The Zaha Hadid Design Competition was first announced in 2014, it challenged Macau students who are studying locally or abroad to design a villa set in a landscape. Their designs are judged on creativity and practicality of the concept, the

contestants' understanding of 3D printing technology and their ability to handle complications. The judging panel comprised of Dame Zaha Hadid, Founder of Zaha Hadid Architects, Mr. Michele Pasca di Magliano, Senior Associate of Zaha Hadid Architects; Mr. Carlos Marreiros, President of the Fellow Members Council, the Architects Association of Macau; Mr. Helder Santos, Chairman of Supervising Committee, Macau Urban Planning Institute; and Mr. David Clarke, Vice President of Design, Melco Crown Entertainment. Among the outstanding designs received, five contestants – Jeff Lei, Ives Ma, Stephanie Choi, Rui Chen and Ka-hou Wu – impressed the judges with their distinctive concepts and were named finalists.

## Waistlines stretching fast: official data



More than 30 percent of Chinese adults were overweight in 2012, with the rate surging 32 percent from a decade ago, census data released yesterday by the National Health and Family Planning Commission showed. According to the "2015 Report on Chinese Nutrition and Chronic Disease", 9.6 percent of those aged six to 17 were overweight, double the rate in 2002. The obesity rate among adults was 11.9 percent, a rise of 67.6 percent from 2002, and 6.4 percent among children and adolescents, tripling that of 2002. The report said China has a greater proportion of overweight and obese people than developed countries. Chinese consume more fat than is officially recommended, but fewer cereals, vegetables and fruit, and still fewer beans and dairy products. It took researchers one and a half years to finish the report, which was based on data from the Chinese Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the National Cancer Center and other institutes. China had its first public nutrition and health survey in 2002, with the results announced in 2004. Since 2004, the nation has carried out field surveys every three years to collect data on causes of death, chronic disease and other health issues.

## Heavy rains kill 15, leave 19 missing

Four days of heavy rain have caused severe flooding in central China, killing at least 15 people and leaving 19 others missing, China's Ministry of Civil Affairs said yesterday. The deaths in four provinces and one municipality were from drownings, mudslides and house collapses, the ministry said. Up to 51.4 centimeters of rain fell in the eastern city of Changzhou from Friday to Monday, and water levels of rivers and lakes were dangerously high in a six-province region across the country's central part, the ministry said. Millions of people have been affected by the heavy rains since Friday and tens of thousands were relocated, the ministry said. Heavy rain in southern China earlier in June left at least 18 people dead. Heavy rains often trigger landslides and flooding, partly because of China's mountainous terrain and the erosion of soil from decades of development, including infrastructure construction.

# Music serves as bridge for Sino-British cultural exchanges

Xia Xiao

**T**RANSITION, a British rock band, this month launched their tour of 21 cities across the Chinese mainland. The three-man band, known as Qianjin Band in Chinese, have already rocked stages in Wuhan and Chongqing with cities such as Shenzhen, Wenzhou, Dalian, Handan and Hohhot next in their line-up. This is their second tour on the Chinese mainland, having performed in ten cities last year.

One reason why they're increasingly popular is because while they're British, they sing songs in Chinese.

Set up in 1997, the band went to Taiwan in 2005 to develop their music career. "Before we went to Taiwan, we hardly had any knowledge about the place. We only remembered having toys in childhood labeled 'Made in Taiwan,'" said Josh Edbrooke, one of the band members.

While the band received good feedback for their English songs in Taiwan, feedback was even better when they tried to sing in Chinese. So they began to translate their English songs into Chinese with friends' help.

After years of practice, they have their own Chinese songs. Their debut first Chinese album released in December 2013 won the band fans and fame both on the Chinese mainland and in Britain.

"Playing Chinese music created by ourselves make audiences feel we are learning their culture, rather than bringing western culture to them," said Josh, adding: "That's a fusion of eastern and western music, and mutual-respect."

In 2014, Transition was nominated for the "Best Foreign Mandarin Band" at the Taiwan Golden Indie Awards.



Transition

"It was great honor to be nominated for the award, as we are the first-ever band from the UK to be nominated for a Mandarin music award," said Josh, with his brother Jesse Edbrooke sitting next to him, a smile crossing his face.

Jesse, the lead singer, said he found it was very difficult at the beginning to understand and integrate into Chinese society and culture without knowing the language. They spent more than 10 years in Taiwan learning Chinese, the culture and the music. Gradually, they succeeded, and fell in love with the culture.

The band members are often invited by British schools to encourage students who are learning Chinese and to share their stories of the Chinese mainland.

One of their most famous Mandarin songs, "Sorry My Chinese Isn't So Good", is well-known in Britain. Their

YouTube video has racked up more than one million hits, and has been sung by thousands of students learning Chinese.

Another Brit, Shaun Gibson, became a celebrity last year after making the English version of the famous Chinese song "Xiao Ping Guo" or "Little Apple".

## Transition is increasingly popular because while they're British, they sing songs in Chinese

He recreated the music video, playing the Monk Xuanzang song and sang in both English and Chinese.

He told Xinhua he visited several cities on the Chinese mainland last year, when "Xiao Ping Guo" came out and grew massively popular.

Different from the experience of Transition, Gibson didn't specifically learn Chinese. The 24-year-old recently graduated in music from the University of Liverpool.

He said he started taking a liking to Chinese music after his Chinese friends introduced him to karaoke in Liverpool. Gibson was charmed by

Chinese music and couldn't wait to explore more on the internet.

The first song he rewrote into English was "Tian Shi De Chi Bang", "An Angel's Wing". And the first Chinese song he sang was "Ai Wo Bie Zou", or "Love Me Don't Go".

"Chinese culture is something I really love, so is music. When I make, or translate, or sing, or talk about Chinese songs, it's because I love it," he said.

"It's really nice that British people can appreciate such music even though they don't understand it. And that's the same way that I approached it, that the more I've learnt the more I'm interested in learning more," Gibson added.

In a Chinese singing competition held in Manchester on June 7, Gibson won the best performance award. "I hope more competitions like this are held in Britain, and I hope I can share Chinese music with more Britons," he said.

"An increasing number of British people are learning the Chinese language and Chinese culture. Many British young people like to sing Chinese songs when studying the language," said Li Yongsheng, Consul General of Chinese Consulate General in Manchester, which organized the competition.

"Music has no borders, and the singing competition can build a bridge of people-to-people exchange in the form of music, which is loved by everyone," he added. Xinhua



Transition

John-Thor Dahlburg, Brussels

**T**HE prime minister of China, the European Union's No. 2 trading partner, called Monday on Greece and its creditors to reach a last-minute deal that will allow Greece to remain in the eurozone.

"Whether Greece stays within the euro is not only a question that concerns Europe, but also concerns China and Europe," Li Keqiang told reporters at the end of an EU-China summit meeting in Brussels. "In addition, this is also something that concerns world financial stability and economic recovery."

Li noted his country is a major customer and supplier for the 28-nation EU, and a long-term holder of eurobonds. He said China is in favor of a united and prosperous EU, as well as a strong euro.

"That is why China wants to see Greece stay in the euro, stay in the eurozone, and we urge relevant creditors to reach an agreement with the Greek government at an early time," the Chinese premier said.

Li's visit marked the 40th anniversary of the establishment of official ties between China and the EU. According to EU officials, China is the bloc's second most important trading partner behind the United States, accounting in

## Li calls for deal to keep Greece in eurozone



China's Premier Li Keqiang speaks during a media conference during an EU-China Summit at the European Council building in Brussels

2014 for 14 percent of its total trade in goods outside the EU, compared to 9 percent in 2004.

One of Li's hosts, European Commission President Jean-Claude Juncker, said two-way trade now surpasses 1 billion

euros (dollars) a day, but added in a speech that "we have to do better to interconnect." One area where China and

the EU haven't seen eye to eye is restrictions on carbon emissions. Li told reporters China is making "strenuous efforts" and will inform U.N. officials of its proposed national contribution to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, in preparation for the international conference on climate change to be held in Paris this November and December.

In a joint statement, the EU and China pledged to work toward a "legally binding agreement" in Paris that would apply to all countries.

The statement borrowed language from a U.S.-China announcement last year on the sensitive issue of how to divide emissions cuts among countries in various stages of development, saying the deal should reflect "different national circumstances." Many observers say that wording suggests developing countries should take on growing commitments as they evolve.

The EU and China pledged to step up their cooperation on climate research and carbon markets, which provide financial incentives to reduce carbon emissions.

The EU launched its Emissions Trading System in 2005 and China has created regional carbon markets, with the ambition of creating a nationwide system. **AP**

## Party recruits fewer members



**C**HINA'S ruling Communist Party recruited almost 15 percent fewer new members last year amid hopes that better-qualified candidates will expand its guiding role in Chinese society.

Accounting for deaths and other losses, membership expanded by 1.1 million members, or 1.3 percent, in 2014 to a total of 87.79 million, the party's Organization Department said.

At the same time, an additional 56,000 party units were added in offices, companies and other organizations for a total of 4.36 million nationwide.

However, recruitment of new members fell by 14.6 percent to just over 2 million, or 351,000 fewer

than in 2013, the party said. Of those new recruits, 82 percent were below age 35 and 38 percent had at least a college degree, 2.6 percent more than in 2013.

"The Communist Party of China is further refining the development of its structural ranks. The quality of its members never ceases to improve," the Organization Department said in a statement posted on its website late Monday.

The recruitment strategy reflects Chinese President and Communist Party leader Xi Jinping's determination to strengthen party control over the military, the bureaucracy, economic life and non-governmental organizations.

He has also launched a massive anti-corruption campaign in which thousands of cadres have been investigated for abuses. Xi hopes that will strengthen his control over the party apparatus while reviving its tarnished reputation, although critics say the drive is also being used to settle political scores.

The party's renewed push for influence has also come at the expense of China's nascent civil society.

Independent groups working in areas including the environment, worker protection and women's rights have come under growing pressure from the enormous internal security complex, while the entirely state-controlled media and cultural groups have been clamped down on relentlessly and academia warned against the infiltration of Western-style values such as free speech and other civil rights. **AP**

## Ai Weiwei record leads USD28.6m sale at Phillips in London

Katya Kazakina

**A** group of 12 large bronze animal heads by China's dissident artist Ai Weiwei led Phillips' 18.2 million pound (USD28.6 million) contemporary art evening auction in London.

"Circle of Animals/Zodiac Heads," which depicts the signs of the ancient Chinese zodiac, fetched 3.4 million pounds on Monday, within its pre-sale estimate of 3 million pounds to 5 million pounds. It was the sale's top lot and set an auction record for the artist.

The auction took place as global equities slumped amid concerns over fallout from Greece's financial crisis. It was the first of three contemporary evening auctions in London this week, which are jointly expected to tally as much as 392 million pounds.

The 50-lot sale's tally exceeded the low estimate of 17.2 million pounds and was an 84 percent increase from Phillips'



Ai Weiwei's "Circle of Animals/Zodiac Heads" depicts the signs of the ancient Chinese zodiac

auction a year ago, when 23 lots totaled 9.9 million pounds. The eight unsold lots included works by blue-chip artists Andy Warhol, Lucian Freud and George Condo.

Ai's animal heads are displayed on individual stands, with the largest piece, a rooster, at 12.5-foot-tall. The 2010 work, which is the first in an edition of six, has been exhibited at the Sao Paulo Biennale in 2010, New York's Pulitzer Fountain near Central Park in 2011 and the Hirshhorn Museum

and Sculpture Garden in Washington in 2012.

Ai's previous auction record of 2.9 million pounds was set in February, also at Phillips, for a smaller, gold-plated version of the 12 zodiac animals.

Many works sold to absentee bidders or attracted just one or two bids from dealers and Phillips staffers on the phones.

To promote the piece, Phillips displayed it at a dinner for clients during the Art Basel fair at Les Trois Rois hotel in Switzerland. **Bloomberg**

## INDONESIA

# Military cargo plane crashes in Medan, at least 113 dead

Binsar Bakkara, Medan

**A**N Indonesian air force transport plane carrying military personnel and their families plowed into a residential neighborhood in the country's third-largest city of Medan shortly after takeoff yesterday, killing at least 113 persons.

Television footage showed the mangled wreckage of the C-130 Hercules, a crumpled burning car and a shattered building that local media said was recently built and contained a spa, shops and homes. Smoke billowed from the site and several thousand people milled nearby. Rescue teams scrambled over the rubble, searching for any survivors.

Air force chief Air Marshall Agus Supriatna said 49 bodies have been recovered and taken to Medan's Adam Malik hospital. He said there are unlikely to be any survivors.

The plane's manifest showed there were 50 people on the flight from Medan to the remote Natuna island chain, according to Nor-



Indonesian military personnel search for victims at the site where an air force cargo plane crashed in Medan, North Sumatra

th Sumatra police chief Eko Hadi Sutedjo, but the actual number might be higher.

Supriatna said there were 12

crew and more than 100 passengers on the plane before it reached Medan on Sumatra, one of Indonesia's main islands. It had traveled

led from the capital, Jakarta, and stopped at two locations before arriving at Medan. The air force is trying to determine how many

people got off or boarded during that journey.

Many passengers were families of military personnel. Hitching rides on military planes to reach remote destinations is common in Indonesia, a sprawling archipelago that spans three time zones.

The crash of the transport plane, which had been in service since 1964, occurred not long before midday and just two minutes after it took off from Soewondo air force base.

Supriatna, the air force chief, said the pilot told the control tower that the plane needed to turn back because of engine trouble.

"The plane crashed while it was turning right to return to the airport," he said.

Medan resident Fahmi Sembiring said he saw the gray Hercules flying very low as he was driving.

"Flames and black smoke were coming from the plane in the air," he said.

Sembiring said he stopped not far from the crash site and saw several people rescued by police, security guards and bystanders.

The C-130 accident is the second time in 10 years that an airplane has crashed into a Medan neighborhood. In September 2005, a Mandala Airlines Boeing 737 crashed into a crowded residential community shortly after takeoff from Medan's Polonia airport, killing 143 people including 30 on the ground. **AP**

## JAPAN

## 2 dead after man sets self on fire on bullet train

Ken Aragaki and Mari Yamaguchi, Odawara

**A** man riding a Japanese high-speed bullet train set himself on fire yesterday, killing himself and another passenger as the coach filled with smoke, a fire official said.

At least 26 other people were injured, three seriously, mostly from smoke inhalation, Odawara Fire Department official Iku-taro Torii said.

The man's motive wasn't clear.

The passenger poured an oil-like substance over his head before setting himself on fire, authorities said. KyodoNews service reported that he used a lighter. Officials said the fire was at the front of the first car in the train, which was heading from Tokyo to Osaka.

"I said to myself, 'This is bad!'" said Takeo Inariyama, a 54-year-old businessman traveling in the second car. "I saw everyone running toward me and smoke coming. Also the smell (of smoke) filled the car. So I felt my life was in danger."

Public broadcaster NHK quoted another 58-year-old businessman as saying the man walked up and down the aisle a few times before returning with a plastic container that splashed a liquid on the businessman's shoulder as he walked by.

The man then started dumping the liquid on the floor, and the businessman quickly left as he smelled gasoline, he said.



A passenger is carried out of the bullet train, right, which made an emergency stop in Odawara, west of Tokyo

The train stopped on the outskirts of Odawara city, about 80 kilometers west of Tokyo, when a passenger pressed an emergency button after finding someone collapsed on the floor near a restroom at the back of the first car, a transport ministry official said on condition of anonymity, citing department rules.

The passenger on the floor, a woman, was later pronounced dead, reportedly from inhaling smoke.

Crew members rushed to extinguish the fire, said Kengo Sasaoka, a spokesman for Central Japan Railway Co., which operates the bullet train between Tokyo and Osaka.

TBS television broadcast a video of passengers evacuating the smoke-filled coach, some coughing, others covering their faces with towels and handkerchiefs. **AP**

## AFGHANISTAN

## NATO: Coalition convoy targeted in Kabul suicide attack

**A** suicide attacker driving an explosives-packed vehicle targeted a NATO military convoy in the Afghan capital, Kabul, yesterday, police and a NATO official said.

Police on the scene said casualties were expected. "It was a suicide car bomber, there are casualties but it is too early to know the extent of the damage," said Kabul deputy police chief Sayed Gulagha.

A spokesman for the NATO mission in Afghanistan, U.S. Army Col. Brian Tribus, said that a coalition convoy had been attacked. "No coalition casualties were caused by the attack," he said.

Chief of Kabul hospitals for the Ministry of Public Health, Kabir Amiri, says so

far 19 people were wounded, including four children and three women.

Eyewitnesses said the attack happened during early afternoon prayers, and that people who rushed out of a nearby mosque had attacked the foreign soldiers and journalists, throwing stones at them.

The blast badly damaged at least two of the heavily armed military vehicles in the convoy. The nationality of the coalition soldiers was not immediately clear.

The explosion happened at 1.20 p.m. on the main airport road in eastern Kabul, not far from the U.S. Embassy. The blast sent a huge plume of black smoke over the city.

It happened as go-

vernment employees were leaving their offices and roads were choked with vehicles as the working day is shortened during the Ramadan fasting month.

Eyewitness Ahmad Farhad said: "I saw a Toyota Corolla target the convoy of foreign forces, I saw two to three damaged vehicles and wounded victims were everywhere and there was no one to help them."

It comes a week after an audacious attack on the nation's parliament, which highlighted the ability of insurgents, who have been fighting to overthrow the Kabul government for almost 14 years, to enter the highly fortified capital to stage deadly attacks. **AP**

Elaine Kurtenbach, Gunkanjima

JAPAN

# UNESCO heritage bid draws ire over past labor abuse

**O**F countless ghostly abandoned factories and mines in Japan, this fortress island near Nagasaki is among the most notorious. It is also a source of national pride.

Gunkanjima, or Battleship Island, is one of 23 old industrial facilities seeking UNESCO's recognition as world heritage "Sites of Japan's Meiji Industrial Revolution" meant to illustrate Japan's rapid transformation from a feudal farming society into an industrial power at the end of the 19th century.

UNESCO's World Heritage Committee is expected to approve the proposal during a meeting being held in Bonn, Germany, through July 9 after Japan and South Korea informally agreed on a promise to acknowledge, though it is unclear how, that Koreans were among the people who toiled at Gunkanjima and some other sites. The compromise also includes an agreement by Japan to support South Korean proposals for some world heritage site listings.

Japan's bid for UNESCO recognition is confined to the 1968-1912 era of the Meiji Emperor, who presided over the country's rush to industrialize and catch up with Western colonial powers. It



Tourists visit a part of Hashima Island, commonly known as Gunkanjima, which means "battleship island," off Nagasaki

excludes the years that followed, when Japan annexed Korea and eventually invaded China and other parts of Asia before and during World War II.

The proposal makes no mention of the grim interlude when, toward the war's end, tens of thousands of Koreans, and also Chinese and foreign prisoners of war were forced to toil under dire conditions in Japanese factories

and mines.

But both the government and most Japanese companies have insisted that post-war reparations have left them with no further responsibility to apologize or compensate for those abuses.

Plans to acknowledge the wartime forced labor in what originally was meant to be just a "feel good" approach to history could help alleviate friction with

Japan's neighbors, said Andrew Gordon, a historian at Harvard University.

But, he added, "It's not just forced labor.

"There's terrible working conditions, and there's strikes and there's a whole social history that's part of it, and if it's just going to be glossed over, left as a footnote or even left out, then that's an equally big problem," he said.

Joo Seok-Bong, 90, was put to work in 1943 at the Yawata steel mill in northern Kyushu, shoveling coal and doing other menial labor.

"I was always starving since I received very little food. During that time, we were most terrified of dying from bombardment, but I suffered from hunger the most," said Joo, who nonetheless said he believed he and other Koreans got better treatment than the POWs.

Joo is among former Korean laborers who are suing Nippon Steel & Sumitomo Metal Corp.,

the company that now owns the steel works, seeking his unpaid wages and an apology.

"The world has changed, but this company refuses to reflect on its past deeds," he said.

For Gunkanjima native Doutoku Sakamoto and others who grew up in the industrious but peaceful years after the war, they know little of that history. But acknowledging that times were hard for everyone does not preclude conveying the history of the wartime years and those abuses, he says.

"It's good that we are not avoiding this history. It's important that it be included. This was the first area where Asia began to copy the West and modernize. And then we brought people from China, Russia, Korea, I'm not too clear about that, but that history has to be clearly conveyed," he said.

"It's not so much a matter of victims as of facing up to history," he said. **AP**

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## 2 Uber executives ordered to stand trial in France



Two Uber France managers have been ordered to stand trial on behalf of the San Francisco-based company on charges including “deceptive commercial practices” and complicity in illegal activities linked to its low-cost ride-hailing service. The Paris prosecutor’s office said yesterday that Thibault Simphal and Pierre-Dimitri Gore-Coty were taken into custody on Monday after a police sweep at Uber France headquarters. They will appear in a Paris court on Sept. 30. French authorities say the low-cost UberPop service is illegal and are frustrated that Uber doesn’t pay the same taxes and social charges as traditional taxis. Uber calls the French system outdated and says it needs reform to keep up with technological changes. Claiming unfair competition, taxi drivers staged a violence-marred strike on the issue last week, blocking many French roads.

## USA Trump fired from NBC for racist comments



Donald Trump has found himself on the receiving end of the catchphrase he made famous on his reality show “The Apprentice” — “You’re fired!” — after NBC dumped the real estate mogul Monday (yesterday, Macau time) over comments he made about immigrants during his recent presidential campaign kickoff speech. Trump, known for his puffy red hair and penchant for provocative remarks, has never shied away from controversy. But as he launches his 2016 presidential bid in earnest, his latest comments — that some Mexican immigrants bring drugs and crime to the country and are rapists — offended many, were denounced by Mexican-American groups and led NBC to abruptly drop the billionaire. Mexican media giant Televisa also said it would no longer be doing business with Trump.

## FRANCE

# Authorities link beheading, gas plant attack to Islamic State

Philippe Sotto and Lori Hinnant, Paris

**FRENCH** investigators have uncovered links between Islamic State militants and the man who hung his employer’s severed head at a gas plant he was attacking, a prosecutor said yesterday.

The man, Yassin Salhi, has said he was acting purely for personal reasons when he beheaded his boss after being reprimanded for dropping equipment from a pallet, according to his lawyer.

But prosecutor Francois Molins said his acts went well beyond a simple workplace dispute.

With a long-bladed knife and a gun in hand — as well as two brand new flags emblazoned with the Muslim declaration of faith, Salhi tricked his boss into getting into the van, knocked him unconscious and strangled him, Molins said.

About 500 meters before reaching the plant, he decapitated his victim, and then almost immediately sent two photos of the remains to a friend in Syria: One was a selfie, and the other included an image of the severed head placed carefully on the torso.

Then Salhi, a truck driver with a history of radical Islamic ties dating back to 2003,



The suspect in the beheading of a businessman, Yassin Salhi, a towel over his head to mask his face, is escorted by police officers as they leave his home in Saint-Priest, outside the city of Lyon

drove into the plant filled with flammable gas canisters, Molins said.

When he was tackled by firefighters responding to the explosion and blaze, he cried out Allahu akbar, the Arabic phrase for “God is great,” Molins said.

In a subsequent message, the friend, a Frenchman identified as Sebastien Younes who has been in Syria since November, indicated he was in contact with Islamic State higher-ups about the images.

“Yassin Salhi beheaded his victim before hanging his head to the factory fence in an effort to give maximum

publicity to his act — he admitted to it during his interrogation,” Molins said.

“This bears the trademark of the Islamic State group’s propaganda which regularly calls for terrorist attacks to be carried out in France and more specifically, to slit unbelievers’ throats.”

Salhi was seized by firefighters at the Air Products chemicals warehouse. According to Molins, Salhi said he neither remembers the beheading nor sending photos.

“According to him, his motive was only personal and not terrorist. One does not exclude the other,” Molins said.

Molins has requested preli-

minary terrorism charges to be filed against Salhi and has opened a formal terrorism investigation, including into his ties with Younes.

Molins said investigators recovered a message in which Younes appeared to be claiming responsibility for inspiring his friend.

Air Products officials have said Salhi made regular deliveries to the site in Saint-Quentin-Fallavier, near Lyon, and had never caused problems in the past.

The Friday attack came days after Islamic State militants urged followers to strike during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan. **AP**

## TUNISIA

# President: New security system had been set for July 1

Bouazza Ben Bouazza, Tunis

**THIRTY-EIGHT** tourists died in a gun attack just days before Tunisia planned to implement heightened security measures for the Muslim fasting month of Ramadan, but those plans had not anticipated an assault on tourist beaches, the country’s president said yesterday.

Friday’s attack, Tunisia’s worst terrorist incident, is expected to cripple the vital tourism sector, with the tourism minister predicting a half billion dollars in losses for 2015.

In an interview with Europe 1 radio, President Beji Caid Essebsi said an investigation was underway into security failures, and there would now be armed tourist police on the beaches and army reservists had been called up.

“It is not a perfect system — it is true we were surprised by this affair,” he said.



A hooded Tunisian police officer stands guard at the scene of Friday’s shooting attack in front of the Imperial Marhaba hotel in the Mediterranean resort of Sousse

“They took measures for the month of Ramadan but never did they think the attack would be on the beaches against tourists and the system of protection was set to start July 1.”

Essebsi, 88, is a veteran of Tunisia’s pre-revolutionary regime and was elected last fall on a platform of restoring securi-

ty and dignity to the state.

Tunisia’s vital tourism sector suffered a staggering blow when a young electric engineering student pulled out an assault rifle at a beach near Sousse and killed 38 tourists, at least 21 of them British according to the latest figures from British Prime Minister David Cameron, though that number is expected to rise. The rampage continued for around half an hour before he was shot by police.

All wounded Britons have been repatriated, including four severely injured people who were brought back by Royal Air Force C17 transport plane. Cameron’s office said the bodies of the dead would be flown back starting today.

Since the attack, authorities have shut 80 unregulated mosques believed to preach radical doctrine, and have considered closing organizations and political parties promoting ideas counter to the constitution. **AP**

Elena Becatoros, Athens

GREECE

# Crunch time as IMF debt looms and bailout ends

**I**T'S crunch time for Greece, with the European part of its international bailout expiring yesterday and with it any possible access to the remaining rescue loans that it needs to pay its debts.

Without an 11th-hour deal, the government is unlikely to repay a debt of about 1.6 billion euros (USD1.9 billion) to the International Monetary Fund that was also due yesterday — a move that would amount to default and would increase fears the country could fall out of the euro currency bloc.

With banks shut and Greeks limited to cash withdrawals of 60 euros (USD67) per day, long lines formed once more at ATM machines. Capital controls began Monday and will last at least a week, an attempt to keep the banks from collapsing in the face of a nationwide bank run. Greeks flocked to get cash over the weekend after the prime minister called for a referendum on creditor demands in return for bailout loans.

There was speculation yesterday that a last-minute deal might be possible, with reports that Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras was to undertake an initiative based on a last-minute offer by European Commission President



An elderly woman covers her head from the sun as she passes a banner that reads "NO", hung up by supporters of the NO vote in the upcoming referendum in Athens

Jean-Claude Juncker. Markets in Europe rose on the hopes for a resolution of some kind.

In Brussels, European officials said the Commission chief was willing to help give Tsipras a belated way out of his financial crisis if he accepts creditors' conditions on the bailout stand-off and campaigns for staying in the euro.

An EU official, who asked not to be identified because of the sensitivity of the talks, called it "a sort of last-minute offer" before yesterday's dual deadlines.

Under the offer, Tsipras would need to write to Juncker and other leaders saying he accepts the latest offer, which was on the table last weekend. He would also have to change his posi-

tion on Sunday's referendum.

Tsipras, who advocates a "no" vote in Sunday's popular vote, argues that the demands from creditors for further, tougher austerity measures cannot be accepted after six years of recession.

European officials and Greek opposition parties have warned that a rejection of the creditor proposals in the referendum will lead Greece out of the eurozone and potentially out of the broader 28-country European Union. The government has responded by saying this is scaremongering, and that a "no" vote will mean the country is in a better negotiating position.

The crisis has roiled global markets as investors fret over the repercussions of a Greek debt default and its exit from the euro — developments that could derail a fragile global economic recovery, as well as raise questions over the long-term viability of the euro currency.

Tsipras himself was defiant in a television interview late Monday, urging voters to reject creditors' demands. More than 13,000 people gathered in Athens to support him and denounce Greece's creditors, as they chanted: "Take the bailout and go!"

"We ask you to reject it with all the might of your soul, with the greatest margin possible," Tsipras said on state television. "The greater the participation and the rejection of this deal, the greater the possibility will be to restart the negotiations to set a course of logic and sustainability."

A protest by supporters of a "yes" vote was planned for yesterday night.

The government insists that a "no" vote on Sunday will not mean an exit from the euro, with Tsipras saying in his Monday night interview that Europe would not dare kick Greece out of the joint currency. **AP**

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## what's ON


**THE CALLING OF SPIRITUALITY**  
 - XIAO YAWEN ARTWORK EXHIBITION

TIME: 10:30am-6:30pm (Closed on Mondays)

UNTIL: August 31, 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

**SHIWAN CERAMICS EXHIBITION**

TIME: 10am-7pm

(Closed on Mondays, no admission after 6:30 pm)

UNTIL: July 19, 2015

 VENUE: Macau Museum of Art,  
 Av. Xian Xing Hai, s/n, NAPE

ADMISSION: MOP5

(Free on Sundays and public holidays)

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**TEA CULTURE HOUSE**

TIME: 9am-7pm daily

(Closed on Mondays, open on public holidays)

 VENUE: Macau Tea Culture House, Lou Lim Ioc  
 Garden, Avenida do Conselheiro Ferreira de Almeida

ADMISSION: Free

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**19TH AND 20TH CENTURY PORTRAIT**  
 OIL PAINTINGS - MAM COLLECTION

TIME: 10am-7pm

(Closed on Mondays, No admission after 6:30 pm)

UNTIL: December 31, 2015

 VENUE: Macau Museum of Art,  
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## Offbeat

**LIBERIA QUARANTINES COMMUNITY**  
**WHERE CORPSE TESTED FOR EBOLA**


Liberian authorities have quarantined the Nedowein area where the corpse of a 17-year-old boy tested positive for Ebola, sparking fears the country could face another outbreak of the disease nearly two months after being declared Ebola-free.

Deputy health minister and head of Liberia's Ebola response team, Tolbert Nyenswah, told AP yesterday that the boy died at his home and was buried safely to avoid spread. He said teams are investigating how the boy became infected. The area is not near the borders with Sierra Leone and Guinea, which still have Ebola cases.

Nyenswah said "Liberia has got a re-infection of Ebola." The World Health Organization declared Liberia Ebola-free on May 9, after going 42 days without a new case. More than 4,800 people died in Liberia from Ebola.

## TV canal macau

13:00	TDM News (Repeated)
13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
14:30	RTPi Live
18:20	The Illusionist (Repeated)
19:10	TDM Interview (Repeated)
19:40	Soap Opera
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:00	Montra do Lilau
21:40	Miscellaneous
22:10	The Illusionist
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Miscellaneous
00:05	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)

## cinema

## CINETEATRO

25 JUN - 2 JUL



## TED 2

ROOM 1

2.30, 4.30, 7.30, 9.30 pm

Director: Seth MacFarlane

Starring: Mark Wahlberg, Amanda Seyfried, Morgan Freeman

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 115min

## SPL 2: A TIME FOR CONSEQUENCES

ROOM 2

2.30, 4.45, 7.15pm

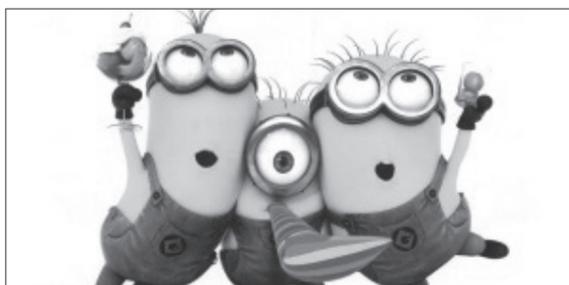
(1 - 2 JUL) 2.30, 4.45

Director: Cheang Pou-soi

Starring: Tony Jaa, Wu Jing, Simon Yam, Zhang Jin, Louis Koo

Language: Cantonese/Mandarin (Cantonese/English)

Duration: 120min



## MINIONS

ROOM 2

(1 - 2 JUL) 7.30 pm

Director: Pierre Coffin, Kyle Balda

Language: Cantonese (Chinese/English)

Duration: 91min

## JURASSIC WORLD

9.30 pm

Director: Colin Trevorrow

Starring: Chris Pratt, Bryce Dallas Howard

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 124min

## FAR FROM THE MADDING CROWD

ROOM 3

2.30, 4.45, 7.15, 9.30 pm

Director: Thomas Vinterberg

Starring: Carey Mulligan, Matthias Schoenaerts

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 94min

## MACAU TOWER

04 JUN - 01 JUL

## JURASSIC WORLD

(3D) 2.30, 4.45, 7.15, 9.30 pm

Director: Colin Trevorrow

Starring: Chris Pratt, Bryce Dallas Howard

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 124min

## this day in history


**1997 HONG KONG HANDED OVER**  
**TO CHINESE CONTROL**

Hong Kong has been handed back to the Chinese authorities - ending more than 150 years of British control. The British flag was lowered over Government House - home to the last Governor Chris Patten for the past five years - at midnight last night.

The flag was presented to Mr Patten who was then driven off in his official Rolls Royce, before the car was handed over to Tung Chee-hwa, the territory's Chief Executive.

In his farewell speech, Mr Patten said: "The story of this great city is about the years before this night and the years of success that will surely follow it." Britain has controlled Hong Kong island since 1842 - apart from a brief period during World War II when the Japanese took over.

A huge fireworks display lit up Victoria Harbour at 2000 local time. One hour later, 4,000 guests sat down to a banquet in the Convention Centre on the harbour front, while 509 Chinese troops crossed the land border into Hong Kong.

Among the guests for the final handover ceremony at the Convention Centre were Prince Charles, Prime Minister Tony Blair, Foreign Secretary Robin Cook and Chris Patten. Chinese dignitaries included President Jiang Zemin, Premier Li Peng, Foreign Minister Qian Qichen and military leader General Zhang Wannian.

In Beijing the ceremony was watched on giant screens erected in Tiananmen Square. At the stroke of midnight, the red digits of the countdown clock turned to zero and the handpicked crowd roared its approval.

Shortly afterwards, Prince Charles and Mr Patten boarded the Royal Yacht Britannia and waved a final farewell to the strains of Rule Britannia and Land of Hope and Glory.

Just half an hour after the handover, there was a demonstration by the Hong Kong Democratic Party outside the Legislative Council building - but it did not delay the inauguration of the new Special Administrative Region government.

Tung Chee-hwa was sworn in as Hong Kong's new leader. "This is a momentous and historic day ... Hong Kong and China are whole again," said Mr Tung. But he promised, "We value this empowerment and we will exercise our powers prudently and responsibly."

Courtesy BBC News

## IN CONTEXT

**Discussions** between Britain and China on the future of Hong Kong began in 1982. After 22 rounds of formal talks, Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher and her Chinese counterpart, Zhao Ziyang, signed the Joint Declaration in 1984.

In 1992, Chris Patten was sworn in as the last governor of Hong Kong with a remit to prepare for the colony's democratic future under Chinese rule.

Democratic elections were held in 1995 for the new Legislative Council.

Proposals to introduce controversial new security laws in 2002 galvanized public opinion to a degree not seen since the handover.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 You seem to have exhausted your money-making options close to home. Start exploring other neighborhoods and other cultures if you want to find the next best place to make a dime.

Taurus April 20-May 20 No pain, no gain doesn't apply to you today, because you can't afford the pain. You don't have enough padding to make financial risks worth taking, so play it safe.

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 You're intelligent enough to go it alone, but if you got some partners, you could really take things to a deeper level. That's only one aspect of the benefits of business relationships. The other, of course, is financial backing.

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 You may have a social or private life problem, but don't let on in front of coworkers. That may sound like added stress, but taking your mind off of it will only help you focus on making money.

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 Who knew a year ago that some loose change could generate so much excitement? Swallow your pride and start lifting the sofa cushions. You could use every penny you find there.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 The snail's pace your profit it taking is not very exciting, but following through is still your obligation. You won't let yourself out of your responsibilities, so enjoy watching the moss grow.

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 You think you have a great business idea, and yet responses aren't very good. Be intellectual about it. The reactions you're getting have less to do with your idea than with the market.

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 Don't become bitter. What's going on in your personal accounts is much larger than you. Let it affect your spending habits, but not your personal philosophy.

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 You might not have been prepared for the unexpected, but who was? Different people respond differently to being abandoned. You'll find out if your confidence in money enough to carry you through this rough patch.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 Things are moving at the rate of molasses being poured, or slower. It almost seems impossible to reach the end of the line, but you'll get there if you persevere. Just how much money waits at the finish line remains to be seen.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Making connections might not bring in any immediate money, but then nothing will in today's economy. But go ahead and make new ones anyway, and consider them investments.

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 You're walking on eggshells. The economy is making everyone tighten their belts, even your boss. If you don't want to be the first to leave, then don't think before speaking.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



SUDOKU

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Easy+

9x9 grid for Easy+ Sudoku puzzle with some numbers filled in.

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9x9 grid for Medium Sudoku puzzle with some numbers filled in.

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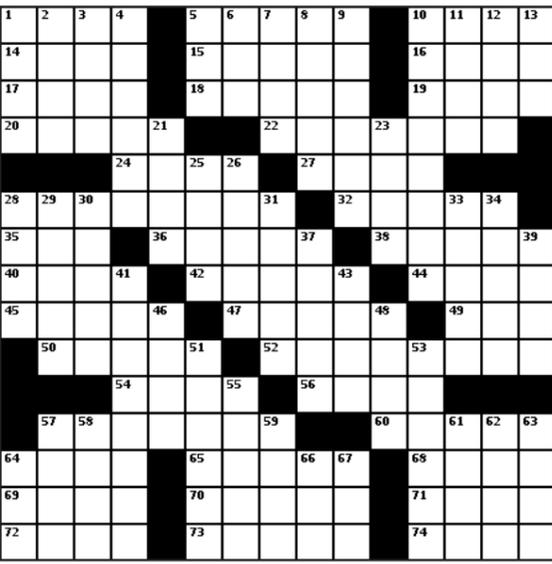
WEATHER

Weather forecast table with columns for MIN, MAX, and CONDITION for various cities in CHINA and WORLD.

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Kuwaiti bigwig; 5- Little hooter; 10- Driving force; 14- Almost unobtainable; 15- Compact stuff; 16- Classic cars; 17- \_\_\_ pronounce you...; 18- Had; 19- Univ. Hotshot; 20- Winter drink; 22- To reiterate...; 24- Tatum's dad; 27- Rotate; 28- Indonesian volcano; 32- New Brunswick neighbor; 35- Acknowledgment of debt; 36- "The Planets" composer; 38- Stone marker; 40- Sailors; 42- Sanctimonious; 44- Sign of boredom; 45- It's a trap; 47- Finished, terminated; 49- Golf prop; 50- Narrow cuts; 52- Ball-game target; 54- Swimmer's regimen; 56- Destroy; 57- Subsiding; 60- Poem; 64- Custardy dessert; 65- Kidney-related; 68- River to the Ubangi; 69- Social standing; 70- Rub out or remove from memory; 71- Letters, e.g.; 72- \_\_\_-Day vitamins; 73- Scatter; 74- Donations to the poor;

DOWN: 1- Guitarist Clapton; 2- Look \_\_\_ hands!; 3- High-performance Camaro; 4- Revise; 5- Acapulco gold; 6- Exclamation of surprise; 7- Moon goddess; 8- Discharge; 9- Lack of variety; 10- Refined courtesies; 11- Do followers; 12- Well-behaved; 13- Upper-left PC key; 21- Indian nursemaid; 23- Mmes., in Madrid; 25- On; 26- I swear!; 28- Hobby shop inventory; 29- Some horses; 30- Hearing related; 31- For \_\_\_ (cheap); 33- Keen!; 34- Cary of "The Princess Bride"; 37- English royal house; 39- Work without \_\_\_; 41- Ceylon, now; 43- Linebacker Junior; 46- Division politique; 48- 554, in stone; 51- Steeples; 53- Soul; 55- Hagar the Horrible's dog; 57- Lawyer Dershowitz; 58- Ruination; 59- Growl; 61- Genuine; 62- Scanty; 63- Congers; 64- Not to; 66- Peer Gynt's mother; 67- Actor Ayres



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## FOOTBALL

# Chile beats Peru 2-1 to reach Copa America final

Ricardo Zuniga, Santiago

**STRIKER** Eduardo Vargas scored twice to lead Chile to a 2-1 win over 10-man Peru in the semifinals of the Copa America on Monday, keeping alive the host's hopes of winning the South American tournament for the first time.

Vargas scored the winner with a long-range shot that found the upper corner in the 64th minute, sending the home-crowd favorites to their first Copa America final in 28 years.

"I've been practicing shots from outside the area, I was confident," Vargas said through a translator. "I'm glad it went in." Chile was heavily favored to advance but it struggled throughout the match against its continental neighbor.

The winning score came only three minutes after Peru had equalized with an own goal by defender Gary Medel.

Vargas had opened the scoring in the 42nd, and Peru was down to 10 men after only 20 minutes when defender Carlos Zambrano was sent off for hitting midfielder Charles Aranguiz on the back during a challenge.

Peru was trying to win its third Copa America and first since 1975. The team also lost in the semifinals in 2011 to eventual champion Uruguay and finished third.

"We leave with a sour taste after the elimination, we wanted to reach this final," Peru coach Ricardo Gareca said. "It's very difficult to play a man down for so long against a team of this level."

Peru had been the surprise of the tournament after advancing from a group that included Brazil and Colombia.

"We fought until the end," Peru striker Paolo Guerrero



Chile's Eduardo Vargas is lifted by Arturo Vidal after scoring his side's second goal

said. "We fought until the last minute and if we had stayed 11 against 11 the story could have been different." The last time

Chile had made it to the Copa America final was in 1987 when it lost to Uruguay.

The Chileans have been do-

minant from the start of this year's tournament, playing at home with its best team in years. But Peru made it dif-

ficult for the hosts at the Estadio Nacional on Monday, threatening several times on counterattacks even after going a man down.

"The ejection seemed to hurt us more than it hurt them," Chile coach Jorge Sampaoli said. "The anxiety turned against us and we ended struggling."

Vargas opened the scoring off a rebound. Alexis Sanchez's curling shot from outside the area struck the far post and returned straight to Vargas, who rolled it into the net. The striker appeared to be slightly offside at the time of Sanchez's shot, but the referee let the goal stand.

Peru equalized when Medel tried to intercept a right-side cross by Luis Advincula and put it into his own net. Five minutes later, however, Vargas gave Chile the lead again, sending a right-footed shot from outside the area over Peru goalkeeper Pedro Gallese, who was out of position.

It was Vargas' fourth goal of the tournament, surpassing teammate Arturo Vidal and Peru's Paolo Guerrero as the competition's leading scorer.

Vargas also had a goal disallowed for offside in the 49th, though the replay showed he appeared to be in good position to score.

Peru had the game's first chance of the match with a dangerous header by forward Jefferson Farfan in the ninth minute. The ball struck the post with Chile goalkeeper Claudio Bravo already beaten on the play.

Chile was without central defender Gonzalo Jara, who was suspended for two matches for poking Edinson Cavani's behind in the quarterfinals against Uruguay. CONMEBOL, football's governing body in South America, initially suspended Jara for three matches, but the punishment was reduced on appeal.

Chile, Venezuela and Ecuador are the only teams yet to win the South American championship.

Argentina meets Paraguay in the other semifinal match. The final is on Saturday. **AP**

Rob Harris, Prague

**T**HE Champions League final will be played in Wales for the first time in 2017 at Cardiff's Millennium Stadium.

The venue, with around 74,000 seats, was awarded the hosting rights by UEFA's executive committee at a meeting yesterday in Prague, after unsuccessfully bidding for matches at the pan-con-

## Champions League final at Cardiff's Millennium Stadium

continent 2020 European Championship.

The decision comes with Wales on the verge of reaching the European Championship for the first time, as it tops its 2016 qualifying group.

"These are exciting times for Welsh football," Real Madrid and Wales forward Gareth Bale said. "I know how passionate the Welsh football fans are, so it's great the UEFA Champions League final is co-

ming to my home city of Cardiff.

"I loved playing in the UEFA Super Cup last year, and it would be fantastic to be involved in front of a packed crowd at such an iconic stadium in 2017."

The game will be played on June 3, 2017, with the women's final at Cardiff City Stadium two days earlier.

Stockholm has also been awarded a UEFA showpiece match after missing out on Euro

2020 matches, with the Europa League in May 2017 going to Friends Arena.

The 2017 Super Cup between the winners of the two UEFA club competitions will be in Skopje, Macedonia, at Philip II Arena.

In 2016, the Champions League final will be at Milan's San Siro, and the Europa League final at St. Jakob-Park in the Swiss city of Basel. **AP**

Danielle Rossingh

**H**EAT, rain, cold weather, wind, injuries or advancing years. Nothing has stopped Roger Federer from playing every single grand slam tennis event since 2000. Despite temperatures of up to 30 degrees Celsius (86 Fahrenheit) yesterday, Federer breezed past Bosnia's Damir Dzumhur 6-1, 6-3, 6-3 on Wimbledon's Centre Court to move to the second round. At 33, Federer is a decade older than his opponent.

What seemed like yet another routine match for the seven-time Wimbledon champion from Switzerland marked his 63rd consecutive appearance in the four majors. Before Wimbledon, Federer had been tied with Japan's Ai Sugiyama at 62.

"I've played hurt and sick before, but somehow the streak is still alive," the second-seed said in a televised interview after the winning the match with 26 winners and only 12 unforced errors. "I definitely had to get lucky as well. I've been injured at times."

Rafael Nadal also moved into the second round, defeating Brazil's Thomaz Bellucci 6-4, 6-2, 6-4 on Court No. 1. Unlike Federer, Nadal has struggled with injuries in his career. He missed last year's U.S. Open with a wrist injury and then got sidelined by an appendix operation in October. He dropped to a decade-low No. 10 in the rankings after he failed to win a single clay-court title during the European clay-court season.

"I played a solid match," two-time winner Nadal said in a televised interview. "Good backhand, but the forehand needs to be a little more aggressive in the next match."

Nadal, a 14-time major winner who grew up on the Spanish island of Mallorca, said the heat didn't bother him. "In Australia, it can be much, much worse," Nadal said. "No comparison. When it's weather like this here in Wimble-

AP PHOTO



Roger Federer of Switzerland smashes a ball to Damir Dzumhur of Bosnia

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## 'Lucky' Federer sets slam record as Nadal, Kvitova advance

don, it's probably one of the best places in the world."

Serena and Venus Williams pulled out of the women's doubles. The siblings, who have won five Wimbledon doubles championships, play their second round in singles today, and may meet in the last 16.

The Americans had to retire from the second round last year after Serena Williams was ill and unable to hit her serves over the net. Since then, she's won the U.S., Australian and French Open singles titles. They have won the Wimbledon doubles five times, most recently in 2012.

Earlier yesterday, two-time Wimbledon winner Petra Kvitova opened play on Centre Court, beating Kiki Bertens of the Netherlands, 6-1, 6-0. Kvitova, the 2011 and 2014 champion, said reporters before the tournament she was nervous about her first match on grass this year after she withdrew from Eastbourne last week with a viral illness.

"I was sick a few days ago and still played very well," Kvitova said after the match. "Of course I was very nervous before the match but standing on court, the atmosphere was unbelievable. I'm very happy

to be back."

Kvitova apologized for the brevity of her 36 minute match to her parents, who had traveled to London to see her. "I have to say sorry to them," Kvitova said. "I think they are happy anyway."

No. 10 seed Angelique Kerber also spent as little energy as possible in the heat, crushing fellow German Carina Witthoef 6-0, 6-0. Andy Murray, the 2013 winner from Britain, is playing Mikhail Kukushkin of Kazakhstan.

Britain's Heather Watson moved to the second round by knocking out France's No. 32

seed Caroline Garcia in three sets. Earlier, former junior Wimbledon champion and fellow Briton Laura Robson lost 6-4, 6-4 to Russia's Evgeniya Rodina. It was Robson's first major match after she got sidelined with a wrist injury for 18 months.

Jack Sock of the U.S., the 31st seed, lost to Sam Groth, an Australian who once hit the fastest serve ever at 263 kilometers per hour, 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 6-3. Sock, who pushed Nadal to four sets in the fourth round of the French Open, had been struggling with a hip injury last week. **Bloomberg**



Real Madrid's Cristiano Ronaldo celebrates after scoring a goal during a Spanish league match

## UEFA tells Spanish league to accept World Cup dates

Rob Harris

**E**UROPEAN football's governing body says the Spanish league should stop challenging the decision to move the dates of the World Cup in 2022 to November-December.

A Spanish appeal against FIFA's scheduling decision was filed with the Court of Arbitration for Sport.

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To avoid Qatar's fierce summer heat, the 2022 World Cup is being moved from its traditional June-July slot, resulting in European competitions stopping for around two months.

UEFA General Secretary Gianni Infantino says the Spanish should accept the decision because it was approved

by bodies representing European leagues and clubs.

Speaking after a UEFA meeting in Prague, Infantino says, "It's a bit sad that people don't accept decisions taken by a vast majority. You cannot take all decisions unanimously because otherwise you would not take any decisions anywhere." **AP**

opinion

**World Views**

William Pesek

**CHINA'S MAGIC TRICKS CAN'T SAVE ITS STOCK MARKET**

Chinese policy makers seem to have exhausted whatever magical powers they had been using to keep their economy aloft. Chinese stocks have been plunging even as Beijing has used every trick it knows to support the market.

The truth is that the plunge in Chinese stocks was long overdue. China's longest-ever bull market was government-driven, fueled by central bank liquidity and a public-relations bonanza. The question now is whether Beijing's policy apparatus has lost its ability to impose its will on stock prices. And there's good reason to think it has.

Stocks slid 3.3 percent Monday even after an aggressive three-pronged easing effort over the weekend. People's Bank of China Governor Zhou Xiaochuan cut the benchmark lending rate by 25 basis points to a record low of 4.85 percent, slashed the deposit rate to 2 percent and reduced required reserve ratios for some lenders. As stocks plunged anyway, China's securities regulators tried to cheer traders by announcing they would consider suspending initial public offerings in order to increase demand for existing shares. The sell orders still accelerated. Next, government officials assured the record numbers of individual investors entering the market that the risks from margin trading are controllable. Selling ensued regardless.

Only time will tell if Beijing's bag of tricks is empty. But if it is, the fallout on global markets could dwarf the impact of Greece's flirtation with default. The world, after all, has had a few years to contemplate a Greek exit from the euro. But if the world's biggest trading nation suddenly hit a wall, it would be a catastrophe of a different order, wreaking havoc on economies near and far.

At the very least, it would kill Japan's nascent recovery, push Australia into its first recession in a quarter century, send shockwaves through South Korea, Indonesia and India, and devastate commodity-exporting nations everywhere. Officials in Beijing get this, of course. That's why they're conjuring up every policy they can think of to stabilize stocks. But Beijing is suddenly realizing that it can't pull its usual levers with the same results.

More monetary easing is inevitable with Chinese producer prices now in negative territory for 39 months straight months, says former PBOC official Yu Yongding. "At a time of slowing economic growth and massive corporate debts, a deflationary spiral would be China's worst nightmare," Yu writes in a new Project Syndicate op-ed. "And the risk is mounting." What's more, says economist Chen Long of Gavekal Dragonomics, "the challenges of slowing growth and a high level of debt will push China ever closer to the zero interest-rate policy that already prevails in other major economies."

But sharply lower borrowing costs might just encourage more irresponsible lending at a time when local government debt already exceeds Germany's \$3.7 trillion worth of annual output. Conventional stimulus measures have lost traction amid factory overcapacity and a fast-increasing number of ghost cities. The solution, of course, would be for President Xi Jinping to accelerate structural reforms to wean China off excessive investment and exports. It's only by reining in state-owned enterprises that China can create a vibrant private sector driven by small-to-midsize services companies that generate high-paying jobs.

Instead, Xi's team has spent the last 10 months ginning up stocks with government sorcery. The plan was straightforward enough: Companies would harness rising shares to pull off IPOs to pay down debt, while households would feel richer and spend more. If stocks got wobbly, the government could just step in and keep the party going. That lasted until June 12, when Shanghai shares topped out. Since Friday's 7.4 percent plunge, Beijing has used all its usual policy tools with no success.

It's possible the turmoil in Greece has played a role in China's latest downturn. Emerging-market stocks, after all, fell 2 percent Monday, the most since Dec. 1. But China's sell off is also a sign that the magic wand Beijing has lorded over its economy in recent years is losing its power. And when investors wake up from the government's spell, they're unlikely to be very happy. **Bloomberg**

**THE BUZZ** PRESIDENT ADMITS FIXING 5 SERIE B MATCHES

The president of Catania has admitted to fixing five Serie B matches aimed at preventing the Sicilian club from relegation to the third division. Antonino Pulvirenti also claimed to have made payoffs totaling USD550 million during his admission on Monday at a preliminary hearing. He was one of seven people arrested last week on sports fraud charges. Catania prosecutor Giovanni Salvi says, "The investiga-

tion still needs to be completed, but now it will all be much simpler." The five matches under investigation were played against Varese, Trapani, Latina, Ternana, and Livorno. Catania won the first four games in April, then drew 1-1 with Livorno on May 2. Catania finished 15th in the 22-team Serie B, safely avoiding the bottom four relegation spots. The club could be faced with relegation to the fourth division.

**Transgender swimmer at Harvard believed to be a 1st**

Collin Binkley, Cambridge

**SCHUYLER** Bailar was a star recruit for the women's swimming team at Harvard University, a tough competitor with a shot at winning titles. But Bailar is opting to forgo such honors to join the men's team instead, competing as the first openly transgender swimmer in the NCAA.

"It's half terrifying and half exciting," said Bailar, a 19-year-old from McLean, Virginia. "I'm just kind of embracing it with open arms." Bailar, an incoming freshman, came out as transgender this year after being recruited for the women's team. Initially he planned to stay on that team but had mixed feelings — he wanted to swim, but also wanted to embrace his identity.

The Harvard women's coach saw that Bailar was torn and helped orchestrate another option: In a surprise move, the university offered Bailar a spot on either the men's or women's team.

On the women's team, Bailar would have been a top athlete, with hopes of breaking records and winning titles. In men's swimming, though, his times were far behind the best. It took two wrenching months to decide.

"I just want to be a boy," he remembers thinking. "I can't



Schuyler Bailar poses for a photo

live this in-between thing anymore." By then, men's coach Kevin Tyrrell had already gathered the team to talk about adding Bailar.

"We talked about how we're all about character and values, and I kind of gave my two cents: If we're going to say that we care about others, then this is something we should consider," Tyrrell said. "And basically all the guys said, within 15 seconds, 'Yeah, let's do it.'"

Although Bailar is believed to be the first in swimming, athletes in other NCAA sports have come out as transgender in recent years.

In 2010, Kye Allums asked to be identified as a man while playing on the women's basketball team at George Washington University. Keelin Godsey was already a national champion in the women's hammer throw at

Bates College before coming out as transgender in 2005.

The NCAA clarified in 2011 that transgender athletes can often compete on teams of either sex, depending on their hormone use.

For Bailar, joining the men's team will bring obstacles. Beyond the daunting competition, he'll have to adjust to a locker room full of guys, and he's still getting used to wearing a men's swimsuit.

But it's also an immense relief, he said.

"Through high school I grew my hair out, I conformed, I dressed in the high heels to prom — and I was miserable," he said. "I did succeed in swimming because that was really my only outlet."

He was part of a national relay record on a girls' team, and he competed in the 2013 junior national championships.

He was recruited to Harvard during his senior year of high school but took a year off after graduation, in part to focus on therapy. That's when he came out as transgender.

In the two months before swimming season starts, he's training hard but tempering his expectations.

"My goal is just to contribute something to the team, and be a good teammate and a good friend. I have no idea what my body can do," he said. **AP**

**THE DECISIVE MOMENT**



A relative of a victim mourns at a hospital after the crash of an Indonesian Hercules C-130 military plane in Medan, the capital of North Sumatra province, Indonesia (see full report on page 12).

Station	Air quality
Roadside	10-30 Good
High Density Residential Area	30-50 Good
Ambient	30-50 Good

**WORLD BRIEFS**

**JAPAN** Of countless ghostly abandoned factories and mines in Japan, Battleship Island is among the most notorious. It is one of 23 old industrial facilities seeking UNESCO's recognition as World Heritage sites. **More on p13**

**PHILIPPINES** The Philippines' anti-graft prosecutor ordered the national police chief and 10 other officers dismissed for approving a contract to deliver gun licenses with a courier company that had no track record.



**EGYPT** deploys heavy security forces across Cairo amid preparations for the burial of the country's prosecutor general, killed in a car bombing the day before in the first assassination of a top Egyptian official in a quarter century. The body of Hisham Barakat, the top judicial official in charge of overseeing the prosecution of thousands of Islamists, including former President Mohammed Morsi, has been moved from the hospital to a mosque in the eastern suburb of Heliopolis for a funeral after noon prayers.

**PHILIPPINES-MALAYSIA** Malaysia commutes to life imprisonment the death sentence of a Filipino woman convicted of smuggling 5 kilograms of cocaine.

**AUSTRALIA** The first openly gay U.S. ambassador to Australia says he is confident that the "great debate" among Australians on whether to allow gay marriages will result in the best outcome for the country.

**IRAN's** foreign minister returns to the nuclear talks in Vienna where negotiators are struggling to overcome significant differences and preparing to work through yesterday's deadline for a deal.

**FRANCE** WikiLeaks has released documents that it says show that the U.S. National Security Agency eavesdropped on France's top finance officials and high-stakes French export bids over a decade in what the group called targeted economic espionage.