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WORLD BRIEFS

CHINA A shoe factory collapses in eastern China during a weekend shift, killing at least 13 people and injuring more than 30.

HONG KONG The Land Registry revealed yesterday that a total of 43,636 sale and purchase agreements for building units were recorded in the region during the first half of the year, down by 7.7 percent from the second half of 2014 but having increased by 27.6 percent year-on-year. The total consideration for these agreements was HKD311.5b (about USD40b), down seven percent from the second half of 2014 but up by 46.6 percent year-on-year.

SOUTH KOREA The 92-year-old widow of late South Korean President Kim Dae-jung, who was a strong proponent of Korean reconciliation, will visit North Korea early next month, ex-aides to Kim said yesterday.

THAILAND Prime Minister Prayut Chan-Ocha said yesterday that 14 student activists, who were earlier arrested for violating junta orders, would be tried by a military court. The 14 university students were detained late last month after staging a street rally in Bangkok to protest against the military rule, in defiance of the ban of the coup-making National Council for Peace and Order on political gatherings of more than five people. They also face sedition charges under Article 116 of the Criminal Code.

THAILAND Customs officials seize 250 kilograms of ivory — or about 130 tusks and pieces — hidden in crates being shipped from Africa to Asia.

AFGHANISTAN Dozens of Afghans rally to denounce last week's court ruling that overturned the death sentences for four men convicted for taking part in the mob killing of a woman outside a Kabul shrine in March.

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Trust in fire services' competency

The Office of the Secretary for Security stated in a reply to a lawmaker's inquiry that Macau's Fire Services has enough competencies to handle the amount of accidents in the city. It stressed that the government has always emphasized the importance of firefighting and of the rescue forces, and has therefore constantly reviewed and improved facilities and personnel. The office said Macau's fire alerts have remained at a number of 1,100 annually for the past ten years despite the expansion of urban areas and of the population, which suggests that the authorities' promotion of fire prevention has generated positive effects. It added that the fire alerts reported in the first four months of this year saw a 9 percent reduction year-on-year.

Penalty for breaching repair order to be raised

Authorities intend to raise the penalty for building owners' breaching of repair orders, once an amendment to the legal regime regulating urban architectures is approved. The Land, Public Works and Transport Bureau (DSSOPT) said in a reply to a lawmaker's inquiry that it expected the draft revision to be finished by the end of the year and then to enter into the legislation progress. The new clauses will strengthen legal assistance to governmental staff in order to effectively push for the repair of buildings. In addition, the bureau said it will offer maintenance guidelines to the titleholders of buildings so that the small property owners can repair their buildings' damaged area without waiting for the DSSOPT's examination report.

Bill indicates AL should have a vote when budgets increase

A public consultation on the amended budget framework law commences today, seeking opinions on the revised regulations which govern the authority's right to budget within public departments.

The amendment, which was believed to have come into effect in time for the government's 2017 budget, mandates that budget increases to public infrastructure projects must reach the city's legislature for examination.

Nonetheless, the upcoming revised law cannot be applied retroactively to the city's ongoing public infrastructure projects whose construction costs already overrun, revealed Daisy Ho In Mui, deputy director of the Financial Services Bureau following a press briefing held at the bureau's premise yesterday.

Furthermore, the official also clarified that, differing from Hong Kong's Legislative Council in which lawmakers possess statutory power to sanction a proposed budget, the city's legislature merely served as an advisory body.

"It's like, [the lawmakers] doubt the amount, then the



government will offer its explanation to see if they accept it or not," said Ho. "There are opinions to give, yet it's not a matter of approval."

Under the proposed rule, the Legislative Assembly would be entitled to express its views whenever a budget is increased. On the contrary however, any budget revision without an additional increment involved will rely only on the Chief Executive's decision.

"For example, the budget has been set at MOP100 billion, yet under some unforeseeable circumstance the amount has to go up to MOP110 billion, it's necessary for the Legislative As-

sembly to review the related budgeting," said Stephen Iong Kong Leong, head of the bureau.

The existing budget framework law, formulated in 1983 by the Portuguese administration, fails to govern the government departments' standby funds prepared for future contingencies in budget planning, as the sum could be unlimited. However, with the new regulation, that back-up reserve is confined to only three percent of the sum of the total expenditure budget.

"In compiling annual budgets, not only do the departments submit their fiscal report for one particular year,

but they also examine how much money and years are to be involved in the entire project," said Daisy Ho, stressing that the budget planners have to meticulously take into account the possible increment in budgeting looming in the coming years.

Despite the newly introduced policy requiring the government to report on its budget execution to the legislature for the first half of the year at the end of July annually, the Financial Services Bureau will also conduct a review on how the budgets will be utilized in that particular period within the 30 days after every quarter. "If the situation deviated from its expected prospects after its implementation, they will certainly have to provide us with related information before we submit it to the Legislative Assembly and explain the matter," she added.

The new version of the law also prohibits the authorities from transferring their budgets across departments. Public reserves allocated to a designated project are also disallowed from being spent on others. **Staff reporter**

ONE SHOT NEWS



Xinxin, the female bear of the new giant panda pair given by the Chinese central government as gift to Macau, celebrated her eighth birthday with children on Sunday. The Civic and Municipal Affairs Bureau held a special party for the panda, presenting a tailor-made ice cake made out of juice with fresh fruits and vegetables on the top, as well as organizing dozens of little panda fans singing a "happy birthday song" to her in the panda pavilion at Seac Pai Van Park.

CRIME

Man nabbed for deliberately using counterfeit credit cards

POLICE authorities arrested a Malaysian man for illegally using credit cards in the territory on July 4. It was reported that the 25-year-old suspect was employed by an overseas-based criminal syndicate, which required him to embark on a spending spree upon arrival in the city using 12 counterfeit credit cards.

Intercepted by the Judiciary Police (PJ) officers at the airport in the evening, the suspect, surnamed Yiek and self-titled as unemployed, successfully swindled MOP36,000 out

of a local travel agency in a transaction over a flight booking. In spite of this, his attempts to cheat some other luxury stores on the Cotai strip were subsequently in vain. His erratic behavior prompted the attention of local security forces. According to the PJ spokesperson, the man would receive eight percent of a successful transaction as remuneration each time.

In a separate case, a female croupier faces prosecution after she was caught embezzling chips worth a total of HKD50,000 at her workplace last Friday,

according to the Judiciary Police.

The debt-ridden suspect, surnamed Chui and aged 40, was said to be operating at a gaming table inside a casino located in Taipa when the crime took place, which was being recorded by the casino's surveillance.

Despite the number of chips seized on the spot, the police officers also discovered another four chips worth HKD40,000 in her locker. The suspect, however, denied the theft, professing that her friends were just returning what they had owed her.

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DSAT says plastic roadblocks enhance safety

Brook Yang

Plastic roadblocks are commonly placed in traffic lanes for traffic management, such as restricting pedestrians on the road and delimiting carriageways on cross-sea bridges. Despite criticism that the hurdles are used on a permanent basis, unappealing, occupy road space, and sometimes even obstruct traffic, the Traffic Affairs Bureau (DSAT) stresses that the safety of road users is its biggest consideration when setting traffic facilities.

The hurdles, often painted in red and white, can be seen in various locations such as in the Senado Square, in front of the Starworld Hotel and the Sai Van Lake. The duration of their placement varies from weeks, months, to several years. It's sometimes difficult to distinguish



whether it's a temporary measure or a permanent setting.

With calls for better traffic management, DSAT explained to the Times that the barriers are set for long or short terms, "taking into consideration the actual road conditions and road users' safety."

"It separates vehicle flow, guides traffic past dangerous road sections, cautions drivers, and

protects pedestrians' safety. Moreover, when a traffic accident occurs, it can withstand the momentum of a car crash and create a dampening effect, which would greatly reduce the extent of damage and reduce casualties," said DSAT, adding that the roadblocks can also be easily crossed by rescue workers for aid operation.

The bureau further noted that the plastic hurdles are usually placed in road sections that were recently altered or where new traffic facilities were added, "so that drivers can travel through the sections safely."

"We will decide the duration of hurdle placement, depending on how long the drivers need for the adjustment period. In general, as soon as the adaptation period passes, we will send personnel to remove them," it added.

As for road sections that cannot sustain any damage to the pavement – such as the racing tracks and the Sai Van Bridge deck, DSAT explained it cannot set a fixed partition fence in those driveways. "However, those roads still need a traffic facility to block or separate traffic flows in order to protect the drivers' safety, so we placed long-term barriers there," it explained.

Housing Bureau to loosen social housing income limits

Brook Yang

AIMING to counter the increasing inflation that particularly affects low-income residents, the Housing Bureau plans to review the social housing scheme. To be discussed in a 60-day public consultation which will begin on Thursday, a draft revision of the scheme was released yesterday which suggests lowering the threshold for elderly applicants as well as liberalising restrictions for applicants who have previously benefited from housing subsidy schemes.

The bureau's president, Ieong Kam Wa, informed media during a press conference that the current social housing scheme has been implemented for five years and thus requires revision as soon as possible to keep up with the pace of economic development.

According to the revision, the personal net worth ceiling established to apply for the social housing might be doubled for elderly applicants who have reached the age of 65. Meanwhile, the bureau intends to raise the minimum age limit for people competing for public housing allocation.

"About twenty percent of the individual applicants to social housing in 2013

[the last round of applications] were between 18 and 24 years old and most of them were students. But are they really facing an urgent housing problem?" indicated the bureau's research department head, Iam Lei Leng, adding that the government will decide whether or not to raise the minimum age limit from 18 to 25 or 29 years old depending on the public consultation results.

Designated as a safety net for society's less-privileged groups, the social housing scheme – mostly offering one-bedroom apartments – allows a household to rent a flat with as little as 6 percent of its monthly income. Currently, the scheme accommodates nearly 11,000 tenants with over 66 percent of them paying an average rent below MOP200 and 27 percent paying below MOP800.

On the other hand, a total of 910 households living in the social housing complexes earn a monthly income that exceeded the upper limit, with 50 of them exceeding double the amount.

"The upper limit of income stipulated in the current law is MOP9,340 for any one-number household; doubling the amount is MOP18,680, which has exceeded the

median income of local residents at MOP16,000, meaning that the tenant has exceeded the actual living standard of average Macau residents," explained the bureau in the consultation document, adding that it has decided to distinguish these tenants as "well-off households" and will implement a mandatory but gradual exit for them.

While the government plans to increase its current charge for "well-off households" from 22 percent of their income to 30 percent, it also suggested doubling the rent for families that earn a stable income that exceeds the limit in order to push them to exit the scheme voluntarily.

In addition, Ieong Kam Wa revealed that there are currently 1,000 vacant social housing units to be allocated. Moreover, 2,777 units are still being built while 1,400 more are planned for the long term.

As for residents who are neither benefitting from the social housing scheme nor are able to apply to buy an affordable housing unit, Ieong stressed that the Housing Bureau is studying a policy to offer new types of public housing and expects to propose a scheme within this year.

Kindergarten reform to avoid stress on children



THE Education and Youth Affairs Bureau (DSEJ) intends to launch a reform of the pre-primary curriculum in order to avoid introducing "too much academic content" too early. The new pedagogical strategy gives priority to the development of children instead.

DSEJ director Leong Lai explained that the new reform proposes to include five learning areas which will all focus on basic life learning and early childhood development.

"We don't want the children to learn any unnecessary academic content that would make the children suffer from stress. For example, in the first year of kindergarten students should not be required to learn how to write; they can only learn how to write in their second year of kindergarten," he explained.

Liu Nai-Hua, assistant professor at the University of Macau's Faculty of Education, told TDM that some kindergartens impose an unreasonable amount of work on infants. She said that written examinations should only be introduced at a later scholarly level.

Travel security alert to Turkey

The Tourism Crisis Management Office published a travel security alert issued by the Chinese Embassy and Consulates in Turkey and regarding the recent security situation in the country. "Recently there were several anti-Chinese demonstrations in Turkey, during which some Chinese tourists were attacked. The Chinese Embassy and Consulates in Turkey reminds Chinese citizens in Turkey to strengthen security precautions to protect their personal safety, not to approach or film the protesters and as much as possible to maintain in their residences," the alert reads.

Late Paralympic athlete to return home



Local athlete Wong Mei Shan 黃美珊 who passed away on June 17 upon arrival in Poland's Poznan city for the 2015 Boccia World Open will return home Thursday. The body will be received by a funeral service at Kiang Wu Hospital. According to the Macau-China Paralympic Committee, Ms Wong had participated in Boccia for over ten years. She was also active in promoting sports activities for the disabled in local society through working at the Committee. A memorial ceremony was held for her at the World Open's closing ceremony and condolences have been sent from different regions' Paralympic committees. The athlete reportedly felt unwell when arriving in Poznan; her condition soon deteriorated after being sent to the hospital for treatment.

Self-service for MSAR travel permit application

Following the introduction of self-service kiosks for MSAR passport application and Permanent Resident Identity Card renewal, the Identification Services Bureau is now introducing the self-service process for MSAR Travel Permit applications. The kiosk was put into official use in July 2015. Citizens can submit their application on their own and do not need to obtain a number tag in advance to use the self-service kiosks. Chinese nationals who are aged above 18 and are not required to apply for any other travel documents can use the self-service kiosk to submit their initial application for the Travel Permit, or to renew their permit within 9 months prior to the expiry date of their document.

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HERITAGE | 10 YEARS AFTER UNESCO LISTING

Torchbearers strive to preserve

MACAU is a treasure trove of both Western and Eastern religious architecture. For a long time, churches such as the Ruins of St Paul's have been popular with tourists. Now, traditional Chinese temples, after years of inactivity, are back in the spotlight, not only as tourist attractions but also as important representations of cultural heritage.

The region has approximately 40 Chinese temples, over half of which were built in the Qing dynasty a few centuries ago. The temples honor different gods, each with their own mythical narrative, which have been drawn from the three great Chinese religious traditions – Buddhism, Taoism and folklore. Widely known deities such as the Goddess of Mercy and Buddha, are worshipped at the temples, as well as gods of the natural elements such as water and land.

Together, these temples form a diverse tapestry of customs and beliefs which have been practiced for centuries by inhabitants of this former fishing village.

A-Ma temple, whose history is as old as Macau itself as a colonial outpost, has always been popular with tourists and devotees alike. The other temples, despite their impressive history, architecture and artistic relics, have received limited attention in recent decades from visitors, overshadowed by the bright casinos and more contemporary attractions.

A group of dedicated local temple administrators has been working hard to revive the festivals, rituals and other temple-related practices which had disappeared for decades. These administrators, all of whom are businessmen working for free, have restored dilapidated temples as well as organized parades and fairs to remind the public of the rich culture embodied by these old shrines.

The group has generated notable successes, especially with the Na Tcha temples. Na Tcha, a child god popular in southern China, is a symbol of filial piety and loyalty, with a special compassion for children. In ancient times, in the instance of an epi-



A parade was organized on Friday to celebrate the anniversary of the Na Tcha Temple and also the birth of Na Tcha, a character in traditional Chinese legends and myths

demic, people prayed to request the help of this young, mythical "prince".

In 2005, the Na Tcha Temple, together with 21 other local monuments located in a designated heritage zone in Macau's city center, was granted a UNESCO World Heritage Award. The 127-year-old small Taoist temple is located just a stone's throw from the majestic Ruins of St Paul's, a strong statement of Macau's East-West religious harmony.

Ip Tat, the 67-year-old administrator of the temple, stated, "I am overwhelmed by this honor. It made me realize that the significance of a temple is not measured by its size or age, but its inherent cultural value. The award brought additional responsibilities to us to preserve our cultural treasure well." Ip runs a transport and engineering business, but devotes much time to promoting his faith.

The Na Tcha Customs, which include all the worship activities and artifacts relating to the deity, were classified as an intangible cultural asset, first in Macau in 2012, then as a nation-

nal asset in 2014. "The Na Tcha faith has been practiced in Macau for over 300 years. There are several hundred Na Tcha temples across mainland China, Taiwan and Southeast Asia, making the god a great unifier of Chinese peoples from different areas," Ip explained.

Other temples have also experienced a strong resurgence, thanks to the annual Temple Culture Festival which was first launched in 2009. The two-day event comprising of parades, festivals, exhibitions and large-scale outdoor banquets attracted tens of thousands of temple visitors.

Fong Kin Fu, the 56-year-old director of the festival, said: "We want to educate the public about the history of different temples. Each has a unique story of its own and reflects China's long cultural history. We are not asking people to be superstitious, but to be aware of the rich heritage we've inherited." Fong, who runs a food business, is also the administrator of the Na Cha Ancient Temple, located on Travessa de Sancho Pança, which is hundreds of years older than the more famous award-winning temple.

Members of the older generation like Fong and Ip were brought up in the strong tradition of visiting Chinese temples. Fong remembers going to temples with his parents. Feasts and other celebrations were a source of great fun for the young boy, in an age with few forms of entertainment.

Ip, too, spoke of the old days with great fondness. "I went both to churches and temples, but it was at the latter that I found my faith. I read cartoon books of Na Tcha and was hea-

vily influenced by his character. I learnt from him to be grateful for what I had, even though I came from a modest family."

The annual two-day Na Tcha festival held in the fifth lunar month (around June) was especially exciting for young Ip and Fong. "Strong men carried the heavy Na Tcha statue while the dancing lion 'plucked the green' (jumped up to snatch a red packet attached to a piece

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of green vegetable). I took part in the parade, the sprinkling of sacred water and other rituals. It was a two-day event held outdoors, bringing good times to everyone and promoting social harmony," said Ip.

All these festivities came to a halt during the radical leftist days of China's Cultural Revolution in 1966-1976. Traditional temples, criticized as superstitious and feudalistic, were destroyed or closed down in mainland China. The ones in Macau were not damaged, but still ceased operation for numerous years. In the early 1990s, temples gradually and quietly opened their doors in order to distribute food and red packets during festival times.

In 1993, Ip was asked to take over the Na Tcha Temple from

the older generations. "One evening at the temple, thirty to forty elders sat together and asked if I wished to take over the administration. They wanted me to preserve and promote the Na Tcha faith. I felt like it was a big responsibility as everything was in shambles back then," he said.

Once the torch was passed on to Ip, he registered the temple officially as an entity to meet the needs of contemporary society. Next, he repaired the temple's decayed roof and walls.

In 2001, he and other religious leaders formed the Taoist Association of Macau, to provide a forum for all Taoist temples, as "the Taoism faith was disorganized and without any leadership," said Ip.

Then came Macau's UNESCO application to establish 22 monuments, the Na Tcha Temple included, as part of a World Heritage site. Ip recalled the many hours he spent informing a Japanese representative of UNESCO about his temple. One question posed to Ip was, "What would be your dream, to win the lottery or to spread the culture of Na Tcha?" It was an easy choice for Ip.

The UNESCO award encouraged Ip and other temple administrators to do more to preserve what is now recognized internationally as a cultural treasure.

In June 2011, Ip's Taoist Association organized a cross-straits event to celebrate the Na Tcha faith, with over 600 participants from China, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macau. One ceremony, called "snatching a floral gun", was performed – which had not been witnessed for fifty years, according to Ip.

To better promote their faith, Ip and his colleagues spent years establishing a permanent exhibition of Na Tcha near the temple. In July 2012, the one-storey, 70 square-meter exhibition hall was opened, one month after the Na Tcha Customs were officially listed as a non-tangible asset of Macau. Inside are relics such as the furnace for burning joss sticks, the red bucket for storing "sacred water" and wood blocks used to print prayer scripts. Some believers donated little statues of Na Tcha to the hall, a few dating back from over one hundred years.

While the preservation of the Na Tcha temples was proving effective, the state of other temples in Macau were declining, because of a lack of funds and proper management. Ip and Fong decided to reach out to all of the temples, via an organization formed in 2009, the Macau Temple Civilization. "There was

SEMINAR AND PUBLICATIONS IN CELEBRATION OF UNESCO LISTING

IN ORDER to celebrate the 10th anniversary of Macau as a UNESCO World Heritage site, the Cultural Affairs Bureau has organized a series of activities to be held on Sunday, July 12. These will include the opening ceremony of the "10th Anniversary of the Historic Centre of Macao as World Heritage – Exhibition on the achievements in safeguarding cultural heritage in

Macau", to be held at the Largo da Companhia de Jesus, at 10 a.m., as well as the "10th Anniversary of the Historic Centre of Macao as World Heritage – International Academic Seminar on the Conservation of the Cultural Heritage and a book launch ceremony", to take place at 11 a.m. at the Macau Tower Convention and Entertainment Centre – Grand Hall (4th floor).

temple tradition

little communication between temples. We said we'd start with ourselves; we wanted a platform to promote common causes," said Fong. The response was tepid initially, with only the two Na Tcha temples and one other temple joining. Still, they proceeded with the planned temple festival, even though they had to lose money in the first year.

In the second year, the Macau Government Tourist Office provided some subsidies, which

were used to print fliers, to set up an official website and to create various other activities.

Slowly, other temples joined as well. "To interested participants, we stressed the benefits they would enjoy in joining us. Ours is a platform to lobby for more support from the government and to promote cooperation between temples. We do not interfere in the administration of individual temples," said Fong.

This year, the organization had 14 temples and two religious associations present at the annual festival.

Fong said the festival, with parades, performances and other rituals, helps temples to generate revenue from visitors. It also helps to rejuvenate declining neighborhoods where many temples are located. "People from all sectors approve of our work and enjoy the performances," said Fong.

Since 2013, the organization has also been offering tours of some of the temples, with the support of the tourism office. The first year attracted 30,000

XINHUA



The Executive Council spokesperson Leong Heng Teng (center) was one of the invitees of the celebrations of the Na Tcha Temple anniversary

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visitors to the 19 temples participating in four specially designed tours.

In 2014, 23 temples took part and there were nine routes offered. A total of 50,000 visitors were recorded last year, many of whom received gifts for collecting enough "chops" stamped on the "temple passport" which had been freely distributed to them.

The tours were particularly popular with students and teachers who used the brochures

and fliers as teaching resources in classes.

The Macau Temple Civilization also organizes study tours overseas, through which members can learn how temples are run in other Chinese societies. Ip was inspired by what he saw in Malaysia. "The temples there used 80 percent of the funds they had received to build schools, charities and to carry out other non-commercial activities," he said.

When compared with temples

elsewhere, according to Fong, some temples in Macau are in need of improvement. "The management of some temples is stuck in the past. For example, there is the need to introduce a modern storage system for the many inflammable items lying around in temples. Fire prevention is far from satisfactory." In this area and others, Fong said his manner of organization can help temples to learn from each other.

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Puerto Rico governor says creditors should help solve crisis

PUERTO Rico's governor said last week that creditors are responsible for helping the U.S. island out of its economic crisis because they lent money knowing the government was running a deficit.

Gov. Alejandro Garcia Padilla also sought to clarify comments recently published in The New York Times saying he believes Puerto Rico's USD72 billion public debt is unpayable.

"What we're saying is, and I ask that you pay attention to the full sentence, that with the current level of economic growth, the debt is not payable," he told reporters, alluding to the island's nearly 9-year-old recession.

They were Garcia's first public comments since a televised address in which he announced that he would seek to postpone debt payments.

Garcia said he wants to talk with creditors about how to boost the economy with the money they are owed to help generate enough revenue to make payments under new terms.

"When they lent, they knew there was a deficit," he said. "That's why they're being called to the table for sacrifices."



A woman poses for a photo with a street performer in a Mickey Mouse costume in Old San Juan

Garcia has been meeting this week with government officials, business leaders, legislators and unions in a bid to create a long-term economic and fiscal reform plan to help get the U.S. territory out its slump.

"This is a very serious problem

that we have to address together," he said. "We cannot hide the reality from people."

Garcia has hinted he would announce additional measures in upcoming days to reduce costs and help revive the economy.

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GOV. ALEJANDRO GARCIA PADILLA

The government may seek to impose unpaid furloughs on its employees as one measure, said Sergio Marxuach, policy director at the Center for the New Economy, a Puerto Rico-based think tank.

But such efforts to jumpstart the economy could also impair it, Marxuach said.

"That may mean (government workers) will not have enough cash in that month to pay their

mortgages, or their credit cards or their car loans, so that will have an adverse effect on financial institutions, and finally, on their own consumption," he said. "The effects could be multiple and significant."

Garcia's administration is pushing the U.S. Congress to allow Puerto Rico's government and its public agencies access to Chapter 9 bankruptcy if needed. Investors have grown increasingly worried about the finances of several public agencies.

The troubled public power company made a \$415 million debt payment Wednesday, but it was forced to sell \$128 million in new bonds to do so.

Other agencies have multi-million-dollar payments coming up as well, and it is unclear whether those will be met.

"We're certainly entering uncharted waters," said Vicente Feliciano, a Puerto Rico-based economist. **AP**

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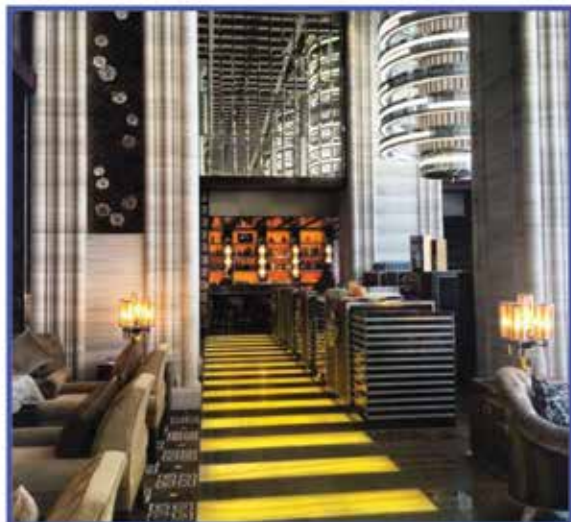


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Most Asian markets fall after Greek results, but China rises

Elaine Kurtenbach
Business Writer, Tokyo

ASIAN markets mostly fell yesterday as investors reacted to Greece's sound rejection of terms set by its international creditors, deepening uncertainties over its status as a member of the 19-nation eurozone. But Chinese shares rebounded after heavy losses last week.

The initial response to Sunday's Greek referendum was negative but not panicked; Greece's debt woes have long overshadowed the markets.

Japan's Nikkei 225 stock index was down 1.4 percent at 20,263.27 by mid-morning. South Korea's KOSPI fell 1.0 percent to 2,082.69. Hong Kong's Hang Seng index edged down 0.1 percent to 26,027.36.

But mainland Chinese shares jumped, recovering from their recent swoon after 28 companies agreed to postpone planned initial public offerings and brokerages pledged more than USD19 billion for a fund to stabilize the free-falling market.

The Shanghai Composite index surged nearly 6 percent after the market opened and was trading 4.4 percent higher at 3,847.34. The Chinese securities companies say they will continue to invest in the market as long as the Shanghai Composite, China's equivalent of the Standard & Poor's 500 index, remains below 4,500. It closed at 3,686 on Friday.

Referendum results showed 61 percent of Greek voters opted to reject the demand for further austerity measures in exchange for further bailout funding, which

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A man watches the trading board at a private stock market gallery

le 39 percent said "yes."

Economists said the markets were not expecting such a decisive "no" vote and that could send stocks downward yesterday and propel investors toward so-called "safe havens" such as U.S. Treasuries or other government bonds that are viewed as largely protected from market turbulence.

"The result was clearly a more decisive 'no' than the polls had suggested," said Pavel Molchanov, equity research analyst at Raymond James. "This couldn't be more bearish for equities and commodities alike."

"The 'Greferendum' has turned out to be a 'Grief-erendum' at many levels," analysts at Japan's Mizuho Bank said in a commentary.

Greece and its creditors are expected to try to restart negotiations on a financial rescue package for the country, but it is unclear what scope there is for compromise.

Still, the markets will likely be helped by the fact that the Eu-

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ANALYSTS AT MIZUHO BANK

ropean economy and European banks are in much stronger shape than they were in 2010, said Paul Christopher, global market strategist for Wells Fargo in St. Louis, Missouri.

"We think the market reaction is likely to be sharp at first but then reverse higher in the coming weeks, as long as Eurozone policymakers respond in a proactive way," he said.

Elsewhere in the Asia-Pacific, Australia's ASX S&P 200 fell 1.4 percent to 5,459.60 and New Zealand's benchmark slipped 0.8 percent to 5,794.73. Shares were lower in Taiwan, Singapore and Malaysia and were expected to take a hit across Asia and beyond.

Wall Street looked likely to have a rough start after the

Independence Day holiday on Friday, with Dow futures down 1.1 percent and S&P futures 1.2 percent lower. The Dow fell 0.2 percent on Thursday to 17,730.11 while the Standard & Poors index was little changed at 2,076.78.

A summit of euro zone leaders was due Tuesday to discuss next steps. While Greece's economy is relatively small, the vote could result in it abandoning the euro if the country must issue its own currency to alleviate a cash crunch.

The win of the "no" vote puts Greece in uncharted waters and markedly increases the risks of the country falling out of the 19-country euro currency union.

"It's going to be an ugly day for the markets," predicted Kathy Lien, managing director of FX Strategy for BK Asset Management. She said investors will likely be conservative going into the July 20 European Central Bank payment deadline. "This means more weakness for the euro and major demand for safe haven currencies."

In Asia, the euro was trading early yesterday at \$1.1044, down from its Friday close of \$1.1114. The dollar was little changed, slipping to 122.50 yen from 122.88 yen on Friday.

Peter Chatwell, senior rates strategist at Mizuho International in London, said the vote could spur investors to focus on safer bets for the time being.

"The strength of the 'No' vote in the Greek referendum comes as a shock to the market, and all safe haven trades should benefit," Chatwell wrote in a client note.

Oil prices fell, with benchmark U.S. crude tumbling \$1.81 to \$55.10 a barrel in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract fell 3 cents to close at \$56.93 a barrel on Thursday. Brent crude, a benchmark for international oils used by many U.S. refineries, fell 49 cents to \$59.83 a barrel in London. AP

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SHERATON MACAO WELCOMES ITS 'FIVE MILLIONTH GUEST'



A family of five from India chose Sheraton Macao Hotel as the place to celebrate the 10th birthday of their daughter, Sharanya Trivedi. And yesterday, she was crowned the 'five millionth guest'. The whole family received a welcome by Josef Dolp, Managing Director of Sheraton Macao Hotel, Cotai Central and The St. Regis Macao, Cotai Central, along with a very colorful cast of DreamWorks characters who danced and entertain-

ed guests in the hotel main lobby.

In honor of their visit, Sheraton Macao Hotel upgraded the family of five to a Presidential Suite; gave them free tickets to the brand-new DreamWorks Kung Fu Panda Academy; arranged a Shrekfast with the DreamWorks gang as well as lunch at Bene and dinner at Xin; and offered spa treatments at Shine Spa for Sheraton - all compliments of the house.

STUDIO CITY OFFERS PACKAGES FOR MICE VISITORS

The USD3.2 billion Studio City, Macau's new cinematically-themed entertainment and leisure destination, on Friday unveiled the first wave of its meeting, incentive, conference and exhibition ("MICE") packages.

Studio City offers over 4,000 square meters of indoor event space with flexible configurations, allowing meeting and event planners to host anything from an exclusive banquet to an international conference, with everything customizable to the theme of their choice.

The Grand Ballroom space at 1,820 square meters can be configured into up to three separate ballrooms with a total banqueting capacity of 650 people and cocktail capacity for 1,500 people.

Eight individual salons provide meeting and break-out spaces with extensive pre-function areas. Many of the salons offer views of the pool deck and have private outdoor terraces for coffee and lunch breaks.

Events can also be hosted outdoors in the Studio City Event Garden, which opens onto the tropical-themed pool deck.

"ULTIMATE REFINE" TREATMENT AT THE FORBES FIVE-STAR SPAS AT WYNN

The Forbes Five-Star spas at Wynn Macau have tailor-made a facial for the back treatment primed for the outdoor season.

Named "Ultimate Refine", the 90-minute journey begins with a deep cleansing of the back using a specialized exfoliation technique and polish, leaving the skin smooth and the tone even. Next is a healing massage that

incorporates kneading and pressure point techniques to alleviate water retention and eliminate toxins using a combination blend of pink grapefruit, juniper berry & rosemary essential oil that helps boost circulation.

From now until September 15, 2015, guests can enjoy the "Ultimate Refine" treatment at both The Spa at Wynn and The Spa at Encore.





Joe McDonald
Business Writer, Beijing

Small investors look for way out of stocks

SHARES in big state companies soared yesterday after promises of government action to halt a slide in Chinese stock prices but many others sank as jittery small investors tried to cut their losses.

The market benchmark closed up 2.4 percent but still was down 27 percent from its June 12 peak. That came after a group of 21 state-owned brokerages pledged Saturday to buy stocks. On Sunday, the central bank promised more credit to finance trading. Regulators have reduced the number of planned share sales to ease fears of a glut.

Shares of some state companies including PetroChina Ltd., Asia's biggest oil producer, and China's four major state-owned commercial banks rose by close to 10 percent. Trading of almost 900 other companies — out of a total of 2,802 on exchanges in Shanghai and the southern city of Shenzhen — fell by the maximum 10 percent daily limit permitted by regulators, according to the financial news website Hexun.com.

Millions of novice investors piled into the market as the Shanghai index rose more than 150 percent beginning late last year. Some made big profits but the slump has left many with shares worth less than they paid and hoping for a rebound so they can sell.

"I hope I can bow out of the stock market after I break

even," said Liu Yun, a Beijing schoolteacher who put 80,000 yuan (USD13,000) into the market since last year and now has shares worth 62,000 yuan (\$10,000).

A prolonged slump could jolt China's financial system and set back Communist Party plans to make its state-dominated economy more market-oriented and productive.

The reduction in the number of new public stock offerings announced Friday — to 10 in July from 28 previously planned — will hamper party plans for state companies to pay off debts with proceeds from share sales. Investor

There is still no sign the market will turn around, since investors' confidence has suffered a huge blow

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unease could hurt official efforts to encourage state companies to rely more on capital markets than on loans from state banks. Such anxiety also might set back government efforts to encourage the public to invest for retirement to ease demand for social spending in an aging society.

"I am down on the stock market for the coming two years," said Yu Xing, CEO of a company in the eastern city of Nanjing that makes streaming content for websites. He said he has lost one-quarter of his 400,000 yuan (\$65,000) investment since late last year.

The decline has wiped out about 15 trillion yuan (\$2.4 trillion) in market capitalization.

"The stock market decline will cause economic losses to investors and have some impact on social stability," said Guo Tianyong, an economist at the Central University of Finance and Economics in Beijing. "The government measures will surely play a role in stabilizing the stock market. But how effective they will be, we still need to wait and see."

The market boom took off after state media said last summer that stocks were un-

dervalued, which investors took to mean Beijing would prop up prices if needed. But the market has been less responsive to the latest rounds of government intervention.

Saturday's statement by the Securities Association of China said brokerages will buy so long as the Shanghai Composite Index remains below 4,500 points. It closed at 3,775.91 yesterday.

On Sunday, the China Securities Regulatory Commission said the central bank had agreed to provide "liquidity support" through the China Securities Finance Corp., which is owned by the commission and provides credit to brokerages to finance trading. It did not say how much credit the People's Bank of China might provide, but the commission announced plans earlier for a dramatic expansion in the finance corporation's capital base from 24 billion yuan (\$3.9 billion) to 100 billion yuan (\$16.1 billion).

Analysts say one factor driving the downward spiral in prices is that investors who bought shares with credit from brokers — known as margin lending — are being forced to sell to repay loans.

"There is still no sign the

market will turn around, since investors' confidence has suffered a huge blow," said Hu Huopeng, market strategist for Founder Securities.

"The blow to small investors is even harder, since the market dipped each time regardless of what the government did," said Hu. "The hearts of small investors have become very fragile and they should stay away from the market until it is totally stabilized."

The ruling party's flagship newspaper, People's Daily, tried to persuade investors yesterday to stay in the market in a commentary featured prominently on its second page.

"The Chinese economy can maintain long-term, high-speed growth and provide solid fundamentals for capital market development," the newspaper said. "We have sufficient capacity to maintain stable and healthy development of capital markets."

A prolonged downturn threatens to ruin interest in stocks among small investors.

Dong Tianyu, a consultant in Shanghai, said he and his wife invested 50,000 yuan (\$8,000) in stocks at the end of last year. They made a quick 50 percent profit but that turned to a 10,000 yuan (\$1,600) loss. Now, they are waiting for prices to rebound so they can sell.

"I will sell once our shares come back to 50,000 yuan, and I will not consider investing again," said Dong. "I am not optimistic about the stock market in the long run." AP

Athens enters uncharted territory after refer

Elena Becatoros
and Demetris Nellas, Athens

GREECE lurched into uncharted territory and an uncertain future in Europe's common currency after voters overwhelmingly rejected demands by international creditors for more austerity measures in exchange for a bailout of its bankrupt economy.

Results showed about 61 percent voted "no," compared with 39 percent for "yes," with 100 percent of the vote counted. The referendum — Greece's first in more than four decades — came amid severe restrictions on financial transactions in the country, imposed last week to stem a bank run that accelerated after the vote was called.

Thousands of jubilant government supporters celebrated in Syntagma Square in front of Parliament, waving Greek flags and chanting "No, no, no!"

Early trading on Asian markets indicated investors were alarmed, as stock indexes fell.

It was a decisive victory for Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras, who had gambled the future of his 5-month-old coalition government — and his country — in an all-or-nothing game of brinkmanship with Greece's



Supporters of the No vote celebrate after the results of the referendum in the northern Greek port city of Thessaloniki

Elena Becatoros, Athens

GREECE and its membership in Europe's joint currency faced an uncertain future yesterday, with the country under pressure to reach a bailout deal with creditors as soon as possible after Greeks resoundingly rejected the notion of more austerity in exchange for aid.

With Greek banks running out of cash and facing the danger of collapse within days without new aid, the government in Athens is racing against the clock.

In an effort to facilitate negotiations on a new aid program, Finance Minister Yanis Varoufakis, who had clashed with European officials in the bailout talks, announced his resignation yesterday.

But Greece and its creditors, who will meet again today to discuss how to keep the country in the euro, remain far apart on key issues, particularly the notion of

Tsipras looks to reopen bailout talks as euro fut

debt relief.

The country's banks remained shut for a sixth working day as the government tries to limit

In an effort to facilitate negotiations on a new aid program, Finance Minister Yanis Varoufakis announced his resignation

a drain of deposits despite limits on cash withdrawals at ATMs.

All eyes now turn to whether the European Central Bank will in-

crease the amount of credit the banks can draw on to make up for the cash drain. Analysts expected the ECB to not provide more emergency assistance yesterday, meaning Greece might have to tighten its limits on cash withdrawals and transfers from the current 60 euros (USD67) per day.

If the ECB does not increase its help to the banks, it will be impossible for Tsipras to keep his pledge to quickly restore Greece's banking system.

The Greek government has vowed to quickly restart negotiations with creditors in other eurozone countries and with the institutions that oversaw the country's bailout: the ECB, European Commission and International Monetary Fund.

Varoufakis appeared to be the first casualty of the vote's fallout.

With his brash style and fondness for frequent media appearances, Varoufakis had visibly annoyed many of the eurozone's finance ministers during Greece's debt negotiations.

Varoufakis said in a statement he was told shortly after the referendum result that some other eurozone finance ministers and the country's other creditors would appreciate his not attending the ministers' meetings.

The idea was one "that the Prime Minister judged to be potentially helpful to him in reaching an agreement. For this reason I am leaving the Ministry of Finance today," he said.

As for his European negotiating colleagues, he said of them: "I shall wear the creditors' loathing with pride."

A replacement was to be announced later yesterday.



Outgoing Greek Finance Minister Yanis Varoufakis is surrounded by media as he announces his resignation in Athens

Referendum 'no' vote



creditors from other European countries that use the euro currency, the International Monetary Fund and the European Central Bank.

"Today we celebrate the victory of democracy," Tsipras said in a televised address to the nation, describing Sunday as "a bright day in the history of Europe."

"We proved even in the most difficult circumstances that democracy won't be blackmailed," he said.

Tsipras called the referendum last weekend, saying a "no" vote would strengthen his hand to negotiate a better deal for his country. His government has said it believes it would be possible to conclude a deal with creditors within 48 hours.

But European officials and most of Greece's opposition parties painted the referendum as one of whether the country kept using the euro currency — even though that was not the convoluted question asked on the ballot. Opinion polls Friday showed that 74 percent or more want their country to remain in the euro.

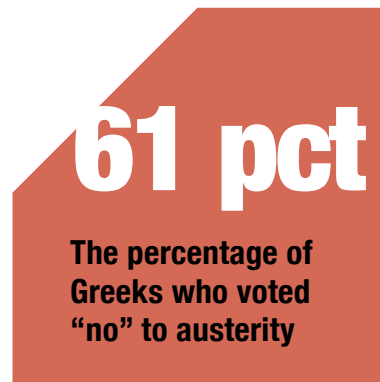
"Given the unfavorable conditions last week, you have made a very brave choice," Tsipras told Greeks in his address. "But I am aware that the mandate you gave me is not a mandate

for rupture." He said he would seek to negotiate a viable solution with the country's creditors.

Besieged by a prolonged recession, high unemployment and banks dangerously low on capital, Greece defaulted on an IMF loan repayment last week, becoming the first developed nation to do so.

Now some analysts wonder if Greece is so starved of cash that it could be forced to start issuing its own currency and become the first country to leave the 19-member eurozone, established in 1999.

Tsipras was elected in January on promises to repeal the austerity demanded in return for its bailout and negotiations broke down late last month after dragging on unsuccessfully for five months. **AP**



Future in doubt



With his high-stakes gamble to call a referendum with just a week's notice, Tsipras aimed to show creditors that Greeks, whose economy has been shattered and who face spiraling unemployment and poverty, have had enough and that the austerity prescribed isn't working.

But everything hinges on European reaction. A eurozone summit was hastily called for this afternoon to discuss the situation.

European officials appear to be split on a key demand by Greece to have the burden of its bailout loans be made more manageable.

France's finance minister, Michel Sapin, indicated that discussing Greece's debt is not taboo, saying the country could not recover with its current obligations "in the months and years to come."

Sapin also called for the ECB to maintain liquidity assistance to Greek banks.

Germany, however, remains reluctant to discuss debt forgiveness.

Finance Ministry spokesman Martin Jaeger said Germany's "position is well-known ... a debt cut is not an issue for us."

More broadly, Chancellor Angela Merkel's spokesman said talks on a new bailout program for Greece would depend on what proposals Athens makes.

Steffen Seibert said Germany respects the "clear 'no' vote" by Greeks against austerity measures.

However, he added that "in view of Greek citizens' decision yesterday, the conditions are not there at present to enter negotiations on a new program." He said the "no" vote is a vote against the principle — still supported by Germany — that solidarity requires countries to make their own reform efforts. **AP**

In their own words: European officials react to the referendum

DUTCH FINANCE MINISTER AND CHAIR OF THE EUROGROUP JEROEN DIJSSSELBLOEM

The eurozone's top official says he still wants Greece to stay in the single European currency. Jeroen Dijsselbloem, who is also the Dutch finance minister, also says the Greeks want to keep using the euro. "That is their goal, and still mine," he said on his way into a Dutch Cabinet meeting yesterday in The Hague. "But we will have to see if it happens."

Asked if it was still worth talking with the Greeks after the referendum, Dijsselbloem said: "We will see. We are going to see in the coming days if there are still openings. But there are no easy solutions."

Dijsselbloem added that tough measures are still necessary in Greece. "And if the government and population reject tough measures then we get to a very difficult place," he said.

PORTUGUESE SOCIALIST PARTY LEADER ANTONIO COSTA

The Greek referendum result is giving heart to anti-austerity parties in other countries. Portugal's main opposition Socialist Party, which will bid for power in elections due in three months' time, says Greece's troubles show that a new approach is needed to the eurozone's financial difficulties.

Socialist leader Antonio Costa said austerity policies are "wrong" and endanger European unity. A new focus on growth is needed to rid the eurozone of the deep economic differences between its 19 members, he said.

Like Greece, Portugal got a bailout, when it asked for 78 billion (USD86 billion) in 2011. Spending cuts and tax hikes have reduced its budget deficit but have increased unemployment and reduced living standards.

Portugal's center-right coalition government, which has staked its reputation on austerity policies to reduce the country's huge debt burden, made no comment.

COMMISSION VICE-PRESIDENT VALDIS DOMBROVSKIS

European Commission Vice-President Valdis Dombrovskis says Greece's 'no' vote "unfortunately widens the gap between Greece and other eurozone countries." Dombrovskis, who is the executive branch's top official for the euro, said authorities are "able and willing to defend the financial stability" in the eurozone if it proves necessary in the aftermath of the referendum result.

"We have all the tools necessary to ensure the financial stability of the euro area," Dombrovskis told reporters in Brussels. He noted that the market reactions "have been quite limited outside the situation on Greece."

GREEK EMPLOYMENT MINISTER RANIA ANTONOPOULOS

Greece's employment minister is signaling a conciliatory tone in upcoming talks with European leaders, suggesting that leaving the eurozone would be the worst possible option for the beleaguered country.

Rania Antonopoulos told the BBC that there is still time to get a deal. With Greece's future hanging in the balance, the country is running out of cash and is at



Dutch Finance Minister and chair of the eurogroup Jeroen Dijsselbloem

risk of a financial crash.

"There are still 48 hours, there is still this week," said Antonopoulos. "We will push as much as possible for an outcome, a result of these negotiations that does not obligate Greece to go in that direction."

SPANISH ECONOMY MINISTER LUIS DE GUINDOS

Spanish Economy Minister Luis de Guindos said his government is ready to talk about a third Greek bailout. De Guindos told a press conference in Madrid after the government's economic team met to discuss Greece's referendum result that everyone wants Greece to "stay in the euro."

However, he said "the rules for the euro remain the same as they were two days ago."

"I don't contemplate in any way Greece leaving the euro," he said.

The minister conceded the situation now was probably the most complex since the euro launched in 1999 but that the currency's irreversibility would be reaffirmed at the meeting of eurozone finance ministers today.

FINNISH FINANCE MINISTER ALEXANDER STUBB

Finland's finance minister says Greece will need to conduct extensive reforms no matter what happens next and says that "the ball is now in Greece's court." Alexander Stubb said on his website yesterday that's it up to the Greek government to decide what Sunday's referendum vote against creditors' previous proposals means in practice. He stressed that "the instruments and rules for the stabilization of the eurozone remain unchanged."

Stubb says that the near future will be very difficult for Greece and mending the economy will require extensive reforms. He added that "negotiations can only be resumed when the Greek government is willing to cooperate and commit itself to measures to stabilize the country's public economy and implement the structural reforms required for debt sustainability." **AP**

Jim Gomez, Manila

CHINA is standing pat on its decision to reject arbitration by an international tribunal that will begin formal hearings this week to resolve a long-seething feud with the Philippines over the South China Sea, Beijing's ambassador to Manila said yesterday.

The five-member tribunal starts hearings in The Hague today to address China's contention that the arbitration body does not have authority to assume jurisdiction over Manila's complaint against Beijing.

A high-level delegation that includes the Philippines' solicitor-general and the heads of the foreign, defense and justice departments, along with Washington-based lawyers hired by Manila, have flown to The Hague to argue the Philippines' case.

The days-long hearings are crucial because the Philippines' complaint against China could no longer be heard if the tribunal declares it has no jurisdiction over the case.

Chinese Ambassador Zhao Jianhua told reporters in Manila that his government would stick to its decision not to participate in the arbitration and instead renewed China's offer to resolve the conflict through one-on-one negotiations with

Beijing to snub arbitration hearing on feud with Philippines



Protesters carry placards as they march in a Philippines Independence Day rally toward the Chinese Consulate in the financial district of Makati city east of Manila, Friday June 12

the Philippines.

"Our position is consistent. We'll not accept nor participate in the arbitration," Zhao said. "Our door for bilateral consultation and negotiation is still open and will be open forever."

Responding to a question

from a reporter, Zhao reiterated that China would never start a war with the Philippines over the long-contested territories. "I cannot imagine that China would wage a war against the Philippines over what is happening in the South China Sea. It

is not China's policy and will not be China's policy," he said.

The Philippines brought its disagreements with China to international arbitration in January 2013, a year after Chinese coast guard ships took effective control of the disputed Scarborough Shoal following a tense standoff with Filipino ships. Manila's bold move has angered Beijing and strained relations.

Chinese coast guard ships have since been driving away Filipino and other fishermen from the shoal, at times using water cannons in actions that the Philippine government has condemned and protested, Filipino officials said.

In its complaint, the Philippines asked the tribunal to declare China's so-called "nine-dash line" territorial claim over much of the South China Sea invalid under the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

The Philippine government has also asked the tribunal to

declare the extent of territorial waters that can be accorded to at least eight islands, reefs and atolls under Chinese control in the disputed territory in a bid to limit Beijing's reach in scattered areas of it.

Brunei, Malaysia, Taiwan and Vietnam also have territorial claims in the contested waters, which are among the world's busiest. Tensions flared in recent months after the Philippines and other claimant countries discovered that China had undertaken massive island-building in seven reefs and atolls in a disputed region called the Spratlys.

Washington and several other governments have expressed alarm and asked Beijing to stop the massive off-shore construction. But China has argued that it has a right to undertake any activity in territories it says it has owned since ancient times, adding that the artificial islands would benefit fishermen but would also be used for China's defense. AP

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PHILIPPINES

Foreigner tests positive for MERS virus

A 36-year-old foreigner who arrived in the Philippines from the Middle East is under quarantine after testing positive for the MERS virus, health officials said yesterday.

Philippine Health Secretary Janette Garin said several people the foreigner had come in close contact with have been traced. She said one of them, a Filipino woman exhibiting mild symptoms, had been isolated and that her test results were being awaited.

At least seven other people who had close contact with the patient were under home quarantine.

The patient's home country was not immediately disclosed.

It's the second confirmed case of Middle East respiratory syndrome in the Philippines. In February, a Filipino nurse tested positive for MERS after arriving home from Saudi Arabia. She was cleared of the virus the same month.

In the latest case, the patient arrived in the Philippines on June 19 from Saudi Arabia but



People arriving Thailand walk by a thermal scanner that detects people who have a fever at Suvarnabhumi Airport in Bangkok

also stayed in Dubai. He left on a second trip while not yet exhibiting any symptoms and came

back to the Philippines, said officials, who did not want to disclose where the patient went.

The patient developed a fever and cough on June 30, the health department said. He sought

medical care on July 2, tested positive for the MERS virus on July 4 and was transferred to the government's Research Institute for Tropical Medicine facility.

Garin said around 200 passengers who were on the second flight with him were being traced.

Lyndon Lee-Suy, the health department spokesman, said 19 other close contacts of the foreigner were still being traced.

President Benigno Aquino III has tasked the health department to tighten surveillance and quarantine measures at ports of entry and to ensure prompt reporting by all patients who show symptoms of the disease for immediate isolation, treatment and contact tracing, said his spokesman Herminio Coloma.

MERS has killed 33 people in South Korea, where 186 cases have been confirmed, according to the World Health Organization. It is the biggest outbreak outside the Middle East region, where the virus was first seen in 2012 in Saudi Arabia. **AP**

MALAYSIA

'I am not a thief,' Razak says

Shamim Adam

MALAYSIAN Prime Minister Najib Razak rejected accusations he misappropriated funds as he faces his biggest crisis since coming to power in 2009.

A task force is investigating a money trail that allegedly showed funds ending up in Najib's bank accounts, a claim he says is political sabotage. "I am not a thief," Najib told reporters on Sunday. "I am not a traitor and will not betray Malaysians and Malaysia."

Whether Najib, 61, can withstand the scandal depends in large part on the backing within his own party, given the opposition coalition recently split and is in disarray. Some ministers have publicly voiced support, though his deputy has called for the claims to be probed, and former leader Mahathir Mohamad has urged him for months to stand aside.

About USD700 million may have moved through government agencies, banks and companies linked to a state investment company before apparently appearing in the accounts, the Wall Street Journal reported July 3, citing documents from a government probe. Najib chairs the advisory board of the debt-ridden Malaysia Development Bhd.



Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak arrives for a Ramadan breakfast at a mosque in Semenyih outside Kuala Lumpur, on Sunday

Najib's approval rating fell to 44 percent in January from 48 percent in October, according to a survey conducted by the Merdeka Center for Opinion Research that month. Rising living costs and concern ahead of the introduction of a new consumption tax in April contributed to the decline.

For months Najib has resisted calls from Mahathir to step down over 1MDB, which accumulated debt of 41.9 billion ringgit (\$11 billion) in a period of less than

five years since it was set up. Mahathir has said that Najib has lost the trust of Malaysians, and their party would lose the next general election if he stays as leader. 1MDB on Friday denied it had funneled funds to Najib, rejecting reports that investigators believed they had found such a money trail. The prime minister said he had never taken funds for personal gain and documents on which the Wall Street Journal report is based were doctored. **Bloomberg**

SINGAPORE

Teen blogger Amos Yee free after sentencing

A Singapore teenager who was found guilty of wounding religious feelings will walk free after being sentenced to jail time already served, the BBC reported yesterday.

According to the UK-based news site, Amos Yee, 16, posted a video critical of the late PM Lee Kuan Yew days after his death in March, comparing him to Jesus Christ and disparaging both. He also posted an obscene cartoon of Lee and former UK PM Margaret Thatcher.

Yee's lawyer said the teenager, who had pleaded not guilty, would appeal against both conviction and sentence, the BBC reported.

The court sentenced Yee to four weeks of imprisonment from 2 June, which means he can be released immediately having already spent 50 days in remand.

The broadcaster quoted Judge Javender Kaur as saying that the offences "were not serious in nature but not trivial either".

Yee's video, titled Lee Kuan Yew is Finally Dead!, was posted on 23 March. He subsequently posted an obscene cartoon of Lee and Thatcher on his blog in an apparent reference to their close political relationship.

Authorities arrested him after at least 30 people filed police reports.

Yee was charged with spreading obscene images, offending religious groups and harassment. The latter charge was dropped.

Singapore has strict hate speech laws particularly on race and religion. The video also came days after the death of Lee Kuan Yew, the founding father of Singapore, amid nationwide mourning.

The case sparked public debate in the city-state about censorship and the reaction by the government drew criticism from human rights groups.

Yee was facing a maximum penalty of three years in prison for wounding racial or religious feelings and three months for distributing an obscene drawing.

JAPAN

Heritage title for industry sites draws mixed reaction

Elaine Kurtenbach, Tokyo

JAPANESE officials yesterday celebrated the U.N. cultural body's approval of world heritage status for 23 historic sites showing the country's transformation from feudal isolation into an industrial power at the end of the 19th century.

Seoul portrayed the decision as a diplomatic win after Japan also agreed to acknowledge its history of forcing tens of thousands of South Koreans, Chinese and World War II prisoners of war to work at dozens of factories, mines and other industrial facilities, conscripted to fill labor shortages especially toward the end of the war. China called for a better accounting from Tokyo on its past forced labor.

Though the number of survivors is dwindling, some of those who endured starvation, abuse by their captors and bombardment are still seeking redress,



Tourists visit Hashima Island, commonly known as Gunkanjima, which means "Battleship Island," off Nagasaki

or at least apology.

Until recently, Seoul had objected to the listing by the UNESCO World Heritage Committee unless the role of Korean

prisoners forced to work at the sites during World War II was formally recognized. The two countries sparred for weeks but eventually reached a compro-

mise that finessed the issue. It is unlikely to entirely finish it, however.

"Japan is prepared to take measures that allow an understanding that there were a large number of Koreans and others who were brought against their will and forced to work under harsh conditions in the 1940s at some of the sites," the Japanese delegation said in a statement.

South Korean Foreign Minister Yun Byung-se said the country was pleased that the sites were recognized "in the form that takes account of our legitimate concerns."

"We have achieved our principle and position that historical truths must be reflected as they are," he said.

Japanese officials expressed their delight with the UNESCO listings, which include Gunkanjima, or "Battleship Island," a former coal mine on a fortress island off Japan's southwest coast.

Kenji Kitahayashi, the mayor of Kitakyushu, a city where the Yawata steel mill, which used thousands of forced laborers, is located, said the value of places that "became the driving force of Japan's industrial development has gained global recognition."

Japan's foreign minister, Fumio Kishida, said in a statement that Japan would "sincerely address the recommendations by the International Council on Monuments and Sites," which asked that Japan acknowledge that foreign workers were forced to labor at many of the sites and that its exhibits reflect the entire history of those places.

But Kishida emphasized that Japan had not budged in its stance that any issues related to compensation, including forced labor, were settled decades ago.

China's official Xinhua News Agency cited Beijing's UNESCO envoy as questioning Japan's recognition of that past.

"There still lacks an adequate account from Japan of the whole facts surrounding the use of forced labor," it cited Zhang Xiuqin, the UNESCO ambassador, as saying. She urged Japan to ensure that "the sufferings of each and every one of the forced laborers are remembered, and their dignity upheld." AP

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UK

Fans get a peek at Princess Charlotte at royal christening



Britain's Princess Charlotte is pushed in a pram after her christening

Sylvia Hui, London

PRINCE William and his wife, Kate, marked a milestone for their newborn baby Princess Charlotte on Sunday — a christening ceremony on Queen Elizabeth II's country estate that was steeped in royal tradition.

Hundreds of fans outside St. Mary Magdalene Church in Sandringham, cheered as William and Kate arrived with toddler Prince George and 9-week-old Charlotte, who was in a vintage pram.

It was only the second time Bri-

tain's newborn princess, who is fourth in line to the throne, has been seen in public since she was born on May 2.

Charlotte was dressed for the occasion in a replica of the intricate lace-and-satin christening gown made for Queen Victoria's eldest daughter, also named Victoria, in 1841. Until 2008, that original gown had been worn by all royal babies — including the queen — at their christenings.

Following royal tradition, holy water from the River Jordan, where it is said Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist, was used for the baptism.

Sunday's event saw William, Kate, George and Charlotte appear in public for the first time as a family of four.

The ceremony was private — the queen, her husband Prince Philip, Prince Charles and Kate's family were among a small group of guests allowed inside. Guests also included five godparents that William and Kate chose for Charlotte, including William's cousin Laura Fellowes, Kate's cousin Adam Middleton, and three of the couple's friends. **AP**

NIGERIA

Bombs at mosque, restaurant kill 51

Ahmed Mohammed, Jos

TWO bombs blamed on the Islamic extremist group Boko Haram exploded at a crowded mosque and an elite Muslim restaurant in Nigeria's central city of Jos, killing 51 people, officials said yesterday.

Sixty-seven other people were wounded in the attacks Sunday night and were being treated at hospitals, said National Emergency Management Agency coordinator Abdussalam Mohammed.

The explosion at the Yantaya Mosque came as leading cleric Sani Yahaya of the Jama'atu Izalatul Bidia organization, which preaches peaceful co-existence of all religions, was addressing a crowd during the Muslim holy month of Ramadan, according to survivors who spoke on condition of anonymity for fear of reprisals.

Another bomb exploded at



People gather at the site of suicide bomb attack at Redeem Christian church in Potiskum

Shagalinku, a restaurant patronized by state governors and other elite politicians seeking specialties from Nigeria's mainly Muslim north.

Jos is a hotspot for violent religious confrontations, located in the center of the country where Nigeria's majority Muslim north and mainly Christian

south collide. The city has been targeted in the past by bomb blasts claimed by Boko Haram extremists that have killed hundreds of people.

Sunday's attacks are the latest in a string blamed on Boko Haram that have killed more than 200 people over the past week in northeast Nigeria. **AP**

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Offbeat

HEAVEN SCENT: FINDING MAY HELP RESTORE FRAGRANCE TO ROSES



Shakespeare said a rose by any other name would smell as sweet. In fact, many kinds of roses today have little fragrance. But a new discovery might change that.

A study of roses that do have a strong scent revealed a previously unknown chemical process in their petals. It's key to their alluring odor.

Experts said the finding might let scientists restore a pleasing scent to rose varieties that have lost it because of breeding for traits like color or longevity.

French scientists identified a gene that's far more active in a heavily scented kind of rose than in a type with little odor. This gene, which produces an enzyme, revealed the odor-producing process.

Results are reported in a study released last week by the journal Science.

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03 Jul - 8 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

TERMINATOR: GENISYS
ROOM 2
(2D) 2.30, 4.45, 9.30pm
(3D) 7.15
Director: Alan Taylor
Starring: Arnold Schwarzenegger, Jason Clarke, Emilia Clarke
Language: English (Chinese)
Duration: 120min

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
(4 - 5 JUL) 2.30, 9.30 pm
Director: Thomas Vinterberg
Starring: Carey Mulligan, Matthias Schoenaerts
Language: English (Chinese)
Duration: 94min

MINIONS
ROOM 3
(4 - 5 JUL) 4.45, 7.30 pm
Director: Pierre Coffin, Kyle Balda
Language: Cantonese (Chinese/English)
Duration: 91min

MACAU TOWER

02 Jul - 15 Jul

TERMINATOR: GENISYS
2.30, 4.45, 7.15, 9.30 pm
Director: Alan Taylor
Starring: Arnold Schwarzenegger, Jason Clarke, Emilia Clarke
Language: English (Chinese)
Duration: 125min



this day in history



1985 BORIS BECKER WINS WIMBLEDON AT 17

A West German teenager has become the youngest ever player to win the Wimbledon tennis tournament.

Boris Becker, a 17-year-old unseeded outsider before the tournament began, raised the coveted silver trophy above his head to rapturous applause on centre court.

Becker is also the first German ever to win the title, and the first unseeded player.

He had dominated the match from the start, taking just three hours and 18 minutes to overpower eighth-seeded Kevin Curren, a South-African-born American.

The match was a dramatic clash in the brilliant sunshine, made more spectacular by Becker's flamboyant style.

His massive serve sent balls scorching across the net. He scored 21 aces to Curren's 19.

Becker also has a habit of flinging himself around the court, diving headlong for volleys and baseline shots.

For half a set he played with his shirt caked in dirt after one particularly spectacular fall.

The final result was 6-3, 6-7, 7-6, 6-4.

"This is going to change tennis in Germany," he said after the match. "I am the first Wimbledon winner and now they have an idol."

After his defeat, Kevin Curren said he thought the game would see an increase in the number of successful young players, and predicted they would have more intense, but shorter, careers.

There was some speculation that Curren had been unnerved by Becker's openly aggressive style.

The young player sent a hostile stare to his opponent before and after points, and in the final caught Curren's shoulder as they passed when changing ends.

But Becker defended his tactics, saying "I'm going on court to win, to fight, to do what I can."

Becker has had a brief but brilliant career. He began playing tennis aged eight, and by 12 years old was concentrating almost wholly on the game.

He won the West German junior championship aged 15 and was runner-up in the US junior championship.

Last January he took the Young Masters tournament in Birmingham, and won his first Grand Prix tournament at Queen's just three weeks ago.

He has won 28 of his 39 matches this year, and is expected to lead West Germany in the Davis Cup against the United States next month.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

Boris Becker won the Wimbledon men's singles championship again the following year, and for a third time in 1989.

He won a total of six grand slam titles in his career, and in 1991 was ranked world number one.

His attacking style of tennis, based around a massive serve and dramatic, diving volleys defined men's tennis for years and is still emulated on court today.

He retired from professional tennis in 1999, after an emotional return to Wimbledon in which he lost in the fourth round. However, a number of public scandals have kept him in the public eye.

After a messy divorce from his wife Barbara in January 2001, he admitted he had fathered a baby girl by Russian model Angela Ermakova.

Then in October 2002 he was given a two-year suspended sentence for failing to pay 1.7 million euros (\$1.7m) in tax. As a result, much of his fortune, estimated at 150m euros (\$146.5m) during his career, is believed to have melted away on child support and divorce payments.

YOUR STARS

Aries
Mar. 21-Apr. 19
You've got to keep both feet on the ground today — but it's hard! Your energy feels somewhat flat and diffuse, but that could actually make it simpler to keep your agenda fairly low-key.

Taurus
April 20-May 20
You don't have to convince people you know what you are talking about today — that confidence just flows naturally in the way you handle them. You make a valuable new connection as a result!

Gemini
May 21-Jun. 21
A simple task turns out to be maddeningly difficult today — but you can't just walk away! See if you can get assistance or at least a fresh perspective on the problem before you blow up.

Cancer
Jun. 22-Jul. 22
An on-the-job incident — or maybe a problem with an old employer — flares into something bigger than you had anticipated. It's not that hard to solve it, but it does take time.

Leo
Jul. 23-Aug. 22
Your ego is more trouble than it's worth today, so do whatever it takes to move beyond petty concerns. You can succeed wildly if you just find a way to approach the problem with a clear mind.

Virgo
Aug. 23-Sept. 22
It may be hard for you to unleash your full creative powers — but it's all thanks to one tiny problem. Once that's solved, you can get back to the most important matters at hand.

Libra
Sep. 23-Oct. 22
A supervisor or client has concerns that may set you back today — but don't fight it. If you're between jobs, you may lose some ground, but it's strictly temporary. Things are almost where they need to be!

Scorpio
Oct. 23 - Nov. 21
Try not to get too caught up in how things ought to be — you can tell that the actual situation is working out really well for you! See if you can get your friends to back you up.

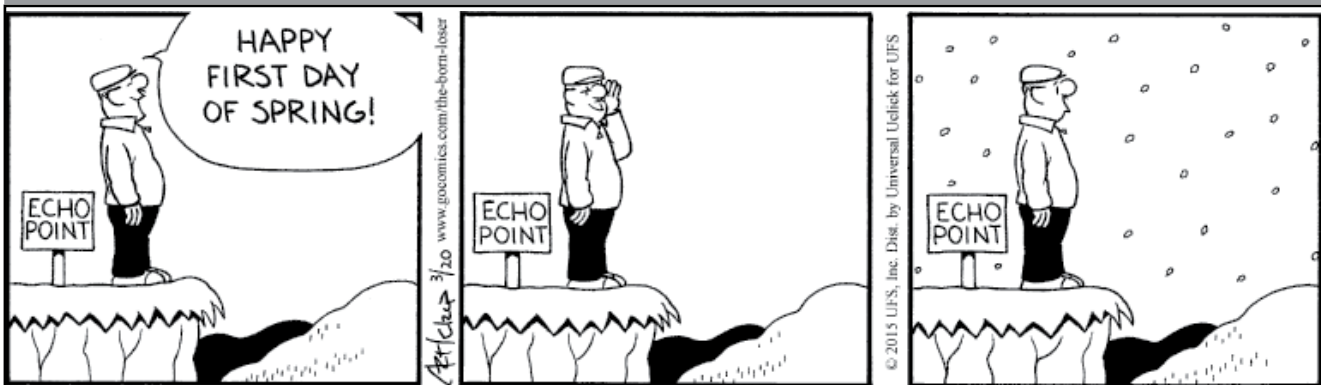
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Nov. 22-Dec. 21
Save money on food and other essentials today — try not to eat out, make sure that you're not wasting anything you might need later and just generally remain as frugal as possible.

Capricorn
Dec. 22-Jan. 19
It's a really good time for you to push yourself — you get results back from a test or important project that should be cause for deep optimism! Keep the momentum up and you could really go places.

Aquarius
Jan. 20-Feb. 18
Don't let yourself become a target at work — or you may end up with ten times more than you can handle! It's one of those days when it's best to just keep your head down and hope for quitting time to come early.

Pisces
Feb. 19-Mar. 20
Your colleagues are looking for help — but they've got a lot to offer you, too! It may be a good time to connect with someone who can help you get that new job you've been craving.

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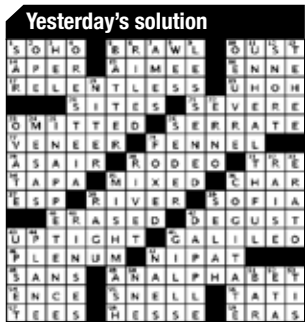
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Shanghai	20	25	shower/moderate rain
Wuhan	20	28	drizzle/cloudy
Hangzhou	18	28	moderate rain
Taipei	27	32	drizzle/cloudy
Guangzhou	26	33	thundershower
Hong Kong	27	29	drizzle/cloudy
WORLD			
Moscow	17	21	cloudy
Frankfurt	11	36	drizzle
Paris	12	29	overcast/drizzle
London	12	20	overcast/drizzle
New York	21	27	moderate rain

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Declare earnestly; 11- Savoir-faire; 15- Verse of four feet; 16- Get an ___ effort; 17- Lacking a body cavity; 18- Hint; 19- Silent; 20- Ike's WWII command; 21- Primitive form of wheat; 23- Caesar's wings; 25- Big time; 27- As ___ resort; 28- "Of course!"; 30- Larval stage of a lamprey; 33- Rudner and Moreno; 35- Shopaholic's delight; 36- ___ del Sol; 38- Emerson's middle name; 41- Missile holder; 43- Plant life; 45- Replant trees; 49- Surrealist Max; 51- Photo finish?; 52- Trauma ctrs.; 54- Benefit; 55- Open dish; 58- ___ Lingus; 60- West of Hollywood; 61- Fertility goddess of Egypt; 62- Becoming swollen; 65- Feminist Lucretia; 66- Admission; 67- One-named singer; 68- Hostile meeting;

DOWN: 1- Cossack chief; 2- Worldly; 3- Pertaining to the mouth; 4- Bard's preposition; 5- Low-lying region; 6- Engage in histrionics; 7- Sucking fish; 8- One ___ time; 9- Mal de ___; 10- ___ saw Elba; 11- Equipment for fishing; 12- Financially solvent; 13- Direction taken; 14- Lott of Mississippi; 22- Balloon car; 24- Prefix with plasm; 26- Early hrs.; 29- Cushion for kneeling; 31- Big mouth; 32- Lemony Snicket's evil count; 34- Recipe word; 37- Ginger ___; 39- Actress Diana; 40- Embellishment; 42- Sweet suffix; 44- Obliquely; 45- Logic; 46- Animosity; 47- Festival; 48- Calamitous; 50- Move unsteadily; 51- Dirt; 53- Look after; 56- ___-Tass (Russian news agency); 57- Au naturel; 59- Queue after Q; 63- LBJ's successor; 64- Able to



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FOOTBALL

Carli Lloyd becomes Captain America for US women

FOR a brief time Sunday night (yesterday, Macau time), Carli Lloyd's Wikipedia page listed her position as "President of the United States."

More like Captain America. Lloyd scored three goals to lead the United States to a 5-2 victory over Japan for the team's record third World Cup title — and first since 1999.

Lloyd's hat trick came in the match's first 16 minutes. When it was over, the captain of the U.S. team collapsed to her knees and pumped her fists.

"I'm so proud and so zapped at the same time. It's a surreal moment," the 32-year-old midfielder said. "It's been amazing. We just wrote history and brought this World Cup trophy home."

Even the actual President chimed in with congratulations.

"What a win for Team USA! Great game @CarliLloyd! Your country is so proud of all of you. Come visit the White House with the World Cup soon," President Barack Obama posted to Twitter.

While winning the last three Olympic gold medals, the U.S. had struggled in the World Cup since taking the title at the inaugural tournament in 1991, and then again at the Rose Bowl eight years later.

Christie Rampone, the only holdover from the 1999 team, lifted the trophy with Abby Wambach, the 35-year-old former FIFA Player of the Year who has said this will be her last World Cup. Wambach was among the most vocal opponents of FIFA's deci-



Carli Lloyd

sion to play the tournament on artificial turf.

With FIFA President Sepp Blatter staying away from Canada during a U.S. criminal investigation of soccer corruption, the trophy was presented by FIFA Se-

nior Vice President Issa Hayatou of Cameroon, the head of African soccer's governing body.

Hope Solo won her second straight Golden Glove as top goalkeeper of the tournament. She played despite critics who

urged the U.S. Soccer Federation to drop her after she initially faced two misdemeanor counts of domestic violence from a June 2014 altercation at her half-sister's house, charges that were dismissed earlier this year.

Solo, who hasn't spoken to the media for most of the tournament, proclaimed simply: "We did it! Awesome!"

She was later quoted by FIFA.com as saying: "It feels so good. It was incredible. This is surely the peak of my career."

The title, which adds a coveted third star to the American uniform, also vindicated the USSF for its decision in April 2014 to fire coach Tom Sermanni, who had replaced Pia Sundhage the previous year, and replace him with Ellis, the British-born American who had been an assistant on the coaching staff.

Ellis' tactics and lineups were criticized early in the World Cup tournament when the U.S. offense sputtered at times. She shifted Lloyd to an attacking midfielder in the semifinal against top-ranked Germany and again in the final, and put 22-year-old Morgan Brian, the youngest player on her roster, in a defensive midfield role.

"When you go through a tour-

namment of seven games, there are peaks and valleys," Ellis said. "Players get hot, and you ride the players that are hot. For Carli, the attacking part of her game, she was doing tremendously well."

Lloyd had come up big before, scoring the winning goals in the 2008 and 2012 Olympic finals.

The Golden Ball winner as player of the tournament, Lloyd scored twice in a span of about 135 seconds as the U.S. led 2-0 by the fifth minute.

Lauren Holiday boosted the U.S. lead in the 14th, and two minutes later Lloyd made it 4-0 with an audacious 54-yard, right-footed shot from midfield that sailed over goalkeeper Ayumi Kaihori.

Japan closed on Yuki Ogimi's goal in the 27th and an own goal by Julie Johnston on an errant header in the 52nd. Tobin Heath scored two minutes later.

Lloyd's hat trick was the fastest in World Cup history — men or women — and Lloyd became the first American since Michelle Akers in 1991 to score multiple goals in a World Cup final. The only other hat trick in a World Cup final was when England's Geoff Hurst scored three times against Germany in the men's 1966 final at Wembley. **AP**

BASKETBALL

Big moves made, but dealing isn't done in NBA free agency

Brian Mahoney
Basketball Writer

LEBRON James is available. Marc Gasol, too.

That's two All-NBA first team members from last season still on the market, in case anybody thinks all the best players are gone after the first few days of dealing in the NBA free agency period.

Of course, nobody really believes either is leaving his current club, so teams will have to look at lesser names as they continue filling out their rosters.

LaMarcus Aldridge came off the board Saturday when he committed to San Antonio. DeAndre Jordan had already decided on Dallas, placing two of this year's biggest

prizes deep in the heart of Texas.

The dizzying days after the market opened last Wednesday were so busy that it feels there can't be many good options left, even though contracts can't even be signed until Thursday.

It's different than last season, when James, Carmelo Anthony and Chris Bosh, the marquee names available, took more than 10 days to make their decisions.

Action has moved more quickly this year, starting with Anthony Davis' extension in New Orleans that was agreed to just minutes after the market opened. But the dealing isn't done, and how teams fare in the coming days could pay off in June.

For as well as Cleveland did last summer when it signed James and later traded for Kevin Love, the Cavaliers still had holes in their roster that left them too short-handed in the NBA Finals after injuries set in. So they, like every team, are hoping to load up on low-priced depth.

Here are some other things to watch:

GO WEST: David West is still looking for a team after bypassing the \$12.6 million he would have earned next season in Indiana, and his low-post scoring and locker-room leadership should be appealing to contenders.

RESTRICTED REWARDS: Former top-five draft picks Tristan Thompson (Cleveland) and Enes Kanter

(Oklahoma City) are still available and both played well over the latter half of last season. But as restricted free agents, their clubs could match any offer, and probably would.

THE (J) SMITHS: After arriving during the season, Josh Smith (Houston) and J.R. Smith (Cleveland) played big roles on teams that made deep playoff runs. But there's just enough bad to go with the good stuff they do that it probably shouldn't be surprising that neither is signed yet.

DELLY, LINSANITY, AND OTHER WAYS TO GET THE POINT: Teams looking for help at point guard can consider fan favorites Jeremy Lin and Australian Matthew Dellavedova — though



Cleveland Cavaliers forward LeBron James, right, is guarded by Golden State Warriors forward Draymond Green

the Cavs can match an offer for him — along with veterans such as Mo Williams and Aaron Brooks.

OLD RELIABLES? Amare Stoudemire and Carlos Boozer can still put up good numbers even late in their careers, making them potential affordable options for teams looking for scoring forwards. Other veterans who might have something left include Drew Gooden, Tayshaun Prince and Andre Miller.

ARGENTINA, ARGENTINA: The Spurs are still awaiting word on whether Manu Ginobili will return for one more season. His Argentina national team teammate, Luis Scola, is also unsigned and could follow West out of Indiana.

HEY, THEY WERE GREAT IN COLLEGE: Jimmer Fredette and Tyler Hansbrough, who haven't found the success in the NBA that made them players of the year in university, are both hoping for another shot somewhere. **AP**

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Marc Champion

GREEK REFERENDUM WASN'T WHAT YOU THINK

The thumping win for Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras in Sunday's referendum is being celebrated as a moment of clarity – by core supporters of Tsipras's Syriza-led government in Athens and by hawks in Europe. But almost all the assumptions on which the two groups make the claim are false.

The first of these is that Greek voters have made it clear what they want. No, they haven't. This referendum is best described as an act of political felony. The government asked a question about two complex documents that amounted to: Would you like to feel less financial pain? This is a question that should never be put to a vote. Then the government sold an affirmative answer to that question as a route to reopen the banks, win a mandate that would force debt relief and keep the euro. What a shock: Voters said they'd like to feel less pain.

Nor have Greeks made it clear they aren't prepared to do what it takes to remain in the euro. The vast majority of Greeks still say they want to keep the currency, and if they had been asked to choose between that and the bailout terms, the result might well have been different. That's the clarifying referendum Greece should have had in 2011, or indeed a month ago. Now it's too late, and many in the euro area will see this as an opportune moment to cut Greece loose.

Another assumption is that Greeks will be better off once they're free of the euro, because they can finally devalue and export their way to growth. I doubt that very much, although I sincerely hope I'm wrong. This country got in trouble because its economy was inefficient and its governing elites, either corrupt or incompetent. Those conditions remain the same.

The euro area is likewise assumed to be better off without Greece. I suspect this may well be true for the moment. In the long term, though, what happens next may be deeply damaging. To force a Greek exit, the euro area will need to cut off Greek banks – there is no mechanism to expel a country. Then, unless Tsipras accepts bailout terms he has been resisting, his country would be so starved of cash it would have to print its own.

The result would be a bitterly resentful nation that believes it was first driven to penury and then deliberately forced into collapse by its supposed partners in Europe. The country would also be politically unstable, run for now by neo-Marxists, but probably soon by someone else. Bloomberg View columnist Mohamed El-Erian this morning warns of the potential for a failed state, and I don't think that is hyperbole.

The final false assumption about what's ahead is that Russia can't afford to bail Greece out and thus replace the EU as its primary ally. Russia has never had the slightest motivation to bail Greece out – its interest lies merely in seeing Greece outside the euro. So long as Greece was getting handouts to honor its debts and sharing a currency with Germany, its interests would always be hardwired to Berlin, Brussels and the U.S.-based International Monetary Fund, not Moscow. Once Greece has defaulted and returned to the drachma, those cords are cut. Russia has more than enough money to make a penurious Greece financially and politically dependent. It's already signed a potential pipeline deal with Tsipras. The suggestion by Russia's deputy finance minister that Greeks might accept rubles from Russian tourists might soon not seem laughable.

Greece is the anchor state of the Balkans, a region prone to conflict whose geopolitical future remains in post-communist-bloc transition. It has unresolved territorial disputes with Turkey and is one of the primary access routes for illegal immigrants to the EU. There's a reason U.S. President Harry Truman requisitioned \$400 million (\$4.2 billion in today's money) to keep Greece in the democratic camp, and developed the doctrine of the Cold War to justify it. That reason seems to have been forgotten.

The handling of the Greek debt crisis has been a disaster. Sunday's referendum has only added to the litany of bad decisions. And now, unfortunately, you'd have to be an inveterate optimistic to expect a good outcome.

THE BUZZ HIGH-TECH MARVEL THEME PARK CUTS SUMMER TOUR SHORT

The indoor high-tech traveling theme park "The Marvel Experience" has stumbled and will cut short its summer tour.

Producers of the show that includes 360-degree projections, holograms and a 4-D motion ride said its big debut in Philadelphia will be its one and only stop. The Chicago, New York and St. Louis legs have been cancelled.

Refunds will be available. No reason was given for

the show's abrupt cancellation.

It's another black eye for co-producers Michael Cohl and Jeremiah J. Harris, whose "Spider-Man: Turn Off the Dark" was a costly failure on Broadway. Hero Ventures, a Los Angeles-based entertainment company, and Marvel Entertainment also produced the tour.

The USD30 million show had previously made stops in Phoenix, Dallas and San Diego before being retooled for the current run.

NASCAR

Earnhardt wins rain-delayed Daytona ahead of Dillon's crash



Dale Earnhardt Jr. (88) crosses the finish line to win the NASCAR Sprint Cup

Jenna Fryer, Daytona Beach, Fl.

A horrific last-lap accident that left drivers fearing for Austin Dillon's safety muted Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s victory in the rain-delayed race at Daytona International Speedway.

Earnhardt crossed the finish line at 2:41 a.m. local time yesterday, filled with dread after Dillon's car sailed upside down into the fence then shot back onto the track. The car was on its roof and mangled when it was hit hard by Brad Keselowski.

The car tore down a section of fencing, debris scattered into the grandstands, and crew members from several teams raced to check on Dillon.

A stunned Earnhardt seemed speechless as he crossed the finish line.

"Oh my God. That looked awful," Earnhardt yelled into his radio.

Crew chief Greg Ives immediately radioed his team not to pull Dillon from the car.

"Whoever is in that win-

dow, if he's OK, do not touch him. Tell him to stay in there," Ives said.

Earnhardt continued to inquire about Dillon, who earned his first career win at Daytona in Friday's Xfinity Series race and is close with Earnhardt's family. The late Dale Earnhardt won 34 races at Daytona and Dillon was present for many of them as he grew up watching him drive for his grandfather, Richard Childress.

Earnhardt was killed in a 2001 crash on the final lap of the Daytona 500.

Earnhardt Jr. said after the race he had no idea who was in the car – it was torn nearly in half, its engine ripped from under the hood – but acknowledged being genuinely scared after the wreck.

"You are just on the verge of tears," Earnhardt said. "I saw everything in the mirror pretty clearly ... I just was very scared for whoever that car was. I didn't care about anything except figuring out who was OK."

"The racing doesn't matter

anymore."

The outcome was never in doubt as Earnhardt dominated the entire race. But as the pack of cars chased him on a two-lap overtime sprint to the finish, contact in the train sent Dillon's car sailing upside down into the fence.

Daytona President Joie Chitwood said four fans were treated by medical staff in the grandstands and one was taken to a hospital in stable condition.

Dillon was evaluated and released in Daytona's infield care center and said he had a bruised arm and tailbone.

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"I am just going to be really sore; it got my tailbone pretty good and my arm," he said.

The accident was similar to a 2013 crash in the Xfinity Series when Kyle Larson's car sailed into the fence, sending debris into the stands that injured 28 fans. Larson's car was destroyed as it ricocheted back onto the track. AP



Station	Air quality
Roadside	30-50 Good
High Density Residential Area	40-60 Good
Ambient	40-60 Good

SOURCE: DSI/MG

WORLD BRIEFS

NORWAY Nobel Peace Prize winner Malala Yousafzai, who was shot by the Taliban for asserting her right to an education, wants world leaders to spend more money to secure 12 years of free primary and secondary education for all children across the world.



IRAN-USA A day before the new deadline for a nuclear accord, Iran pushed yesterday to lift the U.N. arms embargo on the country as a parallel deal – a demand that the United States opposes as it seeks to limit Tehran's Mideast clout. Speaking on the eve of a belated target date for a complete agreement, a senior Iranian official said his country and the six world powers it is negotiating with are also working on a U.N. resolution that endorses any future nuclear deal.

SPAIN Tens of thousands douse each other with red wine to celebrate the start of the famed Running of the Bulls a day before daredevils take to the streets for eight straight days of sprints with hulking bulls at their heels.

ARMENIA Demonstrators who have been blocking a main avenue in Armenia's capital for two weeks say they will start moving their barricades closer to the presidential residence if the government does not cancel hikes in electricity rates. They set a deadline of yesterday evening.



ECUADOR Pope Francis has landed in Guayaquil, an Ecuadorean port city where he plans to celebrate Mass in a park. More than 1 million people are expected to attend Mass at the Samanes Park in northern Guayaquil. While in the city, Francis also plans to meet with members of his Jesuit order.

YEMEN A massive airstrike by the Saudi-led coalition targeting rebels hit a local marketplace in Yemen, killing over 45 civilians yesterday, security officials and eyewitnesses said.