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AUSTRALIA Johnny Depp's wife, Amber Heard, is charged with illegally bringing the couple's dogs to Australia — an incident that captured global attention after the nation's agriculture minister angrily ordered the pooches to get out of the country or face death.

PAKISTAN-INDIA India and Pakistan trade blame for a series of firefights and shellings over the past two days along their border in the disputed Kashmir region that killed five civilians and wounded nine people.

S KOREA's Supreme Court orders a new trial for a former spy chief convicted of directing an online campaign to smear a main opposition candidate in the 2012 presidential election.

IRAN's president has pointed to another possible windfall from the nuclear deal with world powers — his country may soon be able to buy badly needed new planes for its aging fleet, the official IRNA news agency reported.

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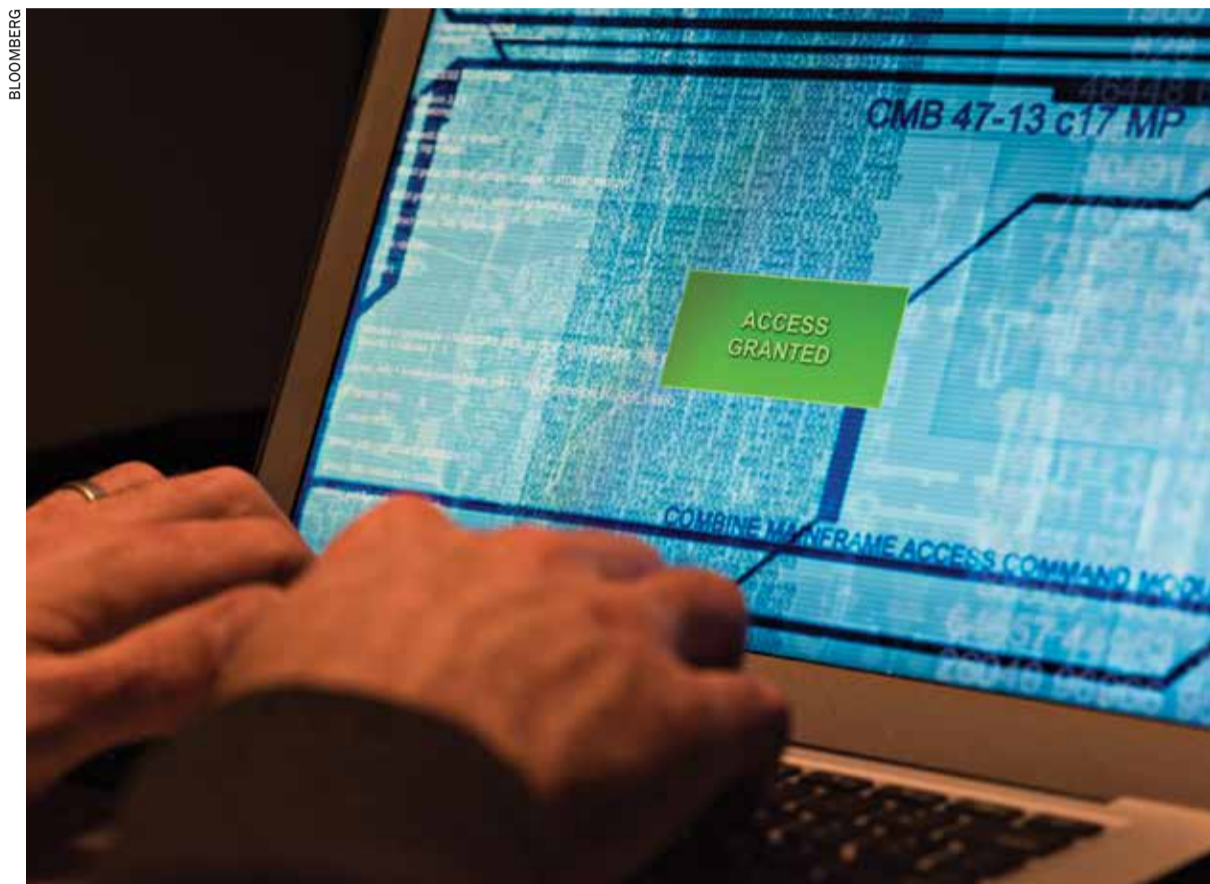
WIKILEAKS MACAU EMAILS

CCAC says investigations comply with the law

THE Commission Against Corruption (CCAC) has made assurances that all of its investigations comply with the law following reports that Macau's anti-graft agency had shown interest in acquiring cyber-surveillance software.

Emails recently disclosed by WikiLeaks indicate that the CCAC and the Judiciary Police (PJ) met in Macau with representatives of the Italian IT company Hacking Team (Singapore office) for a demo of the RCS (Remote Control System) technology. The system is often sold to law enforcement and national security agencies around the globe, allowing them to hack into targets' computers and mobile devices, and easily monitor them.

Emails exchanged between a CCAC employee and a Hacking Team representative in Singapore show that Macau's anti-graft agency had shown interest in acquiring the company's



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RCS software. They scheduled a meeting in Macau for a software demonstration, as revealed yesterday by newspaper Ponto Final.

The emails show that the CCAC representative suggested the meeting be held at the hotel where Hacking Team representatives would be staying: "Due to security concerns, we need to conduct the demo outside our organization. I suggest the demo to be held in the hotel

room you booked," the CCAC employee wrote.

The meeting is reported to have taken place in October 2013 at a hotel in Taipa. In an email sent by a security and defense technology executive based in Switzerland, and addressed to a representative of Hacking Team's Singapore Office, it is revealed that the CCAC was interested in monitoring smartphones.

"We are in a good position to

sell, as they are keen to monitor smartphones. But, from our previous sale, we know that they want to make sure they buy equipment they fully understand and are capable of using," the email reads.

Hacking Team's promotional material highlights its software capabilities: "Hack into your targets with the most advanced infection vectors available (...) Remote Control System: the hacking suite for governmental

interception. Right at your fingertips."

CCAC issued a statement yesterday stressing that its investigations fully comply with Macau's laws: "One of the main duties of the CCAC is to suppress and investigate crimes of corruption and related fraud crimes [occurring] within [the] activities of public and private sectors." The anti-graft agency added that "[The CCAC] is entitled to carry out enquiries and investigations deemed necessary to fulfill its goals."

As corruption crimes evolve, the CCAC says it needs to keep track of technological developments "from the perspective of detection and counter-detection."

In a press conference held yesterday, the New Macau Association (ANM) expressed "great concern over the jeopardy to privacy of all Macau citizens, as we may have been threatened by discretionary intrusion and surveillance from our government."

"My speculation is that it [the hacking system] serves to closely monitor activists, journalists and citizens. I can speculate that the PJ is trying to play the role of political police," said Jason Chao, who is currently a member of the association's board.

ANM said that it passed relevant materials to the Public Prosecutions Office, demanding that an investigation be launched into the Judiciary Police's use of spying tools along with possible law breaches.

The emails exchanged between Hacking Team's employees and Macau's security forces show no clear evidence that the CCAC or the PJ bought the surveillance system. However, an email sent by a PJ agent asks for help to install it. **CP**

THE New Macau Association (ANM) will be submitting a report to UNESCO this week claiming that the government has failed to protect the city's cultural heritage against threats triggered by urban development projects.

As Macau celebrates the tenth anniversary of its cultural heritage being listed as UNESCO World Heritage, the association has criticized the government for its "limited representations" of the

10 YEARS AFTER UNESCO LISTING

Report grills gov't over heritage neglect



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historic buildings' preservation.

ANM stressed that the authorities have failed to take action while the safety of the city's cultural heritage sites is threatened by further urban development.

"We told the government to take serious steps. It is their duty to not only pre-

serve the existence of the heritage, but to make it viable too, [allowing it] to have a relationship with the community and show the world its value," New Macau's Scott Chiang said.

ANM recalled, for instance, the intrusion of the new headquarters of the Liaison Office of the

Central People's Government, which is located at Guia's foothill and obstructs the view of the hill's outline.

Furthermore, members of ANM added that Penha Hill's outline might be in danger too, as higher residential structures are planned for the new reclaimed land Zone B.

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Tam visits Portugal to discuss educational partnerships

ALEXIS Tam is visiting Portugal and has met with the Portuguese Minister of Education, Nuno Crato, to discuss partnership projects between Macau and Portugal, particularly in the fields of special needs education and Portuguese language teaching.

During the meeting held on Tuesday, the Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture said that Macau is lacking technicians specialized in speech and occupational therapies.

According to a statement published by the Government Information Bureau, Mr Crato showed a willingness to initiate the cooperation project as soon as possible, and revealed that the recruitment process would be coordinated by the Ministry of Education.

During the meeting, Alexis Tam and Nuno Crato discussed their views on issues of mutual interest, such as a strategy to transform the MSAR into a training base of Portuguese



Alexis Tam and Nuno Crato

language for the Asia-Pacific region, and support for the Portuguese School of Macau.

Mr Crato, who visited Macau in April 2014, stated that the bilateral cooperation between Macau and Portugal is "essential," mentioning joint projects currently ongoing at the Macau Polytechnic Institute and at the University of Macau.

Alexis Tam's visit to Portugal included stops at the Macau Economic and Trade Office in Lisbon to learn more about the office's daily operation, and the Champalimaud Foundation, where he was briefed on the foundation's facilities, research projects, treatment center, cancer prevention and diagnosis methods, laboratory and other facilities for scientific investigation.

Mr Tam also met with the President of the Portuguese Association of Travel and Tourism Agents to introduce the Central Government Maritime Silk Road initiative, in which Macau is expected to play a special role in tourism.

Officials who accompanied Mr Tam in Portugal included the Acting Director of the Macau Economic and Trade Office in Lisbon, Ms Maria Gabriela dos Remédios César.

GAMING

Mega casino in Vietnam hopes to attract Chinese gamblers

ONE of the largest real estate firms in Vietnam has announced plans to construct a mega-casino resort in Haiphong. The resort island project will cater exclusively to tourists visiting Haiphong as locals are not permitted to gamble in casinos.

Vingroup pledged to invest USD870 million in the casino-resort, vowing also to create thousands of part-time construction jobs and thousands of full-time jobs once the casino-resort goes live. The project's construction is expected to commence this year and to be completed in 2020. Vingroup didn't confirm if it will be the sole investor of the project, or whether it will collaborate with other financial investors in order to raise funds for the project. According to media



A beach in Haiphong, Vietnam

reports, casino operators in Vietnam are making elaborate plans preparing to accommodate VIP gamblers from mainland China, as those players have lately avoided Macau amid president Xi Jinping's anti-graft campaign.

The planned mega casino-resort in Haiphong is one of the

venues looking to attract these VIP gamblers. The project will be constructed on 872 hectares and will include a 36-hole golf course that is expected to open before the end of 2016. The casino-resort will also have an amusement park, 1,116 ecological villas and a high-end cable system that will link the mainland to

Vu Yen Island.

Vingroup has taken on a number of large projects, including the Vinpearl Luxury Da Dang, the Vinpearl Nha Trang, the Vinhomes Central Park and the Phu Quoc and Hai Phong resorts. The Vingroup was founded by Vietnamese tycoon Pham Nhat Vuong.

RETAIL

Luk Fook sales drop in Macau, HK

HONG Kong-based jeweler Luk Fook Holdings has reported an 18-percent year-on-year drop in same-store sales in the first quarter ending June 30. The company said that the decline was due to the weak performance of operations in Hong Kong and Macau.

Luk Fook's gem-set jewelry dropped 18 percent during the quarter, with branches in Hong Kong and Macau specifically down 19 percent.

In contrast, same-store sales in mainland China surged 23 percent.

The Luk Fook store network had 1,397 points of sale as of June 30, 2015, including 1,253 franchise stores.

Same-store sales is a figure used to determine what amount of sales growth is attributable to new store openings, based on sales made by stores that have been open for longer than one year.



Architects advocate for Hotel Estoril façade preservation

Catarina Pinto

REPRESENTATIVES of the architecture, urban planning and heritage conservation sector advocated yesterday for the preservation of Hotel Estoril's façade, which will be revamped and turned into a youth recreational and art center.

The Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) held another briefing session to discuss the abandoned building's future, this time addressing architects as well as urban planning and heritage stakeholders.

Several architects and cultural heritage association representatives argued that the building's architectural features should be preserved as they have an important story behind them.

Rui Leão, vice-president of the Architects Association of Macau (AAM), said that the edifice should be preserved. "It's the first building of the modern era of architecture (...) it's from a time when Macau become a bit more progressive, allowing more people to have access to education, health..." he stressed.

Another member of the AAM said that it is important to preserve the building's façade, since on Tap Seac square there sit a lot of buildings with classical features, while Hotel Estoril has more modern features.

Architect Nuno Soares also advocated for the building's preservation, recalling that it was built at a time when Macau became more international and open. "It's not a masterpiece but it has its own merits. It's representative of its time, and was well designed," he said. He added that it would be a



Hotel Estoril's façade

good opportunity for Macau to handle the project bearing in mind a sustainable approach.

Another participant at yesterday's briefing session went even further to suggest that not only the façade should be preserved, but also its interior features.

A representative of the Association for Restoration and Cultural Heritage shared a similar opinion, stressing, "We need to take into account the building's historic value." "I believe that the hotel gathers all conditions to be fully preserved," he added.

The representative said that the association does not believe it would be a good idea to demolish the current structure and build a new one – which is one of the options on the table.

Architecture and cultural heritage stakeholders yesterday advised IC to also plan adequate transportation options in advance, in order to ease traffic conges-

tion and ensure smooth access to the building and the surrounding area.

Stakeholders also argued that IC needs to plan the building's revamp, taking into account surrounding facilities. They say it needs to be adequately integrated within its surroundings, and its functions should not overlap with other venues nearby.

Furthermore, architect Nuno Soares and other participants said that the government should launch a public tender for the design and conception of the revamp plan.

Whether or not to preserve the building's façade mural of a female figure was another question discussed yesterday. Architects and other stakeholders believe it should be preserved. However, IC president Ung Vai Meng acknowledged that the bureau has received varying opinions on the matter. "The education sector believes that the mural, because it features a naked woman figure, is not suitable, given that the building will be serving as a youth recreational center," he recalled.

Mr Ung presented yesterday what the structure's main functions would be after the revamp is completed. The youth recreational and art center will feature several facilities, namely a performing hall, a venue for the Conservatory, rehearsal spaces for performing arts groups, an indoor swimming pool, and a youth information service station.

The IC president also talked of the building's history. The Hotel Estoril was built in the 1960s and was the first hotel in which Stanley Ho began exploring a gaming concessionaire by setting up a casino there.

Mr Ung reiterated that IC will continue to hear opinions from the sector and the public regarding the revamp plans for Hotel Estoril before making a decision. He pointed out that this is an inter-departmental project, and after almost 10 briefing sessions, IC will be disclosing some of the main opinions gathered so far on its website, in addition to sharing the history of the building and its façade.

HOTEL ESTORIL HISTORY NEEDS TO BE PROMOTED

ARCHITECT MÁRIO

Duque believes that the history behind Hotel Estoril's architectural features should be further promoted, ensuring that ordinary citizens understand its value, Radio Macau has reported. Mr Duque points out that Hotel Estoril "is a modern building valued by any contemporary architect." However, he argues that there's a need to further explain the building's history and the importance of its architectural features to the common citizen. "If not, we would be contending with something that does not make much sense to most people," he concluded.

Tigerair partners with MGTO

Tigerair Taiwan, a budget carrier joint venture between Taiwan's China Airlines and Singapore's Tiger Airways, said yesterday that it has partnered with the Macau Government Tourist Office on a two-month travel campaign. The event began at the beginning of this month and will run through to August 31. It aims to introduce the region to Tigerair passengers. According to the carrier, the highlight of the campaign is an on-board special serving of pastel de nata, an egg tart pastry common in Portugal. The cabins will also be decorated with Macau-themed fittings, and passengers holding Tigerair boarding passes can enjoy discounted tickets for the show "House of Dancing Water." More promotional events will be held later this year.

St Lazarus illegal graffiti

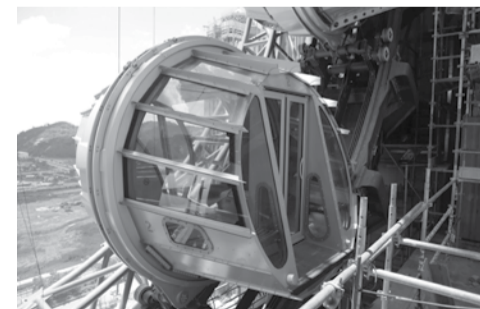


After discovering cases of illegal graffiti in buildings located in the St Lazarus neighborhood, the Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) issued a statement saying that it will ask the police to find the authors of the graffiti and request compensation from them. According to IC, inspections will be strengthened in order to protect Macau's heritage sites.

Anima roundtable on greyhound racing

The Macau Society for the Protection of Animals (Anima) is organizing a roundtable with animal rights activists who advocate for the ending of greyhound racing in Macau. The initiative will be held on July 23. Several international associations from nine countries and regions will gather to "discuss measures that may be taken worldwide to put an end to the exploitation of racing greyhounds," explained the president of Anima, Albano Martins.

Ferris wheel undergoing mechanical testing



The movie-inspired Golden Reel Ferris Wheel that is expected to become City of Dreams' "iconic centerpiece attraction," is now undergoing mechanical testing in Macau, according to Sina.com. The 130-meter-high ferris wheel will be located in the middle of the resort's twin hotel towers, and is said to be the first of its kind in the world and the tallest wheel in Asia. Studio City is Melco Crown Entertainment's USD3.2-billion new resort, which is currently under development in Cotai.



Aspect of yesterday's briefing session

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Netflix headquarters in Los Gatos, Calif.

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NETFLIX'S second-quarter performance followed a familiar script of accelerating subscriber growth that has turned the Internet video service into a stock market sensation.

The company added 3.3 million worldwide subscribers during the three months ending to end the period with 65.6 million customers. About 900,000 of the additional subscribers were signed up in the U.S., where Netflix Inc. now has 42.3 million customers.

The subscriber gains overshadowed a 63 percent drop in Netflix's second-quarter earnings as the company invested heavily in an international expansion aimed at making its Internet video service available throughout the world by the end of next year.

The subscriber increase announced Wednesday (yesterday, Macau time) was far higher than Netflix's management projected and represented the biggest customer gains during the second quarter since the Los Gatos, California, company began streaming video over high-speed connections eight years ago.

By comparison, Netflix picked up 1.7 million subscribers in last year's second quarter, traditionally a time

when the company has more trouble attracting new subscribers and retaining existing customers because people tend to spend more time outside with the onset of spring.

The stellar numbers provided another lift to Netflix's stock, which already has more than doubled this year. Netflix shares surged USD9.71, or 9.9 percent, to \$107.84 in extended trading.

If that run-up holds when regular trading resumes today, it will represent a new peak for the stock. The rally comes just a week after Netflix executed a seven-for-one stock split in a move aimed at making its shares more affordable to a larger pool of investors.

The second-quarter showing provided further evidence of Netflix's increasing clout in the entertainment industry as a steadily expanding audience embraces the concept of watching video whenever they want on Internet-connected devices instead of being confined to cable- and satellite-TV programming set to come on at a specific time.

"We see Internet TV rising around the world just as the Internet is rising around the world," Netflix CEO Reed Hastings said in a Wednesday interview. "It's just the latest industry that the Internet is transforming." AP

Uber fined USD7M for keeping info from California regulators

UBER picked up a hefty tab Wednesday (yesterday in Macau) when a judge fined the taxi-alternative's California subsidiary USD7.3 million for refusing to give state regulators information about its business practices, including when its drivers turn down ride requests and how accessible vehicles are to disabled riders.

The fine was part of a ruling by an administrative law judge at the California Public Utilities Commission, the regulatory agency that allowed Uber and its competitors such as Lyft to operate in the state as long as the companies reported aspects of their activities.

The judge agreed with utility commission staff who said Uber's California subsidiary, Rasier-CA, has not filed all required reports, specifically about how often it provided disabled-accessible vehicles, places where drivers tend to turn down ride requests, and the causes of accidents.

Uber's app allows passengers to request a ride directly from drivers in the area — and allows drivers to decline the request. The utilities commission wants to see whether drivers are accepting fares evenly.

Attorneys for Rasier-CA had argued that the company provided sufficient information to the commission. The judge acknowledged that the company provided some of the contested information but said it was not enough.

In a written statement, Uber spokeswoman Eva Behrend



A man leaves the headquarters of Uber in San Francisco

called the ruling and fine "deeply disappointing" and said the company would appeal.

"Uber has already provided substantial amounts of data to the California Public Utilities Commission, information we have provided elsewhere with no complaints," Behrend wrote, adding that submitting more detailed information could affect the privacy of passengers and drivers.

In a written statement, the utilities commission said Uber was the only company of its kind not to comply with the re-

porting requirements.

Uber has previously tussled with public officials. In Portland, Oregon, for example it had an extended disagreement with the city that led it to suspend operations. In France, Uber suspended its low-cost service following an escalating legal dispute and sometimes-violent tensions with traditional French taxi drivers. French authorities had ordered the service — called UberPop — shut down, but Uber refused, pending a legal decision at a top French court. AP

UBER TOPS TAXI USE FOR BUSINESS TRAVELERS, NEW REPORT SHOWS

TAXIS ARE losing business travelers to ride-hailing services like Uber, a survey shows. In the three months ended in June, Uber overtook taxis as the most expensed form of ground transportation, according to expense management system provider Certify. Uber accounted for 55 percent of ground transportation receipts compared with taxis at 43 percent.

corporate bits

MOME TV FIRST YEAR ANNIVERSARY O2O WECHAT CAMPAIGN

In celebration of the first year anniversary of Mome TV, Mome is launching an O2O interactive game platform with prizes.

From July 17th to August 7th, on Transmac buses with Mome TV installed, participants can link to the MOMEplay interactive game platform with their smartphones via Bluetooth and WeChat "Shake" function. By playing the game "Shout Out Loud" and filling in the survey, participants will have a chance to win prizes, including cash, five star hotel

packages, tablet PCs, smartphones, and bank gift cards etc.

"MOMEplay is a brand-new project of Mome. We ultimately hope to form real time interactive communications between personal electronic devices and TV programs," Joseph Chan and Joe Liu, directors of Mome, said. "By leveraging WeChat, users of MOMEplay not only have fun with interactive games and win prizes, but also enjoy discount coupons with digitalized redemption process."



DISNEY UNVEILS DETAILED LOOK AT SHANGHAI DISNEYLAND

On Wednesday The Walt Disney Company unveiled key creative elements of Shanghai Disneyland, including its six themed lands filled with world-attractions and live entertainment — many of them a first for a Disney park.

Disney Chairman and CEO Bob Iger revealed a scale model of the theme park and displays showcasing key highlights of attractions, entertainment, dining and hotels at a presentation held Wednesday at the Shanghai Expo Centre.

"We are building something truly special here in Shanghai that not only showcases the best of Disney's storytelling but also celebrates and incorporates China's incredibly rich heritage to create a one-of-a-kind destination that will delight and entertain the people of China for generations to come," said Iger. "We are taking everything we've learned from our six decades of exceeding expectations — along with our relentless innovation and famous creativity to create a truly magical place that is both authentically Disney and distinctly Chinese."

MGM'S GRAND IMPERIAL COURT SHOWCASES FRESH WILD MUSHROOMS



MGM Macau is presenting a Yunnan Mushroom feast at Grand Imperial Court in July, with seasonal fungi flown in fresh from Yunnan, China.

China is the world's largest producer of edible mushrooms. Renowned as the "Kingdom of Biodiversity", Yunnan is home to over 600 species of wild mushrooms. The best season for sampling these mushrooms is between the end of July and early August.

Using Yunnan mushrooms, Grand Imperial Court is presenting dishes including the Pan Fried Dace Fish Patty with Termité Mushroom, Marinated Matsutake Mushrooms with Fresh Cordyceps Flower in Scallion Oil and Wok fried US Prime Black Pork with Sarcodon Aspratus Mushrooms and Eggplant in XO sauce.

The menu is available for a limited period from July 20 to August 23.

REAL ESTATE MATTERS

The rental process for tenants part 1

- Finding a property

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Welcome to the first in a 5 Part series "The rental process for tenants"

In this series over the next 5 weeks we will cover:

- Finding a property
- Securing the apartment
- The process of moving in.
- The first week in your property
- Ongoing living and termination

Finding a great property to rent is a major headache for anyone, and it is especially difficult for newcomers.

There are so many different elements that determine what makes a property 'great'.

Everyone looking for a rental property has a different set of priorities, so the clearer you are on what is important to you, the easier it will be to find a great property to rent.

The first priority for every tenant before they go house hunting is to make a list of what is important and what isn't.

For example, most people are happy to rent a furnished apartment rather than invest money in furnishings themselves.

Again, if you don't plan to buy a car and prefer to rely on public transportation, being close to an

area where you can catch a bus or a taxi is a top priority.

You might need to find an apartment that takes pets if you have a cat or a dog. In Macau as well as many cities around the world, that one requirement instantly eliminates more than half of all apartments.

Deciding what is most important can be almost impossible for some of us, especially if there is more than one person involved and each has their own wants and needs.

As difficult as it is, prioritizing what you want in your rental apartment will make finding one you're satisfied with much easier.

Another effective way of finding a great property to rent is to ask friends and colleagues about the places that they already live in. Be careful with this though, they will tend to exaggerate the good points in order to justify living there.

If you're looking to rent an apartment in a new building, don't be afraid ask around to see if anyone else knows the property, the schools and parents are a good source of information for this.

Most people are very happy to share their thoughts on this, and many other subjects.

Obviously you also have Internet and can conduct research on a certain building or apartment development.

Bear in mind that no matter how respected or well managed something is, there are always negative views and comments some people who just did not enjoy their experience. It may have as much to do with the person as the property.

We suggest that you make a master list of questions and priorities the night before you see the property so that you avoid signing a contract and then end up regretting it a week later.

A Tenancy Agreement is a legal contract, and it is not something to be entered into lightly.

We also suggest using www.JMLProperty.Com as a good place to start searching of course.

Make sure you have done your homework, and hopefully you'll find a great property to rent in no time

Next week we look at how you secure the apartment you have found, by talking about what required in fees, deposits and documentation.

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Authorities probe detained South Africans over terrorism activity

Amogelang Mbatha and Christopher Spillane

CHINESE authorities are investigating at least five South Africans detained in the country over possible involvement in a terrorist organization, according to South Africa's Department of International Relations and Cooperation. "No charges have been posed officially at this stage but they are being detained and may be charged for allegedly contravening regulation 120 of the criminal law" of China, Nelson Kgwete, a spokesman for the department, said by phone yesterday. The rule deals with anyone involved in organizing, leading and attending a terrorist organization, Kgwete said.

Twenty South African, British and Indian nationals were held on July 10 at an airport in Erdos, Inner Mongolia, about 700 kilometers west of Beijing. The brother, aunt and uncle of Shameel Joosub, the chief executive officer of mobile-phone company Vodacom Group Ltd.,

were among the group taken into captivity. Six of nine British nationals held - including two with dual British-South African citizenship - have been deported, with the remainder still in custody, a spokeswoman for the U.K.'s Foreign Office said on Wednesday.

"We're still waiting for news," Joosub said in an interview at Johannesburg-based Vodacom's annual general meeting yesterday. "They have been accused of watching some kind of propaganda video."

The relationship between South Africa and China includes South African Airways' partnership with Air China, while China Development Corp. agreed to a USD2.5 billion loan to South Africa's state-owned rail and ports operator earlier this year.

South African Deputy President Cyril Ramaphosa, who is in Beijing for talks with ministers and business executives, said in a Wednesday statement it's best to let inter-governmental departments deal with the matter. **Bloomberg**

TIBET

Group: Lama's body cremated against family's wishes

CHINESE authorities cremated the body of a Tibetan lama in a prison yesterday against the wishes of his family, who had wanted to perform Buddhist funeral rites on the body in his hometown, a rights group said.

The New York-based Students for a Free Tibet said Tenzin Delek Rinpoche's body was cremated in a secret prison near the one in Chengdu city in Sichuan province where he had been held for the last 13 years.

Local police and prison authorities, contacted by phone, said they didn't know about the case.

Tenzin Delek died on Sunday while serving a life sentence on charges of financing and supporting a series of terrorist bombings and secession activities. His supporters say the charges were trumped up.

The Tibetan rights group said around 30 Tibetans from his immediate family and students were allowed to see the body before the cremation and



Exile Tibetan Buddhist monks participate in a candlelit vigil to remember Tibetan lama Tenzin Delek Rinpoche, in Dharmasala, India

perform a short prayer. They had wanted to perform Tibetan Buddhist funeral rites on his body in Lihang, a Tibetan area of Sichuan province in southwest China.

Movie actor Richard Gere, a longstanding advocate for Ti-

betan rights, called the monk "one of the good men of the community" at a hearing Tuesday in Washington at which members of the House of Representatives demanded Chinese authorities return the lama's body to his family. **AP**

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South Korean protesters stage a rally to protest against Japanese parliament's possible approval of the controversial security legislation in front of the Japanese embassy in Seoul

Chinese, Japanese diplomats meet in Beijing

CHINA'S top diplomat Cmet yesterday with the head of Japan's National Security Council for talks expected to touch on a possible summit between the leaders of the countries later this year in Beijing.

The meeting between Chinese State Councilor Yang Jiechi and Shotaro Yachi, a career diplomat and a close aide to Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe, comes at a delicate time for relations between the neighboring Asian powers.

The two governments are at odds in a sovereignty dispute over potentially resource-rich islands in the Pacific, though there have been some halting steps toward easing tensions over the past year, with at least two brief encounters between Abe and Chinese President Xi Jinping.

Adding to the animosity is what the Chinese see as Japan's failure to sufficiently atone for the suffering it caused during World War II, a major theme in China as the 70th anniversary of the end of the war nears.

During the meeting, Yang told Yachi that the bilateral relationship remains complex and sensitive and that Beijing hopes the two countries can learn from history and prepare for the future.

"The two sides should properly handle issues on security, history and Taiwan," Yang said.

Yachi commented that the relationship has been improving and that yesterday's meeting would "play as an important channel" between Beijing and Tokyo.

China has invited Abe to a military parade on Sept. 3 to mark the Japanese surrender in the Pacific. Abe has said that he is considering a visit either before or after the parade day. **AP**



Japanese National Security Adviser Shotaro Yachi, left, shakes hands with Chinese State Councilor Yang Jiechi during a meeting at the Diaoyutai State guesthouse in Beijing

Beijing says Japan defense bills upset regional security balance

David Tweed

CHINA said Japan's approval of "unprecedented" legislation to expand its military role risked unsettling the region's security.

Japan's lower house of parliament yesterday approved legislation that would allow an expanded role for the nation's military in a vote boycotted by the opposition.

China, which along with Korea bore the brunt of Imperial Japan's expansion in the early 20th Century, said yesterday that the legislation - which would allow Japan to defend other countries under attack - could spur a major change in the pacifist military stance adopted by Tokyo after World War II.

Abe wants to strengthen the military's role to counter China's growing presence in the region and contribute more to international peacekeeping efforts.

"The passage of the bills was an unprecedented move in the post-World War II era, and would have complex effects on the regional security environment," the Ministry of National Defense said in a statement published by the state-run Global Times. "We will closely watch how Japan makes its next move."

The vote on the security bills threatens to further strain ties between Japan and its nei-

ghbors, which have shown signs of improvement in recent months. The U.S., which has ensured Japan's defense since the conflict, is seeking a greater security role for its ally as China becomes a naval power.

Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe brought the legislation to a vote just weeks before he's expected to make a statement to mark the 70th anniversary of the war's end. Both China and South Korea have called on Abe to apologize for wartime atrocities committed during occupation by Imperial Japan.

Passage of the security bills "could provide more ammunition to nationalism in both China and Japan, which could hurt the still fragile bilateral ties," said Wang Xincheng, a

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WANG XINSHENG
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professor of history who specializes in Japan and East Asian politics at Peking University. "The new bills could also refresh neighbors' memories of Japan's wartime aggression and spark an arms race in the region."

Japan's ties with China and South Korea have deteriorated as territorial disputes flared and new leaders adopted more assertive foreign policies.

The value of trade between South Korea and Japan fell 6 percent in 2014 from the previous year. Japan's trade with China was stagnant last year after sliding 6 percent slide in 2013.

Narushige Michishita, a professor of security studies at the National Graduate Institute for Policy Studies in Tokyo, said the legislative change was necessary to move Japan away from isolationism. "It's a significant responsible decision on the part of Japanese leaders to go ahead and start sharing some more burdens," he said.

Abe's efforts to court his regional counterparts in recent months have appeared to bear fruit, despite his continued pursuit of the security legislation.

Chinese President Xi Jinping has met Abe twice since November. Last month, Abe and South Korean President Park Geun Hye called for an improvement in ties over the next half-century.

"Japan's discussions on defense policy should be made transparently, adhering to the pacifist constitution and supporting regional peace," Yoo Chang Ho, a spokesman for South Korea's foreign ministry, said in a press briefing yesterday in Seoul. "We solemnly urge the Japanese government to learn from history, insist on peaceful development, and respect the safety concerns of all Asian countries."

If Japan's upper house refuses to take up the security bills, a second vote in the lower house would pass them into law. The vote drew harsh rebuke from China's state-run media, with the official Xinhua News Agency publishing a commentary saying that "a nightmare scenario has come a step closer for Japanese people and neighboring nations."

The bills' passage would "tarnish the reputation of a nation that has earned international respect for its pacifist Constitution over a period of nearly seven decades," the commentary said, citing opposition to the legislation in Japan. "For countries that fell victim to Japan's aggression, the chills sent by the bills are even more acute."

Polls show that about 80 percent of Japanese find the bills hard to swallow, and the majority of them say they think the legislation is unconstitutional. **Bloomberg/AP**

Mari Yamaguchi, Tokyo

JAPAN

Q&A: The ruckus over Abe's new military legislation

THE opposition walked out before the vote, and thousands of protesters took to the streets the previous night, but none of that stopped Japan's lower house of parliament from approving a contentious set of bills yesterday to allow a greater role for the country's military.

A look at what the controversy is about:

HOW WOULD IT CHANGE JAPAN'S MILITARY ROLE?

Japan's military, called the Self-Defense Forces, is restricted by a post-World War II pacifist constitution to defending itself and the country. The biggest change would allow the Self-Defense Forces to defend allies that come under attack, under a concept known as collective self-defense — which previous governments have considered unconstitutional.

For example, Japan would be able to intercept a missile flying over Japan and headed for U.S. territory. Currently it can shoot down a missile only when it's fired at Japan. Or if an American warship came under attack, Japanese forces could join the fight if the situation were deemed an "imminent critical threat" to Japan.

Farther afield, Japan would be able to carry out minesweeping in Mideast waters to protect ships bringing oil to Japan. It also could send reconnaissance aircraft to patrol the South China Sea to help monitor China's activity. In international peacekeeping, Japan would be able to provide logistical support for other militaries and protect civilian workers.

All these activities could only be carried out under certain conditions, such as a critical threat to Japan's survival — an interruption to oil shipments could be one. Opponents of the bills say the conditions are overly vague, giving future governments leeway to interpret them as they see fit.



AP PHOTO
Opposition lawmakers walk out after their party leaders made final speeches against the bills that would allow an expanded role for the nation's military during a plenary session at the lower house in Tokyo

WHY ARE THE CHANGES SO CONTROVERSIAL?

Moves to expand the military's role are almost always contentious in Japan, and an unexpected development made this one particularly so.

At an unrelated hearing, three constitutional experts, including one invited by Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's ruling party, unanimously declared the legislation unconstitutional. That grabbed the public's attention and boosted the opposition in what otherwise had been a

difficult-to-follow debate.

Many Japanese are wary of any change to the country's pacifist stance, which has brought seven decades of peace and relative prosperity. Some worry that deepening U.S.-Japan security ties will make Japan a more likely target of anti-U.S. extremists, and increase the risk of becoming embroiled in a U.S.-led conflict. Some students even worry the legislation could lead to a military draft as Japan's population shrinks and ages.

Abe has said that Japan would not send troops into battle overseas. He and other backers of the legislation argue that the world has changed, and in the face of potential threats such as China and North Korea, Japan needs to enhance its deterrence to preserve its peace and prosperity. It's a fundamental divide over how best to keep Japan safe for future generations.

ARE THEY CONSTITUTIONAL?

Most constitutional scholars say Japan's pacifist charter does

not allow collective self-defense, though some disagree. The legislation could face a court challenge once it becomes law.

Abe's Cabinet approved a reinterpretation of the constitution last year to allow collective self-defense, reversing previous interpretations.

Sota Kimura, a Tokyo Metropolitan University constitution professor, says allowing collective self-defense when Japan is not under attack is tantamount to a pre-emptive strike, which is unconstitutional.

Many experts say that Abe should revise the constitution if he wants to allow self-defense. Abe isn't against revision — it's one of his long-term goals — but it's a daunting prospect, requiring two-thirds approval by parliament and a public referendum. Reinterpretation was a practical solution to moving forward quickly on his security agenda.

WHAT'S NEXT?

The legislation goes to the upper house, which has 60 days to vote. Opposition lawmakers will do their utmost to delay or scrap the legislation, but even if the upper house rejects it or fails to vote, it will go back to the more powerful lower house, which can pass it with a two-thirds majority.

Experts say the real challenge will be to train and develop the expertise and capability of the Self-Defense Forces, which have only experienced non-combat missions, for possible higher-risk missions as Abe pushes his policy of what he calls a proactive contribution to peace. **AP**

INDONESIA

3 airports closed due to eruptions at 2 volcanoes

ERUPTIONS at two volcanoes yesterday caused closures at three Indonesian airports, including one serving the country's second-largest city.

Mount Raung on the main island of Java blasted ash and debris up to 2,000 meters into the air after rumbling for several weeks, and Gamalama mountain in eastern Indonesia erupted yesterday morning after months of quiet.

Transport Ministry spokes-

man Julius Adravidia Barata said volcanic ash spewing from Raung blew close to the cities of Surabaya and Malang, forcing Juanda International and Abdurrahman Saleh airports to close.

Surabaya, the provincial capital of East Java, is Indonesia's second-largest city after the capital Jakarta.

The ministry said Sultan Babullah airport in Ternate, North Maluku's province capital, was closed after Gamalama sent volcanic ash as

high as 1,500 meters into the sky.

The shutdown came at the peak of the annual exodus of millions of people to their hometowns in the world's most populous Muslim nation coinciding with the celebration of the end of the holy fasting month of Ramadan.

An earlier eruption of Raung last week sparked chaos as Ngurah Rai airport in the tourist hotspot of Bali and four other airports in the region were shutdown, stran-

ding thousands of holidaygoers.

Two domestic airports in East Java towns of Banyuwangi and Jember have been closed since then.

Volcanic ash is hazardous to jet engines and able to harm other parts of the aircraft.

A 2010 eruption of Iceland's Eyjafjallajokul volcano produced an ash cloud that caused a week of international aviation chaos, with more than 100,000 flights cancelled. **AP**



AP PHOTO
Passengers wait in front of a departure board of flights at Bali international airport

Yuri Kageyama, Sasebo

JAPAN

Robots do check-in and check out at cost-cutting hotel

FROM the receptionist that does the check-in and check-out to the porter that's an automated trolley taking luggage up to the room, this hotel in southwestern Japan, aptly called Weird Hotel, is "manned" almost totally by robots to save labor costs.

Hideo Sawada, who runs the hotel as part of an amusement park, insists using robots is not a gimmick, but a serious effort to utilize technology and achieve efficiency.

The receptionist robot that speaks in English is a vicious-looking dinosaur, and the one that speaks Japanese is a female humanoid with blinking lashes. "If you want to check in, push one," the dinosaur says. The visitor still has to punch a button on the desk, and type in information on a touch panel screen.

Henn na Hotel, as it is called in Japanese, was shown to reporters Wednesday, complete with robot demonstrations, ahead of its opening to the public today.

Another feature of the hotel is the use of facial recognition technology, instead of the standard electronic keys, by registering the digital image of the guest's face during check-in.

The reason? Robots aren't good at finding keys, if people happen to lose them.

A giant robotic arm, usually seen in manufacturing, is enclosed in glass quarters in the corner of the lobby. It lifts one of the boxes stacked into the wall and puts it out through a space in the glass, where a guest can place an item in it, to use as a locker.

The arm will put the box back into the wall, until the guest wants it again. The system is called "robot cloak room."

Why a simple coin locker won't do isn't the point.

"I wanted to highlight innovation," Sawada told reporters. "I also wanted to do something



A receptionist dinosaur robot greets a hotel employee demonstrating how to check in at the new hotel, aptly called Henn na Hotel or Weird Hotel, in Sasebo, southwestern Japan

about hotel prices going up."

Staying at Henn na Hotel starts at 9,000 yen (USD80), a bargain for Japan, where a stay in one of the nicer hotels can easily cost twice or three times that much.

The concierge is a doll-like hairless robot with voice recognition that prattles breakfast and event information. It cannot call a cab or do other errands.

Japan is a world leader in robotics technology, and the government is trumpeting robotics as a pillar of its growth

strategy. Robots have long been used here in manufacturing. But interest is also high in exploring the potential of robots in human interaction, including helping care for the elderly.

Robotics is also key in the decommissioning of the three reactors in Fukushima, northern Japan, which went into meltdowns in 2011, in the worst nuclear catastrophe since Chernobyl.

One area Henn na Hotel still relies on human beings is security.

The place is dotted with security cameras, and real people are watching everything through a monitor to make sure guests stay safe and no one makes off with one of the expensive robots.

"And they still can't make beds," said Sawada, who has also engineered the rise of a popular affordable Japanese travel agency.

He has big ambitions for his robot hotel concept and wants to open another one soon in Japan, and later abroad. He is also eager to add other lan-

■ This hotel in southwestern Japan, aptly called Weird Hotel, is 'manned' almost totally by robots to save labor costs

guages, such as Chinese and Korean, to the robots' vocabulary.

A block-shaped robot that was scuttling around in the lobby had been brought in to do room service, delivering beverages and simple snacks. But it wasn't ready to do that yet.

Outdoors, Sawada also demonstrated a drone that flew in to deliver a few small jars filled with snacks. He said he wanted to eventually have drones perform in shows for guests.

In the hotel's rooms, a lamp-size robot in the shape of a fat pink tulip called Tuly answers simple questions like, "What time is it?" and "What is the weather tomorrow?"

You can also tell it to turn the room lights on or off. There are no switches on the walls.

Sawada is keeping the hotel half-filled for the first few weeks to make sure nothing goes wrong.

He also canceled at the last minute the overnight stay planned for media. The robots simply weren't ready. AP

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GREECE

MPs vote through harsh austerity package as protests turn violent



Riot police officers run away from fire as anti-austerity protesters throw petrol bombs during clashes in Athens

Elena Becatoros
and Derek Gatopoulos, Athens

GREECE'S troubled left-wing government was seeking urgent relief from European lenders yesterday, after

it pushed a harsh austerity package through parliament, triggering a revolt in the governing party and violent demonstrations in central Athens.

Finance ministers from countries using the euro currency were planning a conference call

to consider rescue financing for Greece, while the European Central Bank will mull a request from Athens to increase emergency assistance to troubled Greek banks that have been closed since June 29.

The bill was the first step in

meeting requirements for negotiations to start on a desperately needed third international bailout for Greece — a three-year 85 billion euros (USD93 billion) package — that will prevent it from crashing out of Europe's common currency.

Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras and other eurozone leaders reached the deal after a marathon summit in Brussels last weekend, with Tsipras saying he had no option other than to accept the harsh terms offered by lenders to ensure his country's financial system didn't collapse.

"We had a very specific choice: A deal we largely disagreed with, or a chaotic default," he told parliament ahead of the post-midnight vote.

The country's lawmakers voted 229-64 to implement more austerity measures that include pension reforms and sweeping sales tax hikes. Approval came thanks to pro-European opposition parties who voted in favor, and in spite of deepening dissent within Tsipras' left-wing Syriza party.

Thirty-eight party lawmakers defied Tsipras — nearly one-in-four — by voting against or abstaining. They included Tsipras' powerful energy minister, the speaker of parliament, and Yanis Varoufakis, the former finance minister who headed Greece's bailout strategy until his replacement 10 days ago.

"The Greek parliamentary vote averts an immediate disorderly default and potential exit from the euro area, but risks remains elevated given Greece's weak institutions and substantial political skepticism on the bailout conditions," the Moo-

dy's credit ratings agency said.

The government described the vote as marking a "serious division" among its lawmakers, and indicated that dissenters in Tsipras' Cabinet would be swiftly replaced in a reshuffle.

"Today, Parliament took the first important step for the deal, voting for the difficult measures," government spokesman Gabriel Sakellaris said.

"But the results of today's vote constitute a serious division in the unity of Syriza parliamentary group," he said. "The prime minister's and the government's priority is the successful conclusion of the agreement in the immediate future."

The vote came after more than two weeks of capital controls, with banks and the stock exchange shut since June 29 and ATM cash withdrawals limited to 60 euros per day.

Dangerously low on liquidity at banks and with the state practically out of cash, Greece desperately needs funds. It faces a Monday deadline to repay 4.2 billion euros (\$4.6 billion) to the ECB, and is also in arrears on 2 billion euros to the IMF.

Before the austerity vote, some 12,000 demonstrators had gathered outside parliament in the biggest protest against the government since Tsipras won elections in late January. The rally turned violent when several hundred youths attacked police, torched cars, and smashed office displays.

Police said 37 people were detained and 16 arrested over the hour-long clashes that involved youths hurling rocks and petrol bombs outside parliament, and riot police responding with tear gas and baton charges. **AP**

SPACE

Pluto and Charon shock NASA scientists with the unexpected

Eric Roston

CABLE news channels have been airing the latest images from Pluto all week. Twitter is filled with #PlutoFlyby musings. Popular brands have photoshopped themselves onto the far-away dwarf planet to get a piece of the action.

And yet, the giddiest and most awestruck observers may be the NASA scientists in charge of the mission.

"I don't think any one of us could have imagined that it was this kind of a toy store," said Alan Stern, the mission's principal investigator. He spoke at a NASA press conference, held at Johns

Hopkins University's Applied Physics Laboratory, where the mission team unveiled new images and the initial insights they provoked.

The New Horizons spacecraft has sent back initial high-resolution photos of the dwarf planet Pluto and its moon Charon. The detail they provide has already transformed scientific understanding of what's happening on the orb 3 billion miles away.

For one, Pluto has virtually no craters. Pluto and Charon should be pockmarked, like the Earth's moon. They sit at the edge of the solar system, near the Kuiper Belt, which is filled with rocks,

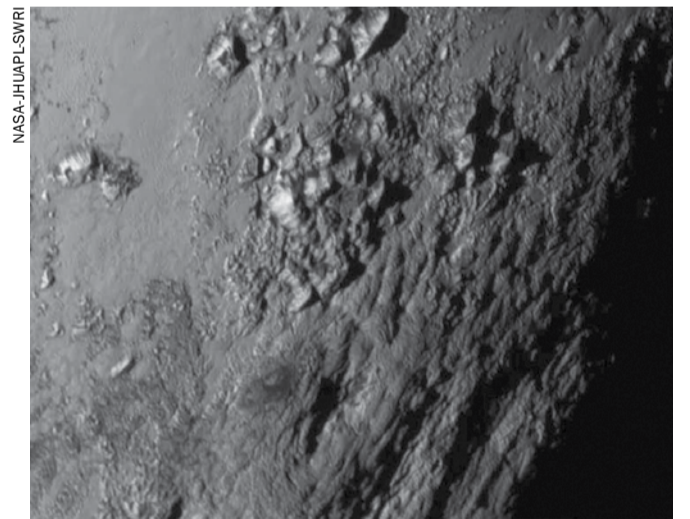
ices, and other materials left over from the formation of the solar system. By contrast, a smooth surface is one that's been refreshed, somewhat recently, and perhaps continuously.

And that means that Pluto is a geologically active planet.

There are also 11,000-foot mountains of water-ice, another sign of internal activity. Scientists have seen volcanism on the moons of large gas planets, such as Saturn and Jupiter. That makes more sense. The gravity of a giant planet mashes the little moons from the inside out, which is why Jupiter's Europa and Io show volcanic activity.

Pluto has no giant neighbor. The planet generates heat on its own, and from these first images, the scientists can't say why—possibly the presence of radioactive elements. It's Pluto's first lesson: You can have activity on a planet that has no giant neighbor. That sounds arcane, but to hear these scientists talk about it, you'd have thought someone had given each of them a pony.

Pluto isn't the only story. "Charon blew our socks off," says Cathy Olkin, a team member who works at the Southwest Research Institute in Colorado. The moon offers an amount of geologic variety that surprised the



New close-up images of a region near Pluto's equator reveal a giant surprise: a range of youthful mountains.

team, including valleys, cliffs, and a foreboding reddish region at its northern pole. "Informally, we've been referring to that as Mordor," Olkin says, nodding to the land of doom in *The Lord of the Rings* trilogy.

The press conference wasn't all science. The team struck a sentimental note when they announced that a heart-shaped

formation on Pluto, first visible to New Horizons from 70 million miles away, wouldn't be known as Pluto's heart anymore. They informally renamed it Tombaugh Regio, after the man who discovered the planet, Clyde Tombaugh, and whose ashes—aboard New Horizons—are currently headed out of the solar system. **Bloomberg**



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20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:20	Revenge S2
22:00	Publicity
22:10	The Illusionist
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Portuguese Film
01:00	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)

SATURDAY

10:45	Boonie Bears
11:35	Documentary Serie
12:00	Cooking
13:00	TDM News (Repeated)
13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
14:30	Soap Opera
18:10	Non-Daily Portuguese News
19:00	Contest
20:00	Miscellaneous
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:10	Drama
22:10	Comedy
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Shorts
00:20	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)

SUNDAY

10:50	Young Children
11:10	Miscellaneous
12:00	Miscellaneous
12:30	Miscellaneous
13:00	TDM News (Repeated)
13:30	News (RTPi) Delayed Broadcast
14:30	Animation
16:20	Miscellaneous
17:15	Documentary Series
17:45	Non-Daily Portuguese News
18:10	Miscellaneous
18:45	Miscellaneous
19:40	Comedy
20:30	Main News, Financial & Weather Report
21:00	Non-Daily Portuguese News
22:00	World's Busiest Maternity Ward
23:00	TDM News
23:30	Documentary Series
00:05	Main News, Financial & Weather Report (Repeated)

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CHINA REPRIMANDS ONLINE COMPANIES FOR SPREAD OF SEX VIDEO

Sex may sell, but clothing retailer Uniqlo is finding the adage a bit uncomfortable after a Beijing store was said to be the setting of a steamy online video.

Online searches for the Japanese clothing brand soared this week after the viral spread of the video apparently showing a young couple having sex in the fitting room of the Chinese capital's flagship store.

But the video also caught the attention of police and China's highest web regulator who are investigating whether it was a vulgar marketing gimmick.

Uniqlo has denied any involvement in the video.

The Cyberspace Administration of China on Wednesday also chastised the country's two main Internet companies for allowing the video to go viral, and by yesterday it was difficult to find online.

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16 JUL - 22 JUL



MINIONS

ROOM 1
(2D) 2.15, 4.00, 9.30 pm
(3D) 7.45 pmDirector: Pierre Coffin, Kyle Balda
Language: Cantonese (Chinese/English)
Duration: 91min

ANT-MAN

ROOM 2
(2D) 2.30, 4.45, 9.30 pm
(3D) 7.15 pmDirector: Peyton Reed
Starring: Paul Rudd, Michael Douglas
Language: English (Chinese)
Duration: 117min

POLTERGEIST

ROOM 3
(2D) 2.15, 6.00, 9.30 pm
(3D) 7.45 pmDirector: Gil Kenan
Starring: Sam Rockwell, Rosemarie DeWitt, Kennedy Clements
Language: English (Chinese)
Duration: 93min

TED 2

ROOM 3
4.00 pmDirector: Seth MacFarlane
Starring: Mark Wahlberg, Amanda Seyfried, Morgan Freeman
Language: English (Chinese)
Duration: 115min

(18-19 JUL) INSIDE OUT

ROOM 3
4.00 pmDirector: Pete Docter
Language: Cantonese (Chinese)
Duration: 94min

MACAU TOWER

16 JUL - 29 JUL

ANT-MAN

2.30, 4.45, 7.15, 9.30 pm

Director: Peyton Reed
Starring: Paul Rudd, Michael Douglas
Language: English (Chinese)
Duration: 117min

this day in history

ESTD 1759
GUINNESS

1987 EX-GUINNESS BOSS OWES MILLIONS

Former Guinness director Thomas Ward has been ordered to repay £5.2m to the brewing giants.

The High Court heard Mr Ward had acted illegally by failing to disclose a transfer of funds to Guinness's directors during the £2.5bn takeover of drinks company Distillers Group last year.

In his judgement Vice Chancellor Sir Nicholas Browne-Wilkinson said: "Mr Ward has been and is wrongfully in possession of Guinness's money."

He received the cash in what the judge called a "secret agreement" with former Guinness chairman Ernest Saunders.

Thomas Ward, an American lawyer, was a key member of the so-called Guinness War Cabinet that masterminded the lucrative deal.

Mr Ward's lawyers - based in London - said he would appeal against the ruling arguing he received the money legitimately for his "valuable services".

In a 25-page document Sir Nicholas explained Ward's counter claim for payment did not impinge on Guinness's right to recover the £5.2m.

The judge also called for an inquiry into where the money had gone after it was paid through a Jersey company, Marketing and Acquisition Consultants, to Mr Ward.

Records show Mr Ward has paid \$4.7m (£2.9m) in US federal and state taxes.

He claims only £1.2m remains unspent in a London bank account. This is to be repaid by Wednesday next week, along with a \$300,000 investment.

He owes a further £500,000 in interest and has also been ordered to pay Guinness's legal fees.

The ruling puts the drinks' giants one step closer to recovering £25m of missing funds uncovered by auditors last November.

After the hearing Mr Ward's solicitors revealed their client is already involved in legal battles with Guinness in the US.

The company is suing Mr Ward over a £750,000 flat in the Watergate complex in Washington, whilst he is claiming unpaid fees from Guinness for his legal practice Ward Lazarus.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

On 23 July the judge rejected an application by Thomas Ward to keep the £5.2m until the appeal had been heard.

The appeal was set for 10 August 1987.

In August 1990 Ernest Saunders and three others were jailed for insider dealing over the Distillers Group takeover.

Thomas Ward's case was not settled until February 1993 when the High Court cleared Mr Ward of stealing the money.

At the time the Guinness trials was the most expensive ever legal battle in the British courts, costing over £20m in total.

YOUR STARS

Aries
Mar. 21-Apr. 19
You need to take it easy today — things are actually moving in the right direction, and will continue to do so if you can resist the temptation to speed things up. Slow and steady wins the race!

Taurus
April 20-May 20
You get a glimpse into something much bigger and better today — so make sure that you're ready for a mental shift! When it happens, you might never look back. Things get a lot better from here!

Gemini
May 21-Jun. 21
You can't just assume things will work out today — you've got to try your ideas and experiment to see what works. It's harder than it sounds, but it is also much more rewarding than you'd expect!

Cancer
Jun. 22-Jul. 22
One simple email turns into a fight or a comedy of errors today — no matter how clear you think you are. If you see misunderstandings arise, do your best to handle them quickly.

Leo
Jul. 23-Aug. 22
Listen carefully — people are not being fully forthcoming, and you almost certainly have to read between the lines to really understand their meaning. Make sure you stay put until you have all the info.

Virgo
Aug. 23-Sept. 22
You're enjoying some great energy today, so make sure that you spread it around! At least one big plan of yours needs some attention, but your ambitions are closer than ever to reality now.

Libra
Sep. 23-Oct. 22
You are feeling weirder and weirder about something big and new — so see if you can pull back from it to get a better perspective. Things shouldn't be too crazy in the near future.

Scorpio
Oct. 23 - Nov. 21
Your social connections are making life sweeter and easier — so get out there and mix it up some more! You should find that one old frenemy (or angry ex) is much easier to handle.

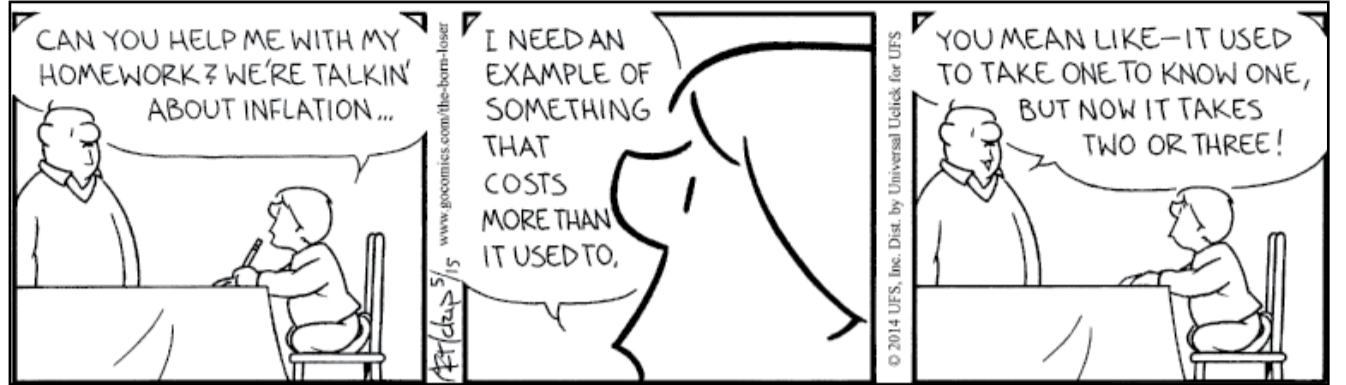
Sagittarius
Nov. 22-Dec. 21
Stay home today — or at least leave your credit cards somewhere safe. You're not a target for theft, but you are likely to make some impulsive shopping mistakes if you let yourself run wild!

Capricorn
Dec. 22-Jan. 19
You show off a little and instill a bit of envy in the competition today — and why not? You should be able to build on today's news, and your accomplishments speak for themselves.

Aquarius
Jan. 20-Feb. 18
This is not a good time to fight back against circumstances — it's one of those days when things just are the way they are. You should regroup and get ready to change direction soon.

Pisces
Feb. 19-Mar. 20
You've got someone looking out for your best interests today — and they are making quite a difference! You may get out of a jam easily or find yourself with a golden opportunity.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



SUDOKU

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WEATHER

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CHINA			
Beijing	21	27	shower/thundershower
Harbin	16	28	clear/cloudy
Tianjin	24	29	thundershower
Urumqi	25	37	clear
Xi'an	21	31	cloudy
Lhasa	11	24	cloudy
Chengdu	22	33	cloudy/clear
Chongqing	24	35	cloudy
Kunming	16	25	cloudy/shower
Nanjing	23	26	moderate rain
Shanghai	24	28	overcast/drizzle
Wuhan	21	27	drizzle/cloudy
Hangzhou	24	28	overcast/shower
Taipei	26	32	clear/drizzle
Guangzhou	26	33	thundershower
Hong Kong	27	31	drizzle
WORLD			
Moscow	13	22	drizzle
Frankfurt	19	31	clear
Paris	19	35	clear
London	13	23	drizzle
New York	17	26	clear

CROSSWORDS

ACROSS: 1- Narrow ledge; 5- Pitch indicator; 9- A followers; 13- Some choir members; 14- Rudner and Moreno; 16- Put ___ on it!; 17- Dregs; 18- Teheran native; 19- ___ me tangere; 20- Assignment; 21- Mule of song; 22- Trifle; 24- You can't catch fish without them!; 26- Sack start; 27- Replay feature; 29- Anything done easily; 33- Distorts; 34- Record with a VCR; 35- Fungus used in making soy sauce; 36- Balderdash; 37- Sign of spring; 38- Drumstick; 39- Tight; 41- Part of N.B.; 42- Manila hemp plant; 44- Mountain climber; 46- Strain; 47- Snakelike fishes; 48- Continuously; 49- Writer; 52- Playwright Burrows; 53- Recedes; 57- Normandy city; 58- More current; 60- Sailor's direction; 61- I smell ___!; 62- Pitchers; 63- Opinion; 64- Prefix with drama; 65- This, in Tijuana; 66- Actor Omar;

DOWN: 1- Latvian, e.g.; 2- Zeno of ___; 3- Numbered rds.; 4- Misunderstand; 5- Monte ___; 6- Turkish money; 7- Footnote abbr.; 8- Summer cooler; 9- Capital of Thailand; 10- Overfill; 11- Pickle flavoring; 12- "What I Am" singer Brickell; 15- Nasal cavities; 23- German pronoun; 25- Ambulance letters; 26- Delhi dough; 27- Toast; 28- Slacken; 29- Enamel; 30- Pertaining to the palm of the hand; 31- Throw out; 32- Capital of Latvia; 33- Mile, across the Pyrenees; 34- Long lock of hair; 37- City in central Texas; 40- Connect with; 42- Let go; 43- Make desolate; 45- Kan. neighbor; 46- Very; 48- Movie critic Roger; 49- Shell game; 50- Word following child, day, or devil-may; 51- Genuine; 52- Dumbfounds; 54- Radar screen element; 55- Page; 56- Uses a Singer; 59- Meadow morn;



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CHINESE boxing fighter Yang Lian Hui has pledged to take home the vacant International Boxing Federation junior welterweight world title in a showdown at the Venetian Macao against his undefeated Argentinian rival Cesar "El Distinto" Cuenca tomorrow night.

During a pre-fight press conference yesterday, Yang, also known as IK Yang, declared proudly that his hope of winning the world title as the country's second professional boxer would surely become a reality. "I'm so sure that I can tell you all, I will keep the gold belt in China," said the 30-year-old fighter.

Following the March bout at the same locale where he defeated Thailand's Patomsuk Pathompothong with a sixth-round TKO, Yang (18-0, 13 KOs) became the No. 2 contender with an unbeaten record, putting him in line to fight against the undefeated No. 1 contender, Cuenca (46-0, 2 KOs), in the world championship fight. He said, "After several months of effort, I will enjoy my own time tomorrow, in my own show."

Determined to return to Los Angeles with a world title, Yang believes that his efforts over the past three months will easily make the goal a

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IK Yang vows to take down Cuenca for first world title



reality, despite his opponent being only three victories away from Rocky Marciano's

all-time record. "This is how I see it: to train the simplest is best, and this is my trump," said Lian Hui. "A warrior who goes to the battlefield unconfident should be told this: to survive, you've got to be confident."

He added: "Basically the training is much the same, but more compact and intensified [in preparation] for Saturday's fight."

Hall of Fame trainer Freddie Roach will not be in Yang's corner tomorrow due to personal health issues. Instead, Justin Fortune, an

Australian and former heavyweight known for lasting five rounds against the great Lennox Lewis, will be there to offer advice. Furthermore, he dismissed Cuenca's threat, saying that "2 KOs in

47 fights" proved his inability to even "break an egg."

In response to the must-win remarks, the 34-year-old Argentinian boxer countered: "I believe he's supposed to say that after the fight. I wanna count all the mistakes he'll make." He added that the training he has been undertaking has been power- and speed-oriented, which he believes could overwhelm Yang.

Some Chinese netizens have been speculating over whether the confident Chinese boxer would upgrade himself into a higher weight division if he won the championship, allowing him to match up against other world-famous fighters. However, Yang expressed his satisfaction with his current weight and downplayed the possibility. "I don't consider or plan on this. I just focus on what comes into my eyesight. Regarding the future contests or tomorrow's challenges, I would just solve them one by one without giving too much thought," he said. **Staff reporter**



ROACH'S ABSENCE

YANG'S TRAINER, Freddie Roach, also employed by Zou Shiming, suffers from Parkinson's disease, and has long-standing issues with his back that requires surgery. His absence from tomorrow's fight is due to his surgeon's advice that rigorous long-haul flying would cause harm to his back. Yang Lian Hui pledged yesterday that he will win in honour of his absent Hall of Fame coach.

CHINA'S two-time Olympic gold medalist Zou Shiming's defeat in the International Boxing Federation (IBF) world championship fight, held in March, barely discouraged him from realizing his world title dream. At the moment, Zou is proactively preparing himself for a comeback this the upcoming November.

During a telephone interview with the Times, Zou revealed that his first attempt at a world title, also his very first defeat since becoming a pro player, was merely a lesson to learn. Through this lesson, China's golden boy has managed to identify his underlying shortcomings and thus sharpen his edges for a better fight later on.

"I have been constantly maintaining my physical

China's golden boy rolls up his sleeves for comeback at year-end

strength after the challenge in March, where although I didn't succeed, I have accumulated some experience. After such a mental and technical 'baptism,' I will be better prepared for the next one," said Zou, adding that details on his year-end bout were yet to be confirmed.

Months after the session with his Thai rival Amnat Ruenroeng, the 34-year-old viewed the fight as an opportunity, more than anything else, which could only be conducive to his fast-thriving career.

"There's no definite win

or loss in a [boxing] contest. Though I have barely experienced loss since I became a professional boxer, surely we have all gone through losses to get where we are now," said Zou. "We have never been let down by failures. We can win it back. As a Chinese man from a giant country, I have our nation's spirit. Moreover, there will be more opportunities, as this bout isn't the very last one."

Despite being the center of attention for millions of mainland boxing aficionados who applauded him during his past

winning streak, Zou said he carried no pressure on his shoulders after March's disappointing result: "What was more important was that everybody was witnessing his efforts and growth."

He stated: "No pressure at all. There'd be more stress if you were winning the whole time. In contrast, after you lose you can identify your flaws and further plan for the next one."

Inquired as to what he has learnt from the previous fight, Zou stressed that the experience he acquired from his last

encounter "was pretty vast, such as what strategies should be employed on what occasions of the bout, because I didn't fully execute them due to some injuries at the time."

It was reported earlier that the Chinese professional boxer would be appearing in tomorrow's fight at the Venetian Macao, where his fellow fighter Yang Lian Hui, also from Top Rank, would vie for the IBF junior welterweight world title. Nevertheless, some other opportunities that arose caused Zou to change his

mind, with the star choosing to rest while promoting boxing through some mainland programs.

"I've been fighting for a long time and this has more or less caused me some injuries and they take time to heal. Therefore we're preparing ourselves for November, and before that time is the period for us to rest," said Zou.

Outside the ring or training grounds, the Chinese professional boxer might hardly have time to rest due to his tight schedule. Yet he will still spare a great deal of time for strengthening training. "At the moment, the training is to keep me acquainted with the skills and strategies that will ensure that I can get into the groove as fast as possible when I get in the ring." **Staff reporter**

EXCLUSIVE INTERVIEW WITH BOB ARUM

Top Rank to promote 28 boxing events in mainland China next season

Paulo Coutinho

BOB Arum, the legendary promoter's efforts in Macau and China, together with Sands China, were successful in bringing professional boxing, the "noble" fight, to this part of the world. In an interview this week with the Times, Mr Arum, 83, told us that his firm, Top Rank, is going to stage 28 boxing events in 14 mainland cities in the coming season, starting in September. Moreover, he said, there are several "good Chinese fighters in the pipeline."

For the territory, Mr Arum believes that "it's very important that Macau brings in boxing and presents boxing in a superior way because I think it shows that [the casinos] are bringing events to the public, which attract international attention and that's something that the [local] government wants."

For Bob Arum, top boxing is a smart choice, because "you're not going to get a major American football game [...] or a professional basketball game here. You know, other than exhibition games. But you can get the best of boxing here and make Macau a place where people want to come for the best available entertainment and that's very important. It's very important that these [operations] that make a lot of money from casino revenue, give back some of the money by putting on events that attract worldwide attention." At this stage, he's engaged in talks with Las Vegas Sands and Sands China in order to decide about the future of the partnership.

Mr Arum also talks about Manny Pacquiao's "farewell fight in the Philippines" and says that everybody in the world of boxing should be thinking about "one thing and one thing only:" the rematch of the "fight of the century."

Our chat with the lawyer-turned-boxing promoter, who counts names such as Cassius Clay under his career belt, started with his take on tomorrow's event at the Venetian's Cotai Arena.

MDT - How do you see the event we are having this weekend at the Cotai Arena, namely the title fight?

Arum - I think [the Chinese fighter] Yang Lian Hui could be - if he is victorious - extraordinarily valuable to the sport in China because he is what we call a 'character'. He's like a comedian; he's not the greatest technical boxer

Everything is small when it compares to China [...] we'll probably have 25 million viewers [for tomorrow's event]

in the world, but he's a tremendous puncher. And he's fun and a guy like that appeals, will appeal, to the Chinese masses.

MDT - You think more than Zou Shiming?

Arum - More than Zou even, yes. Zou is more traditional.

MDT - How's Zou doing?

Arum - He's doing okay, but he's so busy with his theatrical career and his endorsements, I mean he's like a big, big star, but he's going to fight in November. [...] But Yang, every time I see him, I start laughing, you know. But he's got it and he's fighting an Argentine guy who doesn't have a big punch, but has what? Forty-something fights that he's won. Without a defeat, you know, that's pretty good and these [other] Argentine guys that he's been fighting are pretty good, so it's going to be tough, but all the people tell me that Yang has trained unbelievably. So we're hoping that he can win. It will be great for boxing in Chi-

na. [For] President Xi Jinping that's one of his favourite guys, Yang. We have a lot of other Chinese fighters now in the pipeline. This coming season, which starts in September, we're going to do 28 events on the mainland [...] I think, in about 14 cities.

MDT - Apparently, your efforts to promote boxing in Macau and China, are working.

Arum - Really, really working. I'm very excited. How do we know they're working? We look at how many people are watching, and the ratings have been extraordinary and even the weekly show that we have - the magazine show - we're getting very good ratings. That weekly show was sponsored by the Venetian and now we have a sponsor from China for it.

MDT - The fight is going to be broadcasted to the US and China, right?

Arum - The US, China, Philippines, Mexico, Argentina. Yes, a lot of places.

MDT - What kind of viewership are we talking about?

Arum - Everything is small when it compares to China. See, I think that in the United States, we'll probably have maybe a million, a million and a half viewers. In China, we'll probably have 25 million viewers.

MDT - Well, definitely, when the likes of Manny Pacquiao fought here at the Cotai Arena, Macau was the capital of boxing. Do you think you can bring him back? There are talks about



Dubai for the next fight...

Arum - Well, yes. You have to understand, because of the economics, when we do a Pacquiao fight in Macau, rather than in the United States, the pay-per-view revenue goes down because you've got to be where the income is. So the Venetian made up the difference and it cost them considerable money [to put on] both of the Pacquiao fights. Things aren't the same as they used to be, you know, with the [decline in] revenues. They're doing well, but not 'crazy well' like they did before. So in order for them to do a Pacquiao fight, it requires the cooperation of all of the properties. The difference in Macau, from Las Vegas and places like that, is that when an event happens in Las Vegas, all of the properties buy tickets and support the event.

MDT - Does that mean that Dubai may stage Pacquiao's next fight?

Arum - I don't know. Right now he's in Indonesia. He visited that woman that was sentenced to death [Mary Jane Veloso] and he's trying to get the [Indonesian] President to release her. He's going to the United States, he'll arrive Saturday [tomorrow] there. The doctor will look at his shoulder, will evaluate, give him rehab and then we'll figure out when he's going to fight.

MDT - So you still don't know when he will be ready?

Arum - I don't want to make a judgement until I have a medical report.

MDT - But for sure, next year?

If everybody were smart, that's all they should be thinking about now: the rematch [Pacquiao/Mayweather]

Arum - Definitely, next year. We will rush it too much if we make it this year.

MDT - Floyd Mayweather was stripped of his welterweight champion title. And now Timothy Bradley is the interim champ. Is he a possible opponent for Pacquiao?

Arum - It's possible, but they've fought twice before so there are other opponents that we're looking at. Maybe Crawford.

MDT - Terence Crawford, your new star?

Arum - Terence Crawford, yes. Well, he's going to fight in October and we'll see, but Terence is a hot, hot fighter in the United States.

MDT - Could it be the last fight of Pacquiao's career?

Arum - Yes. Pacquiao is going to probably fight once more, early next year and then will have, another, last fight, in the Philippines. A farewell fight because I think he's going to run for the Senate in the Philippines and then he'll be in the Senate for six years and I think he wants to run for President in 2022.

MDT - And a possible rematch of the 'Fight of the Century'?

Arum - If everybody were smart, that's all they should be thinking about now: the rematch. The money that was made in that fight, nobody's ever seen anything like it, I mean, crazy, crazy [money]. Every week, I get millions and millions of dollars, you know, for Pacquiao's share and mine, but I mean, we'll see what Mayweather's going to do.

MDT - Mayweather broke records, he's undefeated. He made all this money. But some people don't see him as such a phenomenon as Cassius Clay, Frasier and the likes...

Arum - No, because he wasn't that enjoyable to watch. He marketed himself very, very well and he's a very good fighter, but he's not a pleasing fighter.

MDT - Pacquiao is more fun?

Arum - More fun.

opinion

Bizcuits

Leanda Lee



HELLO, MR CHIPS

It's easy to blame massification of tertiary education for the fact that educators have now to consider maintaining discipline in the classroom. In the past, with engaged, clever students, a lecturer need not have great teaching skills. Teaching was something scholars did on the side, and it was called lecturing. They would be able to throw the content out to a class of hundreds without consideration for form, delivery or designing classroom activity to engage students or maintain discipline. Those students already had highly honed learning skills, were generally interested in what they were doing and could learn something from even the most stultifying of lecturers. The students were aware it was competitive to even get a place in an institution; it was a privilege and they knew if they didn't pass muster, they wouldn't get through and out they'd go with their place readily taken up by someone more deserving. "High risk" students were not detected early in a process of rounds and rounds of formative assessment throughout a semester. Responsibility for learning and meeting requirements were put squarely on the students' shoulders.

For scholars who themselves believe such education is a privilege, it often takes a long process of shock, denial and anger before they begrudgingly accept that universities look more like high schools than elite institutions of higher learning. Many academics resent having to spend an inordinate percentage of their time devising incentives and class plans to ensure students turn up, participate and submit assignments when that time could be better spent diving into that gorgeous world of academic discourse.

In response to a seminar in Singapore on e-learning games used to engage students in universities, a mainland Chinese early-career academic piped up with questions to the presenter, "Why do we have to entertain our students? Why do we have to make it fun? Isn't learning enough of a reward?" That's the problem with academic staff; they're usually pretty enthusiastic about learning. They are curious – we have no cure for that. To this young academic, using games demeaned the learning and her own role in the process.

Few tertiary academics are taught how to teach: it is no coincidence they are called lecturers for they were never expected to be teachers and so many of us balk at the teacher label. But somewhere along the line and without our consent, the requirements of our profession changed. Often academic staff are the least knowledgeable about classroom strategies. Teaching is not an easy gig. It is a profession unto itself but for some reason tertiary institutions have taken it for granted that academic staff can pick up those skills to get the best from today's all-so-easily distracted student.

Lecturing to business students tends to make life a little easier. Most business and management students have a goal to be managers one day, or that's what they say. So when students arrive late to class without apologising, interrupt others, sleep at their desks, talk on social networks or slurp noodles, it is easy to question their *raison d'être*. I put to my students a question a brilliant manager-mentor asked of me decades ago when I turned up to work with a formidable infection the third day running: "If you can't manage yourself, how do you expect to be able to manage others?" From that point on it is about coaching students in self-discipline and impression management: getting them job ready.

Fewer university students are now motivated by acquisition of pure knowledge – in any case, knowledge is not so rare these days, not as valuable a currency. Part of an academic's job, the challenge, is to determine what the drivers are and then to make that connection in the minds of students between daily student activity and their ultimate goals. Find those incentives, reinforce that connection frequently, and classroom management becomes a little easier.

THE BUZZ **FIFA ETHICS PANEL WANTS TO LIFT STRICT SECRECY RULES**

FIFA's ethics committee wants to lift secrecy rules that protect accused officials from being identified and keep case details private.

FIFA prosecutor Cornel Borbely and judge Joachim Eckert say more openness "would help efforts to uncover and clear up fraud." They say in a joint statement that transparency "would encourage potential informants to support the proceedings."

Strict secrecy imposed by FIFA's executive committee meant years-long bans for officials such as Harold Mayne-Nicholls and Vernon Manilal Fernando were announced with little detail of alleged offenses.

The ethics panel has never confirmed which FIFA executive committee members face sanctions in that case.

GAMING ALERT

MGM to build USD100M venue to lure artists to Vegas



MGM Resorts International plans to build a USD100 million, 5,300-seat theater at its Monte Carlo casino-hotel to attract top musicians for weeks at a time.

The project will be built next to a larger, 20,000-seat arena now under construction.

MGM also plans to overhaul and likely rename the Monte Carlo, its least recognizable property on the Las Vegas Strip.

The company already offers boxing matches, sporting events, Cirque du Soleil shows and concerts at multiple venues in Las Vegas.

But it hasn't been able to attract artists to anchor a lengthier series of perfor-

mances because its existing venues are either too small or too large, MGM Resorts president Bill Hornbuckle said.

"You need that kind of scale," he said. "You've seen it at Caesars clearly."

The MGM theater is expected to be about 1,000 seats larger than The Colosseum at Caesars Palace, which has featured artists such as Celine Dion and Elton John. Mariah Carey is currently performing.

Hornbuckle said he hopes to offer shows by an artist over a weekend or two in the larger arena, followed by a longer stay, perhaps 10 weekends, in the smaller theater with the possibili-

ty of having the production tour MGM's other properties in Maryland and Macau.

The smaller theater would be part of the company's outdoor entertainment development known as the Park and located between the New York-New York and Monte Carlo casinos.

The theater is expected to open by the end of 2016, months after MGM's larger arena debuts. Clark County commissioners are expected to review the newest proposed venue by early August.

The outdoor development, with its planned retail, arena and theater projects adjacent to MGM's hotels, resembles AEG's L.A. Live in Los Angeles, where Hornbuckle said he got the idea for where to locate the 5,300-seat theater.

AEG has been a partner with MGM in building its arena. AEG also books artists at The Colosseum.

The new theater bumps the Blue Man Group from Monte Carlo's 1,200-seat theater, which is set for demolition, to the Luxor's 800-seat venue, where the performers got their Las Vegas start.

Blue Man Group got a contract extension through 2025 with the move. The dance troupe Jabbawockeez will shift from the Luxor to perform at the MGM Grand, where it opened. **AP**

Station	Air quality
Roadside	25-45 Good
High Density Residential Area	35-55 Good
Ambient	40-60 Good

SOURCE: DSI/MG

WORLD BRIEFS



CAMBODIA's prime minister added his voice yesterday to growing outrage over a drunken tycoon who was captured on video viciously attacking a female TV star, calling the man's actions intolerable and warning that his riches will not help him escape justice. "Don't think that because you have money you can escape," Hun Sen said in comments directed at property tycoon Sok Bun, who is believed to have fled the country. "What you have done is intolerable."



USA George H.W. Bush, the oldest living former U.S. president, fell at his summer home on Wednesday and broke a bone in his neck but was doing OK, a spokesman said. Bush, 91, was hospitalized in stable condition and was doing "fine" after Wednesday's fall, spokesman Jim McGrath said. McGrath tweeted that the 41st president would be in a neck brace.

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USA Barack Obama is set to become the first sitting U.S. President to visit the inside of a federal prison as part of a push to change the country's justice system. Obama will meet separately with law enforcement officials and nonviolent drug offenders who are paying their debt to society at a medium-security prison for male offenders in the state of Oklahoma.