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ZIMBABWE An American allegedly paid USD50,000 to kill a well-known, protected lion named Cecil, Zimbabwean conservationists said, as authorities yesterday said two Zimbabwean men will appear in court for allegedly helping with the hunt. The two Zimbabwean men — a professional hunter and a farm owner — face poaching charges, the Zimbabwe National Parks and Wildlife Authority and the Safari Operators Association said in a joint statement.

UK A member of Britain's House of Lords quit yesterday, apologizing for causing "pain and embarrassment" after he was filmed allegedly snorting cocaine during sessions with sex workers. John Sewel — whose title is Lord Sewel — caved in to pressure, telling parliamentary officials he was "terminating my membership of the House of Lords." The 69-year-old is at the center of a political sleaze scandal after The Sun tabloid ran images appearing to show him snorting white powder through a rolled-up banknote and lounging in an orange bra.

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Region remains a source territory for human trafficking

Catarina Pinto

MACAU remains “a source territory for sex trafficking and forced labor” despite government efforts to fight human trafficking, according to the latest annual report from the U.S. State Department. The report rates 188 countries on their efforts to fight modern-day slavery.

“Macau authorities do not fully comply with the minimum standards for the elimination of trafficking; however, they are making significant efforts to do so,” it reads. The U.S. State Department acknowledged that local authorities have convicted six traffickers, and are persisting in building judicial and prosecutorial capacity by training more officers. However, the report stated that authorities have failed to identify any labor trafficking victims, identifying only five sex trafficking victims aged over 30 in 2013.

The MSAR remained on Tier 2—the second-lowest ranking in the department’s annual Trafficking in Persons (TIP) Report. Regarding Macau, this year’s report echoes a similar view to that portrayed in the previous year’s.

The American government acknowledged that sex trafficking victims originate mainly from inland Chinese provinces. They travel to the Guangdong border in search of better prospects and employment. Some also come from Mongolia, Vietnam, Ukraine, Russia, and Tanzania.

“Many trafficking victims fall prey to false advertisements for jobs, including in casinos in Macau, but upon arrival are forced or coerced into prostitution,” it reads.

The report added that, “victims are sometimes confined in massage parlors and illegal brothels, where they are closely monitored, threatened with violence, forced to work long hours, and have their identity documents confiscated.”

It also stated that children have reportedly been subjected to sex trafficking on the premi-

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ses of casinos.

The US State Department found that Macau authorities demonstrated “decreased efforts” to protect the victims of trafficking. “Authorities identified

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five victims of forced prostitution, a sharp decline from 38 in 2013, in which 24 of the victims were children,” it said.

The report added that authorities decreased their allocation of funding to MOP1.8 million from MOP3 million to establish and support protection measures for the victims of trafficking. Last year, the US annual report recalled that Macau authorities had allocated about MOP3 million in 2013 to support victim protection measures, representing an increase over the previous year.

On the other hand, the American government acknowledged that authorities have sustained their anti-trafficking law enforcement efforts over the past year. However, they stressed

that, “law enforcement and judicial capacity constraints remained as the major challenges in addressing trafficking crimes.”

Regarding prevention measures, the report acknowledged Macau’s efforts in reducing demand for commercial sex acts through the law enforcement authorities’ efforts to combat prostitution-related advertisements and improve the number of inspections into illegal brothels. But those efforts were not enough, as measures failed to significantly reduce the demand for prostitution in casinos, nightclubs, and saunas.

Recommendations featured in the report are similar to those issued last year. The US government suggested that Macau increase its efforts in

investigating, prosecuting and convicting sex and labor traffickers, while implementing proactive victim identification methods, in particular among vulnerable populations such as migrant workers and children working for prostitution rings.

The US government also advised that the city should conduct sex trafficking awareness campaigns to ensure that visitors understand that soliciting or engaging in prostitution with children is illegal.

Finally, they suggested for authorities to conduct a survey on the city’s migrant population, looking to assess its vulnerability to human trafficking.

The report released yesterday shows that Cuba, Kenya and Saudi Arabia are now doing better at combating human trafficking, while Ghana, Egypt and Bulgaria have downgraded their efforts in fighting trafficking.

Although US Secretary of State John Kerry stressed that the report is intended at enlightening, energizing and empowering activists fighting human trafficking across the globe, controversies have emerged as rights groups have questioned whether politics has played a role in the decision to upgrade certain countries such as Malaysia.

This year’s report ranked China on the Tier 2 Watch List, stating yet again that the country “is a source, destination, and transit for men, women, and children subjected to forced labor and sex trafficking.”

The U.S. State Department ranks countries that do the most to fight human trafficking in Tier 1, and the least in Tier 3. Tier 2 includes a Watch List for countries in danger of plunging into Tier 3.

Malaysia, Cuba taken off US human trafficking blacklist

DEMOCRATIC lawmakers and rights groups accused the U.S. State Department on Monday of politicizing its annual rankings of nations based on their efforts to combat modern-day slavery, as key trading partner Malaysia was taken off the blacklist.

For years, Malaysia has been cited in the report as having cases of forced labor in factories and fields, domestic servitude, child sex trafficking, and debt bondage, in which workers are never able to repay debts they incur after contracting with traffickers to find them jobs.

Cuba was also given an upgrade; a week after the U.S. and Cuba formally

restored diplomatic relations, ending a half-century of estrangement.

But Thailand, downgraded with Malaysia last year because of pervasive labor abuses in its lucrative fishing industry, remained stuck in Tier 3—the lowest ranking in the department’s annual Trafficking in Persons Report.

Undersecretary of State Sarah Sewall denied allegations that political considerations had come into play.

Secretary of State John Kerry formally launched the annual report, stating that it was not intended to “name and shame” but to galvanize action against an illicit trade that the U.N. estimates

generates USD150 billion in profits each year, in industries also including mining, construction and domestic service.

The annual report examines 188 governments for their performance during the previous year in fighting exploitation, whether for sex, domestic labor, or work—from construction and fishing to farming and mining. The State Department estimates that about 20 million children, women and men around the world are affected.

The countries that remained on the lowest level this year included Iran North Korea, Syria and Russia. **MDT/Agencies**

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HERITAGE

Traditional woodcraft works displayed in permanent exhibition



THE Cultural Affairs Bureau (IC) unveiled an exhibition center yesterday dedicated to Chinese eminent craftsman Lu Ban with an aim to preserve the waning art of homebuilding carpentry in the region.

The Woodcraft Works of Master Lu Ban Exhibition Room made its public debut after an opening ceremony during the Feast of Lu Ban. The exhibition room sits inside the Carpentry Guildhall, an establishment erected in the Qing Dynasty and is now situated in the Macau peninsula's bustling downtown. A statue of the great carpenter is enshrined inside the guildhall, which also serves as the headquarters of the Macao Carpentry Trade Union.

"His inventions embody the intellect and achievements of human civilization, making use of construction skills and establishing construction standards for later generations, thereby he was greatly revered by craftsmen," addressed Leong Hio Ming, acting president of the bureau.

"Master Lu Ban devised so many inventions for the Chinese nation, leaving us an abundance of cultural heritage," said another representative of the union.

However, his remarkable legacy is coming close to extinction in the region, as Fong Chong Seng, the shrine's director, estimated that less than one hundred workers are still actively using the traditional carpentry style, known as "Soeng Ga Hong" in Cantonese.

"Macau people just go straight to casinos for work after school. How can you expect them to put in a couple of years of hard work when doing so is less profitable?" said Fong, in spite of saying that a seasoned master carpenter could "earn quite handsomely."

Modernization has also expedited the decline; as woodworks that were previously manually created using tools now depend on machinery,

pushing the traditional industry to the verge of extinction. Nowadays, most of the traditional apparatuses have been phased out.

More than 80 conventional carpentry tools are on display inside the 172-square-meter venue, together with audiovisual equipment and some interactive wooden exhibits, to give visitors a peak into the time-honored industry pioneered by the Chinese carpenters.

The government spent two and a half years revitalizing the aged guildhall. During the first phase of revitalization between 2013 and 2014, authorities removed the buildup of water and salt from the walls of the shrine before reinforcing the entire block's structure and creating a skylight. The exhibits were introduced into the hall over the following year.

A large-scale Lu Ban Lock, one of the great carpenter's most intelligent inventions, has been placed in the middle of the shrine. The device consists of six tightly entwined wooden sticks, showing Lu's wisdom and creation in the craftsmanship of home building. Another of his well-known architectural designs is the mortise joint requiring no nails or pins, which can be widely seen in ancient Chinese buildings.

Originally surnamed Gongshu, he was named after his birthplace, Lu. Lu Ban was extolled as the "father of craftsmanship" for his innovative architectural skills, which greatly influenced the succeeding generations. There are many temples across the country commemorating his contributions, which are often associated to divine acumen. In 2008, the "Legend of Lu Ban" from Shandong province was inscribed into China's Intangible Cultural Heritage.

Having opened yesterday, the exhibition center is now open to the public from 10.00 a.m. to 6.00 p.m. every day except Wednesday. **Staff reporter**

REPORT

July gaming revenue may close above austerity level

CITIGROUP has stated that Gross Gaming Revenue (GGR) reached around MOP14.9 billion during the first twenty-six days of July, according to information provided by the industry. "To reflect the recent trend, the GGR forecast for July has been cut from MOP19 billion to MOP18.5 billion, down 35% yearly, but up 7% monthly, indicating that the average Daily GGR will be around MOP580 million for the rest of the month," Citigroup mentioned in a report.

If confirmed at 18.5 billion, July's GGR will be slightly above the "austerity"-triggering level of 18.35 billion announced by Secretary Lionel Leong. Last week, the Secretary for Economy and Finance said to reporters that, "if revenue doesn't reach 18.355 billion patacas, we will have to launch austerity measures."

As for market share (quoted from industry information), Sands China holds the top spot at 23.8%, followed by Galaxy (23.1%), SJM (20.1%), Melco Crown (14.3%), MGM China (9.5%), and Wynn Macau (9.2%). According to the Citigroup report, Sands saw the biggest gain in market share in comparison with results from the June period.

Meanwhile, Deutsche Bank (DB) noted that Macau stocks have rallied 15% since the relax-



ation of the transit visa rules on July 1 in the hope of improving GGR. However, July MTD GGR/day was only MOP596m (still -35% y-o-y), merely 3% above the seasonally-weak June.

The research house expressed its fears that Macau is losing its appeal to visitors: June marked the fourth month of falling visitation (total -8% y-o-y; Chinese -10% y-o-y).

It added that the recent Chinese

stock market crash would likely hurt VIP and premium-mass demand. Historically, there is a high correlation (70%) between the fall in Macau's GGR and the fall in Shanghai A-shares six months earlier. After the recent rally, DB sees "more downside risks."

Nomura analysts agree: "The tech, internet, property and logistics sectors will likely grow [in China]. Macau gaming will remain weak." **PC**

CHUI: LOCAL FINANCES ARE 'STABLE'

CHUI SAI On said yesterday that the if austerity measures are implemented the livelihood of the residents won't be affected. Replying to journalists, the chief executive pointed out that local finances are "stable" and the financial reserve is sufficient to face "unexpected incidents" that may result from economic instability.

RETAIL

Gucci, Burberry demand lower rents as market wilts



Pedestrians and shoppers walk past a Burberry Group Plc store on Canton Road in the Tsim Sha Tsui area of Hong Kong

Andrew Roberts

LUXURY companies including Kering SA are demanding lower Hong Kong store rents to reflect the island city's waning appeal with wealthy Chinese shoppers.

The owner of the Gucci brand may close some of its shops there if those costs don't come down, Kering Chief Financial Officer Jean-Marc Duplaix said late Monday.

"Many landlords have not necessarily understood that the markets have changed," he said, speaking on a conference call with analysts.

U.K. trenchcoat maker Burberry Group Plc said

last week it may also try to lower its rent bill after sales growth slowed to a two-year low. Luxury spending in Hong Kong, one of the world's largest hubs for high-priced shopping, has been suffering since China began discouraging extravagant spending among government officials in late 2012.

Hong Kong accounted for more than 10 percent of first-half Kering's luxury retail sales, the company said. Burberry, with 17 shops in Hong Kong, gets a similar proportion of sales from that city and Macau, excluding licenses.

Hong Kong's "halcyon days are gone," said Exane BNP analyst Luca Solca. He expects watch and jewelry makers in particular to close sites there, and rents will come down. "This should in time moderate adverse developments for luxury players."

Swiss watch exports to Hong Kong slumped 20 percent in the first half.

Kering has also started renegotiating rents in Macau and mainland China as part of a wider plan to contain costs, Duplaix said. Rental costs for luxury companies in Hong Kong could drop 20 percent in the next 18 months, according to John Guy, an analyst at MainFirst Bank AG.

"Hong Kong luxury consumption as a region has peaked," he said. **Bloomberg**

Car tax updates to enter legislative procedure in Q3

The Transport Bureau (DSAT) has reviewed legislation to introduce to car tax updates, according to a report by Radio Macau. In a reply to a written enquiry by lawmaker Chan Meng Kam, the Bureau said that legislative procedures to introduce the updates could begin in the third quarter of this year. The bureau added that it is aiming to introduce the car tax updates at the same time as it inaugurates the Vehicle Inspection Station that is currently under development in Cotai. New inspection rules will also be introduced.

Alexis Tam prioritizes education

The Secretary for Social Affairs and Culture, Alexis Tam, said during a China Youth Federation ideology promotional meeting on Monday that the current MSAR government administration is concentrating more of their efforts on youth education than ever before. "The age we live in is an age of large development, where Macau is intricately linked and intertwined with the country's roots. Which means whether the development of Macau or the revival of the Chinese nation, the heavy responsibility is being shouldered by the promising youths of this age," he stressed.

Legal forum concludes with pledge of further cooperation

Brook Yang

THE third Cross-Strait High Level Forum on the legal affairs of Hong Kong, Macau and Taiwan concluded yesterday with judges and experts from the four Chinese jurisdictions sharing their thoughts and opinions on the concept of a system guarantee for judicial justice, as well as furthering cooperation in combating crimes.

Hosting the forum in Macau for the first time, the president of Macau's Court of Final Appeal, Sam Hou Fai, spoke during the closing ceremony, stating that the seminar has provided a platform for the four judicial circles to learn from each other's experiences, work closely in the pursuit of judicial development, and promote judicial cooperation across the Strait.

He stressed that "although mainland China, Taiwan, Hong Kong and Macau belong to different legal systems and have differences in their levels of so-



Sam Hou Fai

cial, economical and judicial development, as well as people's legal awareness, they share the same pursuit of justice, and the same value orientation of achieving and ensuring judicial independence through institutional building."

After a one-and-a-half day exchange, representatives from the four judicial circles concluded that they had reached a

broad consensus on key topics such as where to draw the boundary between judicial trials and judicial administration, ensu- ing independent and autonomous management of the courts' expenses, and deepening the judicial exchanges and cooperation across the strait.

Hong Kong's Chief Judge of the High Court, Andrew Cheung, stated in his closing speech: "As of building a safeguarded legal system that's trusted by the people, although we are from the four different judicial circles, we face some very similar challenges."

"Thereby, this seminar is very meaningful, as the judicial organs across the Strait can share their respective experiences and can use the exchange to learn from each other. By learning about the others' approaches and methods, our Hong Kong delegation has gained more extensive materials to make more comprehensive considerations about Hong Kong's [judicial] reality," he added.

Taiwan's Judicial Yuan Secretary-General, Ms Lin Jiin-fang, who is also Taiwan's Chief Convener of the Cross-Strait Joint Crime-Fighting and Judicial Mutual Assistance Agreement, indicated that "this seminar took a step further away from the last edition in discussing the core concerns in the judicial system (...), which demonstrates the four jurisdictions' determination to defend judicial fairness." She thus expected the cross-Strait judicial circles to continue inspiring each other through further and closer communication.

Additionally, mainland China's Special Advisor of the Cross-Strait Joint Crime-Fighting and Judicial Mutual Assistance Agreement, Mr Jiang Bixin, expressed his vision of improving and working together to update the judicial systems on both sides of the Strait, suggesting that "building the judicial mutual assistance mechanism not only needs mutual benefits but also needs sincerity and good faith coming from compatriots' ties."

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Guangdong and Macau Branded Products Fair kicks off tomorrow

Brook Yang

THE annual Guangdong and Macau Branded Products Fair (GMBPF) begins tomorrow at the Macau Fisherman's Wharf Convention and Exhibition Centre, with a total of 289 booths showcasing specialty products made not only in Guangdong and Macau but also some originating from Portugal.

Taking place up until this Sunday, the fair will present 123 enterprises from Guangdong and 107 booths of Macau products on the 6,000-square-meter exhibition floor.

Executive Director of the Macau Trade and Investment Promotion Institute (IPIM), Irene Lau, explained to the media yesterday that the booths allocated for the "Macau Exhibition Area" will showcase local brands and sell products made or designed locally, as well as products from overseas that have Macau agents, "including souvenir food, arts and crafts, electronic products and daily necessities." In addition, it will contain a "Portuguese Products Exhibition and



Irene Lau (center) pictured with the event's organizers and guests

Sales Area" to promote specialty products and food.

"In addition, to support youth business start-ups, the Fair has established the 'Young Business Starters' and the 'Cultural and Creative Industries for Young Entrepreneurs' exhibition areas. It aims to provide a platform for young entrepreneurs to showcase their products and give them greater public exposure, thus bringing more vitality to the event and attracting more young consumers," revealed Ms Lau.

Co-organized by the IPIM and Guangdong's Provincial Department of Commerce, the event is now entering its 7th year of operation. Guangdong and Macau's annual import and export volume reached USD2.25 billion last year, representing a five percent in-

crease year-on-year.

The Guangdong department's Deputy Director, Ma Hua, stressed that "the GMBPF has become a 'golden signature' for Guangdong and Macau's economic and trade cooperation, gaining praise from enterprises on both sides". "It has played an important role in Guangdong and Macau's joint expansion into the international markets, especially those of Portuguese-speaking countries," he added.

"The GMBPF has always followed a development strategy focused on specialization, promoting its own brand image and aiming to ramp up its professionalism. It serves as an important platform for both Guangdong and Macau enterprises to showcase their high-quality branded produc-

ts, explore markets in different regions and find new business opportunities through on-site business matching sessions and procurement negotiations," explained Ms Lau.

This year's event will also include seminars promoting Macau's "Three Centers of Trade and Economic Cooperation between China and Portuguese-speaking Countries." In addition, the fair will feature several forms of entertainment such as cooking competitions and celebrity cooking demonstrations in order to attract a greater number of visitors.

"Being a major trade and economic cooperation platform and a branded exhibition in Guangdong and Macau, we hope that GMBPF will continue to strengthen business and trade links between Guangdong and Macau, by creating a wider range of opportunities for partnerships," stressed Ms Lau, adding that all event-related information will be uploaded onto the official website in order to offer companies an ongoing platform for virtual promotion.

Seven arrested for stealing from gem fair

Police arrested seven people during the first day of the Macau International Gem Fair. The detainees were reportedly caught stealing jewelry from a variety of counters, worth a total of over MOP3 million. All of the suspects, according to the police, were caught red-handed by the booth-keepers or firm owners during the first two hours of the fair after the opening ceremony, with four diamonds, four gold rings, multiple packets of pearls and pearl-studded necklaces swiped.

Three gold medals for Macau at Special Olympics

Local athletes have clinched a total of three gold medals so far at Los Angeles' 2015 Special



Olympics, which started last Saturday. The delegation's very first medalist, Sou Chi Ngai, earned his first silver medal in the 100M Backstroke Division M1 on July 27 (local time) before he managed to get a gold medal in the 100M Freestyle Division M05 the following day. Another swimmer, Lam Chit Wai, also won a bronze medal in the 100M Freestyle Division M02 yesterday. The delegation's bowling team and bocce team respectively claimed one gold medal each, while the former also brought the region a bronze medal in another M3 division.

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Q&A ALICE KOK
PRESIDENT OF ART FOR ALL SOCIETY

'Only with gov't resources can major art events be created'



Alice Kok

Catarina Pinto

LOCAL artist Alice Kok was appointed president of the Art for All Society (AFA) last year, when the association faced major challenges when coping with private rental increases. One year on, Ms Kok acknowledges that the AFA has had to rent out its gallery space to other organizations, in order to meet these growing costs. In an email interview with the Times, she stressed that partnerships with the government are crucial, as Macau's administration has the necessary resources to organise big events such as art biennials.

Macau Daily Times (MDT) – AFA faced great challenges last year, particularly due to rent increases. How's AFA's situation now?

Alice Kok (AK) - The same situation continues; the rent is still very high. Since less than half of our annual exhibition projects were accepted by the Cultural Affairs Bureau for subsidies, we have fewer exhibitions this year, so we

rent out our gallery space to other organizations when required so that we can share the rent.

MDT – How do you look back on this past year as AFA president?

AK - This past year has been a transition year. We are trying to solve previous difficulties and achieve stability with our financial situation (which is not yet the case). It is not easy but I am not al-

With the development of Macau's cultural art scene we can see that there is a growing number of emerging young artists

ne in dealing with it. The previous president of the AFA, James Chu is still very much involved in giving us advice based on his experiences. We are a team of nine people, making decisions together concerning AFA. Even though the difficulties are still there, it is obvious that the team spirit is much stronger this year than in previous ones.

MDT - What kind of projects has AFA been prioritizing?

AK - Our priority this year has been establishing the balance in our financial situation, so we are trying to encourage more sales and to promote artworks in exhibitions and art fairs. The sales record is improving steadily with our efforts to promote artists who already had a good sales record, as well as in promoting new ones.

MDT - Are there any projects you would like to highlight and that will be soon run by AFA?

AK - This year we have launched the AFA art school but the initial response hasn't

been very good yet. We hope that we will be able to push this project forward and allow more young people who are interested in art to benefit from the professional experiences our artists can provide. So starting from September, when the academic year starts, we will launch a new series of art courses again.

MDT - You said in an interview before that since Macau has a limited number of artists the association is not able to put on many exhibitions. Why doesn't Macau have more artists and what could be done to change the art scene here?

AK - This is relative. Macau has 600,000 inhabitants which is a relatively smaller population size when compared to other big cities. And I think the situation is changing too, because previously Macau citizens were not so aware of arts and culture, but nowadays with the development of Macau's cultural art scene, we can see that there are a growing number of emerging young artists.

The AFA has been putting in an effort to encourage young students to study art as well as creating exhibition opportunities for young artists to show and sell their artworks, and that can change the art scene in Macau. The upcoming annual Autumn Salon event, in collaboration with the Orient Foundation, is among those efforts. All Macau artists can apply for the Autumn Salon, by sending their artworks to us. We'll make a selection and curate an exhibition aiming at selling the artworks. It is one of the most important art events now in Macau, especially with the Orient Foundation art prize that is given to a promising young artist every year. The prize features the opportunity to be featured in a solo exhibition in Portugal.

MDT - What are AFA's plans to further art education in town?

AK - We hope that our AFA art course will be able to create a collaborative artistic atmosphere. That is why we have launched the Summer AFA classes, where an integrated series of art classes are designed for teenagers to take on drawing, art history, photography, and so on. Right now we don't have a sufficient number of students but we will keep pushing the program forward and in time we hope that there will be more students registering.

MDT – Many local artists have cooperated with projects run by casinos or the government. Are you concerned that with the downturn in the gaming industry, these partnerships might be cut?

AK - Well, we are still working closely with the MGM to create exhibitions in their hotel spaces. And this year we also have launched the art booths on Broadway Macau to sell artworks and products. So we hope the collaboration will continue.

MDT - What other kind of partnerships do you think would benefit the art industry here?

AK - I think the partnership with the government will benefit from it. We are not necessarily talking about subsidies here, but to work together. The government can lead art events such as biennials where the local associations can help to curate and provide professional services in curating exhibitions and so on. Because only with the government's resources can major events be held, and at the same time we can invite guests from the international art scene to engage in meaningful dialogue with us.

Greece advances in loan talks, under fire for euro exit plan

GREECE pushed ahead with talks on a new rescue loan yesterday, but its government came under increasing pressure over claims it had a top-secret plan to prepare for a euro exit that involved accessing citizens' personal tax data.

Emissaries from Greece's international creditors held a second day of preparatory talks with Greek officials, ahead of higher-level negotiations later this week on the country's new multi-billion euro lifeline.

The talks in Athens aim to thrash out the terms of the deal — worth about 85 billion euros (USD94 billion) over three years — before Aug. 20, when Greece must make a debt payment that it cannot afford without new loans.

It will be the country's third bailout in more than five years. So far, Greece has received about 240 billion euros from the European Union and the International Monetary Fund.

In return, it was forced to implement painful spending cuts, tax increases, and wide-ranging market reforms. The austerity deepened a sharp recession, and caused unemployment to swell to a peacetime record.

This week's talks will include an array of issues such as pensions and labor market reforms, where the government is being asked to cut early retirement, raise reti-



A man passes a discount shop in Athens

ment ages, streamline the pension system and ease restrictions protecting workers from mass layoffs.

Adding to Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras' troubles, his former finance minister, Yanis Varoufakis, has claimed that he tried to surreptitiously clone his own ministry's tax records with the help of a childhood friend, as part of a contingency plan requested by Tsipras before the January elections. The idea, according to Varoufakis, was to set up a parallel banking system that would allow transactions to continue — in euros, but with a provision for immediate conversion to a new currency — were Greek banks to be closed down. AP

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Sands China in the Community in July

Pro boxers visit Fuhong's Happy Market and Sands China's volunteers learn about hearing impaired with MDA

HONG KONG'S AND MACAO'S HOMETOWN HEROES VISIT FUHONG

Sands China brought Hong Kong's and Macao's popular professional boxers Rex Tso and Ng Kuok Kun to the Fuhong Society of Macau's Happy Market earlier this month, ahead of their July 18 fights at the Victory at The Venetian boxing event at The Venetian Macao's Cotai Arena, as part of the company's endeavour to support Macao's underprivileged groups and dedication to social inclusion.

Happy Market is a social enterprise that collects and restores first and second hand goods for reselling and donating to the underprivileged, and transforms discarded materials into creative products to promote recycling and conservation. The initiative aims to provide employment opportunities for people with disabilities and disadvantaged groups, and also serves as a market to showcase and sell handmade artwork designed by Fuhong members.

A representative from Fuhong gave the fighters an introduction to Happy Market and showcased some of the artwork of its members. Tso and Ng then learned how to make handicrafts during a workshop led by some of the Fuhong members.

"It was wonderful to have Rex and KK [Ng] come visit us and spend time with our members," said Jennifer Chau, director of Fuhong Society of Macau. "They're both very genuine people and that comes through in their interactions; our members really enjoyed working with them on the handicrafts today."

Wednesday's visit was organised by the Sands China Community Academy, whose events provide opportunities for locals to interact with incredibly talented and accomplished individuals, offering them inspirational and educational experiences.

The Fuhong Society of Macau is a non-profit organisation founded by a group of volunteers to serve the needs of Macau's mentally handicapped community.



Boxers Rex Tso (in blue) and Ng Kuok Kun (in black) make handicrafts with members of the Fuhong Society of Macau July 15.

SANDS CHINA CARE AMBASSADORS LEARN ABOUT THE HEARING IMPAIRED WITH MDA

Volunteers from the Sands China Care Ambassador (SCCA) programme participated in two sign language workshops with the Macau Deaf Association (MDA) this month — at The Venetian Macao's Adelson Advanced Education Centre and at MDA's Service Centre for the Deaf.

The SCCA programme believes that engaging with one's community leads to a better understanding of that community; and it is through this understanding that the community's needs can best be served.

It is in that spirit that 60 Care Ambassadors participated in the two workshops. They learned some sign language, watched educational clips from the MDA, and were led by the MDA staff in activities aimed at giving them insight into the realities of the deaf experience.

Besides promoting social inclusion, the workshops also served to deepen the Care Ambassadors' understanding of the community and community service, in line with one of the programme's key pillars of participating in enriching experiences.

"I had joined another MDA activity with the Care Ambassadors last year in March, and both of these experiences have left really big impressions on me," said one of the SCCA volunteers who participated in the workshops. "Being able to experience what someone else's life is like — even if just a little bit — really helps me understand what others might be going through. I think this helps us strive to be better people, and it helps us serve each other better."

Sands China Care Ambassador activities like these are central to Sands China's commitment towards community outreach and service.



Sands China Care Ambassadors learn sign language with the Macau Deaf Association July 17 at a workshop at the Adelson Advanced Education Centre.

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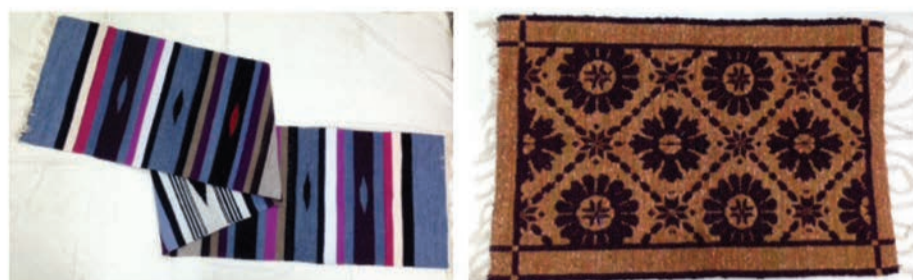
SOFITEL MACAU AT PONTE 16 INAUGURATES LOVE AND HERITAGE PHOTO EXHIBITION



To celebrate the soon-to-be released movie "Guia in Love" directed by award-winning Hong Kong Director Sam Leong, Sofitel Macau at Ponte 16 has collaborated with Entertaining Power to organize the Love and Heritage Photo Exhibition at the hotel Lobby and Rendezvous lounge with photos on the historical flavors of Macau. Showcasing the cultural

linkage between people and the UNESCO sites in Macau, the free exhibition, which is open to the public from July 24 to August 16, shows 10 short-listed photos demonstrating the originality and creativity of photography enthusiasts. 3 photos, which were particularly impressive in their image composition, have been awarded Grand, 1st runner-up and 2nd runner-up prizes.

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HUMAN RIGHTS

Tibetan groups campaign against 2022 Olympics going to Beijing

TIBETAN activists and others are calling on the International Olympic Committee not to award the 2022 Winter Games to Beijing, saying China's human rights record after the 2008 Olympics in the Chinese capital worsened rather than showing a hoped-for improvement.

The IOC will choose Friday between only two cities: Beijing and Kazakhstan's largest city, Almaty, after all other bidders dropped out for financial or political reasons. Both countries are frequently criticized over their record on human rights and press freedoms.

Tibetan rights groups and human rights activists have written letters to the IOC, delivered a report to the IOC on human rights abuses and tried to disrupt the city's lobbying to try to prevent the decision from going to Beijing as it did in the 2001 vote for the 2008 Summer Olympic Games.

"In 2001 what we saw was some optimism on the part of the IOC that the games might help to improve human rights in China. Exactly the opposite happened," said Alistair Currie of London-based Free Tibet, which is one of the groups coordinating the campaign by the International Tibet Network.



A man leads a mule pulling a cart past a publicity billboard promoting Zhangjiakou, Chongli as the snow capital of China near the Chongli ski area outside Beijing

Giving the games to China again is tantamount to saying "you are a full member of the global community, you can receive all the honors and prestige that go along with that — that will embolden its approach to repressing human rights in Tibet and elsewhere," Currie said.

The Foreign Ministry said in

a statement yesterday that the Chinese bid is intended to promote the Olympics in the country and would inspire more than 300 million Chinese to participate in winter sports. "While Chinese people are heartily looking forward to the holding of a successful and wonderful Winter Olympics, a few people

with ulterior motives politicize the Games, which is not in keeping with the Olympic Spirit and will not be popular."

Golog Jigme, a Tibetan activist, said he had co-signed a letter to the IOC last week along with groups representing other ethnic minorities urging it not to award another Olympics to China "out of disappointment and frustration."

He broke out of police custody and escaped from Tibet in May 2014. He had been initially arrested after helping make a film that showed Tibetan nomads expressing their discontent over Chinese rule in Tibet just ahead of the 2008 Olympics, and alleges he was beaten severely and given electric shocks during detention.

"What we have seen since 2008 is that there is more repression, Tibetan intellectuals are being forcefully disappeared and the situation in Tibet is getting more urgent every day," Golog Jigme,

46, said through an interpreter by phone from Switzerland, where he has applied for asylum.

The campaign against Beijing becoming 2022 host city comes amid a wide-ranging crackdown on civil society, or groups outside of Communist Party control. In the past two months, authorities have rounded up more than 200 "rights-defender lawyers" and the activists associated with them, accusing them of being troublemakers. Dozens remain detained and may eventually stand trial.

"The human rights environment is now generally considered probably the worst environment since 1989 because of the crackdown on civil society," Human Rights Watch researcher Maya Wang said. "This is not limited to the detention of individuals but also a significant hardening of ideology," which has become "more hostile towards human rights and democracy than in the past." AP

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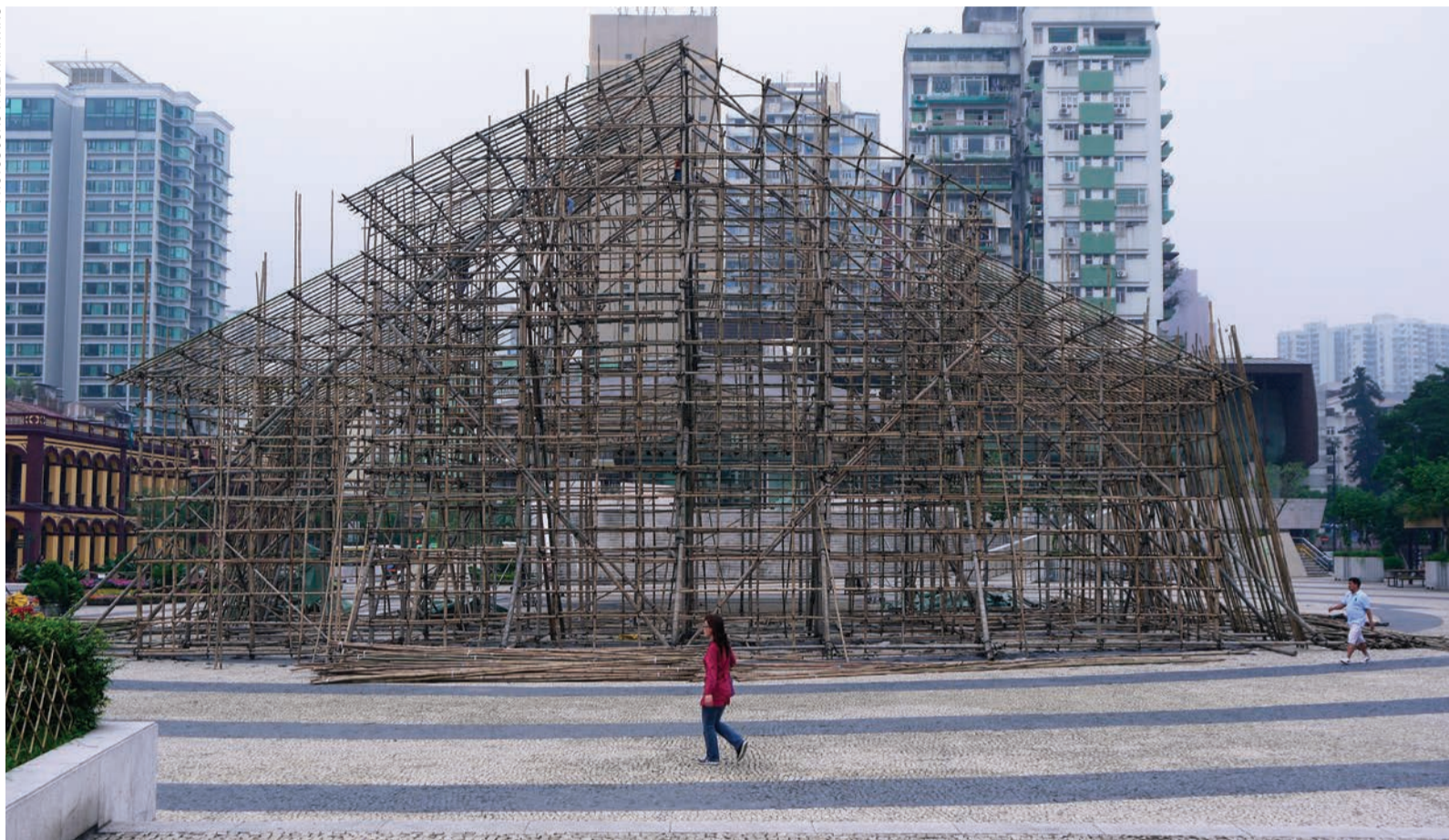
Vernacular Macau – Apropos of the Historic Centre as World

FROM where I live, one can see the bridge that will eventually connect Hong Kong to Zhuhai and then to Macau. It is still under construction but symbolizes the overall “infrastructures” that have been imported to the city. All has been imported to Macau and still is. Macau Electricity Company generates 8% of the region’s gross energy demand, while the other 92% is imported from China. Most of Macau’s water comes from the West River’s Modaomen Channel in Zhuhai City. All food supplies, construction materials and common goods are imported. Gambling is the city’s only industry, providing huge revenues but there is no alternative or diversified economy in the pipeline. Macau once had several industries: toys, garments, plastic flowers, fireworks, etc. Nowadays it is totally dependent on the outside and we believe that it is not a resilient city at all.

WHAT DOES MACAU HAVE THAT WE CAN BE PROUD OF?

Monuments such as churches, fortresses, temples and institutional buildings were acknowledged by UNESCO in 2005 as belonging to a list of recognized heritage. The current “Historical Centre of Macau” is governed by the existing safeguard legislation as well as UNESCO’s recommendations. However, in the last 10 years, a substantial number of buildings with singular features and interests have been demolished. While waiting for the final version of the Cultural Heritage Safeguarding Law (Law n.11/2013), applicable from March 1st 2014, several owners tore down potential historical buildings fearing rigidity in the new regulation. Also, the lack of planning for the historical neighborhoods have resulted in the decay of buildings in the hands of their owners and one can currently see several vacant plots amidst old areas. The Safeguard and Management Plan of the “Historical Centre” is yet

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Bamboo Opera Pavilion

to be issued as well as the new list of buildings to be classified. In the last 10 years, heritage has been a factor of a sheepish pride, sometimes convenient but a lot of the time being a thorn in the side where the government has been hardly trying to keep it safe from speculators in the absence of clear politics.

WHAT HAS BEEN LEFT BEHIND?

Old shops, teahouses, old neighborhoods and alleyways are some of the valuable constructed environments that have been left without any regulation for preservation or listing. It is of particular interest to understand the vernacular heritage, as expressed in the “Charter of Built Vernacular Heritage”,

(ICOMOS, 1999). This document considers that traditional heritage or vernacular, “Is the fundamental expression of the culture of a community, of its relationship with its territory and, at the same time, the expression of the world’s cultural diversity (...)” This kind of built environment looks apparently irregular, but orderly. It has both utility and interest and beauty. “It is a continuing process including necessary changes and continuous adaptation as a response to social and environmental constraints”.

Vernacular Architecture is a built environment that belongs to its own region with some particular characteristics. In the past, local built settlements used to be handled

by common people to create an intentionally and very defined type of dwelling and ultimately, a landscape. That, of course, would vary according to people’s beliefs or religion among other factors, which naturally embodies a sense of community. The knowledge of construction needed to be shared to guarantee continuity and to ensure communities would grow following the same techniques and same type of dwelling, creating an indigenous pattern.

There are other aspects that help define vernacular patterns such as topography, building sit, available construction materials or climate. Factors like defence from potential enemies or climate adaptation led to

energy efficient and rainwater captive system shelters. Construction used to be a localised handcrafted activity embodying a secular knowledge as a legacy from father to son, meaning that building techniques, shapes and functionality have been constantly adapted to respond to aspects mentioned above, creating a high degree of performance, made with care and passion, to gain a strong personality. That is why we are likely to feel attracted to these habitats — as habitat is related to an organism where site and natural conditions help determine the settlement and distribution of communities.

In the present time, as it is being celebrated the 10th Anniversary of the Historic Centre of Macau as World Heritage, it



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is imperative to read the existing settlements in Macau that are not classified and in risk of demolition. We defend that those are not a random or casual set of buildings but the product of a determined action of the way of building in this unique territory. In fact, the Pátios or alleyways that comprise family dwellings are historical buildings based moreover on Chinese construction techniques (with load-bearing walls and wooden floors and roof-

fs). These settlements, of only up to 20 have been identified by Wang Weijen and Cheong Cheok Kio in "Regenerating Pátio - Study of Macao's Historical Urban Fabric," should be seen as a whole so that it creates an environment of a remarkable regular succession of buildings facing an almost private street, where life among communities improved. Collapse or disappearance of each of the existing units is a loss for the configuration because it alters

the value and pace of rhythm of the buildings, creating voids that hinder an understanding of the settlement.

Thus, the built environment being more than 100 years old is a testimony to a time and of an understanding of the territory and of man's relationship with it, which is tied to the question of identity of the settlements, both on an intrinsic level and as for the general community in which it occurs.

In this regard, there seems to

be no doubt that these Pátios constituted, until the recent past, a strong factor of identity related to the context in which they appeared; to the way of life for lower or middle-class where each Pátio constituted a self-sustained community and ultimately to the setting out and exceptional location of the dwellings.

Rua da Felicidade is one example of vernacular architecture that was under a renewal operation in 1997, however significant Pátios and streets south of Avenida Almeida Ribeiro and north of it, the so-called Chinese Bazar, belong to one of the first areas to be reclaimed in Macau between 1783 and 1881. These streets are characterized by small scale buildings, narrow streets and alleys. The Chinese city is adjacent to the Portuguese city located in an upper part, not having a physical separation besides the natural slope, living in harmony side by side. The linkage between both urban fabrics makes total sense if we consider the extension of pedestrian and car-free areas.

Vernacular refers to the understanding that in the recent past and present we can in our cities sort out urban fabrics, buildings and shops that are adapted and "transformed" to suit a determined way of living in order to look at the cultural understandings of our time. That is what Manuel Vicente and Manuel Graça Dias looked for in their book "Macau Glória" and again Manuel Vicente and Jerzy Wojtowicz had demonstrated in the book "Coloane Village Reader". And if in the rural vernacular there was an evolution through time, here in an urban context we can eventually stand by an evolution too. However, current urban vernacular architecture is closer to poor urban communities or degraded areas over any other kind. Should the vulnerability of these communities and consequently its structures be stressed? Because of its historic value and fragility, it is urgent to read, analyze and consider its preservation, rehabilitation and integration in touristic routes.

Lastly, among various other

cultural aspects, I especially consider having bamboo construction as a living legacy within this environment as important. The traditional technique of construction has served through centuries; it's likely that bamboo has been used for Macau's primeval lacustrine dwellings, and is still a practice for scaffolding and temporary theatres holding Chinese opera performances. Bamboo opera theaters celebrate Chinese divinities which have an association with the spiritual world and a feng shui relation with the temple right in front, the mountain after the temple and the water at the back holds meaning on a very high level. It's part of Macau's immaterial and material heritage which I agree should be taken care of with specific measures to integrate it as an added value as it represents tradition, identity and knowledge/expertise. Bamboo construction in Macau is a living cultural heritage and should be preserved as old techniques of building, but we should also look at this sustainable material for the present and future and invent modern day solutions the same way old communities did in their times.

The threats are numerous and typical to Asian cities given its fast development. So, the loss of such an environment would prove extensive and irrecoverable cultural damage.

Architects and cultural agents being part of the community ought to understand the needs and traditions that are embedded in a particular culture. Designing for the community takes after all the same roll and same spirit that some communities' builders took to erect traditional houses. Designing vernacular has no recipe other than to follow, understand and improve culture, its knowledge and looking into the communities, having in consideration the spirit of the place.

The mission of safeguarding Macau's heritage has to look and address all of these aspects in order to keep its values and identity for the generations to come.

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Pátio da Claridade



Pátio da Ilusão



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A Chinese investor monitors displays of stock information at a brokerage house in Beijing

Q&A: What stock market tumble means for Beijing, rest of world

Joe McDonald
Business Writer, Beijing

CHINA'S stock market tumbled this week despite a massive government intervention aimed at halting a slide in prices that began last month following an explosive rise. On Monday, the Shanghai Composite Index suffered its biggest daily fall since 2007. Here's what the sell-off means for China economy and other countries.

HOW CONCERNED ARE ORDINARY CHINESE?

Gyrating stock prices are a popular topic of tea break chatter, but only a minority of Chinese are directly affected. The market boom prompted millions of novice investors to pile into the market. But even with the new additions, a survey by Southwestern University of Finance found the share of households that participate in the market still stood at just 8.8 percent in the second quarter of this year. That is well below the one-third or more of households in the United States and other Western markets that own stocks.

WHO ARE THE BIGGEST WINNERS AND LOSERS?

Winners included small companies in technology, auto parts

and other industries that caught investor attention with an early price surge and enjoyed more gains as more speculators piled in. Sugon Information Industry Ltd., a manufacturer of computer equipment, was the biggest gainer on the Shanghai exchange, with shares up 270 percent from Nov. 1 through yesterday. No. 2 was Ue Furniture Co., a maker of high-tech office chairs, up 240 percent. State-owned construction companies rose after Beijing announced initiatives to expand trade links with neighboring Asian economies — plans that are expected to lead to multibillion-dollar spending on infrastructure. Other winners include securities firms, which received a flood of money from trading fees and interest on loans to buy shares. Prices rose so much that losses for the biggest decliners were modest. Among the biggest losers was Xiamen Overseas Chinese Electronic Co., a maker of TV sets, off 27 percent.

DOES IT MEAN CHINA'S ECONOMY IS COLLAPSING?

China's stock market has little direct connection to its economy. Since trading began in 1990, the mainland's two ex-

changes in Shanghai and the southern city of Shenzhen have been used mostly to raise money for state companies. Regulators have eased access for private companies but the exchanges still are dominated by state industry. In this government-dominated system, investors react more to changes in regulation and the availability of credit to finance trading and less to economic fundamentals. That can mean share prices move in the opposite direction from economic performance. The explosive rise over the past year came as manufacturing and other economic indicators declined.

DOES IT AFFECT THE REST OF THE WORLD?

China keeps its financial markets largely sealed off from global capital flows. But due to the size of its economy, traders abroad watch Chinese markets closely and react to dramatic changes. Beginning in 2002, Beijing allowed a handful of foreign fund managers to buy Chinese shares under rules that limit short-term trading. Foreign access increased with the Nov. 17 launch of a program that allows foreign investors to buy mainland shares through Hong Kong brokers. The Shanghai-Hong Kong Stock Connect

limits foreigners to buying 568 mainly blue chip stocks on the Shanghai exchange, or about half the companies traded there. Those restrictions mean money cannot flow quickly into or out of the Chinese market. But lurches in Chinese share prices have triggered selloffs in markets abroad.

WILL CHINA'S ECONOMY SUFFER?

China got little "wealth effect" on the way up, and analysts say the impact on the way down also should be limited. Shareholders who sold before prices peaked made windfall profits. But the

rise was too brief to goose consumer spending at a time when economic growth is slowing. One notable effect: The bulge in revenue for securities firms was so big that it helped to offset weakness in other industries and keep economic growth at an unexpectedly strong 7 percent for second quarter. Brokers have been ordered to tighten control over lending to finance trading, which is expected to limit the financial impact on the state-owned finance industry if traders are unable to repay them. "With only a small and relatively wealthy portion of Chinese households exposed to the stock market, we aren't particularly concerned," said Julian Evans-Pritchard of Capital Economics in a report. "Given that the stock market didn't provide any noticeable boost to spending on the way up, there is no reason to expect it to be a drag on the way down." **AP**

MAINLAND STOCKS VOLATILE AFTER BIG FALL, HK REBOUNDS

SHANGHAI STOCKS were volatile yesterday after falling the most in eight years the day before. The Shanghai Composite Index wavered, falling 3.8 percent in early trading and then recovering. It was recently down 1 percent at 3,688.48. Hong Kong's Hang Seng was up 1.5 percent at 24,719.88. The Shanghai index fell the most since February 2007 on Monday, plunging 8.5 percent despite a massive government intervention. Analysts

blamed investor concern over slowing economic growth and said a decline appeared inevitable after a rebound driven by government measures over the past two weeks. "Clearly the Chinese markets are unable to support themselves. The mountain of leverage and the risks of margin calls are hitting market stability," said IG market strategist Evan Lucas in a report. A threat by Chinese authorities to prosecute short sellers "is a recipe for disaster," he said.

MALAYSIA

PM axes deputy, attorney general over 1MDB fund scandal

Eileen Ng, Kuala Lumpur

MALAYSIAN Prime Minister Najib Razak, stung by allegations that he received some USD700 million in government money, yesterday fired the attorney general who had been investigating him and a deputy who has been among his most prominent critics.

Najib is under increasing pressure over leaked confidential documents that allegedly show the money, from state investment fund 1MDB, went into his personal accounts.

Najib announced over national television yesterday that his deputy Muhyiddin Yassin will be replaced by Ahmad Zahid Hamidi, a Cabinet member who will also retain his home minister portfolio. Earlier yesterday, the government announced it had terminated the services of Attorney General Abdul Gani Patail.

Najib said he also dropped four other ministers to strengthen his administration and ensure they can “work as a team.”

“I can accept differences in



Malaysian Prime Minister Najib Razak speaks during a press conference at the prime minister's office in Putrajaya

opinion and criticisms as part of the decision-making process, but these differences in opinion should not be made in an open forum that can affect public perception of the government and the country,” he said.

Critics slammed Gani's abrupt removal and cast it as an attempt by Najib to avoid prosecution.

“The purge commences. The Attorney-General is replaced. Any flicker of hope that the prime minister might be charged for misdeeds is extinguished,” opposition lawmaker Tony Pua tweeted.

“The fact that he is not answering the allegations but instead removed his critics is not a good sign,” said Wan Saiful Wan Jan, who heads the Institute for Democracy and Economic Affairs think tank. “It shows deep desperation on Najib's side.”

Muhyiddin, the deputy, has been critical of the government's handling of 1MDB's massive debt and on Sunday night repeated his call for Najib to explain the alleged funds transfer.

Najib said, “The decision to

replace Muhyiddin was a very difficult one, but I had to do it so that a strong team can move forward.”

Gani was replaced by a Federal Court judge, Mohamed Apandi Ali, months before the attorney general had been due to retire in October. The government said Gani was leaving for health reasons, but when contacted by Malay Mail Online, Gani said he had not been aware of the decision.

Gani confirmed earlier this month that he had received documents from investigators that linked Najib and 1MDB. The existence of the documents, which allegedly show \$700 million was wired from entities linked to 1MDB into Najib's accounts, were first reported by The Wall Street Journal.

Najib has not disputed the existence of the accounts or the receipt of the funds. He has only said that he has never used government funds for personal gain, and called the allegations a political sabotage. Officials with 1MDB also have denied wrongdoing. AP

SOUTH KOREA

Seoul sees end of MERS threat after outbreak killed 36



A couple passes by letters on the stairs to advertise a festival called “MERS Breaker” at the Sejong Culture Center in Seoul

SOUTH Korea said yesterday it is now virtually free of the deadly MERS virus that killed 36 people and sickened nearly 200 since an outbreak was declared in May.

Prime Minister Hwang Kyo-ahn in a government meeting urged people to return to normal as the country hasn't had a new MERS case in more than three weeks. More than 16,000 people were isolated at hospitals and ho-

mes as the government tried to stop the disease's spread, and the last person was lifted from quarantine on Monday.

“It is the judgment of medical experts and the government that people can now feel safe,” Hwang said in the meeting, according to the prime minister's office.

Middle East Respiratory Syndrome, discovered in 2012, is caused by a coronavirus in the same family

as the common cold and SARS.

The disease usually spreads poorly, but experts suspect South Korea's crowded emergency rooms and hospital wards might have contributed to a wider-than-expected transmission here. South Koreans' habits of “doctor shopping” — visiting multiple facilities to treat the same illness — and having many friends and relatives visit hospitalized patients also mi-

ght have contributed.

The public alarm over MERS rattled South Korea's economy, which posted its slowest quarterly growth in more than two years in the three months through June. The Bank of Korea partially blamed the slowed growth on sapped consumption as foreign tourists cancelled visits and people stayed home in fear of infection.

Authorities in seven countries, including several regions in China, Czech Republic and United Arab Emirates, had advised their citizens against traveling to South Korea over the MERS outbreak, and Vietnam yesterday became the last country among them to lift the travel warning, according to Seoul's foreign ministry.

Hong Kong is maintaining an alert against non-essential travel to South Korea, but the foreign ministry said it was expecting it to be lifted. AP

NORTH KOREA

Official says not interested in Iran-style deal

THE North Korean ambassador to China said yesterday that his country has no interest in an Iran-style nuclear disarmament deal because North Korea is a “nuclear weapons state.”

Ji Jae Ryong told reporters that the Iranian nuclear deal reached earlier this month was an achievement made through protracted efforts, but that North Korea was different to Iran because it is “a nuclear weapons state both in name and in reality.”

“We are not interested at all in dialogue to discuss the issue of freezing or dismantling our nukes unilaterally first,” he said at the North Korean embassy in Beijing.

North Korea's nuclear program is a major regional concern. International talks over North Korea's nuclear disarmament have been stalled since early 2009.

North Korean officials called yesterday's news conference to reiterate Pyongyang's view that the “hostile policy” by the United States toward it is



North Korean Ambassador to China Ji Jae Ryong speaks at a press conference held at the North Korean Embassy in Beijing

the root cause of tensions on the Korean Peninsula.

The U.S. stations troops in South Korea as deterrence against potential aggression from North Korea, a legacy of the 1950-53 Korean War, which ended with an armistice, not a peace treaty. AP



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Esam Mohamed, Tripoli

A court in Libya yesterday sentenced a son of Moammar Gadhafi to death by firing squad after convicting him of murder and inciting genocide during the 2011 uprising.

The Tripoli court that sentenced Seif al-Islam, who is being held by a militia that refuses to hand him over, also sentenced to death eight others, including former Libyan spy chief Abdullah al-Senoussi, who is in government custody.

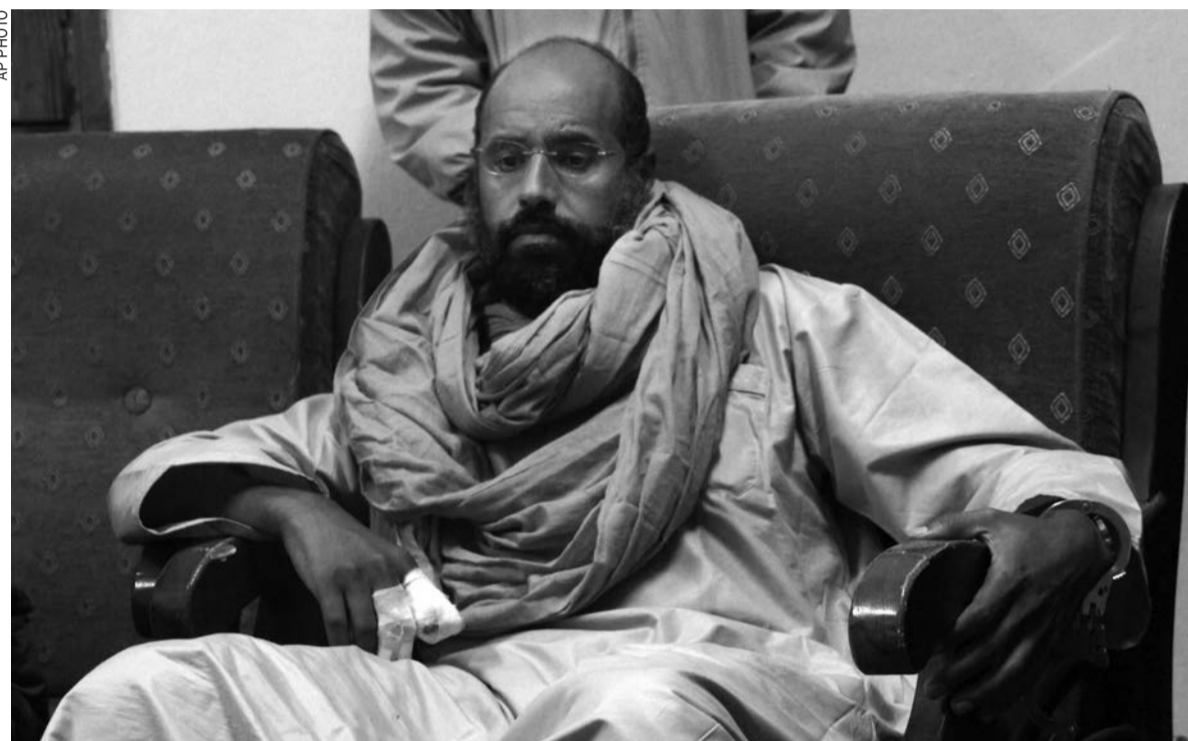
It was unclear whether the sentences in the mass trial of 38 Gadhafi-era figures, only 29 of whom were present, would be carried out. Six others were sentenced to life in prison and four were cleared of charges.

U.S.-based Human Rights Watch said the trial was “undermined by serious due process violations,” and called on the Supreme Court to independently review the verdict.

“This trial has been plagued by persistent, credible allegations of fair trial breaches that warrant independent and impartial judicial review,” said Joe Stork, deputy Middle East and North Africa director. “The victims of the serious crimes committed during the

LIBYA

Court sentences Gadhafi son to death for 2011 killings



In this Saturday, Nov. 19, 2011 file photo, Seif al-Islam is seen after his capture in the custody of revolutionary fighters in Zintan

2011 uprising deserve justice, but that can only be delivered through fair and transparent proceedings.”

Libya has slid into chaos since the overthrow and killing of Gadhafi, who ruled the country for four decades. It is now bitterly divided between an elected parliament and government cornered in the country's east, with little power on the ground, and an Islamist militia-backed government in the west that has seized the capital, Tripoli.

Since the end of the civil war, Seif al-Islam has been held by a militia in Zintan, which is allied with the Tobruk-based internationally recognized government against the Tripoli one. The court that convicted him is affiliated with the Tripoli-based government. He is also wanted by the International Criminal Court in The Hague on charges of crimes against humanity.

During the trial, Seif al-Islam was accused of recruiting mercenaries who were given Libyan nationality, planning and carrying out attacks on civilian targets from the air, forming armed groups and shooting into crowds of demonstrators. Among the charges he was convicted of were incitement of murder and rape. AP

TURKEY

NATO holding rare emergency meeting at Ankara's request

John-Thor Dalberg, Brussels

NATO declared its “strong solidarity” with Turkey yesterday as ambassadors gathered for a rare emergency meeting about the threat faced by a member.

Turkey requested the extraordinary meeting to gauge the threat the Islamic State extremist group poses to Turkey, and the actions Turkish authorities are taking in response, including attacks on Kurdish rebels.

“We strongly condemn the terrorist attacks against Turkey, and express our condolences to the Turkish government and the families” of victims killed in recent terrorist actions, NATO ambassadors said in a statement after the meeting.

“Terrorism poses a direct threat to the security of NATO countries and to international stability and prosperity,” the NATO statement said. “It is a global threat that knows no border, nationality or religion – a challenge that the international community must fight and tackle together.”

Article 4 of NATO's founding treaty empowers mem-



NATO Secretary General Jens Stoltenberg, left, talks during a North Atlantic Council Meeting at NATO headquarters in Brussels

ber states to seek emergency consultations when they consider their “territorial integrity, political independence or security” to be in jeopardy. This was only the fifth such meeting in NATO's 66-year history.

In Ankara, Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan said Turkish and U.S. officials were discussing the creation of a safe zone near Turkey's border with Syria, which would be cleared of IS group presence and turned into a secure area for Syrian refugees to return.

Speaking at a news conference yesterday before leaving for China, Erdogan also said it was impossible to advance a peace process with the Kurds as attacks on Turkey continue.

Recently, an IS suicide bombing near Turkey's border

with Syria left 32 people dead and an IS attack on Turkish forces killed a soldier. And yesterday, Turkey said a soldier was wounded in an attack along the border with Iraq.

After months of reluctance, Turkish warplanes last week started striking militant targets in Syria and agreed to allow the U.S. to launch its own strikes from Turkey's strategically located Incirlik Air Base.

In a series of cross-border strikes, Turkey has not only targeted the IS group but also Kurdish fighters affiliated with forces battling IS in Syria and Iraq.

The Syrian Kurds are among the most effective ground forces battling IS and have been backed by U.S.-led airstrikes, but Turkey fears a revival of the Kurdish insurgency in pursuit of an independent state. AP

ROBOTS IN WAR

Scientists worry about arms race in artificial intelligence

Danica Kirka, London

SCIENTISTS and tech experts — including Prof. Stephen Hawking and Apple co-founder Steve Wozniak — warned yesterday of a global arms race with weapons using artificial intelligence.

In an open letter with hundreds of signatories, the experts argued that if any major military power pushes ahead with development of autonomous weapons, “a global arms race is virtually inevitable, and the endpoint of this technological trajectory is obvious: autonomous weapons will become the Kalashnikovs of tomorrow.”

Some critics have argued in favor of so-called “killer robots,” saying the use of robotics on the battlefield could save lives. Such weapons are still some years away.

But the scientists warned that, unlike nuclear weapons, once they are developed they will require no costly or hard-to-obtain raw materials — making it possible to mass-produce them.

“It will only be a matter of time until they appear on the black market and in the hands of terrorists, dictators wishing to better control their populace, warlords wishing to perpetrate ethnic



Renowned physicist Stephen Hawking

cleansing, etc.,” the letter said.

The signatories included leading figures globally in academia and business studying artificial intelligence — the idea that computer systems could replicate tasks normally requiring human intelligence, such as language translation or visual perception. They were joined by philosophers, historians, sociologists and geneticists, among others.

Those signing letter included Elon Musk, Tesla Motors CEO; Demis Hassabis, who founded Google DeepMind; and Noam Chomsky, an emeritus professor at MIT.

“We therefore believe that a military AI arms race would not be beneficial for humanity,” the letter concluded. “There are many ways in which AI can make battlefields safer for humans, especially civilians, without creating new tools for killing people.” AP

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Offbeat

FORMER 41-POUND FAT CAT IN TEXAS
SLIMS DOWN TO 19 POUNDS

A former 41-pound (18.6-kilogram) cat dubbed Skinny has lost more than half of his weight to become the darling of a Dallas veterinary clinic.

Dr. Brittney Barton says the orange tabby she adopted in 2013 has slimmed down to 19 pounds with exercise and a special

diet. Barton calls Skinny the "resident cat" at her practice, HEAL Veterinary Hospital.

Barton said Friday that Skinny spends weekdays roaming the clinic. The ex-fat cat's weekends are spent at home with Barton and her family.

Skinny was found abandoned near Dallas in 2012 and ended up at a shelter. The vet says Skinny just had his annual checkup and is healthy.

Barton says Skinny is living proof that while he's supposed to be a large cat, "he's not supposed to be an obese cat."

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ROOM 1

2.15, 4.00, 5.45, 7.30 pm

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Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 97min

MINIONS_

ROOM 1

4.00 pm

Director: 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 pm

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Starring: Paul Rudd, Michael Douglas

Language: English (Chinese)

Duration: 117min

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(3D) 7.45 pm

Director: Pete Docter

Language: Cantonese (Chinese)

Duration: 94min

MINIONS_

ROOM 3

9.45 pm

Director: Pierre Coffin, Kyle Balda

Language: Cantonese (Chinese/English)

Duration: 91min

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

1993 ISRAELI COURT SETS
DEMJANJUK FREE

John Demjanjuk, found guilty of being one of the most hated Nazi death camp guards, has walked free from an appeal court in Israel after his conviction was overturned.

The Israeli Chief Justice, Meir Shamgar, said the decision was taken on the basis of reasonable doubt over the accusation that Mr Demjanjuk was Ivan the Terrible, a gas chamber operative at the death camp Treblinka, in Poland.

Mr Shamgar was careful to avoid declaring him "innocent", however, saying there was ample evidence that Mr Demjanjuk served as a guard in other camps.

He revealed that the judges had agonised over the decision to set free a man they believed to be guilty of Nazi atrocities.

"It is difficult to sit in judgement in a trial pertaining to the Holocaust," he said. "Judges are not devoid of feelings ... But it is incumbent upon us to contain those feelings."

Demjanjuk, a 73-year-old retired car worker from Ohio, was sentenced to death five years ago for running the gas chamber at Treblinka, where more than 870,000 Jews were murdered. He has always maintained he was the victim of mistaken identity.

His case was reviewed after evidence turned up last year in KGB archives including statements by Treblinka guards identifying "Ivan the Terrible" as Ivan Marchenko, not Ivan Demjanjuk.

Josef Czarny, a survivor of Treblinka who gave evidence at the original trial, wept openly when he heard the news.

"It is a big shock," he said. "The judges are wrong, he is the criminal."

Mr Demjanjuk left the court to return to jail for his own protection until he can leave Israel.

Before the ruling, he had told reporters: "I want to see my wife, my children, my grandchildren. I want to go home."

Mr Demjanjuk was stripped of his US citizenship in 1981 and deported to Israel for trial on war crimes charges in 1986.

He has lodged an appeal against the removal of his US citizenship in the light of today's ruling, but for now he is expected to travel to the Ukraine, his birthplace and the only country which has indicated it will accept him.

The Demjanjuk case was only the second Nazi war crimes trial to be held in Israel, the first being the trial and subsequent execution in 1961 of Adolf Eichmann.

Courtesy BBC News

IN CONTEXT

John Demjanjuk never went to the Ukraine, because a US appeals court ruled he could return home while his original 1986 deportation was reviewed.

He left Israel for the United States in September 1993, and regained his US citizenship in 1998.

The US government, however, resumed its attempts to strip him of his citizenship the following year.

In 2000, Demjanjuk sued for damages of \$5 million, saying the government's pursuit of the case amounted to mental torture. The lawsuit was dismissed.

His citizenship was again revoked in 2002. A judge ruled that even if Demjanjuk were not Ivan the Terrible, there was enough evidence to prove he had been a death camp guard. Demjanjuk appealed again, but was unsuccessful.

Legal hearings to deport him from America are still ongoing.

YOUR STARS

Aries Mar. 21-Apr. 19 It's not the right time for exploring new cultures, unless it's a side dish or two. Sticking to the tried and true is the entire point. That, and being thankful.

Taurus April 20-May 20 Don't think about anything financial. It's day to be reminded that all that glitters is not gold. In fact, the things you value today aren't even glittering.

Gemini May 21-Jun. 21 It's a day for good time extremes. It's totally allowed, even put on the menu. But where you don't need to go overboard is in spending, so keep that in check

Cancer Jun. 22-Jul. 22 Take the thankful approach to the day. Social and private life problems can't be erased with a check, but writing one to those less fortunate goes a long way.

Leo Jul. 23-Aug. 22 Don't be bothered by pettiness around the table. If it helps you ignore it, know that others are more stressed by the financial crisis than you are. Being thankful is vital.

Virgo Aug. 23-Sept. 22 Some things you can't rush through, like a huge meal or compounded interest. Once you overcome initial tension, you'll find the day has plenty of value.

Libra Sep.23-Oct. 22 It's the perfect time for exploring high ideas, as long as you follow through. Being thankful for what you have should include being thankful for what you can afford to give others.

Scorpio Oct. 23 - Nov. 21 Why indulge in unnecessary risk? Being a sheep may be comforting, but it's dangerous. You'll be led along by others, right to the feeding trough. Don't overdo it, even if you can afford to.

Sagittarius Nov. 22-Dec. 21 It's certainly not a day for the unexpected. Goodwill, friendship, happiness - these you can put in the bank. Be thankful for the same old, same old.

Capricorn Dec. 22-Jan. 19 It doesn't seem possible that you'll get through the day, but you will, and with unconscious speed. Where did all the time go, not to mention all the food? Ah, perseverance.

Aquarius Jan. 20-Feb. 18 Don't hold back. You could share none of life's values with the rest of the group and still find a seat at the table. All connections are good today.

Pisces Feb.19-Mar. 20 You won't just fit into the scenery. If you find the entire table looking your way, think before speaking. Better yet, arrive prepared.

THE BORN LOSER by Chip Sansom



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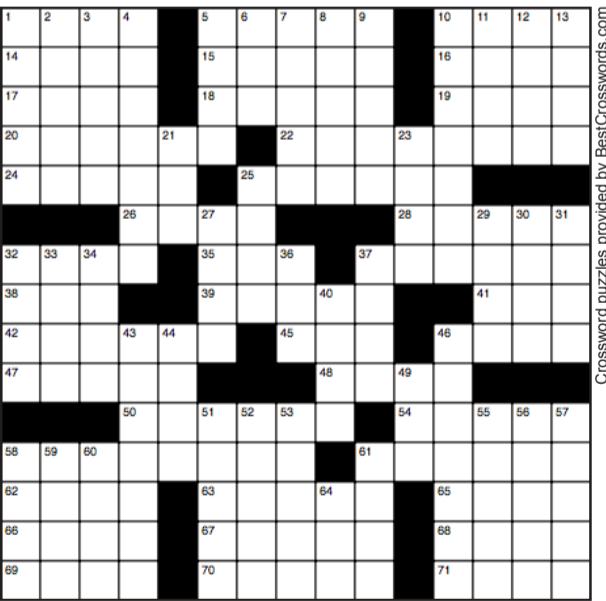
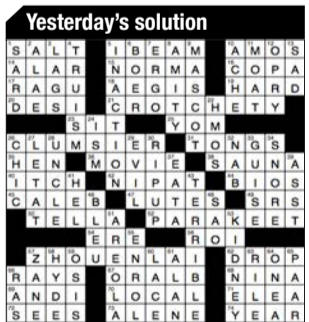
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FOOTBALL

Bayern Munich signs Chile midfielder Arturo Vidal

BAYERN Munich completed the long-anticipated transfer of Chile midfielder Arturo Vidal from Italian champion Juventus yesterday.

The Bundesliga champion said Vidal signed a four-year deal.

"I wanted to take another big step in my career," Vidal said in a brief interview on Bayern's website. "I want to develop further as a player, and I want to win important titles, such as the Champions League. And I see Bayern as the best opportunity for that."

Bayern did not disclose financial details of the contract. But Italian media reports suggested Bayern paid 36 million euros (USD39.5 million), rising to 40 million euros (\$44 million) with bonuses, to bring the 28-year-old Vidal back to the Bundesliga. If correct, the figures would make Vidal one of the most expensive Bundesliga transfers.

Vidal scored 15 goals and set up 21 more in 117 league games



Chile's Arturo Vidal celebrates during a penalty shootout at the final Copa America soccer match against Argentina at the National Stadium in Santiago, earlier this month

over four seasons for Bayer Leverkusen before leaving for Juventus in 2011.

The rugged midfielder is expected to fill the gap left by the

departure of Bastian Schweinsteiger for Manchester United, and to give Pep Guardiola's team more toughness.

Vidal was brought to Germany

at age 20 from Chilean club Colo-Colo by then Leverkusen squad director Michael Reschke. Reschke ended his 35-year association with Leverkusen

when Bayern appointed him as a director in June.

Vidal helped Juventus to four consecutive Serie A titles and, last season, the Coppa Italia. Barcelona denied the club a treble by winning the Champions League final between them in Berlin.

Vidal, capped 69 times by Chile, helped the team to its first Copa America win on July 5 by scoring in the penalty shootout win over Argentina in the final.

He reached a deal with prosecutors to avoid trial after crashing his Ferrari while driving under the influence of alcohol early in the tournament on June 16. He apologized for insulting a police officer and agreed to pay compensation to a driver involved in the crash.

Vidal is on a 10-man shortlist for the best player in Europe. Of Juventus' five players nominated for the UEFA award, only goalkeeper Gianluigi Buffon and midfielder Paul Pogba remain. Andrea Pirlo and Carlos Tevez have left the club.

This month, Bayern signed Brazil midfielder Douglas Costa from Ukrainian side Shakhtar Donetsk for a reported 30 million euros (\$33 million).

Costa will help ease Bayern's concerns over injury-prone wingers Franck Ribery and Arjen Robben, 32 and 31, respectively. AP

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Graham Dunbar & Rob Harris

MICHEL Platini will run for FIFA president and plans to announce his intentions this week.

Two officials familiar with Platini's plans have told The Associated Press that the FIFA vice president has made a decision to try to succeed Sepp Blatter. The officials spoke on condition of anonymity because Platini has not announced his candidacy.

The officials said that the UEFA president and former France great has been encouraged to run by most leaders of FIFA's continental confederations.

Five of the six continental leaders, including Platini, were in St. Petersburg, Russia, last week for FIFA meetings and the 2018 World Cup qualifying draw.

Platini declined to discuss his ambitions when asked by the AP in St. Petersburg.

The FIFA election is on Feb. 26 and would-be candidates must apply by Oct. 26.

Platini is set to be the first serious contender to announce he will stand, two months after Blatter was re-elected for a fifth four-year term.

Two former FIFA vice presidents from Asia are also possible contenders.

Prince Ali bin al-Hussein of Jordan, who lost a 133-73 vote to Blatter on May 29 with Platini's public support, and South Korean politician Chung Mong-joon have made public statements about the election in recent days.

Blatter was Platini's long-time mentor in FIFA politics until a rift developed as the 79-year-old Swiss hung on to office in recent years.

Michel Platini will run for FIFA president



UEFA President Michel Platini

After 17 years as FIFA president, Blatter said on June 2 he was standing down, under pressure from American and Swiss federal investigations of corruption implicating senior FIFA officials.

Platini has not been linked to any wrongdoing, though his vote for Qatar as 2022 World Cup host has proved controversial. He was the first FIFA executive committee member to reveal who he voted for in the December 2010 hosting ballots that also gave the 2018 event to Russia.

Platini, who turned 60 last month, chose last year not to

oppose Blatter in the recent election.

"Now is not my time, not yet," Platini said last August in Monaco when announcing he would focus on getting a third term at UEFA, which he won in March unopposed for a second straight time.

His rise to the top job in European football in 2007 owed a little to Blatter's help and showed how much recent history they share in the game of soccer politics.

Platini ousted veteran UEFA leader Lennart Johansson of Sweden in a 27-23 vote which perhaps swung on his promise

to add eight teams to the European Championship. The larger 24-team event will debut in Platini's home country of France in June.

Blatter also beat Johansson to get his FIFA job, in a 1998 election in Paris dogged by allegations of late vote-buying by supporters of Blatter.

Then, Platini was doing double duty as head of the 1998 World Cup organizing committee and as a campaign manager for Blatter. There is no suggestion Platini was involved in election wrongdoing.

Platini joined Blatter in Zurich after a successful World Cup,

won by France, as a presidential adviser for four years before winning a FIFA executive committee seat representing UEFA.

In eight years leading European soccer, Platini has tried to please less powerful voting federations by giving their national and club teams better chances to advance in UEFA competitions. Second-tier matches such as the Europa League final and Super Cup have been sent to Romania, Switzerland, Wales and Georgia.

Platini's Euro 2020 project will see 13 countries host the continent-wide tournament, including Azerbaijan and Hungary.

However, Platini's reign has seen the Champions League dominated by an elite group of wealthy clubs from the richest soccer nations. His signature "Financial Fair Play" policy designed to curb clubs overspending has seemed only to cement the elite in place.

If elected FIFA's ninth president in 112 years, and third Frenchman, Platini will be the best player to occupy the office.

Platini is among the great No. 10s in history. He won three Ballon d'Or awards as the best player in Europe and lifted two of the three biggest team prizes open to him.

He captained France to win the 1984 European Championship — his nine-goal performance in his home country ranks among the finest individual tournament displays — and scored the winning goal for Juventus in the 1985 European Cup final.

Only FIFA's World Cup eluded him. France lost semifinal matches to West Germany in 1982 and 1986.

Platini's achievements would be neatly completed by becoming FIFA president. **AP**

RUGBY

3-year study fails to link rugby to long-term health impact

RESearchers say they have been unable to find any definitive links between rugby and long-term physical and psychological health problems in former players.

The study conducted by New Zealand's Auckland University of Technology, funded by governing body World Rugby and supported by New Zealand Rugby, took place between October, 2012 and March 2015, and involved 131 retired elite rugby players, 281 retired amateur community rugby players and 73 retired non-contact sports

players.

Researchers assessed the general and cognitive health of participants from New Zealand who played rugby at a professional or community level from the 1980s until the 2000s and compared results to age-matched control groups.

World Rugby, released study's findings this week, said the research "does not provide definitive links between rugby and long-term cognitive health issues and further research is required in this priority player welfare area."

"The study showed that

rugby players performed above average in some tests compared to non-contact sports players and less well in others," World Rugby said in a statement. "It is therefore difficult to draw robust conclusions about the links between rugby and long-term cognitive health issues and highlights the need for further in-depth research."

In their findings, researchers said further targeted research was needed to assess the impact of concussion on long-term balance and cognitive brain function. Arthritis

and cardiovascular health in retired athletes also requires further investigation.

Researchers said ex-sportsmen reported better health, were more likely to be in long-term relationships, generally had higher incomes and were less likely to smoke cigarettes than the general New Zealand male population.

They also found that ex-sportsmen, irrespective of the number of concussions reported, had no differences in marital status, hours worked per week, income, arthritis, medication use, mental health



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issues, sleeping patterns, frequency of alcohol use, current smoking levels, and current physical activity levels.

Athletes who reported four or more concussions during their careers performed worse in some, but not all, neuropsychological testing and those who had one to three concussions had a worse result in one of five balance tests.

The head of the Inter-

national Rugby Players' Association, Rob Nichol, welcomed the study's findings and said while its results were not conclusive, "hopefully the learnings will allow for more targeted research in the future."

Researchers warned that because recruitment of former players to the study was difficult, results were only indicative and findings should be treated with caution. **AP**

opinion

World Views

William Pesek, Bloomberg

THE GOOD NEWS IN CHINA'S STOCK PLUNGE

Panic is in the air as China suffers its biggest one-day stock plunge since 2007. It shouldn't be. The 8.5 percent slide in the Shanghai Composite Index is actually a development that could leave China better off eight years from now.

I'm focusing on eight both because it's an auspicious number in Chinese folklore (the Beijing Olympics didn't begin on 8/8/08 by accident) and Beijing's idea of nirvana. Growth returning to 8 percent (relative to this year's 7 percent target) would buttress President Xi Jinping's reformist bona fides. Instead, stocks fell by that much Monday as Xi's magic has lost potency. Why is that a good thing? It's at once a reminder that rationality is returning to mainland markets and a message to Xi to stop putting the financial cart before the proverbial horse.

Since mid-June, when shares began sliding, Xi's market-rescue squad has tried everything imaginable: interest-rate cuts, margin-lending increases, bans on short selling, a moratorium on initial public offerings, hauling supposedly rogue traders in for a talking to, ordering state-run institutions to buy shares, halting trading in at least half of listed companies, you name it. What Xi hasn't tried is upgrading the economy and financial system in such a way as to help the stock market thrive.

To find out what he should do next, Xi could do worse than to check in with Henry Paulson. Even though Paulson might regard with scorn China's love of the number eight, it was on his watch as Treasury secretary in 2008 that the U.S. had its own brush with financial collapse.

Paulson has been merciless in his all-hype-and-no-fundamentals critique of Xi's government. "China is especially vulnerable at this point because while its economy has grown and matured, its capital markets have lagged behind," he wrote in the Financial Times. "It is no surprise that those ideologically opposed to markets would use recent events to make the opposite argument — that to prevent market instability, Beijing should slow the pace of financial liberalisation or perhaps even abandon market-based reforms altogether." Yet, he argued, "while Beijing's instinct to protect investors is understandable, the best way of doing so is to create a modern capital market."

That's why ambivalence toward Xi's titanic large market interventions could be a positive. It refocuses Beijing on what's needed to re-create the vibrant markets that prevail in New York and Hong Kong. Xi's Communist Party has tried and failed to stabilize things by edict. In fact, heavy-handed manipulation has set back Beijing's designs on making the yuan a global reserve currency and getting Shanghai shares included in MSCI's indexes.

As Paulson points out, no nation has ever achieved high-income status with a closed market system that misprices risk. The longer Xi's men delay adopting international standards of capital allocation, transparency and basic trust in markets, the bigger the odds China will experience a Japan-like crash, circa 1990.

With Shanghai shares now below the psychologically important 3,800 level (there it is again — the number eight), the question isn't investor confidence but Xi's. Any government might step in with "circuit breakers" as market losses outpace economic logic. At some point, though, Xi must realize he's losing perspective as well as control. Isn't it odd, for example, that trading has become more volatile even as half of listed companies are shut off? Talk about the laws of unintended consequences! Really, if this isn't a good argument for letting markets work as they're supposed to, what is?

Xi's legacy was supposed to be recalibrating China's economy and opening the financial system. Turns out, it's battling stock short-sellers. That leaves China's leader with a choice: Either create the fundamentals needed to support rich stock valuations or keep putting the entire weight of the government against hedge funds. The longer China does the latter at the expense of the former, the 8 percent figures in its future will be for stock losses, not economic growth.

THE BUZZ US CONSUMER CONFIDENCE FALLS TO LOWEST LEVEL SINCE SEPTEMBER

U.S. consumer confidence fell this month to the lowest level since September. Consumers are worried about the job market and rattled by events in Greece and China.

The Conference Board said yesterday that its index of consumer confidence fell to 90.9 in July from a revised 99.8 in June. That's the lowest reading since September's 89. Consumers' assessment of current conditions fell slightly to a still-healthy 107.4 from 110.3 in

June; but their outlook for next six months dropped sharply to 79.9 this month from 92.8 in June.

Lynn Franco, a Conference Board economist, says consumers may have been worried by the debt standoff in Greece and a stock market plunge in China.

The percentage of consumers describing current business conditions as "good" slipped to 26.1 percent from 24.2 percent.

Station	Air quality	
Roadside	10-30 Good	
High Density Residential Area	15-35 Good	
Ambient	20-40 Good	

SOURCE: DSI/MG

GAMING ALERT

High rollers: Dealers describe special treatment, abuse

Michael Melia, Uncasville, Conn.

ONE high roller requests a refrigerator full of bananas that he squeezes and throws as he gambles. Another urinates against a wall. Other high-stakes players described by a pit manager at Mohegan Sun, one of the world's largest casinos, throw chairs, scream at dealers and expect rules to be bent at the tables.

In the increasing competition for the biggest spenders, casinos are known to pull out all the stops with comped hotel rooms, meals and rebates for a percentage of their losses. But some dealers say efforts to satisfy and retain the players — known as "whales" — go much further, with casinos tolerating abuse and extending courtesies that test the integrity of the games.

"All men are created equal except in the casino," said Glen Costales, the pit manager, in a recent hearing before the tribal gaming commission. "If it's a premium player, he gets away with a lot more than the five-dollar player would get away with."

Costales was testifying in support of a pit boss, Maria DeGiacomo, who was fired this year after the casino accused her of helping a high roller cheat by allowing late bets at a blackjack table. DeGiacomo and other employees say dealers frequently grant similar requests from top players.

The player, golf profes-



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sional Matthew Menchetti, was a regular who lost about USD50,000 to Mohegan Sun on each visit, and a total of more than \$1 million last year alone. Casino security flagged his play as suspicious in February and asked state police to arrest him and two dealers, but the detective concluded DeGiacomo and another dealer apparently took it upon themselves to allow rule violations to keep Menchetti happy and playing, according to a police report, and no charges were filed.

Mohegan Sun's president, Raymond Pineault, said its termination of the dealers involved and its ejection of Menchetti demonstrate it does not tolerate any bending of the rules.

Shane Kaufmann, a vice president for a branch of the Transport Workers Union in Las Vegas, which represents several thousand casino dealers, said rules are frequently ignored at high-stakes tables.

"The casinos pretend they

have rules that are set in stone, like going into a bank or dealing with a police station. Are they supposed to allow late bets? Absolutely not. Do they do it all the time? All the time," said Kaufmann, a dealer who sees plenty of crude behavior himself. "The abuse, the screaming, the cheating, the sexual harassment. Throwing things around. It's worse all the time."

Gaming commissions enforce the rules at casinos across the U.S., but the level of scrutiny can vary by jurisdiction. Dealers say state inspectors in Atlantic City, New Jersey, for one, have a reputation for toughness. In Connecticut, the state does not have any oversight of table games at Mohegan Sun and Foxwoods, where the tribes that own the casinos also control their own gaming commissions.

Costales, who described the banana squeezer and public urinator without revealing their names in his testimony, said such outrageous behavior is tolerated more these days because of growing competition than when he joined the business three decades ago.

In Menchetti's case, he told the gaming commission that in most cases when he said he'd forgotten to post a bet, DeGiacomo and others made accommodations. He said the intention was never to steal — at most, it prolonged his stay at the table — but he expected special treatment, given his level of play. AP

HONG KONG

Oldest ever giant panda celebrates with bamboo, veggie cake

THE oldest giant panda ever in captivity tasted a vegetable ice cake and, of course, bamboo in celebration of her 37th birthday.

Jia Jia was recognized yesterday as holding two Guinness World Records, the oldest ever and the oldest living giant panda. Her mate, An An, also marked a birthday, his 29th.

Born in 1978, Jia Jia was sent to Hong Kong Ocean Park with An An in 1999. They were given by China to mark the second anniversary of Hong Kong's handover.

Jia Jia had six babies and four are still living.

The park's veterinary service director, Paolo

Martelli, says typical panda life expectancy is around 20 years, and only eight of about 400 living in captivity today are older than 30.

So, he says, "it's quite exceptional to reach such an old age for a panda."

Jia Jia's age is equal to about 110 for humans. She suffers high blood pressure and arthritic pain, though her health is stable. AP



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WORLD BRIEFS



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ETHIOPIA Closing a historic visit to Africa, President Barack Obama yesterday urged the continent's leaders to willingly and peacefully leave office when their terms expire. "I don't understand this" phenomenon of leaders who refuse to step aside when their terms end, Obama said, referring to Burundi's President Pierre Nkurunziza, who was just elected to a controversial third term, although he is constitutionally limited to two.

USA An initial toxicology report for a U.S. woman, who died in a jail cell three days after her arrest during a traffic stop, raises the possibility that she may have used marijuana while in custody, two experts said. The amount of THC, one of the active components of marijuana, in Sandra Bland's system was 18 micrograms per liter, according to the report released Monday. That's more than three times the legal limit for drivers in Colorado and Washington, states that permit the recreational use of marijuana.



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USA The Boy Scouts of America on Monday ended its blanket ban on gay adult leaders while allowing church-sponsored Scout units to maintain the exclusion for religious reasons. "Discrimination should have no place in the Boy Scouts, period," said the HRC's president, Chad Griffin.

USA A U.S. prison worker pleaded guilty yesterday to smuggling hacksaw blades in frozen hamburger meat to two killers who later broke out and spent more than two weeks on the run. Joyce Mitchell, a tailor shop instructor at Clinton Correctional Facility in northern New York state, was jailed shortly after the elaborately staged June 6 escape of Richard Matt and David Sweat. Matt was shot and killed by searchers June 26, about 30 miles west of the prison; Sweat was captured near the Canadian border two days later and sent to another prison.